



JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



MINUTES MAY 22, 2019

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) held a regular meeting at 6:30pm in the third floor community room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02144. An audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Members Present Chair Michael Fager, Vice Chair Uma Murugan, Dick Bauer, Laura Beretsky, Jane Carbone, and Tatiana Shannon

Members Absent Luisa Oliveira, Eleanor Rances

Staff Present Kristen Stelljes

Others Present Tim Dineen

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STAFF
Kristen Stelljes

The chair opened the meeting at 6:41p.m.

Agenda item 1: Public comment period

No members of the public were present.

Agenda item 2: Approve minutes from April 25 meeting

Mr. Fager noted that his title was incorrectly noted as "Ms." in one location.

Upon a motion by Ms. Murugan, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the April 25 meeting with correction.

Agenda item 3: Staffing changes

Rebecca Lyn Cooper had to step down from the Committee because she took a position in the City's planning office, requiring that she step down from the Planning Board. The Planning Board is in the process of naming her successor on the CPC.

Ms. Stelljes will become the SomerStat Director in mid-August and will be leading the recruitment process to find her replacement.

Agenda item 4: Project updates

Growing Center: The renovation ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 22 at 9:30am.

Community Path Repaving: The Community Path is closed for the final work on the portion west of Davis Square. CPA funds are paying for a portion of the repaving.

Milk Row Cemetery: The tour and talk by the conservator for the CPA funded tombstone project, Barbara Mangum, will be May 23 at 6pm.

Housing acquisition: With the FY19 awards, CPA funds are now going to support the creation of 91 units of new deed restricted affordable units. Ms. Stelljes is planning a celebration with the Housing Trust staff when the funding is awarded to the 100th unit of CPA supported housing.

Conservation restrictions: The Conservation Commission is reviewing the restriction for 5 Palmer on May 28. Legal counsel is reviewing the restriction for 35 Richardson. SCC has not yet submitted the paperwork for their grant agreement.

Historic preservation restrictions: The restrictions for Grace Baptist Church and the Somerville Museum have been submitted to the Massachusetts Historic Commission for review. Elizabeth Peabody House Association is reviewing their updated restriction that incorporates changes from the Massachusetts Historic Commission. The complete list of grantors is being finalized for the Mystic Water Works property because an LLC was created to manage the Water Works housing and may need to be incorporated as a grantor. Legal counsel is currently reviewing the draft restriction for Mission Church and is considering whether the City's charter would allow for another community to hold the restriction on Prospect Hill Park.

Ms. Stelljes noted that she shared with the Committee the redlined version of the changes Temple B'nai Brith proposed to the model preservation restriction and the memorandum of understanding proposed to cover the public access requirement. She added that the CPC's legal counsel noted that every opportunity was taken to weaken the restriction, the changes limit the applicability of the restriction to only specific parts of the building, it limits the HPC's discretion over changes made to the building, the repayment language is significantly weakened, and the public access is only guaranteed for five years.

Mr. Bauer disclosed that he is a member of Temple B'nai Brith. He shared that he is unhappy with the changes proposed by Temple B'nai Brith to the restriction. He found them to be inappropriate and inconsistent with the shared understanding of the requirements at the time the funding was awarded. In particular he is troubled by the proposed access, which should be perpetual or at least as long as the elevator and sprinkler system is installed. He was concerned about what would happen at the ten year point as there was no language about what would occur if an agreement could not be reached on the renewal. He also shared that he understood that the congregation would provide public meeting space and while he understands the safety concerns, it seems like the access being proposed is insufficient given the CPA investment in the building. He also felt the repayment language was very weak. Mr. Fager agreed that he has concerns about the changes to the repayment language and the public access proposed. He said that he and Ms. Stelljes would meet with the CPC's legal counsel to discuss next steps.

Visit to Chelsea CPC meeting: Mr. Bauer and Ms. Murugan attended the Chelsea CPC meeting to share the Somerville experience with them. They both shared that they found the experience valuable and was impressed with the members of the committee. Ms. Murugan noted that the conversation made her appreciate the role that Heidi plays in managing the housing side of the CPA program, as her role is supported by CPA funds in other communities. She said it would be worth exploring what may be possible at a regional level by combining the CPA resources from multiple communities.

Agenda item 5: CPA legislation updates

Ms. Stelljes noted that the Senate included a \$30 increase to the registry fees in their budget, which is the same increase that was included in the House budget. If this increase passes, the funds would be available to match the FY20 revenue. For the match of FY19 revenue, an additional \$10 million in funding for the state trust fund if there is a budget surplus has been proposed.

Agenda item 6: Approve FY19 annual report

Ms. Murugan asked Ms. Stelljes how she thinks the level of detail in the reports could be maintained over time. Ms. Stelljes suggested that at some point the completed projects could be removed from the document and including the detail of where community projects are in their disbursement schedule as an appendix for the annual report.

Ms. Carbone arrived at 7:20.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Murugan, the Committee approved the FY19 annual report by a vote of 6-0.

Agenda item 7: Approve FY20 budget

Ms. Stelljes presented the proposed FY20 budget. An estimated \$2.22 million will be available. This will be the first year that the City does not anticipate being able to make the optional additional appropriation. An estimated \$368,846 will be the first debt service payment for the 100 Homes bond.

Mr. Bauer noted that there is still a mention of the FY18 rollover funds which have since been spent on the Richardson project and should be removed. Ms. Shannon noted that the dollar amounts needed to be updated in the budget book document.

Upon a motion by Ms. Beretsky, seconded by Ms. Murugan, the Committee approved the FY20 CPA annual budget with amendments by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Stelljes presented the proposed FY20 budget for the CPA administrative funds. Mr. Fager asked why only \$100 is budgeted for conferences. Ms. Stelljes noted that the CPA related conferences that have typically been paid for out of this line have been very inexpensive and \$100 has been sufficient in previous years.

Ms. Shannon noted a typo.

Upon a motion by Ms. Beretsky, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Committee approved the FY20 CPA administrative budget with amendments by a vote of 6-0.

Agenda item 8: Somerville Museum emergency funding request

Ms. Shannon disclosed that she has worked for Ms. Mangum as an intern and will be an unpaid volunteer on the CPA funded collections preservation project.

Barbara Mangum, Trustee of the Somerville Museum, shared that the Museum is required to become ADA accessible because the cost of repair of their slate roof reached the funding threshold established by the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) for becoming fully accessible. The Museum worked with the MAAB and the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission to create a design for the required elevator that was acceptable to both bodies. Abutters sued the Somerville Museum and the City of Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals over the elevator and then appealed the initial decision in favor of the Museum. The legal proceedings have now concluded and the Museum is able to move forward with their elevator project. The Museum currently has approximately \$500,000 for the project but due to escalations in construction expenses, they currently need an additional \$1.2 million for the project to go forward based on the two bids they received from construction firms for the project. Ms. Mangum noted this amount includes some additional work to the building including waterproofing in the basement, renovating the bathrooms, and repairs to the kitchen. The Museum is hoping the CPC will recommend \$600,000 in funding.

Mr. Fager noted that the largest amount the Committee could allocate would be \$550,000 and this would mean that no other historic resources projects could be approved this year. He asked if the Museum was planning a capital campaign to raise funds. Ms. Mangum responded that the Museum is an all volunteer organization and it will be very difficult to raise the funds needed; however, they will undertake a capital campaign. She is hopeful that a trustee will make a large contribution to the project.

Ms. Murugan shared Mr. Fager's concern about allocating all of the FY20 historic preservation funds before the annual application process. She asked why the Museum needs emergency funding and cannot wait for the regular application cycle. Ms. Mangum responded that the trustees of the Museum were very hopeful that they could move the project forward this summer in part because they believed that they had sufficient funds to move forward. They were surprised by how high the bids were for the project at this time. The costs have doubled from the initial estimates in 2016. Not being ADA accessible prevents them from being able to host meetings and seek other grant funds.

Mr. Bauer said that this project will transform the Museum and so should be a priority and should be done fully at this time, rather than taking half measures, such as installing an elevator that does not reach all the floors. He said that anything in the proposal that is not related to the building and installation of the elevator project will need to be postponed.

Ms. Carbone suggested dividing the project into several phases that could be completed over multiple years. The Museum needs to determine how much they can realistically raise and then value engineer the project.

Mr. Bauer moved that the CPC recommend an award of \$444,000 for the elevator. Mr. Fager then proposed an amendment that \$300,000 be recommended from the historic resources reserve and \$111,000 be recommended from the budgeted reserve, which was seconded by Ms. Murugan. Ms. Carbone offered an amendment to revise the numbers to \$250,000 from the historic reserve and \$50,000 from the budgeted reserve.

Upon a motion by Ms. Carbone, seconded by Ms. Beretsky, the Committee voted 5-1, with Mr. Fager voting against, to approve \$300,000 for the Somerville Museum elevator project, with \$250,000 from the historic resources reserve and \$50,000 from the budgeted reserve.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Murugan, the Committee voted 6-0 to place the following funding conditions on the award for the elevator project:

1. Execution, and recording, of an historic preservation restriction, which includes a public access agreement, that was required by the FY15 CPA grant.
2. Upon commencement of the Project and as appropriate, the Somerville Museum agrees to post a sign stating that the Project was funded through the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act program.
3. CPA funds will only go towards costs directly related to the construction of the elevator.

Agenda item 9: Marka Powderhouse School Park emergency funding request

Sebastian Mariscal presented the request for funding for a public park at the Powderhouse School that is being built by Marka. The park will be owned by the City of Somerville. Marka is requesting additional funding because there is currently a budget shortfall for the park which comes from both escalating construction fees since the budget was first prepared and additional expenses that were added to respond to community requests for features within the park.

Mr. Fager asked Mr. Mariscal how he knows what the funding gap will be if construction hasn't begun. Mr. Mariscal responded that the bids from the construction firms have come in and the funding gap from the low bidder is \$122,000 higher than funding available for the CPA relevant items. Ms. Carbone asked if there was a contingency included in the budget. Mr. Mariscal responded that there is a 5% contingency. Should that not be needed to complete the project as planned it will be used to fund additional features.

Mr. Bauer asked if Marka did not receive the additional funding from the CPC what would happen. Mr. Mariscal said that the project would be value engineered and items would be removed from the project.

Ms. Murugan asked what the nature of the emergency is for the request. Mr. Mariscal responded that groundbreaking is scheduled to begin in July so if they waited for the regular application cycle the project would be mostly completed.

Ms. Beretsky said that the project has been underway for years and the project is well received by the community.

Ms. Beretsky moved that \$90,000 be recommended from the open space reserve and \$32,000 from the budgeted reserve. Ms. Murugan proposed an amendment to fund \$122,000 from the budgeted reserve. Mr. Fager offered an amendment to fund \$61,000 from the open space reserve and \$61,000 from the budgeted reserve.

Upon a motion by Mr. Fager, seconded by Ms. Shannon, the Committee voted 6-0, to approve \$122,000 for the Marka Powderhouse project, with \$61,000 from the open space/recreational land reserve and \$61,000 from the budgeted reserve.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Beretsky, the Committee voted 6-0, to place the following funding conditions on the award for the Powderhouse School park project:

1. Upon commencement of the Project and as appropriate, the Marka agrees to post a sign stating that the Project was funded through the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act program.
2. Marka will complete the project as presented to the Community Preservation Committee on May 22, 2019 without any reduction to the scope.
3. CPA funds will only go towards CPA eligible aspects of the project.

Agenda item 10: ArtFarm bond

The Committee decided that they do not want to reconsider the approach to funding the ArtFarm project given the delay in consideration by the City Council.

Agenda item 11: CPA process evaluation

The Committee agreed to postpone the next process evaluation to a later year.

Agenda item 12: ArtBeat table

Ms. Stelljes asked if any other Committee members were available to staff the CPA table at ArtBeat on July 13. Committee members will check their calendars and let Ms. Stelljes know if they are available.

Agenda item 13: Discussion options for including alternates on the Community Preservation Committee

The Committee agreed that they do not want to take any action on exploring options for including alternates at this time.

Agenda item 14: Dog Park Feasibility Study Final Report discussion

The Committee agreed there was nothing further to discuss on the dog park feasibility study.

Agenda item 15: Other business

There was no further business.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the CPC will be held at 6:30pm on June 26, 2019.

Meeting Adjournment

Upon motion from Ms. Murugan, seconded by Ms. Beretsky, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn at approximately 9:30.

Documents and Exhibits

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from the April 25, 2019 meeting
3. Proposed preservation restriction and memorandum of understanding from Temple B'nai Brith
4. Draft FY19 CPA Annual Report and appendix
5. Draft FY2020 CPA Budget
6. Draft funding recommendation for the Somerville Museum emergency funding request
7. Draft funding recommendation for the Marka Powderhouse School Park project
8. Funding recommendation for the ArtFarm project
9. Emergency application materials from the Somerville Museum request
10. Emergency application materials from Marka request



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AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, May 22, 2019
TIME: 6:30pm
PLACE: Visiting Nurse Association, Third Floor Community Room
259 Lowell St.

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1. Public comment period (10 minutes)
2. Approve minutes from April 25 meeting
3. Staffing Changes
4. Project Updates
5. CPA Legislation Updates
6. Approve FY19 Annual Report
7. Approve FY20 Budget
8. Somerville Museum emergency funding request
9. Marka PowderHouse School Park emergency funding request
10. ArtFarm Bond
11. CPA Process Evaluation
12. ArtBeat table
13. Discussion options for including alternates on the Community Preservation Committee
14. Dog Park Feasibility Study Final Report discussion
15. Other business
16. Next meeting: Wednesday, August 26th at 7 p.m. (Visiting Nurse Association)



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The chair opened the meeting at 6:35p.m.

Agenda item 1: Public comment period

Mr. Dineen noted the VNA planted five new trees on the property.

Agenda item 2: Approve minutes

Upon a motion by Ms. Murugan, seconded by Ms. Beretsky, the minutes from the February 27 meeting was approved by a vote of 5-0.

[Ms. Carbone arrives]

On the March 20 minutes, Ms. Oliveira noted that the 'Others Present' section needs to be updated and Mr. Fager asked that the minutes note that the meeting served as the Committee's SomerSupper.

Upon a motion by Ms. Murugan, seconded by Ms. Oliveira, the Committee approved the minutes from the March 20 meeting with corrections by a vote of 6-0.

For the March 27 hearing, Ms. Murugan noted her name was misspelled on the first page.

Upon a motion by Ms. Oliveira, seconded by Ms. Rances, the Committee approved the minutes from the March 27 hearing with corrections by a vote of 6-0.

Agenda item 3: Project updates

West Branch Library: Ms. Murugan attended the project groundbreaking, which was well attended. Ms. Stelljes noted that the project has changed plans and will not be spending any of the CPA funds in FY19, so the bond will not be issued until FY20. As a result, no debt service will be paid on the \$2.5 million bond until FY21.

Prospect Hill Park: Ms. Oliveira shared that the project has begun and trees will be removed the following week. The Tower is still accessible. She anticipates the park will be complete next year.

Healey Schoolyard: Ms. Oliveira shared the design bid has gone out and the City will be picking the designer soon. The first phase will be to improve the tot lot while necessary geotechnical work is being done to determine if a field can be added to the schoolyard. The City will also explore how to create an ADA walkway. City funds will be used for the field work.

Butterfly Garden at Morse Kelly: Ms. Oliveira shared that the plants are coming up in the butterfly garden and Green and Open Somerville has put up signs so people will know what is happening. She noted they created a designated area for dogs to use after they noted that people were curbing their dogs on the new plants.

[Mr. Bauer arrives]

5 Palmer: Ms. Stelljes noted that the state has given her approval to circulate the conservation restriction for the 5 Palmer parcel for signatures. Once approved, it will be the first conservation restriction in Somerville. Mr. Fager asked when the house will be coming down. Ms. Stelljes responded that it will be demolished after the school year ends.

100 Homes: Ms. Stelljes shared that the Housing Trust will be going to bond for the full \$6 million approved for the project in FY19. A final number for the debt service will be available in May. The current estimate for the debt service is \$317,000 annually, which is approximately 16% of anticipated revenue in FY20.

Temple B'nai Brith: Mr. Bauer disclosed that he is a member of Temple B'nai Brith. Ms. Stelljes provided background for new members that the Temple was awarded funds in FY15 to install an elevator and a fire safety system. Because the work funded was internal to the building, the Committee's funding conditions were a requirement for public access with the requirement for a perpetual preservation restriction. The Temple received the draft restriction, which included the public access requirement, in July and responded in December that they reject the inclusion of public access in the preservation restriction and asked for other substantial changes to the City's document. Ms. Stelljes noted that all perpetual preservation restrictions must be approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, which asks that the restrictions follow a model template and does not commonly approve deviations from the model. Ms. Stelljes met with the rabbi on January 31 and discussed the issue of public access.

The congregation has reservations about providing public access because of the rise in anti-Semitic violence. Ms. Stelljes and the rabbi discussed options for public access that would be appropriate for the safety of the congregation while meeting the requirement of the funding condition. The rabbi proposed creating an art gallery in the temple. They also agreed that it would be useful for the temple's executive committee to meet with the preservation planning staff to discuss the requirements to reach a common understanding. The rabbi said she would discuss these ideas with the executive committee. Following their meeting, Ms. Stelljes received an email from a member of the executive committee saying they had not heard from her. Ms. Stelljes asked for an update on the discussions regarding the art gallery. The next correspondence she received was from a lawyer who is also a congregant, so the conversation is now between this lawyer and the legal counsel from the City who advises the CPC.

The Temple's lawyer prepared a proposed preservation restriction that did not have the changes marked in track changes, so the City's legal counsel has not had the opportunity to review the document. The lawyer included the public access component in a memorandum of understanding, which is not an enforceable instrument and proposed a period of access of five years that could be extended to ten. She noted that they are also seeking to not have the full building included and to alter the repayment language covering what the temple would need to repay if they violate the agreement, among other requested changes.

Mr. Fager noted that he has had conversations with the City's legal counsel and he and Ms. Murugan, as the vice chair, will continue to be in touch with counsel through this process. He said that the terms of the agreement cannot be changed at this point and if the Temple did not want to accept the conditions, they could have refused the funding.

Ms. Murugan and Ms. Oliveira noted that other grantees may also feel uncomfortable providing public access given the rise in violence in public spaces. Members asked what other public access agreements are in place. Ms. Stelljes said that no other grantee with a public access requirement has shared safety concerns with her. The Somerville Museum will be open free to the public one day per month and the Mystic Water Works building will be available for historic tours, because there is no meeting space within the building. The Growing Center will also provide public hours per their license agreement as agreed upon with the CPC. The other historic grantees currently provide social services directly from their buildings such as food pantries, day cares, and a homeless shelter.

Mr. Bauer noted that for all of the other CPA funded historic projects, CPA funds supported work on the exterior of the building. The funds for the Temple went to the interior for the elevator construction and the fire safety system which could also protect the exterior. The fact that the funds in the Temple's case went for interior work makes it a qualitatively different project and makes public access particularly important.

Mr. Bauer said his recollection was that the Temple would offer publicly accessible meeting space and he thought that it was understood that the public access requirement would be perpetual. Mr. Fager

agreed. Ms. Stelljes shared that she did not find documentation that the Temple had committed to providing public meeting space.

Ms. Stelljes said she would share the documents after they have been reviewed by the CPC's legal counsel.

West Somerville Community School: Ms. Beretsky asked for an update on the West Somerville Community School project. Ms. Stelljes said that it would be some time before the RFP was released because the Healey School RFP was just released and the Parks and Open Space division doesn't have the staff capacity to start an additional project that this time.

Agenda Item 4: CPA legislation update

Ms. Stelljes updated the Committee that the House included the increase to the CPA fee in their budget for the first time and the Coalition has begun a Save CPA campaign to support the increase to the registry fee that supports the CPA state trust fund.

Agenda item 5: Review Somerville Affordable Housing Trust report

Ms. Carbone asked Ms. Stelljes to confirm if the Glen St. project is for homeownership and she said that it is a homeownership project.

Mr. Bauer appreciated how comprehensive the report is.

Ms. Murugan asked about the status of the Clarendon Hill project. Ms. Carbone said the project is in promising conversations with a Dutch company that created high quality modular units.

Agenda item 6: Finalize Community Preservation Plan

Ms. Murugan noted that the need for family housing arose as a concern during the public hearing and that has not been stated as a priority in the plan. The Committee noted that the 100 Homes project has completed several three bedroom units as well as one four and one five bedroom unit.

Mr. Fager noted that the public comments suggest that the amount for housing should be lowered and the amount for open space should be raised. He noted that he was not comfortable making that suggestion. Ms. Oliveira noted that many of the people who are in the greatest need for housing often do not provide public comment.

Ms. Murugan said that the window may be closing on opportunities for both affordable housing and open space. Ms. Fager said he was supportive of reserving funds for land acquisition. Ms. Stelljes noted that the City now has a land acquisition fund.

Mr. Bauer and Ms. Carbone shared that they would like to maintain the same funding allocations. Mr. Bauer said that he finds it valuable to have some funds in the flexible category.

[Ms. Carbone departs meeting]

Upon a motion by Ms. Murugan, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Committee voted 6-0 for the following funding allocations for FY20:

- Community Housing = 50%
- Historic Resources = 15%
- Open Space and Recreational Land = 20%
- Undesignated/flexible = 10%
- Administrative = 5%

Mr. Bauer asked the Committee if the members would like to expand on the priority around open space acquisition in the plan. The Committee agreed they wanted to leave the language as it is.

Ms. Oliveira pointed that the numbers of open space acres and garden plot waitlist should be updated.

Upon a motion by Ms. Oliveira, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the Community Preservation Plan with revisions.

Agenda item 7: Review results from FY19 Applicant Survey

Ms. Stelljes reviewed the results from FY19 applicant survey with the Committee. Seven out of 13 possible responded. Everyone who submitted an eligibility determination form was invited to respond to the survey. Applicants found the process to be transparent and the feedback they received to be useful. They provided some input on how the process could be streamlined. Ms. Murugan asked if it was possible to learn more about the applicants that are spending over 20 hours on the application. Ms. Stelljes said that because the responses are anonymous she cannot determine which applicants provided which responses. Ms. Stelljes noted that all of the respondents noted they had received funding, so we do not have responses from the applicants who did not receive funding. Ms. Stelljes said she sends three reminder emails.

Agenda item 8: Finalize the FY20 Application Packet

Ms. Stelljes asked the Committee to consider establishing a policy around when public access will be required for historic resources projects. Mr. Fager said that requirements for public access should be dependent upon the work funded. If funding goes to improve the exterior, the public benefit is the ability to view the preserved historic building. However, if interior work is funded then public access should be required. Mr. Bauer agreed.

Ms. Stelljes said she would note this policy in the application packet. Ms. Murugan said that applicants should be asked to propose what they would like to provide in terms of public access where relevant.

Upon a motion by Ms. Murugan, seconded by Ms. Oliveira, the Committee approved the application packet with revisions by a vote of 6-0.

Agenda item 9: Discuss options for including alternates

The Committee opted to table further discussion about alternates for the Committee until the May meeting.

Agenda item 10: Applications for Coalition Steering Committee

Mr. Bauer is considering applying to join the Community Preservation Coalition's steering committee.

Agenda item 11: Dog Park Feasibility Study Final Report

The Committee opted to table further discussion about the dog park feasibility study until the May meeting.

Agenda item 12: Other business

There was no other business.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the CPC will be held at 6:30pm on May 22, 2019.

Meeting Adjournment

Upon motion from Ms. Murugan, seconded by Mr. Bauer, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn at approximately 8:40.

Documents and Exhibits

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from February 27 and March 20 meetings
3. Minutes from March 27 public hearing
4. Spring Affordable Housing Trust Fund report
5. Results from community event voting activity
6. Public comments on FY20 Community Preservation Plan
7. Results from online survey on FY20 Community Preservation Plan
8. Draft FY20 Community Preservation Plan
9. Draft FY20 CPA application packet- historic resources and open space/recreational land
10. West Somerville Dog Park Feasibility Study report

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Congregation B'nai Brith and Somerville, Massachusetts
Regarding Public Use

In recognition of section 5 of the Historic Preservation Restriction granted to the City of Somerville by Congregation B'nai Brith ("CBB"), this Memorandum of Understanding sets out the plan for Public Access to and use of the property. CBB looks forward to being in our Somerville home for many years, and looks forward to sharing the beauty and historicity of the building with the public for many years to come.

1. This agreement will be in gross binding only on CBB but not any potential future owners of the property. CBB has no current plans to sell or convey the building in the future.
2. Term: The initial term for this agreement shall be five years. The agreement shall renew automatically for another term of five years unless renegotiated. After ten years, if the agreement has not been changed, the parties to the agreement will undertake a review of the arrangement for the purpose of negotiating, in good faith, a furtherance of the agreement. After a total of thirty (30) years, Congregation B'nai Brith may, but will no longer be required to, provide public access to the inside of the building; but, it is our intent and hope to re-new for additional periods and to continue to work cooperatively with the City to continue to allow public access inside the building for as long as we control and own the building
3. General Restrictions on Visitors: Congregation B'nai Brith has the right to deny entry to anyone who they deem to be a risk to security, or safety.
 - a. No one will be allowed into the building while carrying a weapon, except for public safety officers.
 - b. No food or drink (except water) may be brought into the building except in the case where advance arrangements are made with the staff.
 - c. Depending on the activity or function for which access is desired, there may be areas of the building which are not offered for access.
 - d. No access will be provided on Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday, or on any Jewish holidays unless the guest wishes to participate in worship services.
4. Categories of access:
 - a. Tours: CBB will provide for quarterly Docent led tours of the inside and outside of the building. Participants in the tours will be required to register in advance for a tour. Interior offices of the rabbi and staff employees will not be included in the tour, and the kitchen facilities will not be included.
 - b. Open houses: CBB will open our doors once each year for an open house. During the open house, we will have volunteers stationed around the inside of the building to answer questions and direct people. Any visitor to an open house must present identification and sign in before being allowed into the building. During the open

house, access to interior offices of the rabbi and staff employees, and the kitchen will not be allowed.

- c. Community centered events: During the year, CBB may sponsor events including movie nights, lectures, debates, or other events which may be of interest to community members. Anyone may attend these without charge. These events are held in Nissenbaum Hall and usually scheduled one-two months in advance. CBB will advertise these through its usual methods including our newsletter, Facebook page, and website. The city may also disseminate this information as it deems fit. During these events, other areas of the synagogue are not accessible.
- d. Gallery space: CBB will make available three contiguous areas of the first floor for space in which artists can display their work to the public.
 - i. Location: The hallway inside of the handicapped doorway, the vestibule and the lounge area outside the elevator, and the chapel shall be available for exhibits. During the gallery hours only the area with the artwork and the bathrooms shall be available for access.
 - ii. Hours: The gallery shall be open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 2:00 as long as this does not conflict with religious observances. These days and times may be changed to suit the public's preference and the staffing requirements of CBB.
 - iii. Artists and works will be chosen by a committee appointed by the board of directors of CBB from submissions by the artists. The works chosen will be from both Jewish and non-Jewish artists and may or may not be religious in nature. It is our expectation that each work will be exhibited for several months and then rotated out for a new work by another artist.

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PRESERVATION RESTRICTION AGREEMENT
between the

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
and,

CONGREGATION B'NAI BRITH

THIS PRESERVATION RESTRICTION ("Restriction"), is made this _____ day of _____, 2019, between Congregation B'nai Brith ("Grantor"), 201 Central Street, Somerville, MA 02145, and the City of Somerville acting by and through its Historic Preservation Commission ("Grantee"), a governmental body in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with an address of 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Grantor is owner in fee simple of certain real property located at 201 Central Street, in the City of Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"), being that property conveyed by Albert M. Barnes as trustee for Samuel T. Downer in a deed dated and recorded on March 31, 1916 with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 4040, Page 259, more particularly described in the Deed of Record and Plan Record (Exhibit A), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and shown on an Assessor Parcel Map (Exhibit B), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, said Property including the following building, as described in the 2005 survey Form B, (hereinafter referred to as the "Building"):

Temple B'nai Brith is a Byzantine Revival masonry building with a compact rectangular plan. The synagogue measures three bays by five bays and rises three stories above a raised, cast stone basement to flat-roofed structural components. The tripartite main facade features a trio of arched entrances set off by cast stone enframements. Access to the entrances is provided by a broad flight of concrete steps. The steps are flanked by high shouldered masonry components. Rising from atop these flanking components are original lighting fixtures in the form of tall cast stone columns supported by milk glass globes.¹ The center pavilion is characterized by a shallow three bay projection from the main body of the building. Cast stone piers define the edges of the broad entrance bay. Flanking the entrance bay are narrow walls pierced by a single narrow window at each of their three stories. Above the arched entrances are three recessed panels that rise to the curving line of an arch. Set off by cast stone wall surfaces, the buff brick panels are pierced by a center, circular stained glass window depicting the Star of David. The circular window is flanked by narrow arched windows. The center pavilion culminates in a broad, low arch. At the apex of the arch are two round-arched cast stone panels depicting an open prayer book. Set back behind the center pavilion rises a central block with a segmental arched pediment. The center, three-story component is flanked by bays with crenelated cornices. The tripartite windows on the side elevations are vertically aligned and separated by piers. The windows on the third story culminate in arches. These windows on the first and second story are

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surmounted by rectangular brickwork panels and the tripartite windows of the third story culminate in arches;

WHEREAS, the Building specifically excludes the addition which was built in 1951-52, and later revised in 1989-90 and which is behind and attached to the rear of the Building and not readily visible from a public way (hereinafter "the 1951-52 addition");

WHEREAS, the Building as so defined above is historically significant for its architecture and historical associations in Somerville, retaining integrity of craftsmanship, setting, materials and design, and in particular as being the finest example of a Byzantine Revival ecclesiastical building in Somerville;

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WHEREAS, The Property specifically excludes any and all other real property such as the land and improvements thereon (other than the Building as described above) which Grantor now owns. As used in this Restriction, the word Property also excludes any property Grantor acquires in the future;

WHEREAS, Grantor and Grantee both recognize the architectural, historic and cultural values and significance (hereinafter "Preservation Values") of the Building and Property, and have the common purpose of preserving the aforesaid preservation values and significance of the Building and Property;

WHEREAS, the Building's and Property's Preservation Values are documented with the following, all of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference:

Massachusetts Historical Commission Form B – Building Survey, dated March 7, 2005, by architectural historian Mr. Edward Jordan (Exhibit C);

June 2006 Letter from the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Somerville to Temple B'nai Brith (Exhibit D);

Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) Inventory Building Form prepared in July, 2013 by Barbara Mangum (Exhibit E);

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Determination of Historic Significance, dated October 21, 2014, prepared by the City of Somerville's Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (Exhibit F);

Alteration To A Historic Property Staff Report, dated January 12, 2016, by the City of Somerville's Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (Exhibit G);

Five (5) photographs taken by Eric Dray in September, 2017 (Exhibit H). Archival prints of these photographs will be stored by the Grantee at Somerville City Hall, Historic Preservation Commission files, and

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() photographs taken on (Exhibit I) to document the minor but important security upgrades made to the exterior of the building, all as approved by The Massachusetts Historical Commission and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as discussed below.

WHEREAS, the City of Somerville's Historic Preservation Commission issued to Grantor a Certificate of Adherence in Preservation Restriction, dated January 26, 2016 authorizing Grantor to make changes to the exterior of the building in order to allow an ADA accessible elevator to be installed. (Exhibit J).

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WHEREAS the Massachusetts Historical Commission on January 8, 2018 pursuant to 950 CMR approved a Project Notification Form thereby authorizing minor but important security upgrades to the exterior of the building, including the installation of a Camera-based surveillance security system, Access control system, Alarm system, Shatter resistant windows and other security upgrades. (Exhibit K).

WHEREAS The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has reviewed and on August 16, 2018 approved the installation of access controls, cameras, lights & alarms; and the replacement of a door and the repair of doors & window grates and related security upgrades. (Exhibit L).

WHEREAS Exhibits A through L above are hereinafter referred to as the "Baseline Documentation", which Baseline Documentation the parties agree provides an accurate representation of the Building as of the effective date of this Restriction;

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WHEREAS, the grant of a preservation restriction by Grantor to Grantee on the Property will assist in preserving and maintaining the Building and its architectural, historic, and cultural features for the benefit of the people of the City of Somerville, Middlesex County, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the United States of America,

WHEREAS, the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen appropriated Community Preservation Act ("CPA") funds in a meeting convened on March 26, 2015, Agenda item #198617, for the addition of an elevator in order to bring the Building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and add a fire safety sprinkler system for compliance with state and local building codes, and for the preservation and rehabilitation of Temple B'nai Brith, all as expressly provided in Mass. Gen. L. c. 44B, § 2 and other laws;

WHEREAS, to that end, Grantor desires to grant to Grantee, and Grantee desires to accept this historic preservation restriction over the exterior of the Building (the "Restriction") in perpetuity, except as otherwise provided herein, pursuant to the Act.

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NOW, THEREFORE, for \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration, Grantor does hereby irrevocably grant and convey unto the Grantee this Restriction in perpetuity over the exterior of the Building as described above.

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1. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Restriction to ensure that the architectural, historic, and cultural features of the exterior of the Building, which are visible from Central Street as described and documented in the Baseline Documentation, will be retained and maintained forever, substantially in their historically-appropriate condition for preservation purposes and to prevent any use or change to the exterior of the Building or the Property that will significantly impair or interfere with the Building's Preservation Values (the "Purpose of this Restriction"). Characteristics that contribute to the architectural and historical integrity of the Property include, but are not limited to, the setting and location of the Building; and architectural features, materials, appearance, and workmanship of the Building. All Baseline Documentation Exhibits, as well as the Restriction Guidelines, attached hereto as Exhibit M, shall be attached to and recorded with this Restriction.

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2.1 Grantor's Covenants: Covenant to Maintain. Grantor agrees at all times and to the best of its ability to maintain the exterior of the Building and the Property in sound structural condition and good state of repair in accordance with the terms of this paragraph (allowing for historically-accurate restoration that may be made from time to time). It is the Grantor's intent that the exterior of the Building be maintained in a physical appearance and composition that is as close to its current appearance and composition as is

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reasonably possible. Grantor's obligation to maintain shall require replacement, repair, and reconstruction by Grantor whenever necessary and to the best of its ability to preserve the exterior of the Building in sound structural condition and a good state of repair, except as otherwise provided herein. Subject to the casualty provisions of Paragraphs 7 and 8, and as otherwise provided herein, this obligation to maintain shall require repair, restoration, replacement, rebuilding, and reconstruction of the Building in accordance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (36 C.F.R. 67 and 68), as these may be amended from time to time (the "Secretary's Standards"), and in accordance with the Restriction Guidelines in Exhibit M.

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2.2 Grantor's Covenants: Prohibited Activities. The following acts or uses are expressly forbidden on, over, or under the Property, except as otherwise conditioned in this paragraph:

(a) the Building as defined above shall not be demolished, removed, moved or razed except as provided in Paragraphs 7, 8, 22 and 26;

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(c) the dumping of ashes, trash, or rubbish is prohibited on the Property; and

(b) no above-ground utility transmission lines, except those already in existence and those reasonably necessary for the existing Building, may be created on the Property, subject to any utility easements already recorded.

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3.1 Conditional Rights Requiring Approval by Grantee. Without the prior express written approval of the Grantee, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld but which may be subject to such reasonable conditions pursuant to Paragraph 22 and 25 and as Grantee in its reasonable discretion may determine, Grantor shall not make any major changes to the exterior of the Building as defined above which is visible from Central Street including the alteration, partial removal, construction, remodeling, or other physical or structural change, including signs or advertisements (excepting any currently existing signs and a plaque giving notice of the historic significance of the Building or Property as provided in Paragraph 6), any major change in material or color or any change to the footprint, size, mass, ridge line, and roof lines of the Building, and removal, replacement or alteration of any character-defining features, such as doors and surrounds and cornice trim. Activities by Grantor to maintain the exterior of the Building which are intended to be performed in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2.1, and which are of a minor nature, shall not require the prior approval of the Grantee. For the purposes of this section, interpretation of what constitutes major vs minor changes or alterations to the building's exterior, is guided by the Restriction Guidelines (Exhibit M). The Grantor and Grantee agree that the door to the side entrance needs to be replaced soon, for functionality and security, and that the replacement will be discussed with Grantee whose approval, particularly in light of Grantor's security needs, will not be unreasonably withheld. Grantor and Grantee further agree that nothing in this paragraph or in this Restriction prohibits Grantor from

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a. removing, demolishing or renovating the 1951-52 addition;

b. creating an opening or openings in the rear of the building to allow any new addition to be internally connected to the building, provided any such opening or openings are done in a way which will not harm the building, and provided further that Grantee will be notified in advance of any such work being undertaken; or

c. making any other changes or development or construction of any kind on any other part of Grantor's current property or on any adjoining property it may acquire in the future, provided that no such development or construction or change obstructs the visibility of the building from Central Street and provided further that Grantee is notified in advance of any such proposed changes or development or construction.

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3.2 Review of Grantor's Requests for Approval. Where Grantee's permission is required under Paragraph 3.1, Grantor shall submit to the Grantee two copies of information (including plans, specifications, and designs where appropriate) identifying the proposed activity with reasonable specificity. In connection therewith, Grantor shall also submit to the Grantee a timetable for the proposed activity sufficient to permit the Grantee to monitor such activity. Within forty-five (45) days of the Grantee's receipt of any plan or written request for approval hereunder, the Grantee shall certify in writing that (a) it approves the plan or request, or (b) it disapproves the plan or request as submitted, in which case the Grantee shall provide Grantor with written suggestions for modification or a written explanation for the Grantee's disapproval. Any failure by the Grantee to act within forty-five (45) days of receipt of Grantor's submission or resubmission of plans or requests shall be deemed to constitute approval by the Grantee of the plan or request as submitted and to permit Grantor to undertake the proposed activity in accordance with the plan or request submitted so long as the request sets forth the provision of this section relating to deemed approval following the passage of time, provided that nothing herein shall be construed to permit Grantor to undertake any of the activities prohibited hereunder.

3.3 Archaeological Activities. The conduct of archaeological activities, including without limitation survey, excavation, and artifact retrieval, may occur only following the submission of an archaeological field investigation plan prepared by Grantor and approved in writing by the Grantee and the State Archaeologist of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 9, § 27C and 950 C.M.R. 70.00.

4. Standards for Review. In exercising any authority created by the Restriction to inspect the Building; to review any construction, repair, restoration, alteration, reconstruction or construction; or to review casualty damage or to reconstruct or approve reconstruction of the Building following casualty damage, the Grantee shall apply the Secretary's Standards and the Restriction Guidelines in Exhibit E.

5. Public Access. As expressly provided in the Grant, Grantor agrees to execute a public access agreement in gross thereafter, "public access agreement" with the City, the terms of which will be negotiated by the Grantor to this Restriction and by the City. The public access agreement will be in gross, for a defined period of years. It will not be in perpetuity, and will not run with the land. Furthermore, and as described in Paragraphs 22 and 25 and elsewhere herein, Grantor and Grantee recognize and agree that changes in circumstances may necessitate changes in the public access agreement. Accordingly, both Grantor and Grantee agree to continue to negotiate in good faith in the future, both to discuss any necessary changes in the terms of the public access agreement as well as regarding any renewal of the public access agreement in gross beyond its initial term. Both Grantor and Grantee further acknowledge and agree to make reasonable modifications to the public access agreement as circumstances require.

6. Grantor's Reserved Rights. Subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 2.1, 2.2, and 3.1, the following rights, uses, and activities of or by Grantor on, over, or under the Property are permitted by this Restriction and by the Grantee without further approval by the Grantee:

- (a) the right to engage in all those acts and uses that: (i) are permitted by governmental statute or regulation; (ii) do not substantially impair the Preservation Values of the Building and Property; and (iii) are not inconsistent with the Purpose of this Restriction;
- (b) pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 2.1, the right to maintain and repair the exterior of the Building and Property, strictly according, where appropriate, to the Secretary's Standards. As used in this subparagraph, the right to maintain and repair shall mean the use by Grantor to the extent reasonably available of in-kind materials and colors, applied with workmanship comparable to that which was used in the construction or application of those materials being repaired or maintained, for the purpose of retaining in good condition the appearance and construction of the exterior of the Building and Property. The right to maintain and repair as used in this subparagraph shall not include the right to make changes in appearance, materials, colors, and workmanship from that

Deleted: 5. Public Access. The Building will be placed on the Somerville list of accessible buildings for public meetings and meetings of Somerville community organizations. Exact location(s) of meetings within the Building and frequency of availability to be reasonably determined by the Grantor and Grantee. Meeting space must be offered free-of-charge to the City of Somerville. A nominal fee may be charged for other users. Meeting space shall be made available during evening and weekend hours that do not conflict with the Sabbath or with the observance of religious holidays and related events. The sanctuary will be open to the public once a month for tours, time and dates to be reasonably determined by the Grantor and Grantee. Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may result in Grantee requiring repayment of all or a portion of the CPA grant funds received by Grantor. ¶

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existing prior to the maintenance and repair without the prior approval of the Grantee, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2;

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- (c) the rights of Grantor as set forth in Paragraph 3.1 a. through c. inclusive, to make all changes as discussed therein, subject to prior review and approval by Grantee, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld;

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- (d) the right to provide and maintain a plaque on the Property giving notice of the historical significance of the Building, subject to Grantee's reasonable approval; and

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- (e) the right to temporarily place and display such items as flags and signs on and around the Property to celebrate, commemorate, or otherwise provide notice of such things as holidays and special occasions and celebrations.

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7. Casualty Damage or Destruction. In the event that the Building shall be materially damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, windstorm, hurricane, earth movement, or other casualty, Grantor shall notify the Grantee in writing within fourteen (14) days of the damage or destruction, such notification including what, if any, emergency work has already been completed. No repairs to or reconstruction of the exterior of any type, other than emergency work to prevent further damage to the structural integrity of the Building or the exterior of the Building, shall be undertaken by Grantor without the Grantee's prior written approval of the work. Within seventy-five (75) days of the date of damage or destruction, if required by the Grantee, the Grantor shall, at its expense, submit to the Grantee a written report prepared by a qualified restoration architect and an engineer who are acceptable to the Grantor and the Grantee. The report shall include the following:

- (a) an assessment of the nature and extent of the damage;
- (b) a determination of the feasibility of the restoration of the Building and/or reconstruction of damaged or destroyed portions of the Building; and
- (c) a report of such restoration/reconstruction work necessary to return the Building to the condition existing at the date hereof.

8. Review After Casualty Damage or Destruction. If, after reviewing the report provided in Paragraph 7 and assessing the availability of insurance proceeds after satisfaction of any mortgagee's/lender's claims under Paragraph 9, Grantor and the Grantee agree that the Purpose of the Restriction will be served by such restoration/reconstruction, Grantor and the Grantee shall establish a schedule under which Grantor shall complete the restoration/reconstruction of the Building in accordance with plans and specifications consented to by the parties up to at least the total of the casualty insurance proceeds available to Grantor.

If, after reviewing the report and assessing the availability of insurance proceeds after satisfaction of any mortgagee's/lender's claims under Paragraph 9, Grantor and the Grantee agree that restoration/reconstruction of the Building is impractical or impossible, or agree that the Purpose of the Restriction would not be served by such restoration/reconstruction, Grantor may, with the prior written consent of the Grantee, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, alter, demolish, remove or raze the Building, and/or construct new improvements on the Property. In the event that the Building is razed or removed with the approval of the Grantee, Grantor and Grantee may seek to extinguish this Restriction in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Paragraph 22 and 25 hereof.

If, after reviewing the report and assessing the availability of insurance proceeds after satisfaction of any mortgagee's/lender's claims under Paragraph 9, Grantor and the Grantee are unable to agree that the Purpose of the Restriction will or will not be served by such restoration/reconstruction, the matter may be referred by either party to binding arbitration and settled in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts arbitration statute then in effect, and all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

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9. Insurance. Grantor shall keep the Building insured by an insurance company rated in one of the top four categories for claims' paying ability from either A.M. Best, S. & P. or Moody's for the full replacement value against loss from the perils commonly insured under standard fire and extended coverage policies and comprehensive general liability insurance against claims for personal injury, death, and property damage. Property damage insurance shall include change in condition and building ordinance coverage, in form and amount sufficient to replace fully the damaged Building without cost or expense to Grantor or contribution or coinsurance from Grantor. Grantor shall deliver annually and within ten (10) business days of any additional written request by the Grantee, certificates of such insurance coverage. Upon presentation of evidence by the Grantee that the insured value is less than the actual replacement value, then the Grantor shall purchase additional insurance sufficient to cover the actual replacement value. In the event that such a presentation has been made that the insurance is insufficient, the Grantor shall pay for the Grantee's cost in procuring such evidence. Provided, however, that whenever the Property is encumbered with a mortgage or deed of trust nothing contained in this paragraph shall jeopardize the prior claim, if any, of the mortgage/lender to the insurance proceeds.

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10. Hold Harmless. Grantor hereby agrees to protect, hold harmless, and defend Grantee, its boards, commissions, appointees, agents, directors, employees, or independent contractors from and against any and all claims, liabilities, expenses, costs, damages, losses, and expenditures (including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements hereafter incurred) arising out of or in connection with injury to or death of any person as a result of the existence of this Restriction; physical damage to the Building and the Property; the presence or release in, on, or about the Building and the Property, at any time, of any substance now or hereafter defined, listed, or otherwise classified pursuant to any law, ordinance, or regulation as a hazardous, toxic, polluting or contaminating substance; or other injury or other damage occurring on or about the Building and the Property, unless such injury, death, or damage is caused in whole or in part by Grantee or its boards, commissions, appointees, agents, directors, employees, or independent contractors.

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11. Written Notice. Any notice which either Grantor or Grantee may desire or be required to give to the other party shall be in writing and shall be mailed postage prepaid by overnight courier, facsimile transmission, registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or hand delivered as follows:

To Grantor: Congregation B'nai Brith
201 Central Street
Somerville, MA 02145

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To Grantee: City of Somerville by and through
Somerville Historic Preservation Commission
Somerville City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

or to such address as any of the above parties shall designate from time to time by written notice to the other. In the event no current address is known or can be reasonably obtained for the party to which notice is intended to be given, then the party giving notice shall publish such notice in a newspaper of general circulation covering on at least a weekly basis the City of Somerville, or its modern-day functional equivalent.

12. Evidence of Compliance. Upon request by Grantor, Grantee shall promptly furnish Grantor with certification that, to the best of Grantee's knowledge, Grantor is in compliance with the obligations of

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Grantor contained herein, or that otherwise evidences the status of this Restriction to the extent of Grantee's knowledge thereof.

13. Inspection. Upon reasonable prior notice to Grantor, there is hereby granted to Grantee and its representatives the right to enter the Property at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner for the purpose of inspecting the exterior of the building in order to determine compliance with this Restriction. Grantee shall inspect the property a minimum of one time per year.

14. Grantor's and Grantee's Remedies. The rights hereby granted shall include the right to seek to enforce this Restriction by appropriate legal proceedings and to obtain injunctive and other equitable relief against any alleged violations. Prior to commencement of any legal proceedings, however, unless not feasible, both Grantor and Grantee agree that the party wishing to seek relief by a legal proceeding shall first send written notice of its intention to pursue legal action to the other party, along with a statement of the factual and legal basis of such claim. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, both parties shall enter in good faith into non-binding mediation with a mutually agreeable neutral third-party trained in resolving disputes. The expense of mediation shall be split evenly between the parties.

Provided further that if a violation of this Restriction is acknowledged by Grantor or has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have occurred, Grantor covenants and agrees to reimburse Grantee all reasonable costs and expenses (including without limitation reasonable counsel fees, if so ordered by the Court) which were incurred in enforcing this Restriction. Nothing herein shall impose upon the Grantee any affirmative obligation or liability relating to the condition of the Property, unless such change to the condition of the Property was caused by the Grantee or its successors or assigns. Failure by the Grantee to enforce any provision or condition set forth herein, or to exercise any rights hereby conveyed, shall not constitute a release or waiver of any such right or condition, except if found to be so by the Court.

15. Notice from Government Authorities. Grantor shall deliver to Grantee copies of any notice of violation or lien relating to the Building and the Property received by Grantor from any government authority within five (5) days of receipt by Grantor. Upon request by Grantee, Grantor shall promptly furnish Grantee with evidence of Grantor's compliance with such notice or lien where compliance is required by law.

16. Notice of Proposed Sale. Grantor shall promptly notify Grantee in writing of any proposed sale of the Property and agree to allow the Grantee sufficient time to explain the terms of the Restriction to potential new owners prior to sale closing, provided Grantee does not unnecessarily or improperly delay any such closing.

17. Runs with the Land. Except as otherwise provided herein, the mutual obligations imposed by this Restriction shall be effective in perpetuity and shall be deemed to run as a binding servitude with the Property. This Restriction shall extend to and be binding upon Grantor and Grantee, their respective successors in interest and all persons hereafter claiming under or through Grantor and Grantee, and the words "Grantor" and "Grantee" when used herein shall include all such persons. Any right, title, or interest herein granted to Grantee also shall be deemed granted to each successor and assign of Grantee and each such following successor and assign thereof, and the word "Grantee" shall include all such successors and assigns.

Any failure by Grantor to comply with the requirements of this paragraph shall not affect the validity, enforceability or priority of this Restriction or any lien arising hereunder.

Anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, an owner of the Property shall have no obligation pursuant to this instrument where such owner shall cease to have any ownership interest in the

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Property by reason of a *bona fide* transfer. The restrictions, stipulations and covenants contained in this Agreement shall be inserted by Grantor, verbatim or by express reference, in any subsequent deed or other legal instrument by which Grantor divests itself of either the fee simple title or any lesser estate in the Property or any part thereof, including by way of example and not limitation, a lease of all or a portion of the Property.

18. Assignment. In the event that Grantee shall cease to function in its present capacities, Grantee may convey, assign, or transfer this Restriction to a unit of federal, state, or local government or to a similar local, state, or national organization that is a charitable corporation or trust qualified under the Act to hold a preservation restriction, provided that any such conveyance, assignment or transfer requires that the Purpose for which the Restriction was granted will continue to be carried out. Provided further that Grantee shall give Grantor prior written notice of any such proposed conveyance, assignment or transfer, and that Grantor gives its prior written approval of such conveyance, assignment, or transfer to Grantee, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

20. Alternate Designee. Grantee may, at its discretion, remove and replace its designee to administer, manage, and enforce this Restriction, provided that any new designee is qualified as such under the Act and other applicable law.

21. Recording and Effective Date. Grantor shall do and perform at its own cost all acts necessary to the prompt recording of this Restriction in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds. Grantor and Grantee intend that this Restriction takes effect upon it being received and accepted for recording in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds. By signing this Restriction, Grantee hereby gives its written consent and authorization to have Grantor alone take all necessary steps to complete the recording of this Restriction. Grantor agrees to provide prompt notice to Grantee of the recording of this Restriction.

22. Extinguishment. Grantor and Grantee hereby recognize that unexpected changes in the conditions to or surrounding the Property, or to the Congregation, may make Grantor's continued ownership or use of the Property for the Purpose of this Restriction impossible or unduly burdensome, which would therefore necessitate extinguishment of this Restriction. Such a change in conditions may include, but is not limited to, partial or total destruction of the Building resulting from casualty. Such an extinguishment must meet all the requirements of the Act and the Laws of the Commonwealth for extinguishment, including approvals by the City of Somerville and the Massachusetts Historical Commission following public hearings to determine that such extinguishment is in the public interest, unless a Court approves of the extinguishment with or without the aforementioned approvals or public hearing. Grantor expressly retains the right to challenge in Court any determination by the City that denies or limits extinguishment in any way.

In the event of an extinguishment, except if by condemnation as discussed below, Grantee shall have the right to seek a partial refund of monies awarded as part of the CPA Grant. Grantor and Grantee agree that any claim for a partial refund shall be based on the contributory value, as of the date the claim for a partial refund is made, of the improvements so funded made to the building. Grantor shall have the right to challenge any such claim, including the right to raise a defense of natural or man-made calamity or acts of God as a defense to any refund. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that any attempt to monetize or apportion the contributory value of the Grant award to any enhancement in value of the Building and Property is a matter of expert valuation opinion, and that opinions as to that can and often do reasonably vary. Grantor and Grantee further acknowledge that the contributory value of the enhancements which were funded by the Grant will, like other aspects of the property, depreciate over time, such that the relative contributory value will likely diminish significantly with the passing years. Grantor and Grantee further acknowledge and agree that Grantor retains the right at all times to challenge the amount of any claimed partial refund.

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(a) fifty (50%) of the total grant, if the Determining Event occurs on or before the tenth anniversary of the date of execution;¶

(b) twenty-five (25%) of the total grant; if between the tenth anniversary and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the date of execution;¶

(c) ten (10%) of the total grant; if between the twenty-fifth anniversary and the fiftieth anniversary of the date of execution;¶

(d) zero (0%) of the total grant; if after the fiftieth anniversary of the date of execution.¶

¶ Should the Grantee's Community Preservation Fund no longer exist for any reason, such as the Grantor having opted out of Chapter 44B, the proceeds shall be used in a manner consistent with the preservation purpose set forth herein as a continuing trust. ¶

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23. Condemnation. If all or any part of the Property is taken under the power of eminent domain by public, corporate, or other authority, or otherwise acquired by such authority through a purchase in lieu of a taking, Grantor and Grantee shall have the right to join in appropriate proceedings to seek to enforce their rights to compensation. Grantee's right to any such compensation will be expressly limited to the then present value of any proportional value enhancement of the elevator and sprinkler system, taking into account any depreciation in the contributory value of those items and their functional obsolescence, if any, at the time of the condemnation or purchase in lieu of taking. Grantee expressly acknowledges that all other damages or compensation arising from any condemnation or purchase in lieu of taking are solely and exclusively owed to the Grantor. Furthermore, Grantee expressly acknowledges and agrees that Grantee shall not recover any compensation if it or one of its entities or assigns is the taking entity. Grantor and Grantee further acknowledge and agree that each will be responsible for its own costs and legal fees incurred in pursuing compensation under this paragraph.

24. Interpretation. The following provisions shall govern the effectiveness, interpretation, and duration of the Restriction:

- (a) The Grantor and Grantee acknowledge and agree that interpretation of this Restriction is governed by the laws in effect in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Grantor and Grantee further acknowledge and agree that the construction or interpretation of this Restriction shall be done in order to effectuate its Purpose and the rights of both Grantor and Grantee.
- (b) This Restriction constitutes the entire Historic Preservation Restriction between the Grantor and Grantee; it supersedes all prior or contemporaneous drafts, negotiations, commitments, agreements (written or oral) and writings between Grantor and Grantee with respect to the subject matter hereof. All such other drafts, negotiations, commitments, agreements and writings will have no further force or effect, and the parties to any such other negotiation, commitment, agreement or writing will have no further rights or obligations hereunder.
- (c) This Restriction is made pursuant to the Act, it being the intent of the parties to agree and to bind themselves, their successors and their assigns in perpetuity to each term of this Restriction. In the event any provision or part of this Restriction is found to be invalid or unenforceable, only that particular provision or part so found, and not the entire Restriction, will be inoperative.
- (d) Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to authorize or permit Grantor to violate any ordinance or regulation relating to building materials or construction methods. In the event of any conflict between any such ordinance or regulation and the terms hereof Grantor promptly shall notify Grantee of such conflict and shall cooperate with Grantee and the applicable governmental entity to accommodate the purposes of both this Restriction and such ordinance or regulation.

25. Amendment. If circumstances arise under which an amendment to or modification of this Restriction would be appropriate, Grantor and Grantee may by mutual written agreement jointly amend this Restriction, provided that any such amendment is legally valid. Subject to other provisions stated herein, no such amendment shall be inconsistent with the protection of the Preservation Values of the Property and the Purpose of this Restriction. Unless as otherwise provided and subject to any Court ruling, any such amendment or modification shall not affect its perpetual duration or permit any private inurement to any person or entity, and shall not adversely impact the overall architectural and historic values protected by this Restriction. Any such amendment shall be effective when the requirements of the Act with respect to

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Grantor shall insert a reference to this Agreement, such reference to include Registry book and page number of this Agreement, into any subsequent deed or other legal instrument by which Grantor divests itself of either the fee simple title or any lesser estate in the Property. Concurrently, with its entering into any such deed or other legal instrument, Grantor shall give written notice to Grantee of same. Failure by Grantor to comply with the requirements of this paragraph 24 shall not affect the validity, enforceability or priority of this Agreement or any lien arising hereunder. ¶ 25

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, AND IN WITNESS WHEREOF Grantor and Grantee both agree to be bound by the terms of this Restriction. Accordingly and IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor and Grantee have set their hands under seal on the days and year set forth below.

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE BY TEMPLE B'NAI BRITH¶

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APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE BY CONGREGATION B'NAI BRITH

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By and through Frederick R. Levy, President of Board of Directors

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Frederick R. Levy, on behalf of and as President of Board of Directors, and not in his individual capacity

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Congregation B'nai Brith
By and through Joshua Meltzer, Treasurer, Board of Directors

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Joshua Meltzer, on behalf of and as Treasurer, Board of Directors, and not in his individual capacity

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

On this ___ day of ___, 2019, Frederick R. Levy personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, and provided to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was to be the person whose name is here signed. Frederick R. Levy acknowledged to me that he signed this Restriction voluntarily for its stated purpose, as President, Board of Directors, of Congregation B'nai Brith, and not in his individual capacity.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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On this ___ day of ___, 2019, Joshua Meltzer personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, and provided to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was to be the person whose name is here signed. Joshua Meltzer acknowledged to me that he signed this Restriction voluntarily for its stated purpose, as Treasurer, Board of Directors, of Congregation B'nai Brith, and not in his individual capacity.

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APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE BY CITY OF SOMERVILLE

On 2019 the Somerville Board of Aldermen, by majority vote, voted to Approve and Accept this Restriction. A certified copy of the vote is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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GRANTEE: City of Somerville

By: Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor

Eileen McGarrigan, City Solicitor

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

On this day of , 2019, Joseph A. Curtatone personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, and provided to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was to be the person whose name is here signed Joseph A. Curtatone and he acknowledged to me that he signed this Restriction voluntarily for its stated purpose, as Mayor, City of Somerville.

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Notary Public
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On this day of , 2019, Eileen McGarrigan personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, and provided to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was to be the person whose name is here signed Eileen McGarrigan, and she acknowledged to me that she signed this Restriction voluntarily for its stated purpose, as City Solicitor, City of Somerville.

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ACCEPTANCE BY SOMERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

On _____, 2019, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, by majority vote, voted to Approve and Accept this Restriction.

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Historic Preservation Commission:

Richard Bauer, Chairman

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

On this ____ day of _____, 2019, Richard Bauer personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, and provided to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was _____ to be the person whose name is here signed Richard Bauer and he acknowledged to me that he signed this Restriction voluntarily for its stated purpose, as Chairman, Historic Preservation Commission.

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APPROVAL BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The undersigned Executive Director and Clerk of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, hereby certifies that the foregoing Preservation Restriction to the City of Somerville, acting by and through its Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (Grantee), has been approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission in the public interest pursuant to MGL, Chapter 184, Section 32.

By: _____
Brona Simon, Executive Director and Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

On this ____ day of _____, 2019, Brona Simon personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, and provided to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was _____ to be the person whose name is here signed Brona Simon and she acknowledged to me that she signed this Restriction voluntarily for its stated purpose, as Executive Director and Clerk of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

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EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION ¶

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EXHIBIT B Assessor Map ¶

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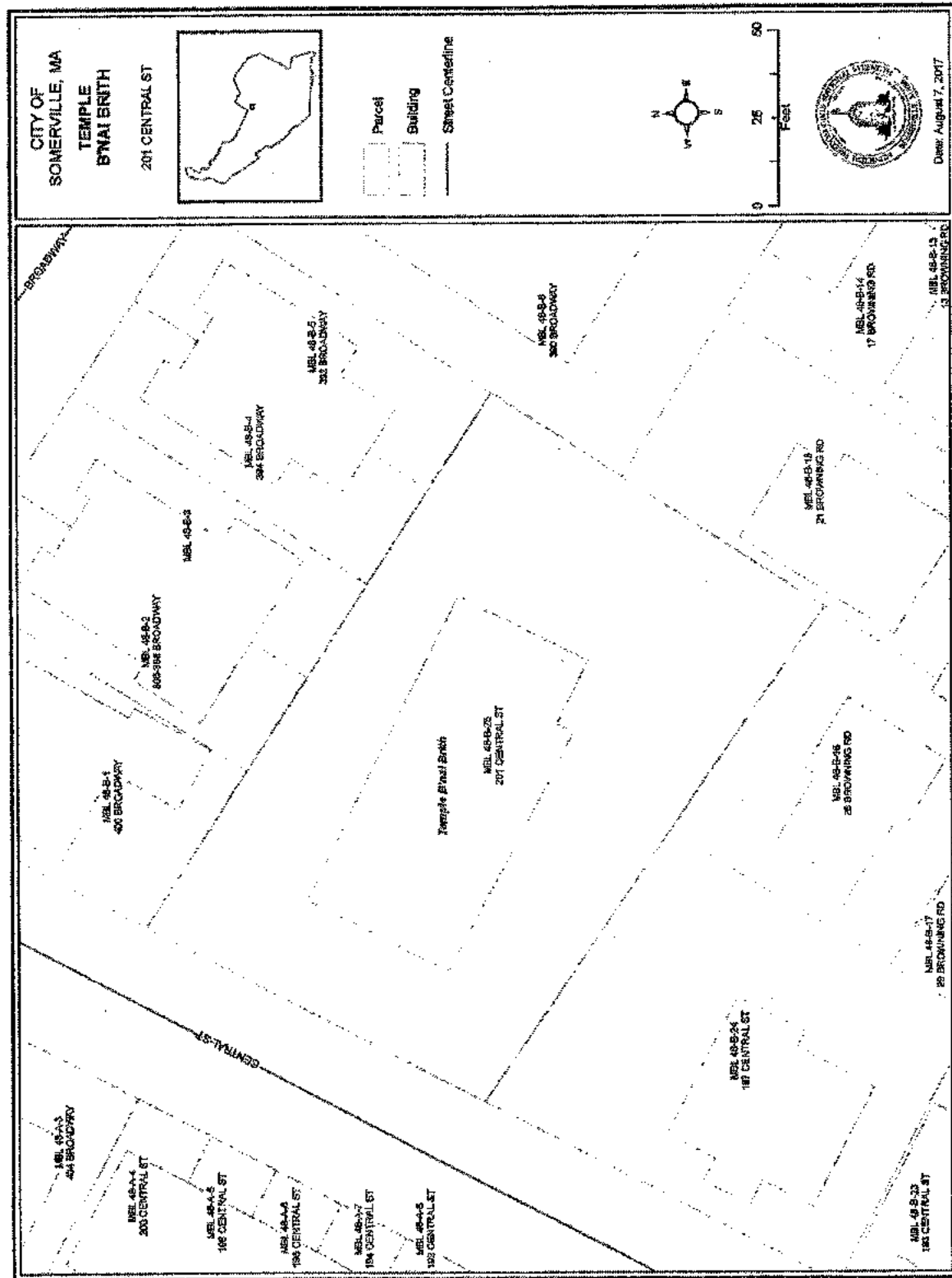
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EXHIBIT B Assessor Map



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EXHIBIT C

MHC INVENTORY BUILDING FORM, prepared by Barbara Mangum, 2013

FORM B - BUILDING

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

48/B/25

Boston-North

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Town Somerville

Place (neighborhood or village) Winter Hill

Address 201 Central Street

Historic Name Temple B'Nai B'Rith

Use: Present Synagogue

Original Synagogue

Date of Construction 1919-1925

Source Somerville Journal 12/23/1921 and City Directories

Style/Form Byzantine Revival / Rectangular

Architect/Builder W.L. Minor, 1919 & S.S. Eisenberg, 1925

Exterior Material

Foundation Concrete

Wall Buff brick, limestone facings & cast stone trim

Roof Tar & Gravel (?)

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures N/A

Major Alterations (with dates) Very intact

Condition Good

Moved ☐ yes ☒ no

Acreage 20,000 square feet

Setting Situated at the top of Winter Hill within an area of architecturally significant buildings located along and south of Broadway. Across the street from the synagogue is a handsome group of c.1880's brick mansard row houses.

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon

Organization Som.Historic Preservation Comm.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☒ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Built in 1919-1925, the B'nai Brith Synagogue is the finest example of a Byzantine Revival ecclesiastical building in Somerville. The synagogue is constructed of buff brick with limestone facings and cast stone trim. Preserved within the interior of the building is much original woodwork and lighting fixtures, as well as the large Ark secured from Boston's B'nai Israel Synagogue just prior to its 1915 demolition.

Possessing a distinctive, compact rectangular form, the synagogue measures three-bay's by-five-bays. Rising four-stories from a cast stone basement to flat-roofed structural components, the tripartite main facade features a trio of arched entrances set off by cast stone enframements. Access to the entrances is provided by a broad flight of concrete steps. The steps are flanked by high shouldered masonry components. Rising from atop these flanking components are original lighting fixtures in the form of tall cast stone columns supported by milk glass globes.

The center pavilion is characterized by a shallow three-bay projection from the main body of the building. Cast stone piers define the edges of the broad entrance bay. Flanking the entrance bay are narrow walls pierced by a single narrow window at each of their three stories. Above the arched entrances are three recessed panels that rise to the curving line of an arch. Set off by cast stone wall surfaces, the buff brick panels are pierced by a center, circular stained glass window depicting the Star of David. The circular window is flanked by narrow arched windows. The center pavilion culminates in a broad, low arch. At the apex of the arch are two round-arched cast stone panels depicting an open prayer book. Set back behind the center pavilion and rising from the center of the

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☒ *see continuation sheet*

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Built between 1919-1923, the origins of Winter Hill's B'nai Brith Synagogue lie in the organization of Somerville's Hebrew Educational Society in 1903. Somerville's Jews constituted one of the smaller early twentieth century Boston area Jewish communities with less than 4,000 members around 1900. Boston neighborhoods such as the North End, West End and South End became host to Jewish immigrants whose combined population approached 65,000 by 1910. Between the 1920s and the 1950s, the B'nai Brith Synagogue was the major focus of activity for Jews living in Somerville and Medford. The basement of the synagogue was designed by W. L. Minor, while the main body of the building was designed by S. S. Eisenberg. During the first half of the twentieth century, Eisenberg, designed a number of apartment buildings in Brookline as well as the Fenway and Allston-Brighton neighborhoods of Boston. B'nai Brith Synagogue also has significant historical associations with Rabbi Isadore Singer, an important Jewish theologian long associated with Beth El Synagogue in Manhattan Beach, New York who began his career at Temple B'nai Brith in Somerville during the mid 1920s.

According to late nineteenth century Somerville and Middlesex County Atlases, the synagogue's lot was part of the J. Frank Brown house lot. Brown was a clerk employed by the Market National Bank of Boston. His house still stands to the west of the synagogue at 177 Central Street. By 1900, Brown's parcel had been subdivided with the

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☒ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Critical Statement form.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEETTown:
Somerville, MAProperty Address:
201 Central StreetMASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Indicate each item on inventory form, continued below.

Architectural Description Page 3

segmental arched pediment. The center, three-story component is flanked by crenelation in evidence atop the narrow flanking bays.

Ranged across the five bay side walls piers are corner pier-like structural components providing the structure vertical accents as well visually separating the tripartite windows at the first and second stories; these windows surmount rectangular brickwork panels. The tripartite windows of the side walls culminate in arches.

Historical Narrative synagogue's future site encompassing 19,299 square feet. During the fall of 1915, the congregation of B'nai B'rith purchased a lot atop Winter Hill on Central Street near Broadway for the purpose of building a synagogue. The synagogue's parcel contained approximately 20,000 square feet. The synagogue's location was chosen so it would be convenient for both the Jews of Somerville and Medford. Between 1917 and 1919, the congregation worshipped in the Knights of Columbus building. Previous to that they occupied Citizen Hall at Gilman Square. In July, 1919, plans were announced in the local press for imminent work on the forty-by-sixty foot foundation of the synagogue. Reportedly, the basement was completed in only a matter of weeks by "a large force of men." Even before the entire synagogue was completed, worship services were held in the basement. Using a roofed-over foundation, before the completion of the upper sanctuary, was standard practice at Somerville houses of worship. This approach to holding worship services on a construction site as soon as possible dates back to at least the early 1870s at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Union Square. In September of 1919 Rabbi H. Solomon of Atlanta, Georgia officiated at the first services held in B'nai Brith's basement.

The estimated cost of the B'nai B'rith synagogue in 1919 was \$50,000. Of that figure, \$10,000 was earmarked for the construction of the basement. In 1919, the president of the synagogue was J. Lappin, while the building committee members included Ex-Alderman Joseph Hillson, Nason J. Levinson, David Menser, M. J. Barron, Max Glassman and Joseph Cohen. A *Somerville Journal* article written in December, 1921, noted that the building's first floor would contain classrooms, clubrooms, a banquet hall and kitchen, while the second floor would be occupied by an assembly and ballroom. The third floor was slated to be "the synagogue proper."

The temple's building committee hired Samuel S. Eisenberg of Chelsea to design the B'nai B'rith Synagogue. Eisenberg was just beginning a career that stretched into the mid 1960s. Evidently the Somerville temple's building committee recognized the young architect's design talents. Eisenberg, as a newcomer intent on making a name for himself, may have intentionally submitted a low bid for the B'nai Brith project.

S. S. Eisenberg was a partner in the firm of Eisenberg and Feer between c.1926 and 1945. An early Eisenberg and Feer project was the Mattapan Hebrew Community Center on Morton Street between Norfolk Street and Blue Hill Avenue. One of Eisenberg's most successful projects from a siting and design perspective was the Reservoir Garden Apartments at 1982-1992 Commonwealth Avenue in Brighton. Built between 1920 and 1925 on still-developing western Commonwealth Avenue, Eisenberg ranged four identical apartment buildings around a courtyard that complements and extends the park bordering the Chestnut Hill Reservoir on the south side of the apartments.

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125Area (s)
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Historical Narrative Page 4

Upon its completion in the spring of 1925, Temple B'nai Brith's congregation encompassed 500 families drawn from Somerville, Cambridge, Medford, Arlington and other nearby communities. Two years later, an article in *The Somerville Journal* described the building as "a striking example of Byzantine architecture. The interior of the temple is finished in dark woods, in keeping with the style of the period, and the walls are of Artex, rough stipple plaster. A large assembly room, Covenant Hall, is on the ground floor, which is used for social purposes. Above this is the auditorium, the most striking feature being the large Ark, which was secured from B'nai Israel of Boston (in 1915). This ark which is probably the oldest one in the vicinity, is entirely hand carved, and for many years stood in the synagogue at Bowdoin Square, Boston. In it are kept the scrolls of the Law."

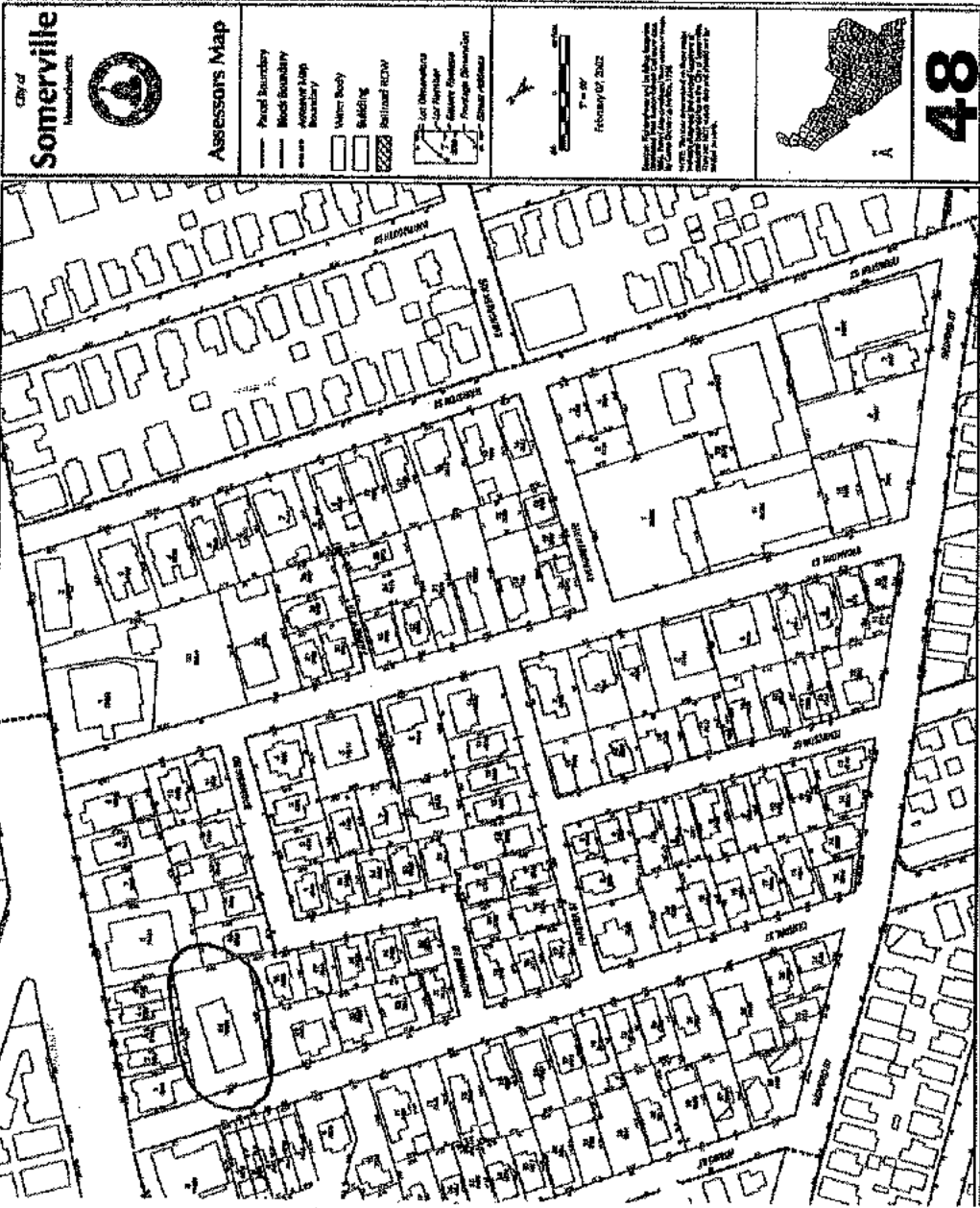
A *Somerville Journal* article dated October 27, 1927 mentions the dedicatory exercises associated with the "beautifully remodeled temple on Central Street." Although the dedicatory program is mentioned in detail no description is provided as to what the remodeling encompassed. A remodeling project only four years after the completion seems unlikely, but perhaps the program's purpose was to recognize an interior design that began with the end of the synagogue's construction in 1923 and was finally completed in the fall of 1927.

During the mid 1920s, Rabbi Isadore Singer played an important role in the early growth of Temple B'Nai Brith. Born in Romania around 1900, Rabbi Singer received his early Hebrew education from his father. Entering Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City in 1917, he graduated from that institution in 1924. He also earned degrees from City University of New York and Columbia Teacher's College. His first congregation was Temple B'Nai Brith in Somerville, MA. Rabbi Singer later moved to Temple Beth El in Manhattan Beach, New York where he also headed the Congregation's Hebrew School. He served as a chaplain during World War II and was stationed in Illinois. Rabbi Singer's Papers, including pamphlets on the B'nai Brith Synagogue dating to 1925, are housed in the archives of the Jewish Theological Seminary at 3080 Broadway in Manhattan, NYC.

Fast-forwarding to the mid-1970s, the future prospects of the B'Nai Brith Synagogue as a house of worship were grim with a membership of only 25 people. The congregation struggled to have a minyan or the requisite ten people needed to conduct a service. The social life surrounding any religious community was gone, including the dinners that so many members looked forward to from week to week. The building fell into disrepair and the once vibrant congregation nearly folded as their members died or retired to warmer climates. As the 1970's drew to a close, no young people were joining the synagogue to augment the depleted ranks of the aging religious organization. Indeed, the Hebrew school closed in 1972. Rabbi Leo Shubow, the synagogue's last full-time rabbi, retired in 1978 and the congregation could not afford to find a replacement for him. According to long-time member Lucy Mabel, the thought of closing down and joining Medford's Temple Beth Shalom was entertained for a time.

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201 Central Street Temple B'nai B'rith, SMV.1166



MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Community Property Address
SOMMERSVILLE, MA 201 CENTRAL STREET

Area(s) Form No.
WINTER HILL

SMV.1166

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☒ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by _____
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The B'Nai Brith Synagogue at 201 Central Street is individually eligible for listing on the N. R. H. P. As well as a contributing historic property to a potential Winter Hill N. R. H. P. District.

Built between 1919-1923, the origins of B'Nai Brith Synagogue in Winter Hill lie in the organization of Somerville's Hebrew Educational Society in 1903. Somerville's Jews constituted one of the smaller Jewish communities in Boston, numbering less than 4,000 members by 1900. Boston neighborhoods, such as the North End, West End and South End, became host to Jewish immigrants whose combined population approached 65,000 by 1910. Between the 1920s and the 1950s, the B'Nai Brith Synagogue was the major focus of activity for Jews living in Somerville and Medford. The synagogue's architect was S.S. Eisenberg. During the first half of the twentieth century, Mr. Eisenberg was a designer of apartment buildings in Brookline as well as in the Fenway and Allston-Brighton neighborhoods of Boston. B'Nai Brith Synagogue also has significant historical associations with Rabbi Isadore Signer, an important Jewish theologian, began his career at Temple B'Nai Brith in Somerville during the mid 1920s. The B'Nai Brith Synagogue satisfies criteria A of the N. R. H. P.

Built in 1919-1925, the B'Nai Brith Synagogue at 201 Central Street is the finest example of the Byzantine Revival style in Somerville. The synagogue is constructed of buff brick with limestone facings and cast stone trim. Preserved within the interior of the building is much original woodwork and lighting fixtures, as well as the large Ark secured from Boston's B'Nai Israel synagogue just prior to its demolition in 1915. The B'Nai Brith Synagogue satisfies criteria C of the N. R. H. P.

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BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT-DISTRICT POLICE

PLAN RECORD

CASE	C	RACK	Z	APART.	7	NO.	8208
BUILDING	Cong. B'nai Brith					STORIES	2B
CITY OR TOWN	Somerville			STREET	Central		
TO BE USED FOR	Religious Purposes					CLASS	Church
OWNER	Cong. B'nai Brith					Brick	
ARCHITECT	S. S. Eisenberg						

CERTIFICATE APPROVAL-SPECIFICATIONS-REQUIREMENTS-REMARKS

DATE Apr 3, 1917

INSPECTOR Lewis

FORM 41, 10-20-10, 1-1-17

EXHIBIT D

Five (5) Photographs, taken by Eric Dray, September, 2017

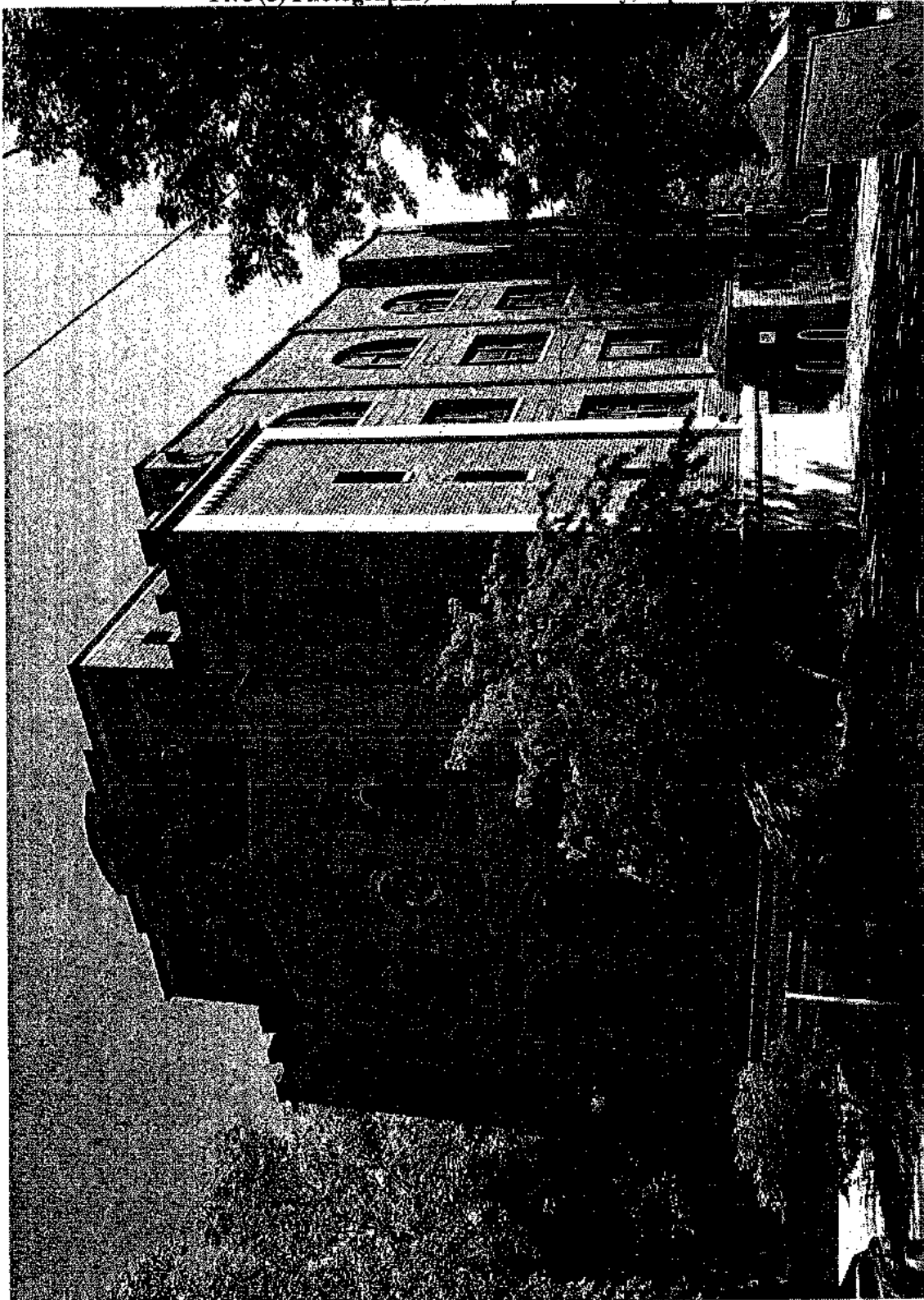


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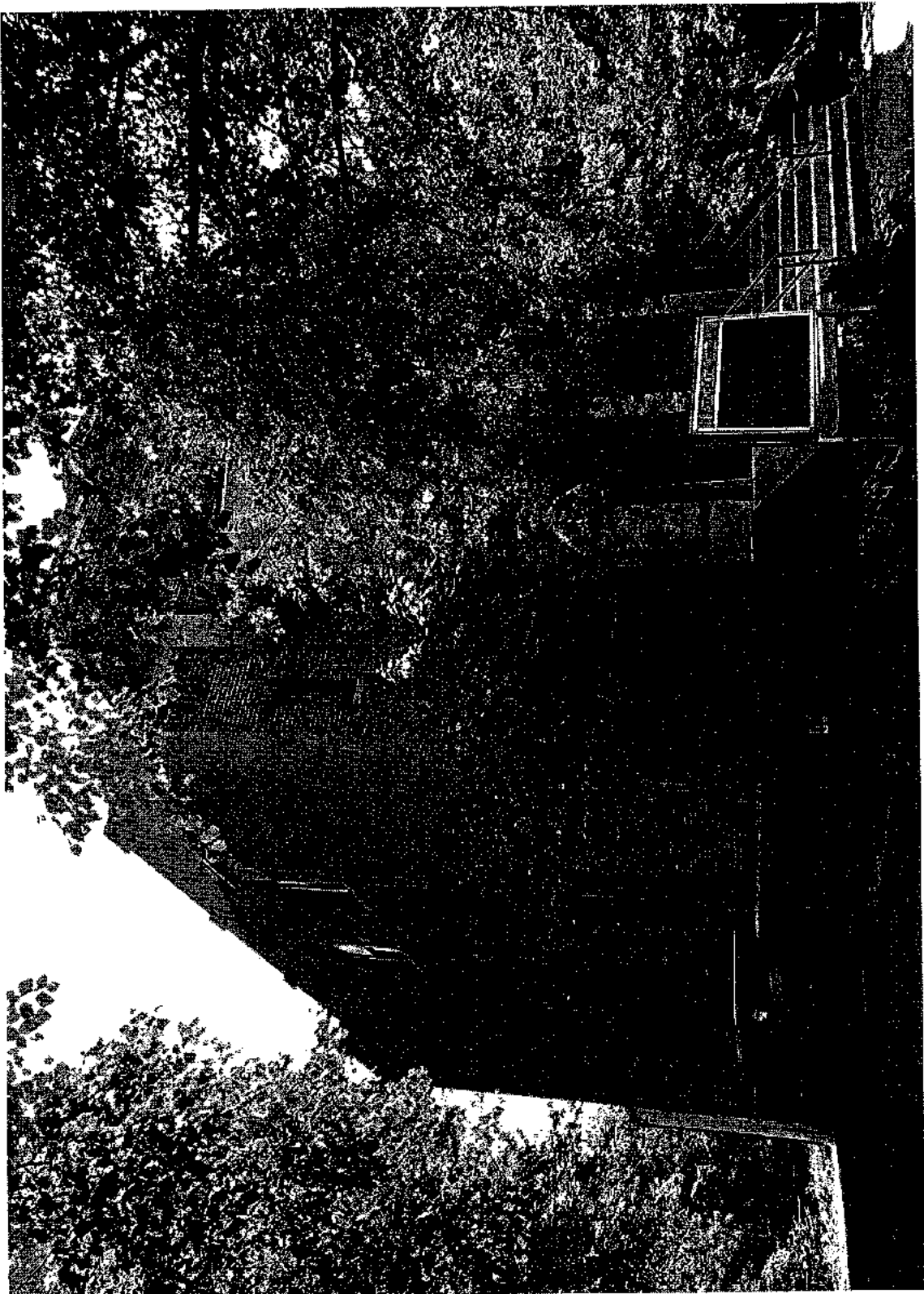


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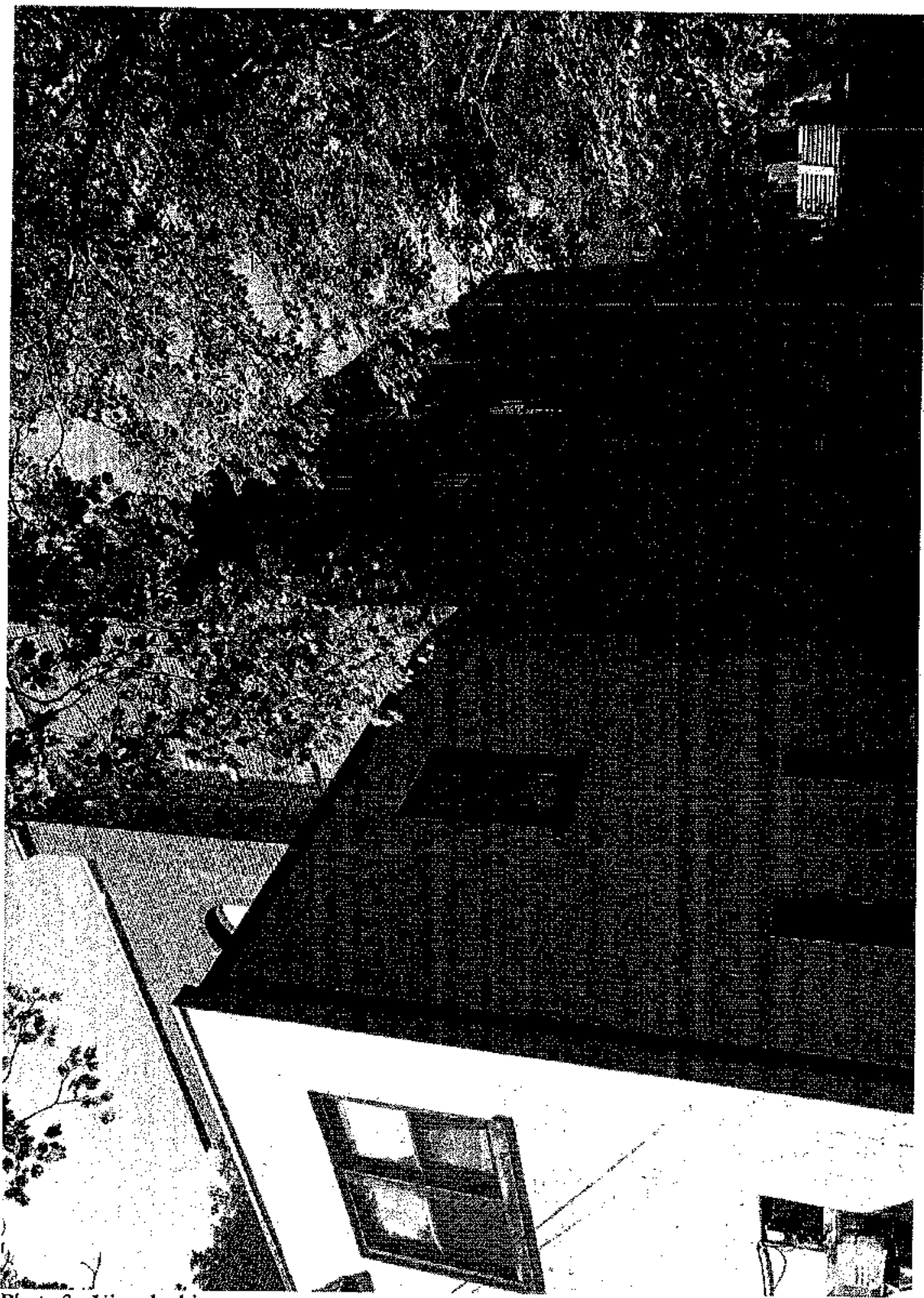


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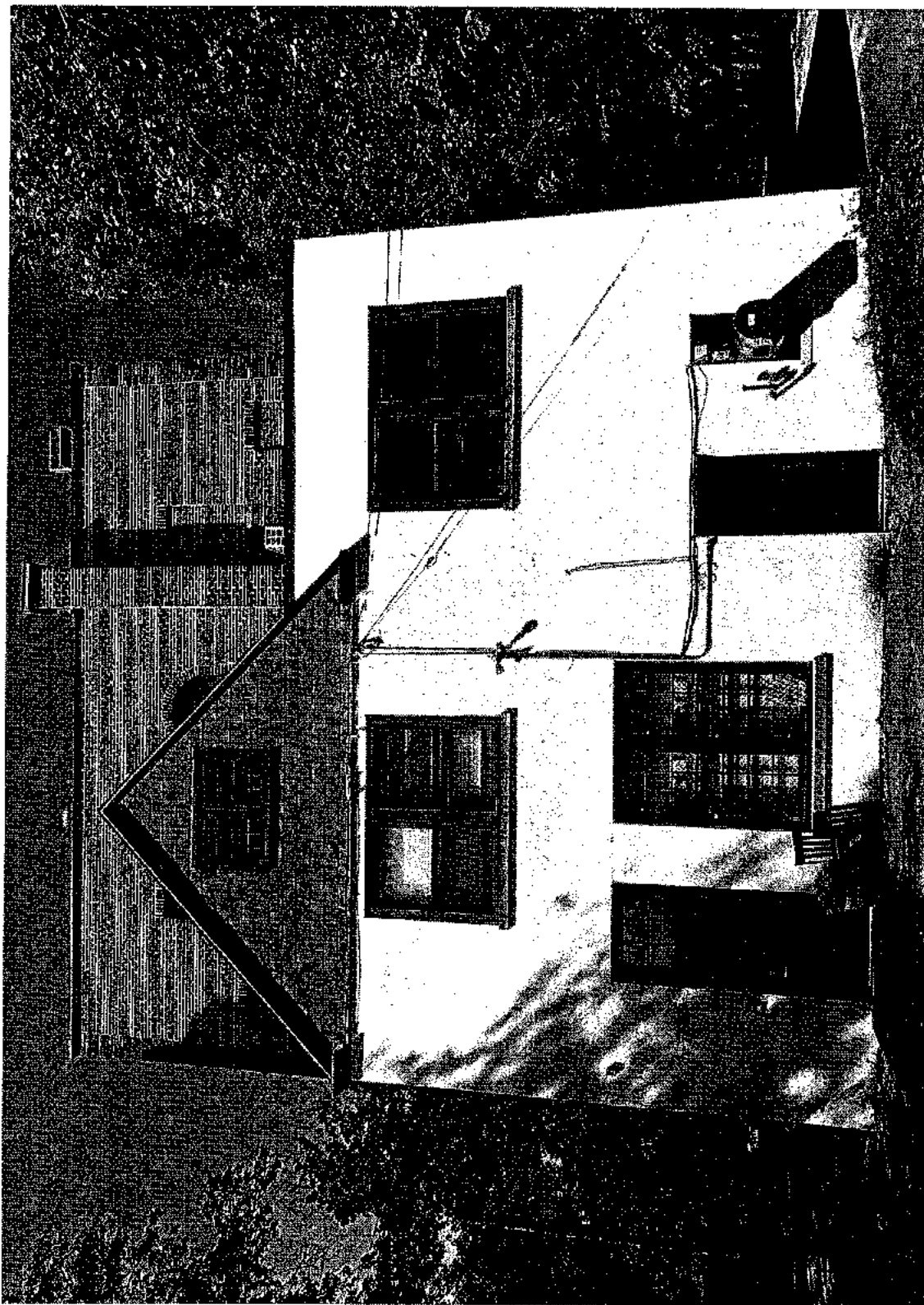


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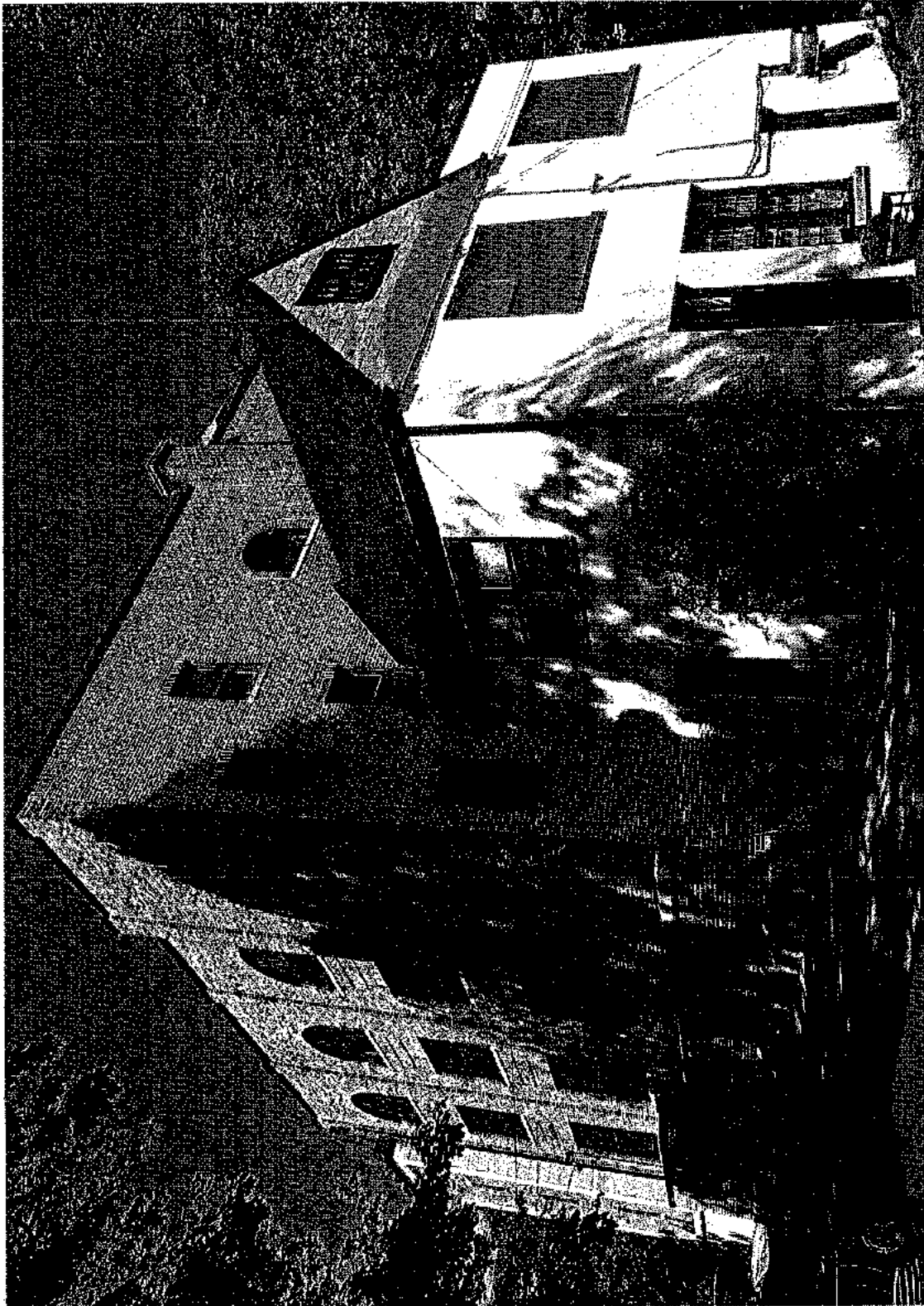


Photo 5. View looking north.

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EXHIBIT E

RESTRICTION GUIDELINES

A. MAJOR VS. MINOR

The purpose of the Restriction Guidelines is to clarify Paragraph 3.1 of the terms of the preservation restriction, which deals with alterations to the Property. Under this section permission from the City of Somerville acting by and through the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (Grantee) is required for any major alteration. Alterations of a minor nature, which are part of ordinary maintenance and repair, do not require Grantee's review.

