

Community Preservation Committee

January 26, 2022

To: The Honorable City Council Applicant Name: City of Malden, OSPCD Co-Applicant: N/A Applicant Address: Malden City Hall, 215 Pleasant St. Third Floor, Malden, MA 2148 Project: Malden River Works

The City of Malden Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") is pleased to inform you that on January 19, 2022 the CPC voted 5-0-0, with Khalil Khaba abstaining, to recommend for approval to City Council that the City of Malden, OSPCD, be awarded \$200,000 to create a 75% design plan to reimagine and redesign public open space along the river while incorporating climate resiliency measures for the adjacent DPW Yard. The Malden River Works 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. The CPC will pay no more than 72% of the consultant costs concerning tasks that address both the Park and the DPW Yard (see budget)
- 2. Planning for the park will entail a public process with at least 3 community meetings
- 3. There will be multilingual outreach to obtain public input on the project
- 4. The CPC will be notified of public meetings and presentations regarding this project

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Malden River Works	Open Space	\$200,000

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

Project Description



The goal of this project is to develop a 75% design plan to create vibrant, climate-resilient public riverfront park for all. This project will reduce climate vulnerability by introducing nature-based solutions to the area including green stormwater infrastructure to reduce surface flood risk, increased tree canopy to mitigate the urban heat island effect, restored riparian landscape, and an elevated greenway path to serve as a flood barrier

from sea level rise.

The project also exemplifies a new model for community-led design in Malden that centers the leadership of communities of color through the MRW Steering Committee. To date, the MRW project has engaged over 1,000 community members, through 6 public meetings that have been attended by nearly 400 residents, 700 survey responses, and on-site activities that have reached over 100 people. In the next phase of the project, three additional community meetings/workshops will be held.

The entire project to date has been funded through private and state grants including two Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grants, an Accelerating Climate Resiliency Grant, and the MIT Leventhal City Prize. To date, the applicant has already completed a Concept Plan, as well as a 25% design plan. This specific recommendation for CPA funding will complete a 75% design plan. An award of CPC funds would entail the only source of local funding that is supporting this project, and it will meet the local match requirement of the FY22-FY23 MVP Action Grant that the City received.

Project Funding Sources

Malden River Works 75% Design Project Funding Sources						
Total Project Cost	\$623,696.25	CPA Funds Requested	Cost Share Amount	Cost Share Percent		
		\$200,000.00	\$423,696.25	0.679331085		
Cost Share Funding Sources		Secured Y/N	Amount	Туре		
MIT Leventhal City Prize (2019)		Υ	\$20,000.00	Cash		

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Accelerating Climate Resiliency (2021)	Υ	\$49,096.25	Cash
MVP Action Grant (FY22-FY23)	Υ	\$354,600.00	Cash

Proposed Project Schedule

- Dec -Mar 2022 Develop design to 75% Permitting Plans
- Mar 2022 75% Permitting Plans complete
- Mar 2022 -Oct '22 / June '23
 - Permitting period (anticipated to be between 7-15 months)
- Summer 2022 On-site stewardship workshop
- Fall 2022 Themed Workshop 1:
 - Discuss design of signage and support of community arts, education, and culture at the park
- Jan 2023 Themed Workshop 2:
 - Engage in follow-up discussion on design of signage and support of community arts, education, and culture at the park
- May 2023 Community Meeting 2: update on Permits and 75% Plans
- June 2023 Permitting complete (anticipated)

Additional Information

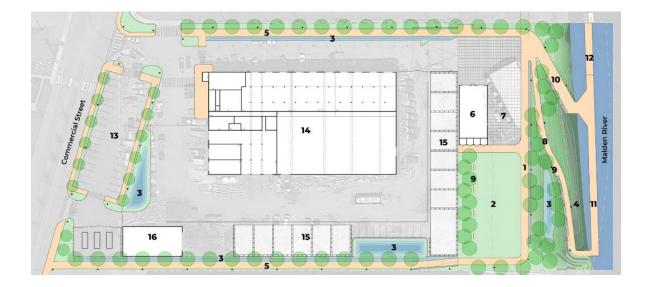
The full Application may be found at: <u>https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/4291/Malden-River-Works-CPA-Application_FINAL-9-7-21.</u>

An updated budget for the project may be found at:

https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/4564/20211025-Malden-River-Works-CPA-Budget_Amended



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