

January 26, 2022

To: The Honorable City Council

Applicant Name: Robert Knox with support of Mayor Christenson on behalf of the City of Malden

Co-Applicant: Jenelle DeVits

Applicant Address: 3 Sheridan St., Malden, MA 02148

Project: Devir Park Revitalization Project

The City of Malden Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") is pleased to inform you that on January 19, 2022 the CPC voted 6-0-0 to recommend for approval to City Council that the City of Malden and Robert Knox be awarded \$700,000.00 to complete 100% design plans and construct Phases A and B of the plan to provide safe and accessible green space and recreational activities in Malden's largest park in an effort to meet today's needs for the youth organizations and residents of Malden. The Devir Park Revitalization Project was discussed at a Public Hearing held on December 8, 2021.

In reaching their decision, the CPC found that the project meets eligibility requirements and aligns with the priorities stated in Malden's Community Preservation Plan. The CPC recommends this project with the following conditions:

- 1. Existing trees that will be saved must be properly protected during construction per the landscape architect's directives provided to the Contractor.
- 2. An "Owner's Representative" must inspect newly planted trees near the end of their one-year guarantee period. The review will be based on the planting specifications provided by the landscape architect as directives to the Contractor.



3. Existing curbstones that comply with the specification shall be reused on the project. The Owner's Representative and the Contractor shall have discretion to evaluate the condition of the existing curbstones and whether they meet the desired specifications.

CPA Project Funding Recommendation: FY22 Application				
Category: Open Space	Recommendation Funding Source	Amount		
Devir Park Revitalization Project	General Fund	\$700,000		





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The following project summary describes the project proposal recommended for CPA funding:



Project Description

The goal of this project is to revitalize Malden's largest park since it last received a major improvement 30 years ago. After holding three public meetings with Ward 2 City Councilor, Paul Condon, and hundreds of members of the community, the applicant worked with Shadley Associates to create a Master Plan (see Application) that divides the revitalization into three phases.

The Devir Park

Revitalization Project Plan includes fully accessible walkways, playground equipment and green spaces and addresses climate resiliency with new water irrigation and service systems, flooding drains and the planting of 12 additional trees to the park. The Master Plan also includes replacing the aged, broken and unsafe electrical infrastructure and walkway lighting, adding water bottle fillers throughout the park, and creating a family focused splash pad.

This recommendation includes funding to develop construction and bid documents and to construct Phases A and B of the project. Phase C will be completed as soon as possible upon completion of Phases A&B.

Devir Park Phase A & B Project Funding Sources						
Total Project Cost	\$3,649,555.00	CPA Funds Requested	Cost Share Amount	Cost Share Percent		
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Project Funding Sources



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	\$700,000.00	\$2,949,555.00	0.808195794
Cost Share Funding Sources	Secured Y/N	Amount	Туре
CDBG City of Malden	Υ	\$300,000.00	Cash
City of Malden	Υ	\$1,000,000.00	Cash
State of Massachusetts	Υ	\$250,000.00	Cash (already used)
City of Malden Bond	Ν	\$1,000,000.00	Cash (via bond)

Additional Information

The full Application may be found at:

https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/4289/Devir-Park-Revitalization-Project-Final-Application-9-3-21.

Additional information regarding the trees to be removed and replaced may be found at:

- Memo from Shadley Associates, P.C. in response to CPC's questions regarding the trees: <u>https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/4717/1-10-2022-Devir-Park-Memo-to-CPC</u>
- Revised Planting Plans: <u>https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/4715/1-10-2022-</u> <u>Revised-Devir-Park-Planting-Plans</u>
- Site Prep and Demolition Plans: <u>https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/4716/1-10-2022-Revised-Devir-Park-Site-Prep-and-Demo-Plans</u>





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