In an effort to explain what constitutes a minor alteration and what constitutes a major change, which must be reviewed by the Grantee, the following list has been developed. This list is not comprehensive: it is only a sampling of some of the more common alterations, which may be contemplated by building owners. In all cases, reference should also be made to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (36 C.F.R. 67 and 68).

PAINT

Minor – Repainting any surfaces existing colors.

Major - Repainting any surfaces a different color.

WINDOWS AND DOORS

Minor - Regular maintenance including caulking, painting (same color), and necessary reglazing. Repair or in-kind replacement of existing individual decayed window parts.

Major – Replacement of entire sash, window system or door, alteration of profile or setback of windows or doors, and addition of storm windows.

ROOFING AND WALLS

Minor - Spot repairs or minor replacement-in-kind of materials.

Major - Large-scale repair or replacement of materials; change involving removal or addition of materials or building elements; altering or demolishing building additions; creating new openings in walls or sealing off existing openings; structural stabilization of the property.

LANDSCAPE

Minor - Routine maintenance landscape including pruning and repair.

Major – Altering, removing or adding significant landscape features that would compromise public views of the Building or introduce new structures onto the site, including stairs, walks, trees, outbuildings, mechanical equipment, and ground disturbance affecting archaeological resources.

HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING/ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING SYSTEMS

Minor - Repair of existing systems.

Major - Installing or upgrading systems which will result in major alterations or additions to the Building or Property.

Changes classified as major alterations are not necessarily unacceptable. Under the preservation restriction such changes must be reviewed by the Grantee and their impact on the historic integrity of the Property

assessed. It is the responsibility of the Grantor to notify the Grantee in writing when any major alterations are contemplated. Major alterations may necessitate review of plans and specifications. The intent of the Restriction is to enable the Grantee to review proposed alterations and assess their impact on the historical integrity of the structure, not to preclude any future change.

B. KEY FEATURES

Any changes which would impact the exterior envelope of the Building must be reviewed and approved by the Grantee prior to receiving a building permit. Changes shall include both repair and replacement of existing key features and historically-accurate restoration where possible of missing or replaced key features. Grantor will give special consideration to changes which will impact the key architectural features (Key Features) of the Building including the following:

Exterior

1. Fieldstone foundation and elevations with stone trim and coping.
2. Polychromatic slate roofing.
3. Recessed Front Entrance with double-leaf wood doors, transom light above and stone lintel, accessed by stone tiered steps.
4. Replacement windows which replicated original pattern of large single lights below multi-light transoms.
5. Stone beltcourse below first story and stone pedimented parapet walls on side gables and front entrance gable.

Site

View of Building from Westwood Road and Central Street.

C. SPECIFIC STANDARDS

The following standards are included to establish a general level of quality for all work, and are considered essential to achieve the Town's primary objective for the Property.

1. *Paint:* Changes in exterior paint colors must be historically appropriate and must be approved by the Grantee.
2. *Roof material:* Existing polychromatic slate roofing shingles were installed in 2013-4. If replacement is required, replacement must match the existing in color, size and material.
3. *Foundation and exterior walls:* If repointing is needed, the mortar must match the joint depth, profile and color of existing mortar, and be of a composition that is similar or compatible to the existing mortar. If replacement fieldstones are required, they must match the existing in color and size. Sealants are not permitted on the masonry or mortar.
4. *Dormers and Skylights:* New dormers and skylights are not permitted.
5. *Trim and Decoration:* Maintain original trim as possible, replace-in-kind if necessary.
6. *Windows:* Most window were replaced with thermal windows in 2009, matching the original windows in muntin pattern and color. If these windows require replacement, the new windows must match the existing or return to wood, true-divided windows, replicating the original window systems. Original wood windows which have not been replaced, including the transom window over the front entrance, must be repaired and, if the existing original windows require replacement, they must be replaced-in-kind, i.e. wood, single-glazed, true-divided sash.
7. *Storm windows:* Storm windows or storm panels are allowed on original wood windows provided they match the color of the underlying window surround and the meeting rails must align with the meeting rails of the window sash.
8. *Doors and storm doors:* Original front doors must be restored if possible and if not, must be replaced-in-kind. Replacement of other doors must be wood, and be compatible in design, color, and finish of existing historic doors, as approved by the Grantee. Storm doors are allowed provided

they are as visually minimal as possible, including use of full-light panels to maximize visibility of the underlying doors, as approved by the Grantee.

9. *Building-Attached Lighting Fixtures:* Light fixtures may be used but must be minimal in appearance, appropriate to the Building.
10. *Equipment:* Window mounted HVAC or other ventilation equipment are not permitted. Openings made for HVAC or other equipment on the exterior of the Building must be located in a manner that does not detract from the Building.
11. *Additions:* A large portion of the rear flat-roofed addition was built in 1951-52. This flat-roofed addition was expanded and a new gable-roofed element was built in 1989-90. Any new additions must comply with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.
12. *Exterior landscape features:* Exterior landscape features, including plantings, trees, walkways and fences must not obscure the view of the Building from the street.

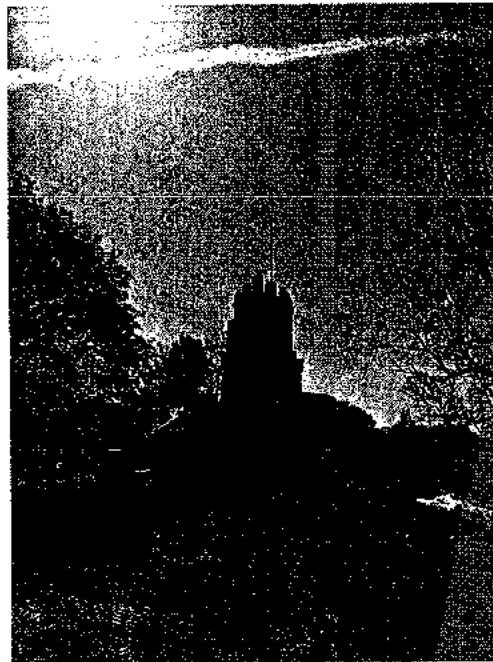


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Introduction

Since the first Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding round in FY15, more than \$23.8 million has been awarded to 70 affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreation land projects. Of the 70 projects being implemented, 60% are community led and 9% are joint projects between a community organization and the City of Somerville.

This year the CPA community state-wide has been focused on supporting a campaign to secure a permanent increase to the state's CPA Trust Fund through a \$30 increase to most recording fees at the Registries of Deeds. This increase is expected to double the base match for all CPA communities beginning in November 2020. Legislative efforts have progressed farther than they have in prior years, with the House of Representatives including the increase in their FY2020 budget. We are hopeful the increase will pass this year, guaranteeing more funding for our program locally.

CPA Background

With the adoption of the Community Preservation Act in November 2012, the City of Somerville joined now 175 other communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that have a steady funding source dedicated to preserving and improving their character and quality of life. The CPA is a Massachusetts state law (M.G.L. c. 44B) that enables adopting communities to create a dedicated fund for preserving open space and historic resources and expanding community housing and outdoor recreation opportunities.¹ Somerville voters passed the Act by 76%, the second highest passage rate in CPA history.² This achievement made it possible for Somerville to have additional resources to make Somerville an even more exceptional place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

The Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) oversees the implementation of the CPA in Somerville. The Committee, formed in January 2014, is responsible for establishing priorities for how CPA funding should be spent and, based on those priorities, making recommendations to the City Council on projects to receive funds. As established in Somerville's Community Preservation Committee Ordinance, the CPC has nine members, including five ex-officio members and four mem-

bers of the general public, who may serve two consecutive three-year terms. This year Planning Board representative Michael Capuano and general public member Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello stepped down from the CPC when they reached their term limits. In addition Jessica Palacios-Yamakawa stepped down as a general public member when she moved from Somerville. Mr. Capuano was replaced by Rebecca Lyn Cooper, who stepped down in May when she resigned from the Planning Board. At the time of this report, the Planning Board is working to fill this vacancy. Ms. Duclos-Orsello and Ms. Palacios-Yamakawa were replaced through a competitive application process as laid out in the CPC ordinance. Applications are reviewed by an eight-person review committee. Ms. Duclos-Orsello was replaced by Tatiana Shannon and Ms. Palacios-Yamakawa was replaced by Ms. Beretsky. Eleanor Rances joined the committee to replace Jim McCallum as the Housing Authority representative. The current members are:

- Michael Fager (Chair), Conservation Commission representative
- Uma Murugan, (Vice-chair), general public representative
- Dick Bauer, (Historic Preservation Commission representative)
- Laura Beretsky, general public representative
- Jane Carbone, general public representative
- Luisa Oliveira, Parks and Open Space Department representative
- Eleanor Rances, Somerville Housing Authority representative
- Tatiana Shannon, general public representative

The Community Preservation Plan

The Community Preservation Plan provides an overview of the CPA in Somerville and establishes the Committee's priorities for funding projects. The FY20 Plan was based on the City's existing planning documents and resident input and includes the CPA monitoring and evaluation plan. The CPC invited feedback on the FY20 Plan update at a public hearing on March 27, 2019 and through a written comment period. These comments are available on the CPA website. FY20 was the first year the CPC asked for feedback on the plan via an online survey. Over 120 people responded. Their comments are also available on the CPA website.

¹ The CPA legislation uses the term community housing to refer to housing for individuals and families with incomes below 100% of area median income (AMI). This report uses the terms community housing and affordable housing interchangeably.

² Excludes Cape Cod communities that passed the predecessor to the CPA.

FY19 Funding

Key sources of CPA funding include a 1.5% surcharge on net property taxes, an optional city appropriation, and a match from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Figure 1 shows how this money flows into the CPA Fund over the course of the fiscal year. Since CPA adoption in 2012, over \$23.8 million has been appropriated for 70 projects across the three CPA eligible categories: open space/recreational land, historic preservation, and affordable housing, including over \$2.65 million dollars in matching funds from the state (Table 3).

In FY19, the City had \$2.4 million available to spend on projects (Table 1). Up to 5% of new annual CPA revenue can be used each year to administer the CPA program. In FY19, \$99,324 was available in administrative funds.

As part of the Community Preservation Plan, the CPC dedicated a minimum of 50% of FY19 revenue for

affordable housing, to be administered by Somerville's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.³ During the FY19 budget process, \$993,236 was appropriated to the Trust. \$297,971 was available for historic resources and \$397,295 was available for open space/recreational land projects. In addition, \$198,647. These funds are available for worthy projects in any CPA category that cannot be funded from the designated funds in the category specific reserves. Additional funding was added to the affordable housing, historic resources, and undesignated categories mid-FY19 as a result of higher revenue generated in FY18 than budgeted. Unallocated FY18 funds were distributed to ensure that all categories received the designated minimum allocated based on actual revenue. Because the open space category received 27% of the FY18 actual revenue, more than the 15% minimum set through the FY18 Community Preservation Plan, no additional funds were allocated to that category. In addition the Elizabeth Peabody House roof project returned \$2,626 when the project was completed under budget (Table 2).

Table 1. FY19 CPA Budget

Total FY19 new revenue available in FY19	\$1,986,473
Surcharge (estimate)	\$1,781,590
State match	\$204,883
Total FY18 unexpended revenue (rollover)	\$500,000
FY18 City appropriation (available for FY19)	\$500,000
Unallocated project funds	\$0
Total Funding Available in FY19	\$2,486,473
(CPC admin funds)	(\$99,324)
Total Project Funding Available in FY19	\$2,387,149

Table 2. Minimum Allocation of CPA Funding Available in FY19

	Unexpended FY18	Estimated FY19	Additional State Match	Returned Funds	Total FY19 CPA Funds Available
Open Space & Recreation (20%)	\$0	\$397,295	\$45,492	\$0	\$442,787
Historic Resources (15%)	\$96,674	\$297,971	\$34,119	\$2,626	\$431,390
Community Housing (50%) (appropriated to AHTF)	\$290,020	\$993,236	\$113,730	\$0	\$1,396,986
Undesignated (10%)	\$257,796	\$198,647	\$34,118	\$0	\$490,561
Total	\$644,489	\$1887,149	\$227,459	\$2,626	\$2,861,047

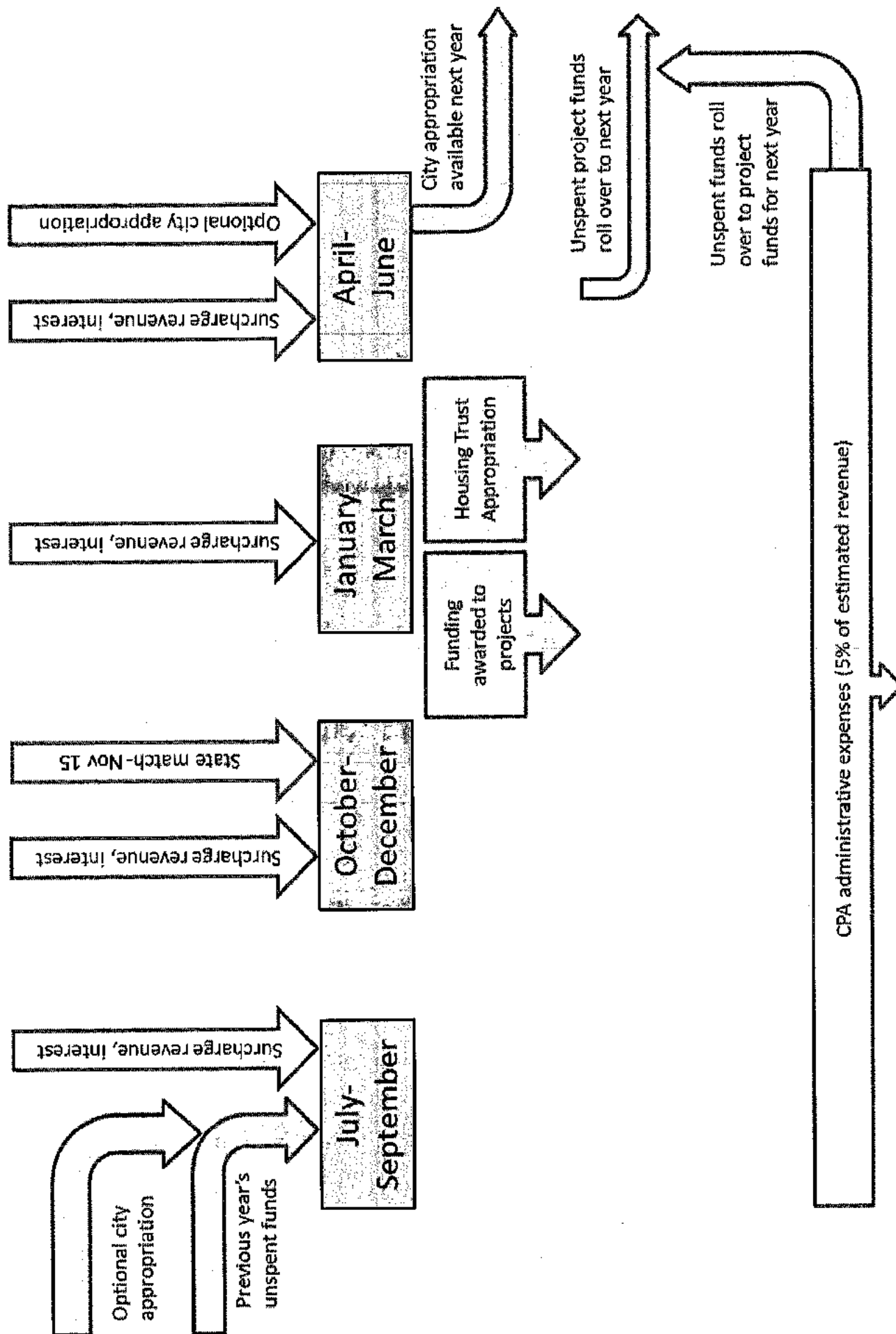
³ The Community Preservation Act allows communities to allocate funding to the community's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Table 3. CPA Funding Since Adoption

Community Preservation Act Fund	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Thru 4/30	FY20 Est.	Total
Total Funding Available	2,681,180	6,223,963	4,868,257	2,776,974	4,053,077	2,655,542	2,516,110	n/a
Current Fiscal Year Revenue	2,681,180	3,542,783	2,889,136	2,588,146	2,669,272	2,655,542	2,516,110	17,026,059
Surcharge Revenue	1,323,320	1,430,721	1,546,198	1,664,815	1,794,507	2,208,864	2,208,864	9,958,425
City Appropriation**	1,355,671	1,200,000	510,844	500,000	500,000	0	TBD	4,066,515
State Match of Previous Year's Local Revenue	0	904,917	829,456	420,681	370,465	432,342	307,246	2,957,861
Interest	2,189	7,145	2,638	2,650	4,300	14,336	0	33,258
Rollover from Previous Fiscal Year	0	2,681,180	1,979,121	188,828	1,383,805	0	0	n/a
Appropriations and Encumbrances	56,769	4,188,072	3,941,950	2,329,797	3,645,578	2,300,501	TBD	15,838,473
Committee admin expenses (up to 5% of annual revenue)	56,769	93,585	61,827	86,675	84,068	81,452	125,806	590,182
Open Space and Recreation Projects	0	227,463	695,160	777,239	2,203,008	74,888	TBD	3,977,758
Historic Resources Projects	0	1,660,996	600,288	585,467	158,100	747,175	TBD	3,752,026
Community Housing Projects	0	2,206,028	1,834,675	880,416	1,200,402	1,396,986	TBD	7,518,507
Funding Available for Projects in Next Fiscal Year (Rollover)	2,681,180	1,979,121	188,828	1,883,805	0	0	TBD	n/a
Open Space and Recreation Reserve*	402,177	706,131	0	710,000	0	0	TBD	n/a
Historic Resources Reserve*	402,177	0	0	0	0	0	TBD	n/a
Community Housing Reserve*	1,206,531	594,755	0	0	0	0	TBD	n/a
Undesignated Project Funding*	670,295	678,234	188,828	673,805	0	0	TBD	n/a
Current Year's Unallocated City Appropriation	—	—	—	—	—	0	TBD	n/a

*FY18 funding available for FY18 projects; ** FY18 City appropriation not final when report finalized; FY19 City appropriation determined in Spring 2019.

Figure 1. CPA Fiscal Year Funding Flows*



FY19 Funding Requests– Historic Resources and Open Space/Recreational Land

The CPC received 10 full applications for historic resources and open space/recreation land funding totaling \$2,036,446 in FY19.

Table 4. FY18 Open Space/Recreation Applications

Open Space/ Recreation (4)	Project	Applicant	Request	Funded	Project Summary
	5 Palmer Conservation Restriction Fee	Groundwork Somerville	\$6,000	\$6,000	The fee will cover Groundwork's administrative costs for holding the required perpetual conservation restriction on 5 Palmer, which was acquired with CPA funds in FY18.
	ArtFarm	City of Somerville Parks and Open Space	\$1,000,000	\$410,226 cash \$589,774 bond	The City of Somerville will create a space for arts, culture, recreation, and urban agriculture. The CPC has recommended funding a total of \$1,000,000 in a mix of cash and bonding for the project. This recommendation is under consideration by the City Council.
	Kennedy School Front Schoolyard Redesign	City of Somerville Parks and Open Space /Kennedy School PTA	\$75,000	\$65,000	The City of Somerville will lead a design process to create a new play space at the front of the Kennedy School.
	Community Growing Center– Electrical Cabinet	Friends of the Community Growing Center	\$3,888	\$3,888	The Friends of the Community Growing Center requested an additional \$3,888 to replace the electrical cabinet at the Center, a necessary step in the construction of the CPA funded design, which will improve the functionality
Total Open Space & Recreational Land			\$1,084,888	\$1,074,888	

Table 5. FY19 Historic Resources Applications

	Project	Applicant	Request	Funded	Project Summary
Historic Resources (6)	Grace Baptist Church	Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development	\$637,100	\$500,000	The Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development will repair the existing slate roof surfaces and related flashing and brick masonry. SHA4CD will also create a new accessible ramp from the sidewalk to the building.
	WPA Carved Wood Bas-Relief Restoration Project	Somerville Public Library	\$6,055	\$6,055	The Somerville Public Library will hire a conservator to restore the wood bas-relief in the Central Library, which was carved by a local artist through the Works Progress Administration program in 1939.
	Armory	Center for Arts at the Armory	\$36,000	\$0	The Center for Arts at the Armory sought funds to repair and upgrade 22 large half-moon windows in the Armory's Performance Hall. The Center for Arts at the Armory withdrew their application because the property owners were unwilling to accept a perpetual preservation restriction on the building, a funding condition of the grant.
	Somerville Museum: Collection Preservation	Somerville Museum	\$137,283	\$100,000	The Somerville Museum will make climate control improvements, improve fire safety systems, and remediate mold in the building in order to protect its historic Museum collections.
	Mission Church of Christ Roof Repair and Preservation Project	Mission Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ	\$113,120	\$113,120	The City of Somerville will remediate mold on the historic elections records and digitize them so they are accessible to all.
	Building Condition Assessment and Prioritized Rehabilitation Plan	Elizabeth Peabody House Association	\$28,000	\$28,000	The Elizabeth Peabody House Association will replace the roof on their building, which has been determined to be historically significant by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.
	Total Historic Resources		\$957,558	\$747,175	
	Total FY19		\$2,042,446	\$1,822,063	

FY19 Funding Requests– Affordable Housing

The Affordable Housing Trust, as the housing arm of the CPC, received six applications totaling \$2,205,248 in FY19. The Housing Trust used \$652,288 in unspent funds from FY18 to award projects totaling \$2,005,296. At the end of FY19, the Trust has \$43,978 in CPA funds remaining.

Table 6. FY19 Affordable Housing Applications

Affordable Housing (6)	Project	Applicant	Request	Funded	Project Summary
	24-28 Mt. Pleasant Street	Somerville Community Corporation	\$1,820,000	\$1,820,000	The 24-28 Mt. Pleasant St. property will provide six units of rental housing that will be permanently affordable to households earning at or below 80% AMI.
	Better Homes Leasing Differential	Somerville Homeless Coalition	\$73,884	\$73,884	The Better Homes Leasing Differential will cover the gap between HUD Fair Market Rent assistance limits and actual market rent for 13 formerly homeless households.
	Permanent Supportive Housing Leasing Differential	Heading Home	\$50,000	\$50,000	The Somerville Better Homes 3 program will cover the gap between HUD Fair Market Rent assistance limits and actual market rent for 16 chronically homeless households.
	Homelessness Prevention Assistance Fund	Community Action Agency of Somerville	\$50,000	\$50,000	The Homelessness Prevention Assistance Fund will provide up to \$3,000 in assistance to households at risk of homelessness to secure a new apartment or pay emergency rental arrears.
	Housing Program for Victims of Domestic Violence	RESPOND Inc.	\$11,412	\$11,412	RESPOND will offer this emergency shelter and homeless program to provide flexible rental assistance for up to six months for survivors of domestic violence who meet the HUD definition of homelessness.
CPA PASS Expansion		Somerville Homeless Coalition	\$199,952	\$0	CPA Pass Expansion sought to provide two years of rental subsidy for six households at risk of homelessness.
Total Affordable Housing			\$2,205,248	\$2,005,296	

FY19 Application Process– Historic Resources & Open Space/Recreation

The Community Preservation Committee manages an annual application process for historic and open space/recreational land projects. As the housing arm of the CPC, the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund manages the application process for affordable housing funds. In past years CPA grantees provided feedback that receiving notice of funding in the spring was difficult for construction projects because by that time in the year contractors have already set their schedules so it is difficult to attract firms to bid on projects and bids coming in at higher costs. As a result, the CPC shifted the application process earlier in the year so funding recommendations were made in December. This was the first year that the CPC offered funding for community proposed feasibility studies. The CPC noticed that community members had good ideas for projects that needed further consideration and technical support before they were ready for submission for CPA funding. When feasibility study funding is awarded, the CPA Manager works with the applicant to develop a scope of work and select a consultant to conduct the study. The results of the study are presented to the CPC and the community during a public meeting. In FY19, the CPC awarded funding for its first feasibility study to determine possible locations for a new dog park in West Somerville.

The CPC continued its practice of asking community members proposing projects on City land to submit pre-applications to facilitate the process of City departments determining whether or not to sign on as co-applicants. In FY19, the CPC received two pre-applications— one for design services at the East Somerville Neighborhood Schoolyard and one for design services at the Kennedy School. Twelve institutions submitted eligibility determination forms in July 2018. All were determined eligible with one exception for an applicant that did not have site control over land proposed for a community garden project. Nine submitted full proposals and the Growing Center submitted an emergency application at the end of the funding round. The Somerville community commented on the applications through two public meetings, where 17 individuals spoke about their support for projects, and a written comment period, where 119 people submitted comments. The comments from both the public meetings and the written comments are available on the [CPA website](#).

During their December 11, 2018 meeting, the CPC vot-

ed to recommend fully funding six applications, including recommending paying for Groundwork Somerville's fee for holding the conservation restriction on 5 Palmer out of the open space/recreational land category.

Three projects received partial funding. Two projects withdrew their applications for consideration— the Center for Arts at the Armory and the East Somerville Community School. Both projects will go forward using other funding. See tables 4 and 5 on the previous pages for details. The City Council approved the eight of funding recommendations at their January 24, 2019 meeting. They are still considering the recommendations for the ArtFarm project, which included a recommendation for \$542,675 in funds from the open space/recreational land reserve and a bond of \$457,325.

In FY19, in total to date, the CPC recommended and the City Council approved \$74,888 for Open Space and Recreational Land projects and \$747,175 for Historic Resources projects. This includes two City proposed projects, five community organization proposed projects and two joint City-community projects. Since the start of the CPA in Somerville, over to \$23.8 million has been awarded to projects across the three CPA categories: \$4.0 million for Open Space and Recreational Land projects and \$6.3 million on Historic Resources projects (including the \$2.5 million bond for the West Branch Library restoration). See table 3 on page 5 for further details.

FY19 Affordable Housing Funding

In FY19, upon the recommendation of the CPC, the City Council approved allocating a total of \$1,396,986 in CPA funds to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF or Trust; see Table 2 above).⁵ The CPC empowered the Trust to serve as the housing arm of the CPC in FY15 given the Trust's 25 years of experience preserving and creating affordable housing units and supporting programs to assist homeowners and renters.

The Trust has prioritized preserving or increasing the supply of affordable housing in Somerville and helping low-to-moderate income households gain access to or retain housing. Projects and programs serving individuals and families at or below 100% of the area median income (AMI) are eligible for CPA-funded Trust projects. Since FY15, the Housing Trust has received \$13.5 million in CPA funds to support affordable housing. These funds have supported the creation of 85 new units of affordable housing and supporting 59 rotating families with rental assistance.

In FY19, as in previous years, the Trust released a Request for Information and then a subsequent application for proposals for CPA funds. They received one development application and five program applications for a total of \$2,205,248. All projects were fully funded with the exception of one program application which was not funded for a total of \$2,005,296. The Trust had \$652,288 remaining from their FY18 that they were able to roll over to fund the increased demand in FY19. They have \$43,978 remaining that will be available for projects in FY20 in addition to their FY20 appropriation.

Ongoing Project Update

FY15 was the first year for CPA grantmaking in Somerville, since then 12 projects have been completed. Two projects funded in FY15 returned funding—First Church Somerville Window Restoration and American Tube Works national register nomination (City of Somerville, Planning and Zoning). Both projects are continuing with other sources of funding.

For FY15-FY18, used the following minimum funding allocations: 45% for community housing; 15% each to historic resources and open space/recreational land; and 20% flexible, which are funds that can be spent on projects in the three CPA categories based on demand. The minimum funding allocations were adjusted in FY19 to: 50% for community housing; 15% for historic

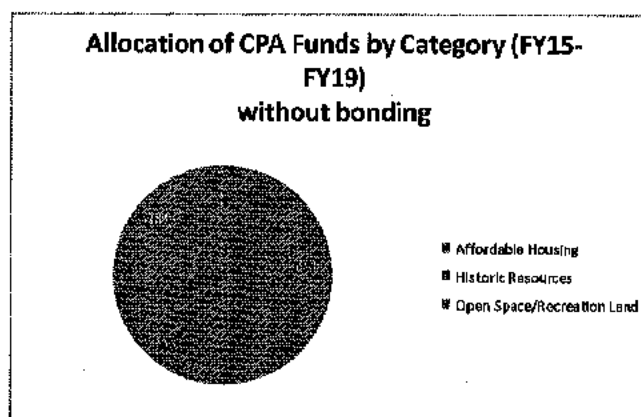
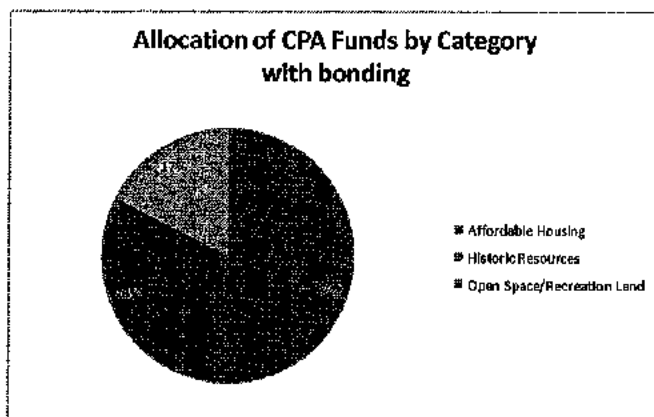
resources 20% for open space/recreational land; and 10% flexible. The remaining 5% goes to support the administration of the program. Of the program funds, to date, not considering bonding, 49% has gone to affordable housing, 25% to historic resources, and 26% to open space/recreational land. When the West Branch Library and 100 Homes bonds are included, the percentage awarded to historic resources increases to 26% and affordable housing increases to 57%; open space/recreational land decreases to 17% (see Figure 2).

Of the 70 projects that have received funding FY15-FY19:

- 60% are implemented by community organizations (42)
- 31% are implemented by City departments (22)
- 9% are jointly implemented by community organizations and City departments (6)

Non-City grantees receive their project funding in tranches established at the beginning of the project. The final 10% of the budget is released upon the completion of the project and submission of a final report.

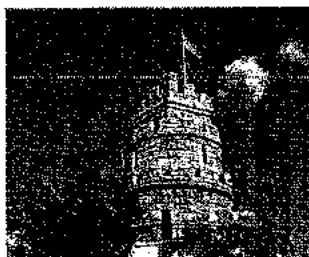
Figure 2. Total CPA Funding Allocations



Completed Projects

Prospect Hill Tower Renovation

City of Somerville, Capital Projects



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$500,000	85% (\$427,425) \$72,575 returned

Photo source: Graham Baker

The Prospect Hill Tower Renovation is the Somerville CPA's first completed project. The Tower was officially reopened during the First Flag ceremony on January 1, 2016 and the CPA celebration was held on September 20, 2016. To ensure that all Somerville residents can experience the Tower, CPA supported the creation of a virtual tour video, *George Washington ... on Prospect Hill?* which is available on the City's website with subtitles in English, Spanish and Portuguese (Haitian Kreyol is coming soon). The Tower is now open in warm weather for docent tours.

Milk Row Cemetery Rehabilitation and Restoration– FY15

City of Somerville, Planning & Zoning Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$48,360	100%

The City of Somerville contracted a firm to complete the rehabilitation and restoration work of the tombs in Milk Row Cemetery. They completed their work summer 2016. Following receiving CPA funding, the project received matching funds from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the City of Somerville Planning and Zoning Department.

Milk Row Cemetery Rehabilitation and Restoration– FY16

City of Somerville, Planning & Zoning Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$33,108	91%
FY17		(\$31,367)

The City of Somerville is working with a consultant to complete the restoration work of an anticipated 48 grave markers and the Civil War Monument in Milk Row Cemetery. \$6,300 from the FY16 project was spent to complete the FY15 tomb restoration project when the contractors uncovered more extensive damage than expected. The FY17 CPA award for the project will replace these funds, allowing the full project to be completed summer 2016, increasing the total amount awarded from \$26,808 to \$33,108. A celebration of the completed project was held in May 2019.

Mystic Water Works Historic Windows
Somerville Housing Authority



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$243,000– historic	100%
FY16	\$507,000– housing	

The Mystic Water Works project provides affordable housing for 25 seniors and persons living with disabilities. The Community Preservation Committee provided funding to preserve the historic windows; the Affordable Housing Trust Fund provided funding for the housing component in FY16. Residents moved into the building in February 2018.

Temple B'nai Brith Fire Safety and Accessibility Project
Temple B'nai Brith



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$450,945	100%

Temple B'Nai Brith installed a fire safety sprinkler system and an elevator in their historic building.

83 Belmont St. Window Restoration
Laura de la Torre Bueno



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$4,510	100%

This project provided resources for the property owners at 83 Belmont St. to replace the original stained glass window in their home which was damaged in a fire. The home is on the national register of historic places. The restoration of the home was featured in the Boston Globe and received a Director's Preservation Award from the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.

City of Somerville Archives Processing Contractor
City of Somerville Archives



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$43,000	100%

The Somerville Archives contracted a consultant to process permanent collections and create record guides. These documents are available on the [Archives website](#).

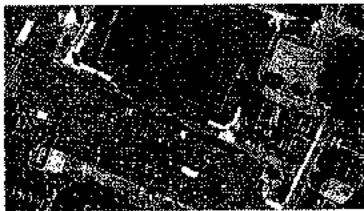
Elizabeth Peabody House Roof Restoration
Elizabeth Peabody House Association



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$73,000	100% (\$70,374)

The roof of the historic building that is home to the Elizabeth Peabody House Association suffered from water infiltration. This project completed necessary repairs to the roof that ensure the building is water tight. The building houses a pre-school, food pantry, and other social services offered by the Association. The project was completed under budget, so \$2,626 was returned to the historic resources reserve in FY19.

5 Palmer Acquisition
City of Somerville, Economic Development Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$500,000	100%

Photo source: Google Maps

The City of Somerville acquired the 0.04 parcel, which will add to the open space at the Capuano School/Glen Park. The parcel will be perpetually preserved as recreational land per the requirements of the Community Preservation Act.

Blessing of the Bay Park Design– Phase 1
Mystic River Watershed Association



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$41,863	100%

Mystic River Watershed Association conducted community outreach in conjunction with Groundwork Somerville and hired a firm to complete a schematic design for the park. The completed schematic design is available at www.mysticriver.org/blessingofthebay.

Healey School to Mystic
Friends of the Healey



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$45,000	100%

The Friends of the Healey hired a firm to develop a master plan for the open and recreation space around the Healey School, Mystic Housing Authority and Blessing of the Bay Boat House. The goal was to better connect the three places, which are geographically very close but difficult to access from each location. The City of Somerville supported the Friends in implementing a competitive selection process for the design firm. The design team developed two options for the Healey+Mystic Master Plan, which can be seen at: <http://healeymystic.org>. In FY17, design funds were awarded for the design of the Healey Schoolyard (City of Somerville) and the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse Park (Mystic River Watershed Association). Both will build on the Healey+Mystic Master Plan.

School Garden Classrooms
Groundwork Somerville



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$45,373	100%

This Groundwork Somerville improved eight school yard garden classrooms in Somerville. The project has received in-kind materials from the Somerville School District, which allowed the full vision of the project to be completed. Over 1,000 Somerville students have benefited from the project. Students at the East Somerville Community School held the ribbon cutting for the project in October 2016 with Mayor Curtatone and Superintendent Skipper.

Community Growing Center Design
Friends of the Community Growing Center



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$52,090	100%

The Friends of the Community Growing Center hired a firm to create a new design for the Community Growing Center. More information about the project is available at: <http://www.thegrowingcenter.org/#/redesign/tof3d>

100 Homes Initiative Pilot
Somerville Community Corporation



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$1,200,000 (loan)	100%

This Somerville Community Corporation program was established with the goal of creating 100 new units of affordable housing. To date, SCC has acquired has acquired 20 units. The CPA funds are a subsidy that will be released when the SCC secures permanent financing to make the units affordable.

Short Stop Self-Sufficiency Program	Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
Wayside Youth and Family	FY16	\$51,107	100%
Support Network	FY17		

The Short Stop program provides transitional housing for homeless young adults. CPA funds cover the gap between what HUD can fund (up to fair market rent) and what the actual cost of monthly rent is for nine individuals at a time. To date the program has served 18 young adults. Nine have left the program, of which seven are living independently, one left the program for other opportunities, and one began a four year college program. Educational stability has increased— during participation in the program and once youth have left the program.

Ongoing Historic Projects

Somerville City Hall Renovation, Design, and Construction Management City of Somerville, Capital Projects Department



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$200,000	0%

Photo source: Eric Kilby

This project will contract a design firm to develop a design to restore the exterior of Somerville City Hall, upgrade mechanical and life safety systems, and ensure accessibility. This project will begin once an owner's project manager is hired.

West Branch Library Restoration City of Somerville, Capital Projects Department



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$2,500,000 (bond)	0%

The City of Somerville will restore and preserve the existing library interior and exterior and ensure ADA compliance. Construction will begin in spring 2019. The CPA funding for the project will be bonded in FY20.

Local Historic District Property Owner Preservation Fund City of Somerville, Planning & Zoning Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$150,000	0%

This project will provide resources for the City of Somerville to create a dedicated fund that will provide small grants to owners of local historic district designated properties for the restoration and preservation of their structures. The City plans for the fund to be multi-year and renewable. The fund will be managed by the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development's Preservation Staff along with the Historic Preservation Commission.

Somerville Museum Capital Improvements– FY15

Somerville Museum



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$168,191	90%
		(\$150,181)

The Somerville Historical Society is making improvements to the Somerville Museum to better preserve its collections and make the building ADA accessible. The project originally planned to construct an elevator lift. The Massachusetts Architectural Access Board determined this was not sufficient as it would not reach all Museum floors. The CPC and Board of Aldermen approved using the \$24,970 allocated for the lift towards the design, purchase and installation of the elevator. The Museum received approval to extend their grant term to complete the project and will be installing a perimeter drain to address moisture in the basement. The elevator project is planned to begin June 2019.

Somerville Museum Capital Improvements– FY16

Somerville Museum



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$423,480	20%
		(\$86,316)

This project will provide further resources for the Somerville Museum to become ADA compliant and care for its historic collections. This will include building an elevator to meet ADA requirements, reinstalling the Museum's original Palladian window that was removed in 1986 per a deed restriction with the Massachusetts Historical Society, upgrading security systems, inventorying the Museum's holdings, and planning for Phase 6 of the Museum's strategic plan. The project was delayed for three years by a lawsuit and appeal in Land Court. The Museum is now assembling funds to complete the project as construction costs have risen considerably since 2016. The project is anticipated to start in June 2019.

Somerville Museum: Collection Preservation – FY19

Somerville Museum



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY19	\$100,000	0%

With the FY19 grant, the Museum will make climate control improvements, improve fire safety systems, and remediate mold in the building in order to protect its historic collections. The project will commence after the Museum submits its grant agreement documents.

Central Library Mold Remediation
Somerville Public Libraries



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$21,279	0%

This project will provide resources for the City of Somerville to remediate historic materials damaged by mold in the Closed Stacks, move them to the Library's Local History Room, and install a 10,000 BTU air conditioning unit in the Local History Room to ensure the historic materials are appropriately stored and preserved.

Grace Baptist Church Restoration– FY17
Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$553,378	90% (\$498,000)

This project rehabilitated the apse of the historic Grace Baptist Church. Work was originally planned to repair the roof on the entire building. However, work on the apse uncovered serious structural issues in the apse section of the building. As a result, the grant funds were repurposed to address the structural issues in the apse. The building is now home to the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development, which operates a food pantry from the building. The building is also home to a day care. The project work has been completed and SHA4CD is preparing the final report.

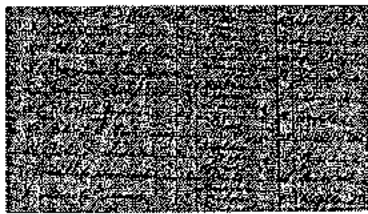
Grace Baptist Church Restoration– FY19
Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY19	\$500,000	0%

In this phase of the project, the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development will complete the repairs to the slate roof on the historic Grace Baptist Church. They will also create an ADA accessible ramp into the building. The project will begin following the execution of the grant agreement for the project.

Preservation of and Access to Election Records
City of Somerville, Elections Department



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$85,100	4% (\$3,230)

This project will remediate historic election records damaged by mold. It will also digitize them so they are easily accessible to all. CPA funds are supporting the preservation and digitization of the historic records from 1884 to 1967 and the City is funding the digitization of records from 1967 to the present. The records include voter lists used at polls, indices of registered votes, general registers, voter annual registers by ward and precinct, preliminary and general elections results, poll taxes, and lists of women voters.

Works Progress Administration Carved Wood Bas-Relief Restoration Project
Somerville Public Library



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY19	\$6,055	0%

Central Library will hire a conservator to restore their wood bas-relief, carved by a local artist through the Works Progress Administration Program in 1939. The Library will also hire a skilled firm to install the carving in a safer, more prominent location in the library.

Building Condition Assessment and Prioritized Rehabilitation Plan
Elizabeth Peabody House Association

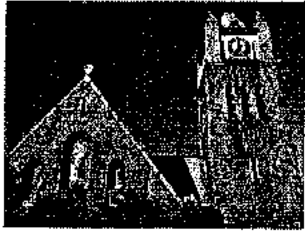


Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY19	\$28,000	90% (\$25,200)

Elizabeth Peabody House Association hired consultants to conduct a full assessment of existing building conditions and create a prioritized rehabilitation plan to guide future capital improvement projects for their building. The results of the assessment will be presented to their board in June.

Mission Church of Christ– Roof Repair and Preservation Project

Mission Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY19	\$113,120	90% (\$101,808)

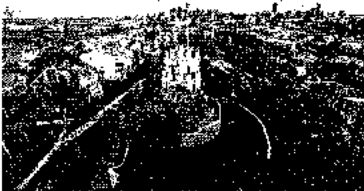
Mission Church will repair the slate roof on their historic building, which is home to their congregation as well as a food pantry.

Photo: Michael Tarselli

Open Space & Recreation Land

Prospect Hill Park Design Services

City of Somerville, Parks and Open Space Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$85,000	98% (\$83,999)

Photo source: Eric Kilby

The City of Somerville contracted a firm to develop a design for the Prospect Hill Park. The first step was to conduct an archeological reconnaissance survey of the park to determine if there are any archeologically sensitive areas. The survey was completed in April 2017. The design is complete based on community input and construction is underway. The design firm will remain engaged through the completion of construction to ensure the construction follows the design.

Prospect Hill Park Construction

City of Somerville, Parks and Open Space Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$797,330	1% (\$2,059)

The renovation of Prospect Hill Park is underway and scheduled to be completed in 2020. The completed park will be ADA accessible and include more interpretive features to help visitors better understand the rich history of Prospect Hill. The City received two Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grants which total \$800,000 from the state to help complete the project.

Allen Street Mixed Use Renovation

City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division and Stephanie Hirsch



Photo source: Google Earth

Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$20,000	100%

The City of Somerville contracted a landscape architect to complete a design through a community process. The design improves the community garden plots while adding a play area for children, serving the surrounding community and the Allen Street Head Start School, which is directly across from the open space. The design firm will be engaged through the construction process in order to ensure the final park is constructed in alignment with the design.

Hoyt Sullivan Playground Renovation

City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$400,000	100%

The City of Somerville renovated the 22,000 square foot Hoyt Sullivan Playground. The renovation included improving ADA and universal access, new lighting, circulation paths, improving the tree canopy and sustainable practices, providing active and passive recreation with a focus on younger children and improved visual connections to the community path and rail corridor via a new deck overlook. The contractor is now addressing final punch list items.

Community Path Repaving

City of Somerville Engineering Division and Friends of the Community Path



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$140,000	100%

The Community Path from Grove St. to Cedar Street was repaved in May 2017. The section from Buena Vista Rd. to the Cambridge line will be repaved following a planned drainage improvement project that will take place summer 2019.

Community Path Design

City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division and Friends of the Community Path



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$90,000	0%
FY18		

The City of Somerville and the Friends of the Community Path will lead a design process that will make improvements to the existing Community Path and add additional features. The design will emphasize adding green infrastructure to the Grove to Cedar section to improve drainage. Additional funds were added to the project in FY17 to include plans to manage invasive species and the tree canopy. The City has identified the design firm that will lead the process and is in the process of finalizing the contract.

Community Path Survey

City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$20,000	0%

The City of Somerville will hire a design firm to complete a survey of the Community Path, a necessary input for the design process.

Land Acquisition Study Fund

City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division

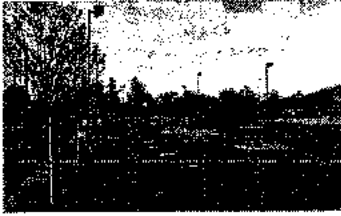


Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$40,000	6% (\$2,500)

This project provides resources for the City of Somerville to explore the feasibility of acquiring parcels for acquisition for open space and recreation land. The fund supports appraisals, environmental studies, surveys, and other preliminary studies necessary to determine if a parcel is a good candidate for acquisition and gather the necessary information to prepare a full proposal for submission to the Community Preservation Committee for CPA funding or directly to the City Council for funding through non-CPA sources.

Healey Schoolyard Design

City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$80,000	0%

The City of Somerville will hire a firm to complete a new design for the Healey Schoolyard. This project will be informed by the Healey+Mystic Master Plan that was funded by CPA in FY15. The RFP for this project has been released and the City is now in the process to select a design firm. Additional funds for the project were provided by the City of Somerville to be able to add on the design of an athletic field to the project.

Winter Hill Schoolyard Construction

City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$500,000	100%

The City of Somerville has completed the construction of a new schoolyard for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School. The contractors are now finalizing the remaining punch list items.

Henry Hansen Park

City of Somerville Veterans' Services



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$49,200	81% (\$14,200 returned)

The City of Somerville hired a firm to develop a new design for Henry Hansen Park, which honors the Somerville resident who participated in the first raising of the American flag at Iwo Jima during World War II. The design is complete following a community process. The firm is now preparing the construction documents. The cost of the project was lower than expected, so the project was able to return \$14,200 to the CPA fund.

Community Pollinator Garden

City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division and Green and Open Somerville



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$13,000	40% (\$5,197)

The City of Somerville and Green and Open Somerville have planted a butterfly garden at the edge of Morse-Kelly Park. This spring they will be finalizing the plantings, the ADA accessible path, and interpretive signage.

South Street Farm

Groundwork Somerville

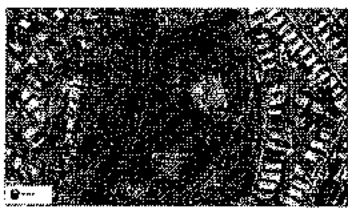


Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$60,160	90% (\$54,144)

Groundwork Somerville has expanded the capacity of the South Street Farm to be used as public space and an outdoor classroom, in addition to its current function as an urban farm. This work included constructing a shade structure, wash station, bicycle parking, and tables and benches. Groundwork Somerville also made improvements such as conducting a phytoremediation project, creating new rain collection surfaces and storage, installation of composting structures, and improving on-site water and drainage management. Groundwork Somerville is preparing the final report.

Dilboy Auxiliary Fields Design Services

City of Somerville, Parks and Recreation Department



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$90,000	43% (\$39,083)

The City of Somerville hired a firm to redesign the Dilboy Auxiliary fields. The project includes renovating the soil profile and reorganizing the space to add a U12 soccer field. Irrigation and lighting will also be added to the fields. The design is underway.

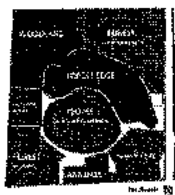
Community Growing Center Construction Documents
Friends of the Community Growing Center



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY17	\$33,176	90% (\$3,318)

The Friends of the Community Growing Center hired a landscape architect to complete the construction documents and bid package for the design funded by CPA in FY15. More information about the project is available at: <http://www.thegrowingcenter.org/#iredesign/tof3d>

Community Growing Center Construction
Friends of the Community Growing Center



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$350,000	90% (\$311,112)

The Friends of the Community Growing Center are working with a construction company to implement the new design funded by CPA in FY15 and FY16. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 22, 2019.

Community Growing Center Electrical Cabinet
Friends of the Community Growing Center



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY19	\$3,888	0%

The Community Preservation Committee awarded an additional \$3,888 for the Growing Center's construction project through an emergency request. The funds will pay for the purchase of a new electrical cabinet, necessary to complete the project.

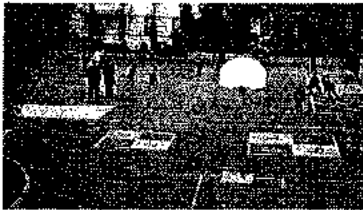
Blessing of the Bay Park Design– Phase II
Mystic River Watershed Association



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$155,339	45% (\$69,903)

The Mystic River Watershed Association will work with their selected design firm to complete the design through to construction documents with active community input.

Brown and West Somerville Schoolyards Design Services
City of Somerville, Parks and Open Space Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$140,000	0%

The City of Somerville will hire a firm to create new designs for the schoolyards at the Brown and West Somerville schools.

Kennedy Schoolyard Design Services
City of Somerville, Parks and Open Space Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY19	\$65,000	0%

The City of Somerville will hire a firm to create new designs for the front schoolyard at the Kennedy School.

5 Palmer Conservation Restriction Fee
City of Somerville, Economic Development Division



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY19	\$6,000	0%

Photo source: Google Maps

The City of Somerville acquired the 0.04 parcel, which will add to the open space at the Capuano School/Glen Park. As required by the Community Preservation Act, the parcel will be perpetually preserved as open space through a conservation restriction. Groundwork Somerville will hold the conservation restriction and will receive a fee of \$6,000 when the conservation restriction is recorded at the Registry of Deeds. The restriction has received approval from the state to seek local approvals and is currently being reviewed by the Conservation Commission.

35 Richardson St.
Somerville Community Corporation



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$210,000	0%

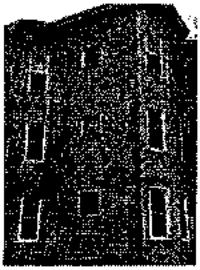
Photo source: Google Earth

Somerville Community Corporation purchased the property at 35 Richardson to be converted to a public park as part of a project on the 31-35 Richardson parcel. Following the construction of a new unit of affordable housing on the 31 Richardson side of the property, SCC will donate the 35 Richardson parcel for conversion into a public park. As required by the Community Preservation Act, the parcel will be perpetually preserved as open space.

Ongoing Affordable Housing Projects

100 Homes Initiative

Somerville Community Corporation



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY16	\$9,302,608	25%
FY17	(loan)	(\$1,707,056)
FY18		

To date, the 100 Homes project has acquired 51 fully deed restricted rental units in 13 properties that preserved 28 tenancies, including 5 that were in danger of losing their Section 8 vouchers. Five units are designated for homeless households. In FY18, the City Council approved a \$6 million bond for the 100 Homes project. Debt service payments will begin for this bond in FY20.

Redevelopment of 163 Glen Street

Somerville Community Corporation



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY15	\$915,000	90%
	(loan)	(819,862)

Somerville Community Corporation is redeveloping the former American Legion Post into eight affordable units and three market rate units. The CPA 5th anniversary walking tour began at the groundbreaking for the project in September 2017. The project was delayed by the National Grid strike, but is now making progress towards completion.

24-28 Pleasant St.

Somerville Community Corporation



Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY19	\$1,620,000	0%

Photo source: Google Earth

Somerville Community Corporation is purchasing the property at 24-28 Mt. Pleasant St. It will develop six new affordable rental units that will be available to households earning at or below 80% of the area median income. Four units will be three bedrooms and two will be two bedrooms. The project could leverage up to \$1.2 million from the MA Community Scale Housing Initiative at the Department of Housing and Community Development.

31 Richardson St.
Somerville Community Corporation



Photo source: Google Earth

Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
FY18	\$171,000	0%

Somerville Community Corporation purchased the property at 31 Richardson, which includes an existing home. SCC will sell this home at market rate and build a new two unit building on the property. One will be sold at market rate and the other will be sold as an affordable home to a household with an income at or below 100% of the area median income. The parcel at 35 Richardson was purchased by SCC using CPA open space funds and will be donated to the City of Somerville and converted to a public park following the construction of the new units of affordable housing.

<i>Prevention and Stabilization Services (PASS)</i>	Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
Somerville Homeless Coalition	FY15	\$382,930	0%
	FY17		
	FY18		

This project provides rental assistance for up to 12 households for up to two years, including rental and move-in assistance, case management and stabilization services. The program is designed to serve households of incomes at or below 60% of area median income (AMI) and to help Somerville residents who are experiencing a housing crisis that may have resulted from burdensome rental increases or losses in income to allow them to stay in the City. The grant contract is being finalized.

<i>Better Homes Program—Leasing Differential</i>	Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
Somerville Homeless Coalition	FY15	\$286,929	52%
	FY16		(\$150,513)
	FY17		
	FY18		
	FY19		

CPA funding for the Better Homes Program fills the gap between HUD Fair Market Rent reimbursements and the actual market rents at 12 scattered-site apartments leased by the Somerville Homeless Coalition. This program has supported 22 people (three families and 14 individuals), nine of whom qualify as chronically homeless. The program is designed to serve households of incomes at or below 60% of area median income (AMI) and to help Somerville residents who are experiencing a housing crisis that may have resulted from burdensome rental increases or losses in income to allow them to stay in the City.

<i>Homelessness Prevention Assistance Fund</i>	Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
Community Action Agency of Somerville	FY18	\$50,000	0%
	FY19		

The Homelessness Prevention Assistance Fund provides up to \$3,000 of assistance to households at risk of homelessness to secure a new apartment or pay emergency rental arrears.

<i>Somerville Better Homes 3</i>	Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
Heading Home	FY18	\$95,000	0%
	FY19		

This project provides rental assistance for up to 16 chronically homeless households.

<i>Emergency Shelter and Homeless Program</i>	Year Awarded	Amount Funded	Percent Disbursed
RESPOND, Inc.	FY19	\$11,314	0%

This project provides flexible rental assistance for up to six months for survivors of domestic violence who meet the HUD definition of homeless.

CPA Results

As a result of Somerville's CPA projects, which are located in all seven of Somerville's wards:

- 9 historic buildings are being preserved
- 5 historic buildings and one collection are being made more accessible to all Somerville residents
- 3 historic collections are being preserved
- 7 parks and playgrounds are being improved
- 85 new affordable housing units are being created
- 2 transit oriented affordable housing developments are being built
- 32 households are receiving rental assistance

CPA Applicant and Implementer Survey Results

Since FY16, the CPA program has surveyed applicants and implementers about their experience with CPA.

On average:

- 95% of implementers and 94% of applicants found the support of the CPA Manager to be very useful
- 45% of applicants found the application process to be fairly easy and 60% found it to be very transparent
- 59% of funded projects would not have gone forward without funding from CPA
- 88% of organizations implementing a CPA project benefited from being part of CPA beyond receiving funding

Program Improvements

Based on input from the applicant surveys, the Community Preservation Committee shifted the application cycle in FY19 so that applicants will learn if they will receive funding for their projects in the winter. This will allow them to go out to bid for construction projects while contractors are still developing their schedules for the year ahead. As a result, applicants expect to receive bids with lower costs from higher quality contractors. The CPA Manager also redesigned the report template for grantees based on survey responses. Grantees struggled with the existing template because it was all in Excel. A new template is currently under review by the Finance Department and should be released for use in FY20.

Community Engagement

In addition to seeking community input through the annual application and Community Preservation Plan processes, the CPC seeks community feedback on the program by tabling a community events in Somerville. In FY18, the CPC agreed that each member will participate in one outreach event to expand the ability to participate in events beyond the CPA Manager's availability. Through the events like SomerStreets, CPA was represented at seven community events. 330 people participated in the voting activity that allows residents to share how they would allocate CPA funds across the three funding categories: affordable housing, historic resources, and open space/recreational land.



Looking Ahead to FY20

The CPC projects a minimum of \$2,220,788 in new CPA funds will be available in FY20, including a minimum 11.5% match on FY19 revenue from the State (Table 6). This is a record low distribution for the second year in a row. Efforts to increase the fee on transactions at the Registries of Deeds that support the state's CPA Trust Fund have been more successful than in the past. Governor Baker has shared his support for the increase and for the first time the House of Representatives has included the increase in their budget. Should these efforts be successful, the match rate will increase in FY21.

FY20 will be the first year that the City does not elect to make its optional annual appropriation to the CPA fund, since the CPA program started collected revenue in FY14. The Community Preservation Committee is hopeful that the City will be able to make an appropriation again in FY21.

In addition, FY20 will be the first year that the Committee will pay debt service. The \$6 million 100 Homes bond was issued in FY19 and the debt service is estimated to be \$317,000 for FY20. Debt service payments for the \$2.5 million West Branch Library bond are anticipated to begin in FY21.

FY20 will be a time of transition for the Community Preservation Committee. Each member has a term limit of serving up to two three year terms. The original Committee member terms were staggered so that all members would not rotate out at the same time. The last of the original Committee members will reach their term limits on December 31, 2019. There were four new

Committee members that joined during FY19. In addition, the CPA Manager will be transitioning into the SomerStat Director role after staffing the Committee for three years. The City will be recruiting a new CPA Manager and anticipate this person will start in August 2019. The current CPA Manager will work closely with the Committee and the new CPA Manager to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Table 6. Projected FY20 CPA Funding

Total FY20 New CPA Revenue	\$1,944,167
Surcharge	\$1,781,590
State match	\$276,621
City appropriation*	\$0
(Debt service on 100 Homes bond)	(\$317,000)
(CPA admin funds)	(\$111,039)
Total FY20 New Project Funding	\$1,516,128
New Project Funding Available by Category	
Affordable Housing (50%)**	\$793,394
Historic Resources (15%)	\$333,118
Open Space/Recreational Land (20%)	\$444,158
Undesignated (10%)	\$222,079

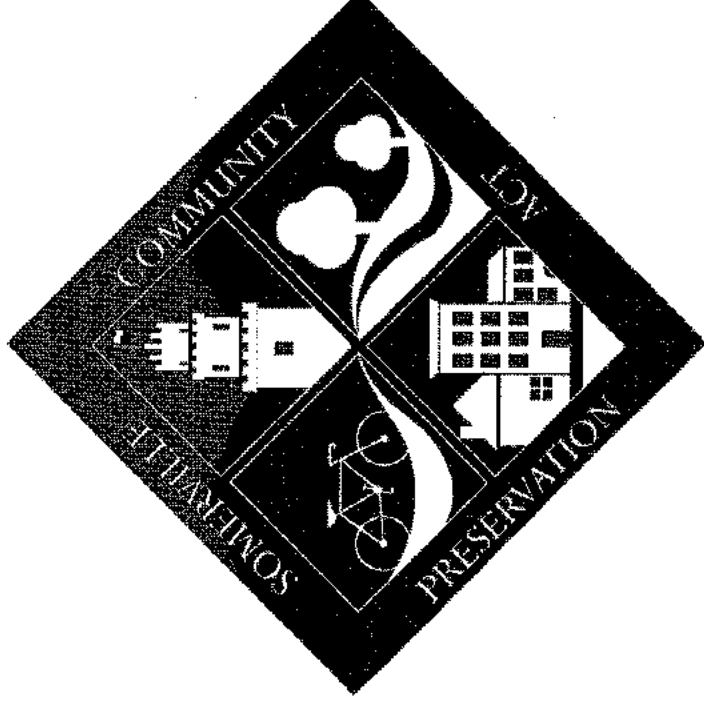
*FY20 City appropriation determined in Spring 2020.

**Funding for new projects available after debt service payment for 100 Homes deducted from housing reserve.



Appendix to FY19 Somerville CPA Final Report:

Spending to date by category and detailed updates on community
historic resources and open space/recreational land projects



CPA Project Spending Summary

Project	Awarded	Spent	Percent
100 Homes FY15-FY17	\$3,131,608	\$3,131,608	100%
Mystic Water Works FY16*	\$507,000	\$507,000	100%
163 Glen St. FY15	\$915,000	\$819,862	90%
PASS FY15	\$89,250	\$0	0%
Better Homes FY15	\$35,820	\$35,820	100%
Better Homes FY16	\$56,868	\$56,868	100%
ShortStop Self-Sufficiency FY16	\$26,107	\$26,107	100%
Better Homes FY17	\$57,825	\$57,825	100%
PASS 3 FY17	\$93,728	\$0	0%
ShortStop Self-Sufficiency FY17	\$25,000	\$25,000	100%
100 Homes FY18	\$6,000,000	\$4,388,341	73%
31-35 Richardson St.	\$171,000	\$0	0%
Better Homes FY18	\$62,532	\$62,532	100%
PASS FY18	\$199,952	\$0	0%
Heading Home FY18	\$45,000	\$0	0%
Homelessness Prevention Assistance Fund FY18	\$50,000	\$0	0%
24-28 Mt. Pleasant	\$1,820,000	\$0	0%
Better Homes FY19	\$73,884	\$0	0%
Heading Home FY19	\$50,000	\$0	0%
Homelessness Prevention Assistance Fund FY19	\$50,000	\$0	0%
Emergency Shelter and Homeless Program	\$11,412	\$0	0%
Affordable Housing Total	\$13,471,986	\$4,660,090	35%

Notes completed projects

* Notes restriction pending

CPA Project Spending Summary cont.

Historic Resources	Awarded	Spent	Percent
Project			
City Hall Renovation	\$200,000	\$0	0%
City of Somerville Archives	\$43,000	\$42,812	100%
Milk Row Cemetery FY15	\$48,360	\$48,360	100%
Prospect Hill Tower Renovation*	\$500,000	\$427,425	85%
Somerville Museum FY15*	\$168,191	\$150,181	89%
Mystic Water Works windows*	\$243,000	\$243,000	100%
Temple B'nai Brith*	\$450,945	\$450,945	100%
LHD Property Owner Fund	\$150,000	\$0	0%
West Branch Library Rehabilitation	\$2,500,000	\$0	0%
Milk Row Cemetery FY16+FY17	\$33,108	\$31,367	95%
Somerville Museum FY16	\$423,480	\$86,316	20%
83 Belmont St. *	\$4,510	\$4,510	100%
Central Library Mold	\$21,279	\$0	0%
Grace Baptist Church FY17	\$553,378	\$498,000	90%
Elizabeth Peabody House FY18	\$73,000	\$70,373.82	96%
Elections Records	\$85,100	\$3,230	4%
Somerville Museum FY19	\$100,000	\$0	0%
Grace Baptist Church FY19	\$500,000	\$0	0%
Mission Church	\$113,120	\$101,808	90%
Elizabeth Peabody House FY19	\$28,000	\$25,200	90%
Central Library WPA Bas-Relief	\$6,055	\$0	0%
Historic Resources Total	\$6,244,526	\$2,056,520	33%



Notes completed projects

* Notes restriction pending

CPA Project Spending Summary cont.

Open Space/Recreation Project	Awarded	Spent	Percent
Prospect Hill Park	\$85,000	\$83,999	99%
Community Growing Center FY15	\$52,090	\$52,090	100%
Healey to Mystic	\$45,000	\$45,000	100%
School Garden Classrooms	\$45,373	\$45,373	100%
Community Path Repaving	\$140,000	\$90,000	64%
Community Path Design + Invasives	\$90,000	\$0	0%
Allen St. Mixed Use Renovation	\$20,000	\$18,000	90%
Hoyt Sullivan Playground Renovation	\$400,000	\$380,330	95%
South Street Farm	\$60,160	\$54,144	90%
Land Acquisition Study Fund	\$40,000	\$2,500	6%
Community Pollinator Garden	\$13,000	\$5,197	40%
Healey School Yard design	\$80,000	\$0	0%
Winter Hill School Yard	\$500,000	\$499,152	100%
Community Path Survey	\$20,000	\$0	0%
Henry Hansen Park	\$49,200	\$11,000	22%
Blessing of the Bay Phase I	\$41,863	\$41,863	100%
Community Growing Center FY17	\$33,176	\$29,858	90%
5 Palmer*	\$500,000	\$500,000	100%
Prospect Hill Park Construction	\$797,330	\$2,059	0%
Dilboy Auxiliary Fields	\$90,000	\$39,083	43%
Blessing of the Bay Phase II	\$155,339	\$69,903	45%
Community Growing Center Construction	\$350,000	\$315,000	90%
35 Richardson*	\$210,000	\$0	0%
Brown and West Somerville Schoolyards	\$140,000	\$0	0%
5 Palmer Conservation Restriction Fee	\$6,000	\$0	0%
Open Space Total	\$4,032,419	\$2,284,551	57%
CPA Program Total	\$23,748,931	\$9,001,160	38%



Notes completed projects

* Notes restriction pending



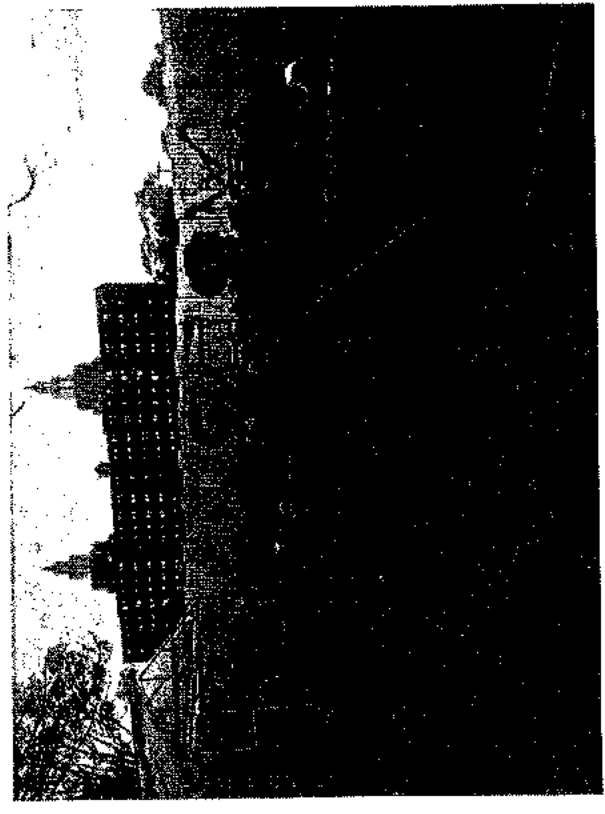
Ongoing Community Project Status-

Historic Resources & Open Space/Recreational Land

South Street Farm FY16 (\$60,160)

<p>Grant signed</p> <p>5/9/16</p>	<p>Funding conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access agreement 	<p>1st disbursement</p> <p>\$42,112 (70%)</p>	<p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoop house Bicycle parking Rainwater catchment system Visitor kiosk Signage 	<p>1st Report</p> <p>6/12/16</p>	<p>2nd disbursement</p> <p>\$12,032 (20%)</p>	<p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shade structure Stormwater management Wash station Soil improvement 	<p>2nd Report</p> <p>6/12/18</p>	<p>Close out</p> <p>\$6,016 (10%)</p>
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Cider Days 2018 at South Street Farm



Groundwork is making progress in improving the South Street Farm. Their work attracted the WGBH Design Squad children's engineering program to collaborate on designing a bike cart for use at the mobile markets. The video can be found at: <https://youtu.be/imAh4hDiXdQ>. They celebrated Cider Days at the farm in October 2018. Groundwork is preparing the final report for this project.

Somerville Museum Capital Improvements FY15 (\$168,191)

Grant signed 12/15/15	Funding conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation Restriction • Public access agreement 	1st disbursement \$69,152 (41%)	Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High water alarm • Environmental monitors • Back up sump-pump • Insulate attic • Begin storm window project • Begin elevator design 	3rd Report: 1/5/16	2nd disbursement \$66,011 (39%)	Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete storm window project • Complete elevator design • Interior shades 	2nd Report: 9/28/16	Phase 1 close out \$15,018 (9%)	3rd Report: 6/14/17	Phase 2 \$16,209 (9%)	Phase 2 close out \$1,801 (1%)	Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basement interior perimeter drain • Attic exhaust fan • Water alarm
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The Somerville Museum has made steady progress on their FY15 project and has been able to reduce costs across the non-elevator aspects of the project. However, there were substantial delays in finalizing the elevator design. The lift original proposed in the application was rejected by the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB). The design process for the full elevator was lengthy as the Museum developed multiple designs based on feedback from the state and City historic commissions, MAAB, and abutters. The Museum received the final necessary approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals in August 2016. This permit was appealed by abutters in Land Court, who then appealed the Land Court ruling in favor of the Museum. The Museum anticipates the appeal will be resolved in 2019.

The Museum has requested a grant agreement extension of three years in order to pair the remaining work under this grant with the climate improvements planned should their FY19 CPA request be funded (basement drain) and the elevator project (attic exhaust fan).

The Museum is finalizing the contract amendment documents for this project.

Somerville Museum Capital Improvements FY16 (\$423,480)

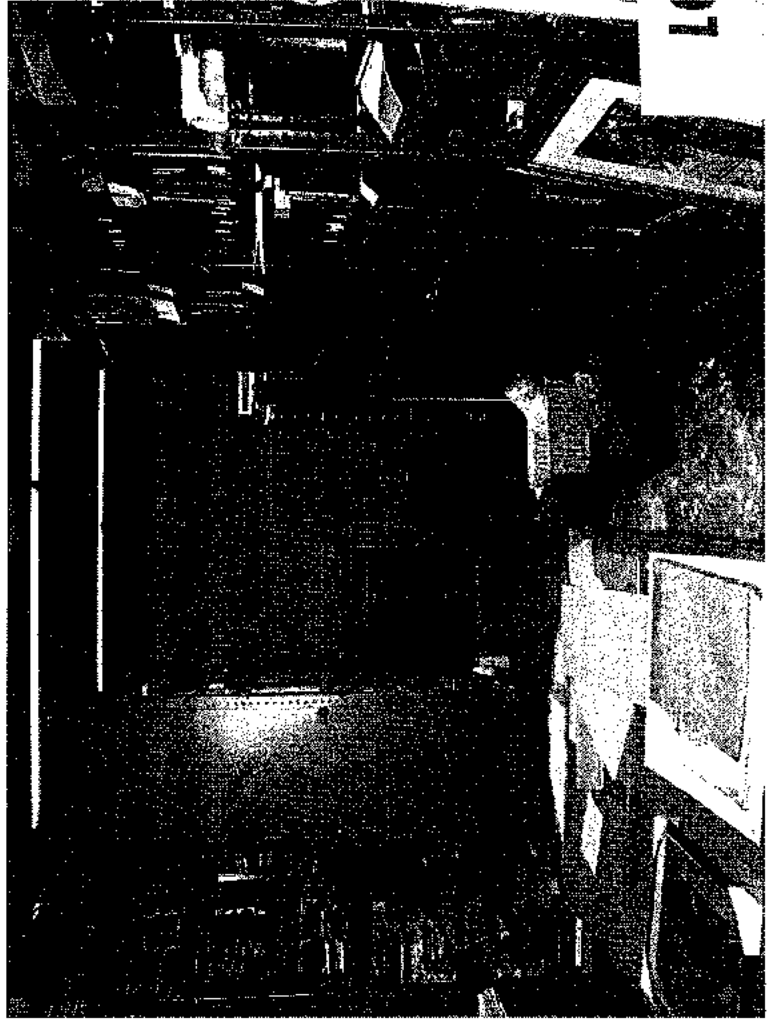
Grant signed
1/11/17

- Funding conditions:
- Necessary approvals

1st disbursement	Phase 1 close out	Phase 2	Phase 2 close out
\$86,316 (20.4%)	\$9,591 (2.3%)	\$294,816 (69.6%)	\$32,757 (7.7%)

- Deliverables:
- Upgrade door hardware
 - Install handrail on Central St. stairway
 - Install security equipment
 - Purchase supplies for inventory
 - Phase 6 preliminary design
- 1st Report:
2/20/17

The Museum worked on the security and inventory aspects of their FY16 grant while they were waiting for the lawsuit related to the elevator to be settled. Now that they are able to proceed with the elevator project, they are developing a plan to beginning construction. After three years of delays, construction costs have escalated substantially. As a result, the Museum will need to raise substantial funds in order to move the project forward.



Grace Baptist Church FY17 (\$553,378)

Grant signed 5/24/17	Funding conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Necessary approvals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perpetual restriction • Maintenance plan
1st disbursement \$75,000 (14%)	Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site survey • MPPF grant • Schematic design alternatives for handicapped access ramp • Prepare contract documents for roof and masonry work <div> 1st Report 6/1/17 </div>

2nd disbursement \$200,000 (36%)	Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidding • Construction and project administration • Structural repairs: roof and masonry <div> 2nd Report 10/5/17 </div>
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Phase 3 \$223,000 (30%)	Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of structural repairs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. slate roof and copper gutter 2. window frames and sills <div> 2nd Report 10/5/17 </div>
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Aerial image of Grace Baptist Church

The Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development is working in collaboration with their architect, Spencer, Sullivan, and Vogt, to make necessary roof and masonry repairs. This grant was intended to make repairs to roof for the whole building. However, when work began on the apse, the contractor discovered the roof was at risk of collapse as well as structural issues with the windows and the front wall of the building. As a result, upon the CPC's recommendation, the then Board of Aldermen approved repurposing the grant funds to address the structural issues in the apse. SHA4CD is in the process of preparing their final report.

