

From: [MaldenNewsNetwork](#)
To: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
Cc: [Lisa M. Cagno](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT regarding paper #412-24, for the 11/12/24 Council meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:53:42 AM

Dear Malden City Clerk,

Please read this public comment letter into the record, regarding paper #412-24, at the 11/12/24 City Council Meeting. Thank you.

Dear Malden City Council,

Please vote to support paper #412-24, an "Order: That the Finance Committee invite staff from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development to appear in committee to present an update on the status of all funding sources regarding the remediation of soil at Roosevelt Park."

Earlier this year, after the April 2024 cancellation of the Roosevelt Park Improvement Project, Malden News Network submitted public records requests seeking similar information. Full reporting on the allocation and use of local, state, and federal funds from any appropriation (free cash, city budget, Community Preservation Act), grant (private and public), or borrowing (City Bond, 108 HUD Loan) for this project is long overdue.

As you know, the City has been aware of its remediation responsibilities at Roosevelt Park since at least December 2019 and those remain incomplete.

Please ask the Finance Committee to report back to the full Council, in a public and open forum, with recommended actions related to the roughly \$5M in taxpayer funds allocated for this canceled project. And please make the Finance Committee's full recommendations and report part of the public record.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Brian DeLacey, in association with Malden News Network
1 Earl Street, Malden, MA

REFERENCES (Please reference and distribute but do not read)

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Request 2024-0286 (6/10/24): "Please provide records related to financial consequences of the cancellation of the Roosevelt Park Improvement Project. This request is a follow-up to a prior request, #2024-0194, which indicated as of 5/15/24 there were no such responsive records. Further detail is provided in the uploaded document attached. Thank you."

Request 2024-0194 (5/1/24): "Please provide communications and documents supporting, or used in preparation of, the Mayor's 4/29 memorandum announcing the cancellation of the Roosevelt Park Improvement Project. The list of documents should include ..."

10/25/24, Mayor Christenson letter to the City Council,
Published to MNN at

<https://www.facebook.com/MaldenNewsNetwork/posts/pfbid032Pwm3ytVra2BuJtdWUD2ermk5P5cfUTNTqnZtHiNrHut7bExzVSiaYjy7TNr7Rgl>

4/29/24, "Roosevelt Park Improvement Project Update"
<https://www.cityofmalden.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=899>

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