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July 3, 2023

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to this Honorable Council requesting the acceptance and expenditure of a \$50,000 grant from the National Recreation & Park Association's 2023 Danaher Biodiversity Grant Program to the Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture. This grant will help supplement the native wetland enhancements that are part of the Marty Sender Greenway Restoration Phase 2 Project in Auburndale.

The City has already received \$360,298 in state MassTrails Program funding for this important project. With the additional \$50,000, the project will have received a total of \$410,298 in grants and donations, which covers in full the direct total costs.

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*



June 30, 2023

Re: Request for the acceptance and expenditure of the NRPA 2023 Danaher Biodiversity Grant 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 the National Recreation & Park Association's 2023 Danaher Biodiversity Grant Program for the total of \$50,000. This grant will help supplement the native wetland enhancements that are part of the Marty Sender Greenway Restoration Phase 2.

As you know, the Department has received the sum of \$360,298 in MassTrails funding and donations. With the additional \$50,000, The project will have received a total of \$410,298 in grants and donations.

Respectfully,

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

Nicole Banks  
Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture