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City of Newton

# NEWTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FRAN L. TOWLE - COMMISSIONER

70 Crescent Street, Auburndale, MA 02466

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David B. Cohen  
Mayor

November 1, 2002

Community Preservation Planner  
Planning and Development Department  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Community Preservation Planner:

The Parks & Recreation Department respectfully submit the following applications for consideration of funding through the Community Preservation Act.

Forte Park Phase II Restoration ✓

Replacement of Crystal Lake Docks

If additional information is needed for either proposal do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 796-1500.

Sincerely,

Fran Towle  
Commissioner

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### APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING

Submit to Community Preservation Planner  
Newton Planning and Development Department  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459  
communitypreservation@ci.newton.ma.us  
617-796-1120 ext. 1131

Name of Applicant City of Newton, Parks & Recreation Department

Sponsoring Organization, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address 70 Crescent St. City Newton State MA Zip 02466

Daytime Phone (617) 796-1500 Email ftowle@ci.newton.ma.us

Name of Proposal Forte Park Phase II Renovation

CPA Category (circle all that apply):  Open space  Historic preservation  Recreation  Community housing

CPA Funding Requested \$ 500,000 Total Cost of Proposed Project \$ 500,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Attach answers to the following questions. Applications will be returned as incomplete if all requested information is not provided. Include supporting materials as necessary.

1. **Goals:** What are the goals of the proposed project?
2. **Community Need:** Why is this project needed?
3. **Community Support:** What is the nature and level of support for this project? Include letters of support.
4. **Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical elements?
5. **Credentials:** How will the experience of the applicant contribute to the success of this project?
6. **Success Factors:** How will the success of this project will be measured? Be as specific as possible.
7. **Budget:** What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified. (NOTE: CPA funds may NOT be used for maintenance.)
8. **Other Funding:** What additional funding sources are available, committed or under consideration? Include commitment letters, if available, and describe any other attempts to secure funding for this project.
9. **Maintenance:** If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded?

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Provide the following additional information, as applicable.

10. Documentation that the applicant has control over the site, via Purchase and Sale Agreement or deed.
11. Evidence that the project does not violate any zoning ordinance of the City of Newton.
12. Evidence that the proposed site is free of hazardous materials or that there is a plan for remediation in place.
13. Evidence that appropriate professional standards will be followed if construction, restoration or rehabilitation is proposed.
14. Information indicating how this project can be leveraged or replicated to achieve additional community benefits.



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November 1, 2002

Community Preservation Committee  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have attached several applications for funding under the Community Preservation Act for your consideration. These projects all come within the jurisdiction and control of various city departments.

**City Hall Lighting Restoration**

Installation of original light fixtures in corridor and public spaces. This would eliminate the fluorescent fixtures that were added in the 1970's. These fixtures would be replaced with a pendant fixture reminiscent of the original fixtures.

**City Hall War Memorial Copula and Balustrade Restoration**

Exterior painting of the war memorial copula and the balustrade. The City Hall balustrade was replaced nine years ago when the roof was repaired. The balustrade was reconstructed using lead coated copper. Its color, gray, is not in keeping with the original white finish. The same holds true for the War Memorial Cupola.

**City Hall Window Restoration**

Window renovations to the Alderman Chamber and War Memorial windows. The current windows have started to rot, particularly at the frames and need immediate repair to prevent further damage. We propose to remove and renovate the windows, installing insulated energy efficient glass in the existing frames.

**Flowed Meadow Open Space/Recreation Space Creation**

The Flowed Meadow Improvement Project will carry out the recommendations of the Flowed Meadow Planning Group to link Auburndale, West Newton, and the MDC's Forest Grove Reservation for passive recreation and wildlife habitat preservation purposes. Funding for general construction and materials is being requested, with Eagle

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Scout candidates and neighborhood volunteers completing the portions of the project not requiring heavy equipment.

#### Forte Park Open Space/Recreation Space Creation

Phase II development of Forte Park will complete the restoration of the park. Forte Park is a six acre park located in a mixed residential and commercial district off of California St. in the Nonatum village of Newton. Phase II development will provide sports and security lighting for the athletic fields and peripheral jogging/exercise paths. It will add street lighting for the entryway leading into the park off of California St. In the past, Forte Park was a prime site for the local bocci players to play. Over the years the courts deteriorated to the point that they became non-existent. Part of the Phase II plan is to reestablish those courts. Landscaping is proposed in the form of additional plantings along the present entry drive and in the picnic areas. Other plantings will be used to provide additional screening for the residential and industrial neighbors and to act as a natural border between the active and passive activities within the park. To aid these plantings, additional irrigation is proposed. To interconnect Forte Park to other parts of the greenway along the Charles River, a gravel pedestrian walking/jogging path with exercise stations along the periphery of the Park will be developed as well.

