



## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

July 7, 2022

Tony Mertz  
257 Mountain Avenue  
Malden, MA 02148

Re: Early Learning Center Playground Project

Dear Tony Mertz,

Thank you for submitting a Pre-application to the Malden Community Preservation Committee for the Early Learning Center Playground. The project, as described in the Pre-Application, is found to be eligible for CPA funding, and the Committee invites you to submit a full application for consideration of funding. Full applications are due by Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Your project has been assigned number CPC\_FY23\_0006. Please keep that information for your records.

In reviewing your Pre-Application, the Committee raised the following questions or concerns which they will take into consideration when making a decision about recommending funding for this project:

- Please specify how much of your budget is proposed for design versus construction and justify those expenses given Section 3: General Priorities in the CPC Plan Update wherein it is recommended that applications be for either design or construction while prioritizing projects that leverage other time-sensitive grant opportunities.
- The CPC was surprised by the proposed estimated pricing in the Master Plan. Please provide additional information to support the price estimates including the CPC's cost share of the entire project budget for the proposed phase of the project.
- Indicate how the proposed design maximizes the preservation or sufficient replacement of mature trees to maintain healthy tree canopy (preferably 3 new trees to one mature tree removed). Please also include how existing mature trees will be protected during and after construction and what varieties and sizes of trees will be planted?
- Did the planning/design process take into consideration all of the user groups that currently utilize this park?
- Please provide evidence of community support for the design plans.
- Please indicate the hours that the playground will be open to the public and your plans for promoting public accessibility through signage or other means.
- Have you considered placing a Conservation Restriction on this open space, and if so, what might be the entity that would hold the CR?

Full application forms and instructions can be found at <https://www.cityofmalden.org/313/Community-Preservation-Committee-CPC>. As always, we encourage you bring questions about the application process to the Coordinator, Daniel Koff, [dkoff@cityofmalden.org](mailto:dkoff@cityofmalden.org), or to communicate with the Committee Co-Chairs by contacting Malden CPC at [maldencpc@cityofmalden.org](mailto:maldencpc@cityofmalden.org). You can also bring questions for the Committee to one of the Application Workshops which will be held at the monthly CPC meetings in July and August.



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Very best regards,  
Malden CPC



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