



Malden Community Preservation Committee  
215 Pleasant Street  
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Malden, MA 02148

April 25, 2023

Councillor-at-Large McDonald, Chair  
Malden City Council Finance Committee  
215 Pleasant Street  
4th Floor Room 430  
Malden, MA 02148

Dear Esteemed Chair McDonald and Members of the Malden City Council Finance Committee:

We reach out to you today regarding the additional funding sought for the mitigation of contaminated soil at Roosevelt Park. In an effort to allow work on the site to commence as soon as possible, the CPC would like to recommend that the Mayor and City Council consider re-allocating the CPA Fund bond of \$1.45M, approved in 2019, toward the mitigation of all contaminated soil at the Roosevelt Park site to a depth of 36” and to designate any remaining funds toward site preparation.

The CPC has sent multiple requests to the MRA/OSPCD and City Council to consider a change to the scope of the original project to include mitigation of contaminated soil at the site to a depth acceptable for landscaping. (see attached letters from CPC dated [3/30/2021](#) & [7/30/2021](#)) According to letters received by the CPC from the MRA/OSPCD applicant, changes to the approved scope can't be made unless directed by City officials ([see attached emails from the MRA dated March & Nov. 2021](#)). The CPC would like to respectfully request at this time that the Finance Committee consider directing the MRA/OSPCD to depart from the originally approved Roosevelt Park Rehabilitation project scope and revise it to include the mitigation of contaminated soil from the entire site to a depth in accordance with MassDEP guidance for allowing the soil to remain free from a permanent “cover” and acceptable for landscaping/planting (36”).



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We would also like to call to your attention that the bond loan order includes a maximum 4.25% interest rate limit for a 10-year bond. The current estimated rate is at approximately 3.5%, but if the interest rate climbs above 4.25% the CPA bond will be null. ([see attached loan order doc](#)) Considering the project has been stalled over the past 4 years due to multiple issues, if the scope of the project isn't revised to include the mitigation of contaminated soil from the entire site, we respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council consider rescinding the bond so the CPC can close out the approximate \$200,000 earmark we have held on our books for this project since 2019.

Please let us know if we can provide any other information to facilitate a change in scope of work to the Roosevelt Park Rehabilitation to include the mitigation of the contaminated soil from the entire site to a depth in accordance with MassDEP guidance for allowing it to remain free of a permanent cover and acceptable for landscaping/planting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,

Malden CPC

Attachments:

- Letters from CPC dated [3/30/2021](#)
- Letters from CPC dated [7/30/2021](#)
- Correspondence from MRA dated [November 2021](#)
- Correspondence from MRA dated [March 2021](#)
- [CPC Bonding Recommendation](#)

CC:

Councillor-at-Large McDonald, Chair  
Councillor Condon, Vice-Chair  
Councillor O'Malley  
Councillor-at-Large Colon-Hayes  
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