#### Replacement of Docks at Crystal Park

Crystal Lake is a major swim facility that services the needs of the Newton residents during the summer months. The lake is a 24 acre site that allows for swimming as well as boating and fishing. Since it is a large, open natural body of water, the docks serve as an integral part of the facility during the swim season. The docks are set up to delineate the swim areas, allowing guards accessibility to a larger area with the placement of lifeguard chairs on the deck. It also allows swim instructors to carry out instruction from the docks, overseeing a large number of activities simultaneously. The proposal is to replace the docks with a new dock system. The present docks are in disrepair and need constant adjustment, which compromises the structural integrity of the docks. There is age and usage wear on the dock channeling and decking that creates a hazardous condition that infringes on the functionality and safety of the docks.

#### Historic Burial Grounds Restoration

The Jackson Homestead - The City of Newton's Museum, in cooperation with the Newton Historical Society, requests a grant of \$188,277 from the Community Preservation Act to undertake the first phase of a five-year project to preserve, and create access to, Newton's three historic burying grounds. Working from a Master Plan for Newton's Burying Grounds completed by the Newton Historical Commission in 1990, the Newton Historical Society and The Jackson Homestead Museum plan to implement this major revitalization project with a total projected cost of \$793,799. With funding from the first round of the CPA, the most urgently needed work could commence and the burying grounds would begin to become fully utilized community resources. The East Parish, West Parish, and South Burying Grounds are both history museums and parks. Filled with irreplaceable artwork, the burying grounds are also open spaces containing vital information about the city's first settlers and about early America. However, at this time, these beautiful old landscapes are overgrown and hazardous. The intricately carved

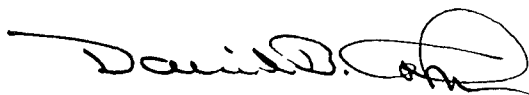
stones and monuments therein are deteriorating and endangered by vandalism, neglect, weather, and the passage of time. CPA funds will begin to restore, preserve, and make accessible, these historic community open spaces.

#### Newton Corner Library Renovation

The goal of the Newton Corner Branch Library project is to completely renovate and restore the exterior of this historically significant building. One of the last intact Greek Revival houses in Newton Corner, this 1845 building was purchased by the City from the Chaffin family in 1931 for use as a Library. The building is an integral part of the landscape of the Farlow-Kenrick Park Historic District, anchoring the passive open space that is an important component of the area.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David B. Cohen", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

David B. Cohen  
Mayor

DBC: smp

## FORTE PARK PHASE II DEVELOPMENT

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

1. **Goals:** What are the goals of the proposed project?

The goal of Phase II is to continue the improvements that were instituted in Phase I. This includes:

- Providing sports and security lighting for the athletic fields and peripheral jogging/exercise paths.
- Street lighting for the entryway/driveway.
- Re-establish bocce courts that once existed on the site.
- Landscaping – additional plantings along the present entry drive and in the picnic areas, additional screening for residential/industrial neighbors, as a natural border between active and passive activities within the park.
- Provide additional irrigation.
- Provide a gravel pedestrian walking/jogging path along the periphery, which will interconnect, with the Charles River pathway, which include exercise trail stations. Additional player and spectator benches.
- Provide appropriate signage.

2. **Community Need:** Why is the project needed?

There is a need to preserve and provide additional open space in the more densely populated neighborhoods of Newton. Sports programs in the City of Newton continue to grow dictating the need for additional playing spaces as well as increased programming time. To meet the need for increased programming, athletic field lighting has been proposed in Phase II.

There is a need to deal with three distinct populations: the youth, the elderly, and those individuals with disabilities. To this end the proposed improvements have attempted to address the needs of all those groups through the implementation of both passive and active recreation activities, as well as providing handicapped accessibility.

3. **Community Support:** What is the nature and level of support for this project? Include letters of support.

The neighborhood has been strongly supportive of the proposed Phase II improvements. On a broader level the project has received citywide support from city departments, commissions, athletic groups, community groups, Board of Alderman members, as well as a number of elected state officials.

4. **Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical elements?

The City of Newton, through its Parks & Recreation Department has applied for a Urban Self-Help Grant through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The timeline for that application process will run concurrently with the schedule for project implementation.

September 6, 2002- Submit two copies of preliminary application to division of conservation services (DCS).

- October, 2002- Site inspection
- November, 2002- Project Ratings
- December, 2002- Recommendations from Environmental Affairs
- December 31, 2002- Vote to Secure Total Project Cost
- Early 2003- Final Approval

Based on this timeframe, the city would like to go out to bid in February and begin construction in the spring of 2003.

5. **Credentials:** How will the experience of the applicant contribute to the success of this project?

The applicant in this process is the Parks & Recreation Department. The Parks & Recreation Department have direct control over the land upon which Forte Park is located. Over the years the department has maintained and made a number of improvements to the site. The department is also responsible for the scheduling and oversight of any organized activities that take place on the park. This direct involvement with the park has allowed the applicant to gain an understanding of the delicate balance that often exists between the needs of the neighborhood and those of the user.

6. **Success Factors:** How will the success of this project be measured? Be as specific as possible.

Success will be measured through continued use of the park, which has increased since the Phase I renovations. Park usage should increase even more dramatically with the addition of lights and the subsequent increase in programming that will follow. As a greenway linkage there is an expectation that there will be an increase in pedestrian traffic for both passive and active recreation usage.

Phase II will complete the restoration of Forte Park, which upon its completion will have restored turf, replaced and added additional plantings. Along with the turf restoration a number of functional elements will have been added to the park which will increase active and passive activities for the youth, adults and the disabled.

7. **Budget:** What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified.

See Attached Preliminary cost estimates.

8. **Other Funding:** What additional funding sources are available, committed or under consideration? Include commitment letters, if available, and describe any other attempts to secure funding for this project.

The additional funding that is under consideration for this project is a match of up to \$ 250,000 from the Urban Self-Help Grant program administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

9. **Maintenance:** If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded?

Forte Park is an irrigated site that will continue to be on its current turf maintenance program. The program includes aerations, fertilizations, slice seeding, grass cutting, weed control and renovations.

Irrigation is provided by an on-site well. The irrigation system will be maintained and repaired by private contractor.

A private contractor currently cleans the building located on Forte Park.

All of the aforementioned maintenance operations are paid through the Parks & Recreation operating budget and CIP expenditures. The funding for the foreseeable future will continue to be through operating budget and CIP.



## **EXHIBITS**

1. Municipal Vote and Deed Information as Permanent Dedicated Parkland
2. Timeline for DCS Grant Programs
3. Minutes of Public Hearing on Forte Park Phase II Project
4. Forte Park Preliminary Cost Estimate
5. Field Maintenance Plans
6. Letters of Support

**EXHIBIT 1**

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

May 1, 1995

ORDERED:


That the City of Newton hereby permanently dedicates for park and recreation purposes the 261,596 square feet (or 6.0054 acres) of land known as Allison Park, as shown on a plan entitled "Allison Park, Plan showing Land to be Dedicated for Park Purposes," dated May 9, 1995, and signed by Paul W. Giunta, P.E., City Engineer, which plan shall be kept on file in the office of the City Engineer.

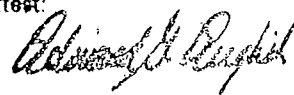
Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved  
22 yeas 0 nays 2 absent (Ald Basham, MacLeish)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Approved May 3, 1995

  
(SGD) EDWARD G. ENGLISH  
City Clerk

  
(SGD) THOMAS B. CONCANNON, JR.  
Mayor

A True Copy  
Attest:  
  
City Clerk of Newton, Mass.



City of Newton, Massachusetts

Incorporated 1873

CITY HALL

COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND WALNUT STREET  
NEWTON CENTRE 02159

DANIEL M. FUNK  
CITY SOLICITOR

ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITORS

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RICHARD G. CHMIELINSKI

March 11, 1996

Ben Gary, RL.A.  
Moriece & Gary, Landscape Architects  
611 Massachusetts Avenue  
Boxborough, Massachusetts 01719

Dear Mr. Gary:

The City of Newton's ownership of Allison Park, consisting of 261,596 square feet of land, is reflected in deeds recorded at Middlesex, South, Registry of Deeds and described below. This information should be submitted in connection with any requests to the Conservation Commission.

Book 1567 Page 468, from James S. and Sophronia C. Allison, 4/23/1881;

Book 1955 Page 592, from Sophronia Allison, 12/29/1889;

Book 6018 Page 379, from Rohmer Wool Scouring and Carbonnizing Co., Inc, 3/24/1936.

Very truly yours,

Gayle A. Smalley  
Assistant City Solicitor

**EXHIBIT 2**

**TIME LINE FOR DCS GRANT PROGRAMS  
SELF-HELP, URBAN SELF-HELP and FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
FY2003 APPLICATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 6, 2002**

1. CALL DCS: May 2002

Is your project eligible? Applications must be submitted **before** land is acquired, or construction has begun. Is your community's Open Space and Recreation Plan up to date? Then - you need preliminary application information and should sign up for the grant workshops.

2. SUBMIT TWO COPIES OF A COMPLETED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION TO DCS BY September 6, 2002.

Work closely with DCS prior to September 6 to confirm that your preliminary application is complete. **Your full, complete application is due in our office no later than 5 p.m. on September 6, 2002.** Late or incomplete applications, and electronic filings cannot be accepted! Your chief executive officer and conservation commission members must sign the application. All projects must be reviewed by your local Regional Planning Agency, and by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Send a brief project description including a budget and USGS topographic map to these agencies for review prior to September 6, and submit their comments as soon as they are available.

3. SITE INSPECTION: September and October, 2002

Proposals cannot be funded on a "sight unseen" basis. DCS staff will contact you to schedule the inspection.

4. PROJECT RATINGS: November, 2002

Proposals are rated by DCS using the open project selection systems. Proposals which are well developed i.e., have an affirmative Town Meeting Vote or City Council Order, will receive higher consideration for funding.

5. RECOMMENDATION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS: December 2002

All proposals are rated and reviewed by DCS and presented to EOEAs Interagency Lands Committee for funding recommendations. The ILC's recommendations are reported to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs. If the Secretary selects your application, you will be contacted by DCS. Projects selected for state assistance will receive a Project Agreement and State Standard Contract.

6. VOTE TO SECURE TOTAL PROJECT COST: December 31, 2002

Congratulations are due if you have already voted to fund this project since you will be able to quickly execute your Project Agreement and State Standard Contract. *If not, the applicant city or town must vote to appropriate, expend from available funds, or borrow an amount equal to the total project cost of the project no later than December 31, 2002. Applicants will be expected to conform to tight expenditure timetables because DCS must expend funds within the same fiscal year the grant is awarded.* The Project Agreement and State Standard Contract will not be executed unless local funding has been secured.

7. FINAL APPROVAL: Early 2003

Permission to proceed will be granted by DCS if the Project Agreement and State Standard Contract have been executed and the total project cost has been secured.

8. REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE: June 2, 2003

DCS grant programs are REIMBURSEMENT programs and require evidence of payment from the town to the landowner or contractor prior to receiving a payment from the grant. Acquisition projects must comply with M.G.L. Chapter 30B regarding municipal procurement and file with the Central Registry 30 days prior to closing. You must finish your project in accordance with the terms in the grant award letter and send a reimbursement package to DCS by June 2, 2003. Reimbursement forms and instructions are sent to you by DCS along with the project contracts. *Caution: do not purchase the property or start construction prior to executing the Project Agreement! If this is done, we will not be able to reimburse you!*

9. POST COMPLETION RESPONSIBILITIES - YOUR LAND IS NOW PROTECTED OPEN SPACE

*Receipt of state assistance permanently protects your project site (Article 97 of the Articles of Amendment to the State Constitution).* Any boundary encroachment, change of use, or lack of basic maintenance could constitute a conversion. The Secretary of EOEAs must approve any proposed conversion and failure to suitably replace the converted property with land of equal value and utility can result in the title of the converted land reverting to the Commonwealth. There is no "buy out" option. Federal LWCF project conversions must also be approved by the National Park Service, through EOEAs, and land of equal value and utility substituted. Strict appraisal requirements apply using the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

**EXHIBIT 3**



# NEWTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FRAN L. TOWLE - COMMISSIONER

70 Crescent Street, Auburndale, MA 02466

Office: 552-7120 Forestry and Maintenance: 552-7123 Fax: 552-7133



David B. Cohen  
Mayor

## Minutes of Public Hearing on Forte Park Phase II Project Thursday, August 29, 2002 @ 7:00PM Newton City Hall-Room 202

**In attendance:** Fran Towle, Commissioner, Parks & Recreation, Robert DeRubeis, Deputy Commissioner, Parks & Recreation, Robert E. Gerst, Alderman, Ward 1, Carleton P. Merrill, Alderman, Ward 1, Scott Lennon, Alderman, Ward 1, Stephen M. Linsky, Alderman, Ward 2, Jennie DeVito, Parks & Recreation Commission Member, James Mahoney, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman, Andrew Stern, Parks & Recreation Commission Member, Alice Webber, Resident.

Commissioner Towle presented the Phase II Conceptual Plan and discussed the Urban Self-Help process. She went through what had been accomplished in Phase I and what was proposed for Phase II. All those present complimented the Commissioner on the work that had been accomplished in Phase I and voiced their support for Phase II. They stressed that after the Phase I improvements, the park has been heavily used and continues to be well maintained by the Parks & Recreation Department. At the end of her presentation, the following specific items were raised and addressed:

1. Basketball/Stage

There was discussion concerning the basketball/stage area. Alice Webber was under the impression that the basketball court and stage were to be separate entities. It was explained to her that the basketball court was elevated so that it could act as a stage, and would be utilized for passive activities when not being used for basketball. Seating for such activities would be in the grass area adjacent to the courts. Ms. Webber felt that there was strong neighborhood agreement that a stage was necessary.

To make sure that this concern was met, Commissioner Towle stated that when looking at the lighting on the basketball court, the City would adapt the lighting so that it could accommodate evening productions when the area was being utilized as a stage.

2. Softball/Little League Field

The field is currently being utilized for softball exclusively. There was strong sentiment from Mr. Mahoney that the field be utilized to accommodate Little League baseball as well. There are currently no lit Little League baseball fields in the city. All those present at the meeting were in agreement and felt that the city should follow up on the feasibility of such a proposal. Some of the questions that would have to be answered would be the potential of utilizing the field for both softball and baseball. What changes would have to be made to the playing field, lighting impact, need of fencing?

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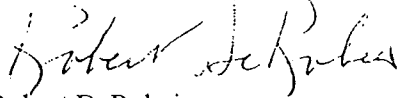
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3. Fencing

Mr. Stern suggested that the placement of any further permanent fencing in the park be avoided. He also asked that we change the current fabric on the existing fences to black vinyl. The use of black vinyl allows the fence to blend in better with the background, making it less obtrusive.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert DeRubeis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert DeRubeis  
Deputy Commissioner

**EXHIBIT 4**

**FORTE PARK PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE\***

<b>Site Preparation</b>			
Erosion control	600lf	\$6.75	\$ 4,050
<b>Earthwork</b>			
Strip and stockpile loam	300cy	\$10.80	\$ 3,240
<b>Utilities</b>			
Musco Light Structure 2 System and Installation (Ballfields) (See attached)			\$170,000
Streetlighting	10	\$4,000	\$ 40,000
<b>Paving and Surfacing</b>			
Walking/jogging path	670sy	\$27	\$ 18,090
Boccie Courts	1,600 lf	\$4.05	\$ 6,480
Wood edge- boccie courts	360lf	\$6.75	\$ 2,430
<b>Site Improvements</b>			
Park Sign at Street	1	\$2,160	\$ 2,160
Picnic tables	6	\$1,080	\$ 6,480
Trash receptacles	3	\$1,080	\$ 3,240
Benches	8	\$1,080	\$ 8,640
Player benches	4	\$945	\$ 3,780
Exercise stations	6	\$2,700	\$ 16,200
<b>Lawns and Planting</b>			
Shade trees	40	\$945	\$ 37,800
Evergreen trees	40	\$540	\$ 21,600
Loam and seed	500sy	\$8.10	\$ 4,050
<b>Irrigation</b>			\$ 54,130
<b>Professional Fees</b>			\$ 50,000
<b>Contingency at 10%</b>			\$ 46,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$498,370</b>
		<b>Say:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

\*Budget derived from Phase 2 Concept by design firm of Moriece and Gary, Inc.(1996), revised estimate by Parks and Recreation and City of Newton Engineering Department, Public Buildings Department and Musco Sports Lighting.

**Scott Bishop**  
Musco Sports Lighting, LLC

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888/357-5503 regional office  
Fax: 781/849-8290  
E-mail: scott.bishop@musco.com  
22 River Street  
Braintree, MA 02184  
Web site: www.musco.com

## PRICE ESTIMATE

Date : August 27, 2002  
Project: Forte Park  
Newton, MA  
Softball & Multi Purpose Field

WE ARE PLEASED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Lot	Musco Light Structure 2 System & Installation	\$170,000.00

### PACKAGE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. 69 - FIXTURES W/ LAMPS
2. LEVEL 8
3. 7 - GALVANIZED STEEL POLES
4. 7 - PRE CAST CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS
5. FACTORY WIRED AND ASSEMBLED POLE TOP LUMINAIRE ASSEMBLIES
6. FACTORY WIRED REMOTE BALLAST BOX
7. FACTORY BUILT WIRE HARNESS WITH PLUG IN CONNECTIONS
8. SPARE LAMPS AND FUSES
9. 10-YEAR WARRANTY INCLUDING LAMPS AND GROUP RE-LAMP
10. 1 - CONTACTOR CABINET
11. CONTROL LINK - Wireless control management system

POLE SIZES: 2-60' / 5-70'

GUARANTEED LIGHT LEVELS: Softball - infield 50 FC, outfield 30 FC  
Multi Purpose - 30 FC

UNIFORMITY: Softball - infield 2:1, outfield 2.5:1  
Multi Purpose - 3:1



**Please Note:**

1. This estimate includes delivery, off-loading and installation.
2. Foundation pricing assumes national average soil conditions (approx. 2000 psf); should non-standard soils be found structural engineering will be at additional cost.
3. Delivery is 30 days upon receipt of all order details.
4. Terms: 100% Net 20

**Scott Bishop  
Team New England**

**EXHIBIT 5**

**CITY OF NEWTON  
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Elaine Gentile, Director of Special Projects

FROM: Bob DeRubeis, Deputy Commissioner

DATE: August 27, 2002

RE: Field Maintenance Plan

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Forte Park is an irrigated site, subsequently its field maintenance plan is more in depth than what would be instituted at a non-irrigated site.

The field maintenance plan at Forte is as follows:

1. Grass cutting- Weekly basis, receives 26 cuts per year.
2. Aerations- Between 2 to 4 per year. 4" spacing at a depth of 1 ½ ".
3. Fertilization- Organic fertilizer is applied 4 times per year.
4. Slice seeding- On an as needed basis. IPM suggests overseeding to keep out weeds and we attempt to follow that practice as closely as possible.
5. Weed control- closely monitored, if threshold is exceeded, proposal is presented to IPM Committee to treat weeds.
6. Irrigation Maintenance- Irrigation systems are closely monitored and repaired on as needed basis. System is started up and blown out each year.
7. Renovations- May consist of major reseeding-which consists of cultivating the loam and seeding

PROPOSAL FOR MAINTENANCE  
PROGRAM AT  
ALLISON PARK

I. TURF MAINTENANCE

Turf maintenance would include the following:

1. Four fertilizations (4) plus micronutrients
2. Crabgrass management
3. Broadleaf weed management
4. Insect management
5. Soil tests & liming recommendations
6. Soil conditioners
7. Disease management

II. GRASS CUTTING

Grass is to be cut on a weekly basis by the contractor, currently under contract with the City of Newton.

III. LITTER PICK-UP

Litter will be picked up on an as needed basis. At present, grass contractor picks up area prior to the cutting of grass.

IV. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The building will be cleaned on a weekly basis by Parks & Recreation staff.

V. IRRIGATION

Park will be irrigated by a multi-zone sprinkler system, with anticipated water source to be provided by an on-site well



**EXHIBIT 6**



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AUDITOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

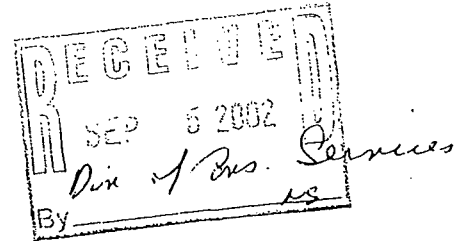
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September 5, 2002

Mr. Joel Lerner, Director  
Division of Conservation Services  
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs  
251 Causeway Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Mr. Lerner,

As a Newton resident, I am writing to you in support of the application submitted by the City of Newton for an Urban Self-Help Grant to rehabilitate Forte (Allison) Park. In 1995, Newton's Parks and Recreation Department received a grant from your agency to complete Phase I of the Forte Park restoration. Phase II of the project, for which Newton now seeks funding, will help complete the restoration of Forte Park, which will make it a great resource utilized by a significant number of people.

Forte Park is located on the Charles River in the Nonantum section of Newton. The park serves as an important gathering place for members of the community of all ages and varied interests, including multiple youth sports teams. The award from the Urban Self-Help Grant program would provide lighting for athletic fields, a performance area for Newton's "Arts in the Parks" program, bocce courts, landscaping and irrigation improvements, an exercise trail, signage, benches and picnic tables.

I thank you for your time and consideration of the City of Newton's application. If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A. JOSEPH DeNUCCI  
Auditor of the Commonwealth

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August 28, 2002

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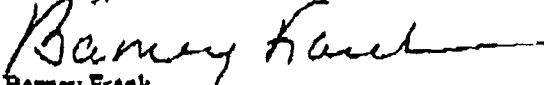
Dear Mr. Lerner,

I enthusiastically endorse the City of Newton's grant application for the Urban Self-Help Grant to support Phase II of Forte Park. Funding would make possible the enhancement of recreational facilities, improving safety infrastructure, and making accessible greater areas of the park.

The city of Newton has made a strong commitment to open and recreational spaces so that the community can come together to play, enjoy the surrounding scenery, or simply to relax with friends and family. In accord with the Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation plan the project responds to the local demand for walking paths, exercise stations, areas suitable for picnicking, and open fields for sports. The diverse needs of the area have led the city to include improvements such as a refurbished Bocce Ball Courts, lighting for recreational areas and safety purposes, increased access to the Charles River, park landscaping, players benches, and additional trash and recycling receptacles.

With its prime location close to the Charles River and easy accessibility to public transportation, the park provides a wonderful opportunity to increase the quality of life for the residents of Newton. Thus, I urge you to give the City of Newton's application your utmost attention.

Sincerely,

  
Barney Frank  
Member of Congress

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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August 22, 2002

Mr. Joel Lerner  
Director, Division of Conservation Services  
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs  
251 Causeway Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Mr. Lerner:

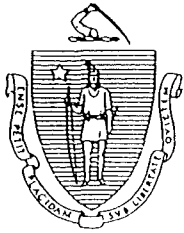
I am writing in support of the Urban Self Help grant application of the Newton Parks and Recreation Department for funding of Phase II of the Forte Park restoration. In 1995, Forte Park received such assistance for Phase I of the restoration project.

Forte Park is a vital urban recreation complex for people in Newton and surrounding communities and, because of the Park's proximity to the MDC's Upper Charles River Reservation, serves as part of a larger regional park network of importance to the state. Phase II of the Forte Park project includes new lighting for sports fields and parking facilities, new recreation facilities, such as bocce courts and exercise trail stations and improved signage, benches and picnic tables. Phase II will ensure that Forte Park represents a comprehensive recreational complex that people of all generations and interests can enjoy throughout the day and into the evening. This project clearly embodies the intent of the Urban Self Help Grant program and I am hopeful of your continued support.

I look forward to your consideration of the Forte Park Phase II application. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Stone Creem  
State Senator



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Dear Mr. Lerner:

I am writing to you to indicate my strong support for the application submitted by the City of Newton for an Urban Self-Help Grant to rehabilitate Forte (Allison) Park. In 1995, Newton's Parks and Recreation Department received a grant from your agency to complete phase I of the Forte Park restoration. Phase II of the project, for which Newton now seeks funding, will help bring the restoration of Forte Park to completion and benefit the significant number of people who enjoy Forte Park.

Forte Park is located in close proximity to the Charles River in the Nonantum section of Newton. The park serves as an important gathering place for members of the community of all ages and varied interests. As in many of the other neighborhoods of Newton and other municipalities, the public open spaces in Nonantum provide an opportunity for residents of the area to come together in a recreational setting where they are able to exercise and socialize and therefore foster a healthy population and a vibrant community.

The application submitted by the Newton Parks and Recreation Department includes plans to complete a number of important features of Forte Park. In particular, an award from the Urban Self-Help Grant program will provide lighting for athletic fields and an entryway, bocce courts, landscaping and irrigation improvements, an exercise trail as well as new signage, benches and picnic tables. These improvements will build upon the investment that the State made in 1995 when phase I of the Forte Park project received a grant from your agency.

Again, I wish to indicate to you my strong support for the City of Newton's application to the Urban Self-Help Grant program for improvements to Forte Park. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Khan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kay" being more prominent than the last name "Khan".

Kay Khan  
State Representative

Cc: Fran Towle, Commissioner, Newton Parks & Recreation Dept.  
Newton Ward 1 & Ward 2 Aldermen



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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August 27, 2002

Joel Lerner  
Director, Division of Conservation Services  
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251 Causeway Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Mr. Lerner,

I am writing in support of the Newton Parks and Recreation Department Urban Self Help Grant application that would provide funding of Phase II of the Forte Park restoration.

Forte Park is a vital urban recreation complex for the people of Newton. The park's proximity to the MDC's upper Charles River Reservation makes the park accessible to many members of the surrounding communities as well.

Phase I of the project was funded in 1995 and provided much needed improvements to the park. Phase II would provide for new recreation facilities, lighting for parking facilities as well as athletic fields, improved signs as well as benches and picnic tables. This will be of tremendous benefit for the people of Newton and the surrounding communities.

I give my full support to their application and hope you will fund this grant. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth B. Balsler".

Ruth B. Balsler  
State Representative



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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State House, Boston 02133-1054

PETER J. KOUTOUJIAN  
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August 22, 2002

Dear Mr. Lerner,


I am writing in support of the City of Newton's Forte Park's grant application to the State Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services Urban Self Help program.

The riverfront location of Forte Park is a great natural resource to the community of Newton. This grant would enable the city to better the safety of the park by providing street lighting for the entryway, added park signs, and irrigation improvements. The park would also be afforded the opportunity to construct new exercise trail stations, benches, and picnic tables. Further, this funding would allow the city to make significant enhancements to the park such as sports lighting for the fields, bocce courts, and additional landscaping.

Forte Park's setting and its proximity to the MDC Charles River Pathway have made it a very attractive recreational area for the people of Newton. Additionally, the park has approximately 50 parking spots and is accessible by public transportation.

Open space is at a premium today. The funding of this grant to the City of Newton will help to improve the quality of outdoor recreation thus improving the quality of life for the residents of Newton.

Sincerely,

  
PETER J. KOUTOUJIAN  
State Representative  
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September 4, 2002

Mr. Joel Lerner, Director  
Division of Conservation Services  
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs  
251 Causeway St. 9th Floor  
Boston, Mass. 02114

Dear Mr. Lerner:

This is to advise of my support for the application submitted by the City of Newton for an Urban Self-Help Grant to rehabilitate Forte Park which is located within the Ward 1 section of City of Newton.

While the City of Newton did receive a grant from your agency to complete Phase 1 of the Forte Park restoration, we have not been able to start Phase II as funds were not available from the Commonwealth following the completion of Phase 1.

The application being submitted by the City of Newton Parks and Recreation Department does include plans to complete several important features that will enable citizens of all ages to participate in sports as well as within activities related to our "Arts In The Parks" programs.

In closing may I add that this former "Allison Field" was rededicated in memory of the late Richard Forte, a member of our Armed Forces who was killed in action while serving in VietNam. This "new" Forte Park has become a focal point for many of the citizens of Newton and with your approval of the application which will enable the City of Newton to start and complete Phase II, Forte Park will all the more allow our citizens to participate in healthy activities, but give greater memorialization to our departed citizen, Richard Forte.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carleton P. Merrill".

Carleton P. Merrill  
Alderman-At-Large, Ward 1

Former Dir. of Veterans' Services  
City of Newton

August 30, 2002

Mr. Joel Lerner, Director  
Division of Conservation Services  
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs  
251 Causeway Street, 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Forte Park, Phase 2

Dear Mr. Lerner:

I wish to indicate my emphatic support for phase 2 of the Forte Park restoration project which I understand you are considering. Phase 2 fulfills an extraordinary pair of public benefits for the people of Newton and, indeed, the people of Massachusetts. It will enhance a first class recreation space for working people and children who desperately need it. It will, remarkably, improve recreational access to the Charles. It represents a superb opportunity to invest public funds for a long term public benefit.

The Forte Park (formerly known as Allison Park) area, Nonantum, is among the densest area in Newton. Moreover, the neighborhood is home to many families who are among the most economically disadvantaged in Newton. Nonantum was identified as a CDBG target neighborhood when the CDBG program began in Newton twenty years ago and has remained a target area to this day. Except for Forte Park, there is virtually no open space in this area. Phase 2 of this restoration project will make a profound difference in the lives of thousands of families and, especially, children. The park, partially restored in phase 1, is helping to rejuvenate this neighborhood. Phase 2 will dramatically improve twilight recreational activities in the park and realizes the neighborhood's long standing desire for an outdoor theatre arts program.

The restored park enhances and anchors the MDC Charles River Walkway and Bicycle Path in Newton. Phase 2 will provide Massachusetts citizens seeking recreation a dramatically improved access point to the Charles.

I know of no other conservation project which promises such a wide range of benefits. In my view, this project represents the finest possible use of public conservation funds. I urge you to support it.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Gerst

Alderman-at-Large  
City of Newton

1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459



September 1, 2002

Mr. Joel Lerner, Director  
Division of Conservation Services  
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs  
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Again, I wish to indicate to you my strong support for the City of Newton's application to the Urban Self-Help Grant Program for improvements to Forte Park. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott F. Lennon  
Ward Alderman, Ward One

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August 27, 2002

Joel Lerner, Director  
Division of Conservation Services  
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs  
251 Causeway Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Mr. Lerner:

The "Urban Self-Help" grant, Phase II for Forte Memorial Park in Newton, is being considered. We would like to add a passive area for the performing arts.

Phase I completed an area on its basketball court by building a raised dias on its court. We think Phase II should embellish this area in such a way that we can take advantage of Newton's great "Arts In The Parks" program. We could provide puppet shows for children, showcase country singers for adults and our children could put on musical shows. These cultural benefits could be realized with your acceptance of this proposal.

Thank you for your positive consideration for our proposal.

Sincerely yours,

*Alice Webber*

Alice Webber, Nonantum Chairperson  
Community Development Block  
Grant Advisory Committee  
159 Adams Street  
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cc: Ms. Fran L. Towle, Commissioner  
Newton Parks & Recreation Dept.

August 27, 2002

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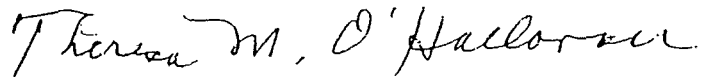
Phase II of the "Urban Self-Help" grant for the Forte Memorial Park in Newton, Mass. will be considered shortly. We would like to add an area of passivity that will feature the performing arts. Since not all children play sports, it would be advantageous for puppet shows, plays and musicals to be showcased as well at the park, to benefit those children with an interest in theater.

Phase I of this program added a raised dias on the basketball court. It would need a bit of structural addition to make it suitable for theater purposes. Newton's "Arts In The Parks" program is a wonderful vehicle serving our area. Children of all ages would be exposed to performances.

One of our community members, Mr. Michael Zolli, is a set designer who has created sets for the television show "Spencer For Hire", as well as many movies. Mr. Zolli and his wife are both teachers in the Newton Public Schools system. Mr. Zolli assisted us during the acceptance of Phase I, and he has expressed a willingness to assist us again during Phase II.

We are hoping for a positive response from you to our application for Phase II. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Theresa M. O'Halloran  
Former Ward I Alderman,  
City of Newton  
# 8 Jackson Terrace  
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cc: Ms. Fran L. Towle, Commissioner  
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