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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

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Malden City Council  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

**RE: Trafton Park Improvement Project (Phase II Construction)**

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support to fund the attached improvement project at Trafton Park 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 January 18, 2023.

The recommendation is to fund Phase II construction of the Trafton Park Improvement Project. This project is addressing the poor condition of the field, backstop, walking path and dog park. The CPC has already awarded funds that allowed for the completion of the Master Plan and Feasibility Study in FY19 and for Phase I construction in FY20. In Phase II, the project incorporates several upgrades to the park, including converting the existing baseball field into one that maybe used for baseball, softball and soccer; improving the dog park; ADA upgrades; and, completing the circular loop around the park for walkers and bicyclists.

This request 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." This proposal 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. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**GARY CHRISTENSON**  
Mayor, City of Malden

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