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May 8, 2023

Honorable City Council
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Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to the Honorable Council requesting authorization to accept and expend a FY23 State MassTrails grant of \$340,298 and \$20,000 in donations for the Marty Sender Greenway Phase 2 Restoration project.

The MassTrails Grant will allow the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department (PRC) to complete engineering and construction of the Phase 2 work at the Marty Sender Trail. This work is a continuation of the previous trail improvements PRC completed in 2022 utilizing CDBG funding. The project is a result of our efforts to make more trails accessible to all. The Marty Sender Trail has received significant support from the community to enhance this well-used but too often-muddy trail. The project has also received approval from the Newton Conservation Commission as a requirement under the Wetland Protection Act (DEP File #: 239-947). The MassTrails grant is a reimbursement grant with a minimum 20% match requirement.

PRC has also received the sum of \$20,000 in donations from the Newton Conservators and the Solomon Foundation. Each organization has donated \$10,000 toward the completion of the project. The project has also received significant support and advocacy from the Riverside Greenway Working Group and ward councilors.

Attached is a memo from Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture on the matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

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 Nicole Banks, Commissioner

May 8, 2023

Re: Request for Council docket item to accept and expend FY 23 Mass Trails Grant Funding and Donations for the Marty Sender Greenway Restoration Phase 2

Dear Mayor Fuller,

The City of Newton, through its Parks, Recreation and Culture Department is the recipient of a MassTrails Grant to complete engineering and construction of the Phase 2 work at the Marty Sender Trail. This work is a continuation of the previous trail improvements the Department completed in 2022 utilizing CDBG funding. The project is a result of the Department's effort to make certain trails accessible to all. The Department has also received several donations toward the project. The Marty Sender Greenway Phase 2 Restoration project has received significant support from the community to enhance the often-muddy trail. The project has also received approval from the Newton Conservation Commission as a requirement under the Wetland Protection Act (DEP File #: 239-947). The MassTrails grant is a reimbursement grant with a minimum 20% match requirement.

As stated above, the Department has received the sum of \$20,000 in donations from the Newton Conservators and the Solomon Foundation. Each organization has donated \$10,000 toward the completion of the project. The project has also received significant support and advocacy from the Riverside Greenway Working Group, ward councilors and the community.

Below is a breakdown of the Mass Trails Grant and donations totals:

Mass Trails Grant Budget - As awarded	
Total Grant Award:	\$ 340,298.00
Total Donations:	\$ 20,000.00
Total Amount to accept and expend	\$ 360,298.00

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Banks".

Nicole Banks
 Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture