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Gary Christenson, Mayor

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Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

**RE: CPA Funding Submission
Devir Park Revitalization Project**

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support of the attached request to fund phases of the Devir Park Revitalization Project which has been submitted to me by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). In reaching their recommendation, the CPC found that the project meets eligibility requirements and aligns with the priorities stated in Malden's Community Preservation Plan. This project was also the subject of a Public Hearing of the CPC held on December 8, 2021.

As you know, Devir Park is the largest park in Malden and primarily consists of an open grass area, playground, ball fields, basketball courts, and tennis courts. The proposed project will revitalize and upgrade the park with an eye toward accessibility and climate resiliency. In devising the Master Plan for this project, City Councillor Paul Condon and Malden resident Jenelle DeVits have worked to garner community input and incorporate the ideas of the neighborhood. The requested funding of \$700,000 will be utilized to complete 100% design plans and construct Phases A and B of the project.

This project comports with the community vision identified in our Open Space and Recreation Plan which calls for a "network of well-maintained open spaces that are available and accessible to all ages and interests." The proposed plan is in line with that goal while also providing all the benefits that come from a neighborhood park, such as encouraging physical health, improving psychological well-being, and fostering a sense of community.

Again, I fully support this request and believe that this project will result in a recreational asset that we can all be proud of. I am attaching the CPC's Funding Recommendation with conditions and please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden