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Gary Christenson, Mayor

April 8, 2021

Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

RE: Fellsmere Pond and Park

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support to fund the attached project for Fellsmere Pond and Park presented 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 April 7, 2021.

The vital role that our open space and recreational assets play has become even more evident during the current health crisis and this project will greatly benefit our community. This request is for \$100,000 of Community Preservation Act funds to create a Master Plan that will guide us in restoring and improving Fellsmere Park. Known as one of Malden's true gems, this historical park and pond is a city landmark and favorite recreational amenity. As further described in the attached CPC's funding recommendation, the proposed Master Plan will assist us in the long-term planning to preserve and restore many of the park's features with an eye toward bringing back its original grandeur.

I am also attaching the official appropriation request. Please let me know if you have any questions and, in the meantime, please join me in thanking the Community Preservation Committee for their continued hard work and dedication. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden