

City of Newton



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Mayor

**Newton, Massachusetts Community Preservation Program
FUNDING REQUEST**

PRE-PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL

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Project TITLE	Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Plan FY 2022-2025 Design Funding															
Project LOCATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Russ Halloran Sports & Recreation Complex @ Albemarle – 256 Albemarle Road, Newtonville McGrath Park – 1600 Washington Street, West Newton Burr School Fields - 171 Pine Street, Auburndale Brown/Oak Hill Middle School Fields – 130 Wheeler Road, Oak Hill Forte Park - 235 California St, Nonantum Upper Falls Playground 'Braceland'- 1146 Chestnut St, Newton Upper Falls 															
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Project FUNDING	A. CPA funds requested: \$ 400,000 – Design for various field improvements	B. Other funds to be used: \$ 375,880 – approximate match	C. Total project cost (A+B): \$ 775,880													
Project SUMMARY	Explain how the project will use the requested CPA funds. You may provide more detail in attachments, but your PROJECT SUMMARY MUST FIT IN THE SPACE BELOW. Use a cover letter for general information about the sponsoring organization's accomplishments.															

NEWTON ATHLETIC FIELDS

Newton has robust and growing athletics programs with thousands of athletes participating in a wide range of sports including football, baseball, lacrosse, soccer, softball and field hockey. Over the past decades: youth athletic organizations have grown, and youth athletics have shifted to “field intensive” sports; playing seasons are both longer and “multi-season”; and adult interest in recreational sports is increasing. As a result, the City’s existing playing fields are more heavily used than ever. Given the limited number of fields that the City has and the limited budget that it has to regularly renovate fields, Newton, like many cities, has been unable to keep up with growing needs and is not currently aligned with the amount of use. Thus, larger capital projects to increase field capacity, reconfiguration for efficiency in use is required.

Challenges for grass fields include lack of irrigation and lack of rest time (harder to accomplish with fields in constant use all spring and fall), which has led to bare patches, uneven surfaces, and hazardous playing conditions. In addition, many fields are sited on former wetlands and lie in or near floodplains, and so have drainage problems, especially in the spring and fall, leading to canceled games and degraded field conditions.

Residents would like to see improvements in drainage for these facilities, and improvements in field amenities such as lights to increase field utilization.

Because of the high demand and continued maintenance issues with grass fields, the “multi-purpose field” athletic community (soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.) has unanimously identified the construction of synthetic fields as its highest priority. Synthetic turf fields allow for notably higher utilization (more hours by more athletes) at a more consistent level of quality than grass fields, thus providing a critical part of a balanced portfolio of athletic facilities. Given the number of synthetic turf field candidates already identified, a program-based approach will enable Newton to successfully manage multiple projects in a more efficient (resources, budget, public input, and effort/duration) manner.

Some of the key items the city has been doing to keep up with athletic trends include: Establishing multiyear, multi-phased project priority (based on usage, demand by program, current inventory, budget, and stakeholder input); understanding renovation costs; Assessing and developing an estimated project delivery timeline. Additionally, to better maintain fields, the City has significantly increased maintenance funding for grass fields.

As a result of the aforementioned assessment by the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department (PRC), the city has determined that the need to enlist a professional landscape architecture and engineering team with appropriate qualifications will be required to assist the City in completing one of the largest investment in athletic fields improvement programs in Newton’s history. Additionally, the city has established the following project goals and criteria for prioritizing projects for a 5-year timeframe, with the goal of continuing to develop a 10-year plan.

PROJECT GOALS AND PRIORITIZATION:

Field Improvement Goals

- Improve quality and quantity of usable multiuse/multipurpose fields
- Improve accessibility in parks
- Establish standardized park design details to better manage operation & maintenance
- Invest equitably in Newton’s Athletic Fields + Parks across the city
- Develop shovel-ready projects

Field Prioritization Criteria

- Potential for greatest city-wide project benefit
- Project sequencing: prioritize new fields being brought online first
- Bandwidth: Balancing concurrent projects against staff time
- Potential for expansion of multiuse fields
- Expanding evening play (light improvements/ additions)
- Safety (Albemarle lights)
- Integrated with other projects in a park area (e.g., path at McGrath)

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USE of CPA FUNDS	RECREATION	
	Preservation	X
	Rehabilitate/ Restore	X
COMMUNITY NEEDS	From each of at least 2 plans linked to the Guidelines & Forms page of www.newtonma.gov/cpa , provide a brief quote with plan title, year, and page number, showing how this project meets previously recognized community needs. You may also list other community benefits not mentioned in any plan.	

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update 2020-2027

- Section 8, Page 141 Goal 2 Objective 2B: A comprehensive City-wide plan to develop an assessment for existing and future active recreational facilities (i.e. sports fields, hard courts, aquatics and other athletic facilities) to optimize playability, expand utility, and ensure public safety to meet the changing needs of Newton residents and the year-round character of athletics in Newton..
- Section 8, Page 141 Goal 2 Objective 2B: Improved City parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities.
- Section 8, Page 141 Goal 3 Objective 3A: Increased accessibility in the City’s Park land.
- Section 8, Page 142 Goal 4 Objective 4A: Improved existing open space resources where need is greatest.
- Section 9, Pages 145-146 Goal 2 Objective 2B: Improved City parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities.
 - Possible Synthetic Turf Projects: # 15 - Brown/Oak Hill Middle Schools: Upgrade existing natural turf fields to synthetic and improve; accessibility throughout; #16 - Albemarle Field/ Russell J. Halloran Athletic Complex: Upgrade existing natural turf to synthetic at football, soccer and baseball fields.
 - Possible Sports Lighting Project: #17 - Modernize, expand sports lighting at Cole and Murphy Fields; repair poles based on public safety assessment and structural assessment of existing lighting equipment.
 - Possible Natural Turf Projects: #24 - Burr School Fields - Consider renovation of existing fields.
- Section 9, Pages 146-146 Goal 2 Objective 2C Improved trails, paths, and infrastructure (e.g., bridges and boardwalks).
 - Possible Trail Improvement Projects: #39 Richard McGrath Park – Plan an accessible pathway project for the fields.
- Section 9, Pages 146-146 Goal3 Objective 3A Maximized accessibility of as many of Newton’s Outdoor Recreation Facilities and Natural Open Spaces as feasible. #62 Implement priority accessibility improvements throughout the City’s park system, including: accessible paths at Cold Spring Park, Plan for paths at Auburndale Playground/Lyons Field (Marty Sender Path) and Richard McGrath Park.

Capital Improvement Plan FY2022-2026

- CIP by Priority FY 2022-2026:
 - Priority #48 - Halloran Field Lights at Albemarle
“Replace sports lighting structures and fixtures at Halloran (Albermarle)”
 - Priority #107 – Halloran Sports Complex
“Synthetic Turf field to include baseball and football/soccer/lacrosse field”
- CIP by Priority FY 2022-2026 Page 152:
 - “At Richard McGrath Park (a.k.a., Warren House) Field Complex in West Newton on Washington Street, the Department is looking to enhance field space to house more rectangular field space to accommodate for lacrosse and soccer for both children and adults. This would include constructing a Lacrosse Wall on site to help enhance players’ skills. The wall would be approximately 15’ tall and 30’ wide”
- Supplemental CIP FY 2022-2026:
 - “Rehabilitation of Athletic Field – The city’s athletic field infrastructure at both parks and schools need significant improvement. The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is developing a long-term plan of field improvement projects for the next five years, with several projects going to the

Community Preservation Committee for funding approval to in 2021. The goal is to improve field quality and increase field use hours by rearranging fields, adding, or improving lighting and rehabilitating the fields themselves. The total cost estimate for the five-year period is 3.75 million, using a combination of CPA and ARPA funds.”

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

List at least 3 Newton residents or organizations willing and able to comment on the project and its manager’s qualifications. No more than 1 should be a supervisor, employee or current work colleague of the project manager or sponsor. Consult staff on the community contacts required for your specific proposal.

Name & title or organization	Email	Phone	Mailing address
Arthur Magni, Chairman Parks & Recreation Commission		617-821-8351	107 Mount Vernon Street Newton, 02465
Midge Connolly, Athletic Field Sub-Committee Member		617-527-6988	289 Cherry Street West Newton 02465
Justin Traxler, President, Newton Girls Soccer, Newton Athletic Field Foundation		617-549-8126	36 Metacomet Rd Newton 02468
Josh Krintzman, Councilor	jkrintzman@newtonma.gov	617-558-0699	77 Crehore Drive, Newton, 02462
John Oliver, Councilor	joliver@newtonma.gov	248-219-3858	14 Wyoming Street Newton, 02460

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Full proposals must include separate, detailed budgets in addition to this page.

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SUMMARY CAPITAL/DEVELOPMENT BUDGET			
Uses of Funds			
Estimated Designer fee for various field projects			\$400,000.00
Approximate staff time for the duration of multi-year plan @ 10/hrs per week for 44 months			\$ 66,880.00
Forte Park Artificial Turf Feasibility			\$17,000.00
McGrath Park Accessible Path CDBG funding			\$92,000.00
Forte Park lighting upgrades – Developer mitigation funds			\$200,000.00
D. TOTAL USES (should equal C. on page 1 and E. below)			\$775,880.00
Sources of Funds		Status (requested, expected, confirmed)	
CPA funding		Requested	\$400,000.00
Approximate staff time for the duration for the duration of multi-year plan		Expected	\$66,880.00
Forte Park Artificial Turf Feasibility – Athletic League		Expected	\$17,000.00
McGrath Park Accessible path – Community Development Block Grant		Confirmed	\$92,000.00
Forte Park lighting upgrades – Developer mitigation funds		Confirmed	\$200,000.00
E. TOTAL SOURCES (should equal C. on page 1 and D. above)			\$775,880.00
SUMMARY ANNUAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET (cannot use CPA funds)			
Uses of Funds			
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F. TOTAL ANNUAL COST (should equal G. below)			\${amount}
Sources of Funds			
			\${amount}
			\${amount}
G. TOTAL ANNUAL FUNDING (should equal F. above)			\${amount}
Project TIMELINE		Phase or Task	Season & Year
See attachment with estimated project schedule			Multi-year

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↓ Check off submitted attachments here.			
REQUIRED.		PHOTOS	of existing site or resource conditions (2-3 photos may be enough)
		MAP	of site in relation to nearest major roads (omit if project has no site)
Pre-proposals: separate attachments not required, just use page 3 of form. Full proposals: separate, detailed budget attachments REQUIRED.	PROJECT FINANCES printed and as computer spreadsheets, with both uses & sources of funds		
		Development budget: include total cost, hard vs. soft costs and contingencies, and project management – amount and cost of time from contractors or staff (in-kind contributions by existing staff must also be costed) Operating/maintenance budget, projected separately for each of the next 10 years (CPA funds may not be used for operations or maintenance)	
		Non-CPA funding: commitment letters, letters of inquiry to other funders, fundraising plans, etc., including both cash and est. dollar value of in-kind contributions Purchasing of goods & services: briefly summarize sponsor’s understanding of applicable state statutes and City policies	
REQUIRED for all full proposals.	SPONSOR FINANCES & QUALIFICATIONS, INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
		For sponsoring department or organization, most recent annual operating budget (revenue & expenses) & financial statement (assets & liabilities); each must include both public (City) and private resources (“friends” organizations, fundraising, etc.) For project manager: relevant training & track record of managing similar projects	
REQUIRED for all full proposals involving City gov., incl. land acquisition.		CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	current listing/ranking & risk factors for this project
		COVER LETTER	from head of City department, board or commission confirming: current custody, or willingness to accept custody, of the resource and commitment of staff time for project management
	ZONING & PERMITTING		
		Permits required: including building permits, environmental permitting, parking waivers, demolition, comprehensive permit, or special permits (if applicable) Other approvals required: Newton Conservation Commission, Newton Historical Commission, Newton Commission on Disabilities, Parks and Recreation Commission, Massachusetts Historical Commission, Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, etc.	
	DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION		
		Professional design & cost estimates: include site plans, landscape plans, etc. Materials & finishes; highlight “green” or sustainable features & materials	
OPTIONAL for all proposals.		LETTERS of SUPPORT	from Newton residents, organizations, or businesses