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Gary Christenson, Mayor

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Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

RE: CPA Funding Submission - Malden River Works

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support to fund the attached request as part of the Malden River works Project 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.

The Malden River Works is focused on reimagining and redesigning public open space along the river while incorporating climate resiliency measures for the adjacent Department of Public Work's (DPW) Yard. The requested funds of \$200,000 will complete a 75% design plan that will employ a combination of nature-based solutions including bioswales, shade trees, green infrastructure, a resilient reconfiguration of the DPW facility and a public greenway with open space that provides access to the Malden River and recreational uses for the community. In addition, the final design will include a more nature-inspired, accessible, inclusive, connected and climate resilient waterfront at this site. To date, a Concept Plan, as well as a 25% design plan has been completed and these funds will meet the local match requirement of the FY22-FY23 MVP Action Grant that the City received.

Again, I fully support this critical climate resilience project and believe that it will serve as a prototype for building a more resilient and accessible waterfront along the Malden River. I am attaching the CPC's Funding Recommendation with stated conditions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Malden

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