Community Growing Center FY17 (\$33,176)

Grant signed 5/24/17	Funding conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with license 	1st disbursement \$22,500 (67%)	Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hire landscape architect 75% completion of construction documents and bid specs 50% completion of stakeholder meetings 	1st Report 10/5/17
Phase 2 \$7,359 (23%)	Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% completed project specifications and design documents Completed bid documents Project coordination 	2nd Report 5/15/18	Close out \$3,317 (10%)	



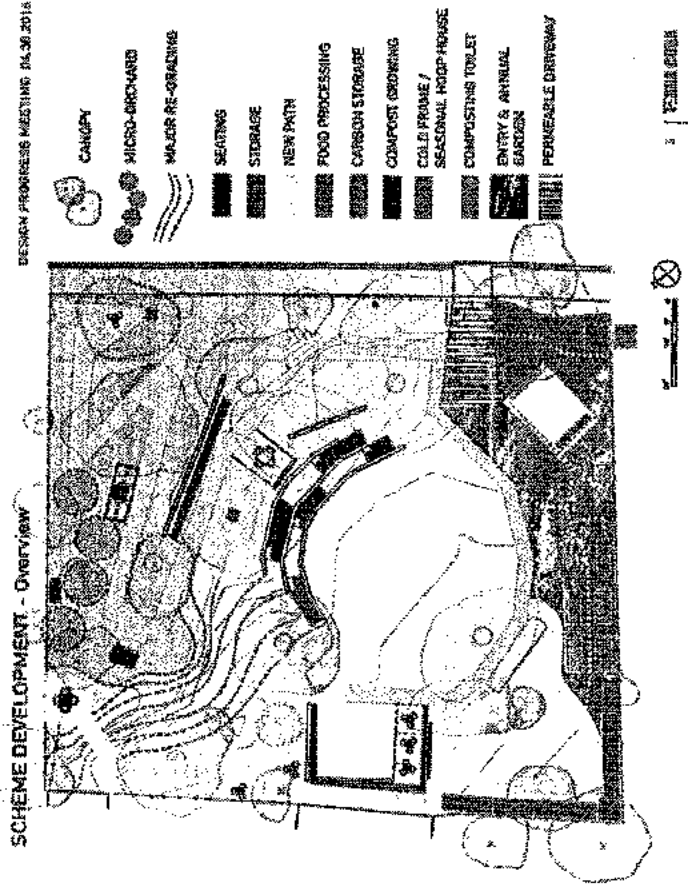
Growing Center Design Charette

The Friends of the Community Growing Center are continuing their collaboration with Terra Cura and hired a landscape architecture firm to complete the construction documents and bid specifications necessary for a public construction procurement process. The CPA enabling legislation requires all projects on public land to comply with public procurement laws and the Growing Center is located on City of Somerville land. This process was completed and the Growing Center received a low bid that was in their budget. The site is now under construction (see next page for grant details).

Community Growing Center FY18 (\$353,888)

<p>Grant signed 6/5/18</p>	<p>1st disbursement \$315,000 (90%)</p>	<p>Close out \$35,000 (10%) \$3,888</p>
<p>Funding conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access Permanent sign Work collaboratively with City of Somerville 	<p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction bid Construction preparation 95% construction completed by mid-December Construction completed by May 2019. <p>1st Report 6/8/18</p>	<p>Close out payment will also account for the emergency funding received to purchase an electrical cabinet.</p>

Design for Revitalized Growing Center



The construction of the revitalized Community Growing Center is underway. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 22, 2019.

Blessing of the Bay Boathouse Park FY18 (15,339)

Grant signed
5/18/18

- Funding conditions:
- Collaborate with City of Somerville

1st disbursement	Phase 2	Close out
\$69,903 (45%)	\$69,902 (45%)	\$15,534 (10%)

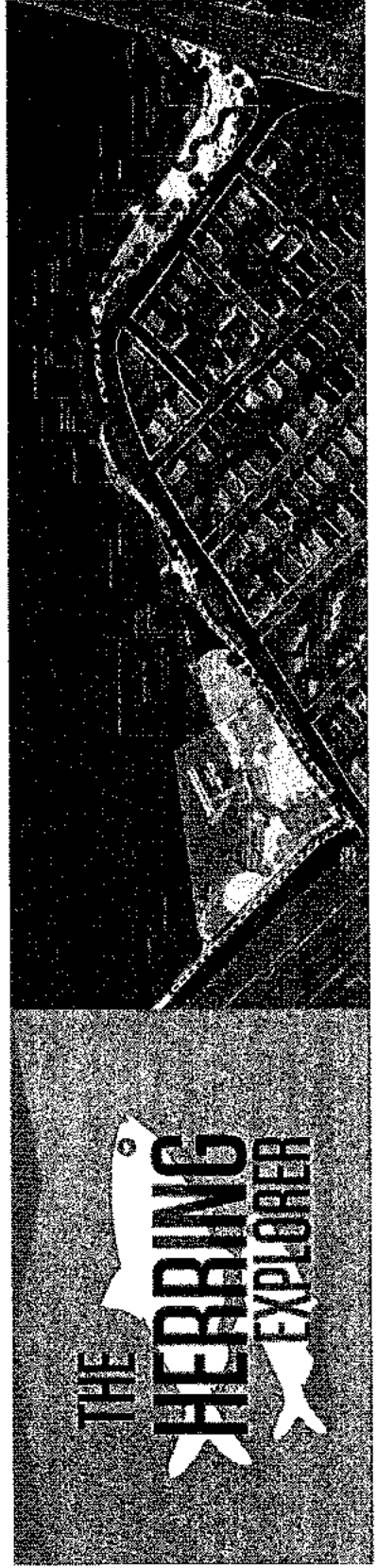
Deliverables:

- Phase 2 kick off meeting
- Draft and execute next phase of work with consultants
- Complete 50% design documents

1st Report
6/7/2018

Mystic River Watershed Association completed the 25% schematic design for the park under the CPA funded phase 1 of the project and is now working toward 50% design documents. The Department of Conservation and Recreation recently expressed interest in being more actively involved in the project and will be working closely with MyRWA going forward. MyRWA is seeking grant funding for the construction of the park.

25% Design for Blessing of the Bay Boathouse Park



Elizabeth Peabody House Building Master Plan FY19 (\$28,000)

Grant signed
2/13/19

Funding conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation restriction • Permanent sign

1st disbursement
\$25,200 (90%)

Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of prior studies • Draft drawings • Expert walk-throughs • Report • Meeting to discuss findings
1st Report 4/3/19

Close out
\$2,800

The Elizabeth Peabody House Association will conduct a full assessment of existing building conditions and create a prioritized rehabilitation plan to guide future capital improvement projects for their building at 277 Broadway. The Elizabeth Peabody House Association services include a pre-school, an after-school program, and a food pantry.

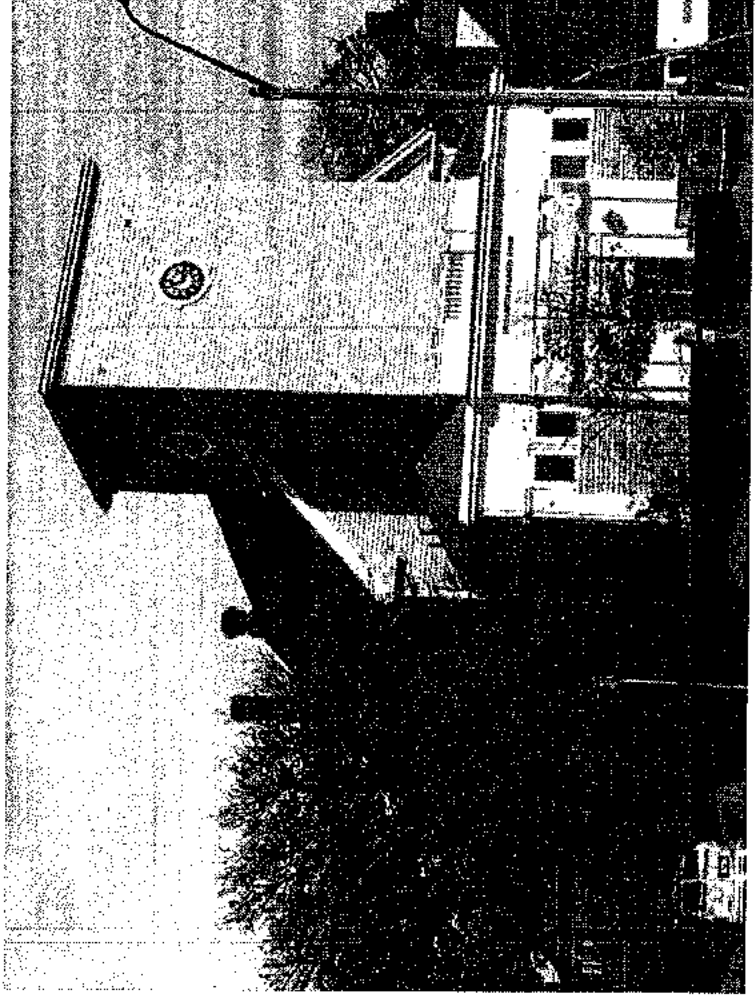


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Mission Church Roof Repair FY19 (113,120)

Grant signed
2/27/19

1st disbursement

\$101,808 (90%)

Close out

\$11,312 (10%)

Funding conditions:

- Preservation restriction
- Permanent sign

Deliverables:

- Staging
- Slate work
- Gutter work
- Dormer work

Est Report
4/18/19

The Mission Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ will repair and preserve the roof of their historic building. Mission Church is home to a food pantry and provides other social services. The building faces significant leaks in four places, which is compromising the integrity of the building.

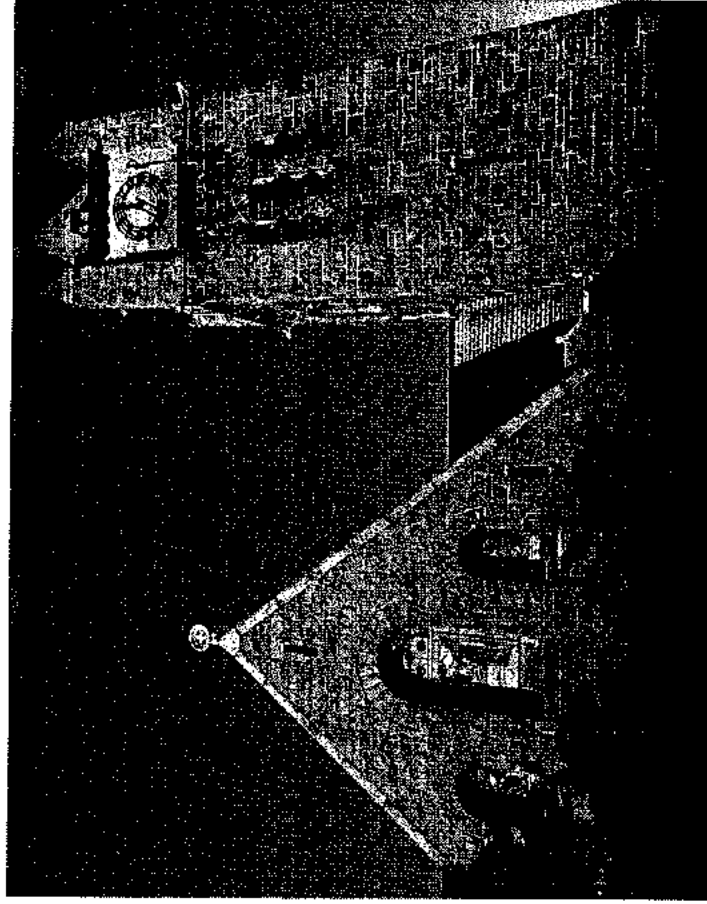


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FY19 projects pending grant agreements:

1. Somerville Museum Collections Preservation (\$100,000)
2. Grace Baptist Church Roof Repair and ADA Access (\$500,000)

FY19 projects under consideration by City Council:

1. ArtFarm Open Space Creation (\$1,000,000: \$457,325 bond; \$542,675 reserves)

CPA FY2020 Budget

Community Preservation Act Fund	FY20 Budget		
Estimated new revenue			
Surcharge revenue	1,944,167		
State match of previous year's local revenue	276,621		
Total	2,220,788		
New appropriations and reserves			
Admin and Operating Expenses of Committee (5% of estimated revenue)	111,039	Estimated Debt Service	Total Available for FY20 Projects
Open Space and Recreation Reserve (20% of estimated revenue)	444,158	0	444,158
Historic Resources Reserve (15% of estimated revenue)	333,118	0	333,118
Community Housing Reserve (50% of estimated revenue)	1,110,394	368,846	741,548
Budgeted Reserve (10% of estimated revenue)	222,079	0	222,079
FY19 City Appropriation			0
Total	2,220,788	368,846	1,740,902

*FY18 Rollover: \$210,000 open space/recreation earmark for land acquisition

Community Preservation Act Fund	FY18 Actual	FY19 Thru 4/30	FY20 Estimated
Total Funding Available	4,053,077	2,390,845	2,220,788
Current Fiscal Year Revenue	2,669,272	2,390,845	2,220,788
Surcharge Revenue	1,794,507	1,944,167	1,944,167
City Appropriation*	500,000	0	0
State Match of Previous Year's Local Revenue	370,465	432,342	276,621
Interest	4,300	14,336	0
Rollover from Previous Fiscal Year	1,383,805	0	0
Appropriations and Encumbrances	3,645,578	2,300,501	111,039
Committee admin expenses (up to 5% of annual revenue)	84,068	81,452	111,039
Open Space and Recreation Projects	2,203,008	74,888	0
Open Space and Recreation Debt Service	0	0	0
Historic Resources Projects	158,100	747,175	0
Historic Resources Debt Service	0	0	0
Community Housing Projects	1,200,402	1,396,986	0
Community Housing Debt Service	0	0	368,846

*FY20 City appropriation will be determined at the end of FY20.

Personnel List

Position	Current Base	Fiscal Year Base	Full Salary	CPA Salary	SomerStat Salary
Community Preservation Act Manager	1,732.56	90,786.14	90,786.14	72,628.92	18,157.23

FY20 Admin Expenditures

Category	Amount
Total Budget	111,039
Salary	72,629
Holidays	0
Advertising	200
Printing	250
Food	1,500
Signs	500
Supplies	1,000
Conferences	100
Dues	4,350
Feasibility Studies	4,000
Professional & Technical	26,510
Total	111,039

Professional & Technical to include fees for historic preservation consultant, process evaluation consultant, graphic design services, etc.

Special Revenue Fund: Community Preservation Act Fund

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund was established after the voters of Somerville overwhelmingly adopted the CPA (M.G.L. Ch. 44b) in November 2012. The CPA creates a dedicated funding source for the City to invest in affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreational land projects. Since 2015, over \$23.8 million has been awarded to 70 projects. Key annual revenue sources for the Fund include a 1.5% surcharge on net property taxes, optional discretionary appropriations into the Fund by the City, and matching funds from the state. State matching funds are distributed in November of each year and match total local funding (surcharge revenue and City appropriation) for the previous fiscal year. Somerville will receive its sixth distribution in FY20, which will match FY19 local revenue. The estimated state match of FY19 revenue is \$307,246 which will bring the total state funds received to date to \$2.96 million. This will be the first year that CPA funds will go towards debt service for the \$6 million bond issued for the 100 Homes project.

The Community Preservation Committee is responsible for implementing the CPA in Somerville, by working with the community to establish priorities for how CPA funding should be spent and making recommendations to the City Council for specific projects to receive funding. The Committee also submits an annual budget to the City Council which is determined in part by the enabling state CPA legislation. The legislation allows communities to devote up to 5% of estimated annual CPA revenue to the administrative and operating expenses of the Committee and requires communities to devote a minimum of 10% of estimated annual CPA revenue to each funding category: affordable housing, historic resources, and open space and recreational land. The Community Preservation Committee is recommending these minimums be increased to 50% for affordable housing, 15% for historic resources, and 20% for open space/recreational land.

FY2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Received approval from the state to begin the local approval process for the conservation restriction on the 5 Palmer parcel acquired with CPA funds in FY18. This will be the first conservation restriction recorded in Somerville.
- Acquired the second open space parcel with CPA funds- 35 Richardson. This land, purchased by the Somerville Community Corporation will be transferred to the City for use as a public park following the creation of a new affordable housing unit on the 31 Richardson side of the property, which received CPA affordable housing funds.
- Celebrated ribbon cuttings at the Winter Hill Schoolyard and Community Growing Center and groundbreakings at Prospect Hill Park and West Branch Library.
- Began design processes for the Healey Schoolyard and Dilboy Auxiliary Fields. Completed design processes for Allen Street Open Space and Henry Hansen Park.
- Marked the acquisition of the 51st fully deed restricted unit under the 100 Homes project, which has acquired 13 properties. The program has preserved 28 tenancies, including five that were in danger of losing their Section 8 vouchers. Five units are designated for homeless households. To date, CPA funds are supporting the creation of 85 new units of affordable housing.

Special Revenue Fund: Community Preservation Act Fund

- Saw roof repairs on the historic buildings occupied by the Elizabeth Peabody House Association and the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development, allowing these organizations to continue to provide vital social services to the community.
- Leveraged FY2018 City appropriation into the CPA Fund to receive \$432,342 in state matching funds.
- Awarded \$747,175 to five historic resources projects, \$74,888 to three open space/recreation projects, with \$1,000,000 for ArtFarm still under review by the City Council, and \$2,005,296 to five affordable housing projects, through a competitive application process.
- Engaged the community in awarding CPA funds by holding two public meetings and accepting written comments, ultimately hearing from 136 residents. Engaged 331 Somerville residents during SomerStreets and other public events.

FY2020 BUDGET:

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND		FY20 BUDGET	
ESTIMATED NEW FY20 REVENUE			
SURCHARGE REVENUE	1,944,167		
STATE MATCH OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S LOCAL REVENUE	276,621		
TOTAL	2,220,788		
NEW APPROPRIATIONS & RESERVES			
ADMIN AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF COMMITTEE (5% OF ESTIMATED REVENUE)	111,039	FY20 DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR FY20 PROJECTS
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION RESERVE (20% OF ESTIMATED REVENUE)	444,158	0	444,158
HISTORIC RESOURCES RESERVE (15% OF ESTIMATED REVENUE)	333,118	0	333,118
COMMUNITY HOUSING RESERVE (50% OF ESTIMATED REVENUE)	1,110,394	368,846	741,548
BUDGETED RESERVE (10% OF ESTIMATED REVENUE)	222,079	0	222,079
FY19 CITY APPROPRIATION	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,220,788	368,846	1,740,902

Special Revenue Fund: Community Preservation Act Fund

TOTAL CPA FUNDING:

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND	FY18 ACTUAL	FY19 THRU 4/30	FY20 EST
TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	4,053,077	2,390,845	2,516,110
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR REVENUE	2,669,272	2,390,845	2,516,110
SURCHARGE REVENUE	1,794,507	1,944,167	1,944,167
CITY APPROPRIATION*	500,000	0	0
STATE MATCH OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S LOCAL REVENUE	370,465	432,342	276,621
INTEREST	4,300	14,336	0
ROLLOVER FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR	1,383,805	0	0
APPROPRIATIONS & ENCUMBRANCES	3,645,578	2,300,501	111,039
COMMITTEE ADMIN EXPENSES (UP TO 5% OF ANNUAL REVENUE)	84,068	81,452	111,039
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PROJECTS	2,203,008	74,888	TBD
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0
HISTORIC RESOURCES PROJECTS	158,100	747,175	TBD
HISTORIC RESOURCES DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0
COMMUNITY HOUSING PROJECTS	1,200,402	1,396,986	TBD
COMMUNITY HOUSING DEBT SERVICE	0	0	368,846
* FY20 City Appropriation will be determined at end of FY20			

PERSONNEL LIST:

POSITION	CURRENT BASE	FISCAL YEAR BASE	TOTAL
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT MANAGER	1,732.56	90,786.01	72,628.92



JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY20 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR EMERGENCY ELEVATOR FUNDING REQUEST, SOMERVILLE MUSEUM

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Somerville Museum will construct an elevator, the design of which has been approved by the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.

ELIGIBILITY

Historic resources: The Somerville Museum is a local historic district and is currently not ADA accessible.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On May 22, 2019 by a vote of [x-y] the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating [\$600,000] for this project from the [historic resources reserve budget and/or budgeted reserve] to the control of the Somerville Museum for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

OR

On [May 22, 2019] by a vote of [x-y] the Community Preservation Committee recommended not funding this project from the Community Preservation Fund.

Project Budget

Recommended funding amount:

Expenses	Amount
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$282,929.60
Construction	\$1,408,816.30
Total	\$1,691,745.90
Sources	
CPA historic resources funds- requested	\$600,000
Wallace Foundation	\$22,684
Mass. Cultural Facilities Fund	\$40,000
CPA FY15 grant funds	\$24,970
CPA FY16 grant funds	\$327,573
Remainder to be raised	\$676,519
Total	\$1,691,745.90

ALIGNMENT WITH FY20 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

The Somerville Museum collections and the interior of the building cannot currently be enjoyed by all Somerville residents because the building is not currently ADA accessible.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. Execution, and recording, of an historic preservation restriction, including a public access agreement, that was required by the FY15 CPA grant.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goal of this project is to bring the Somerville Museum into full compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Success will be measured through timely completion of the elevator project.

The full proposal is available at: <https://www.somervillema.gov/cpa>

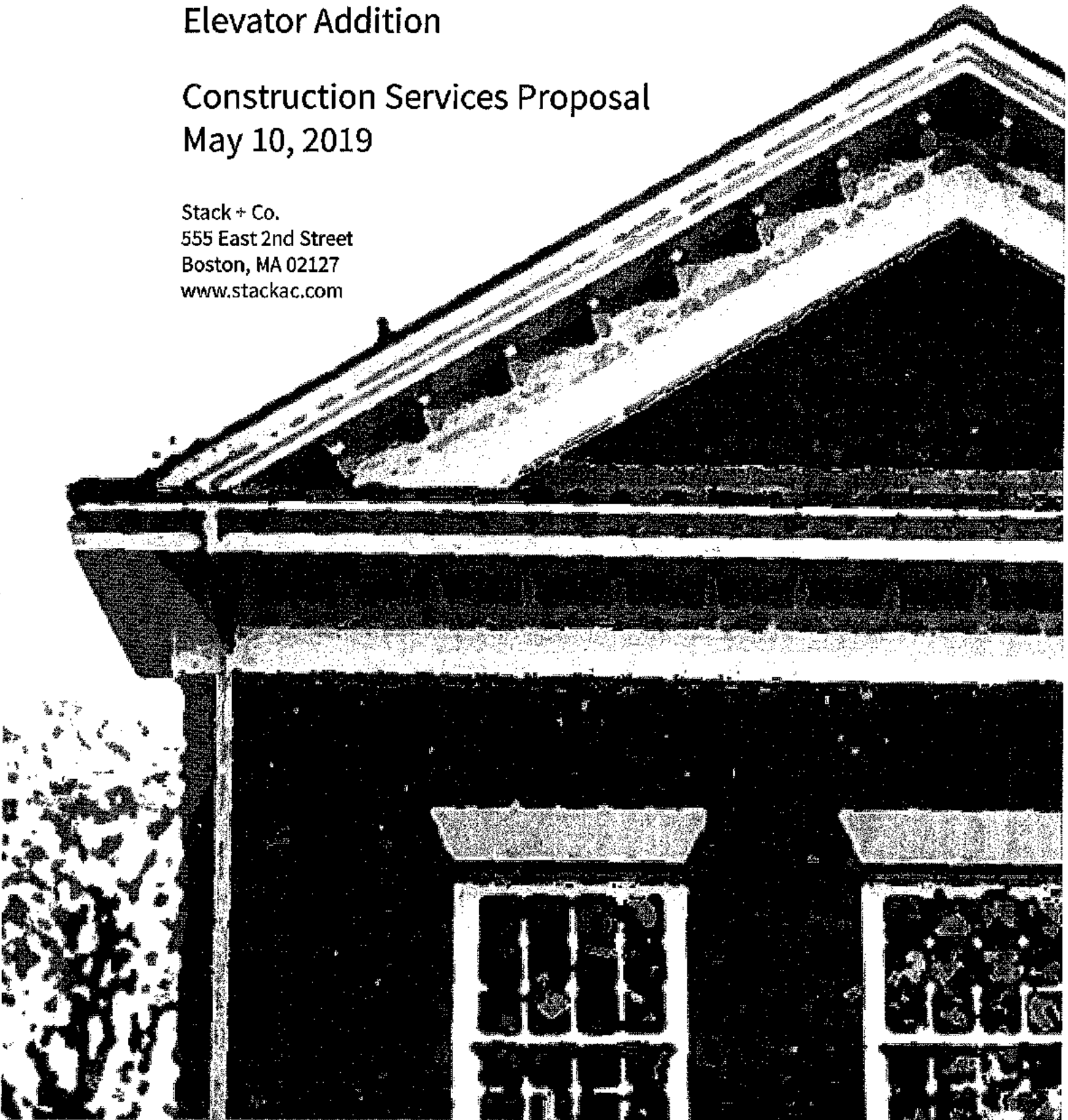
Bid received on May 10, 2019	Total Cost
Hamilton Construction Management Corporation	\$1,774,742.00
includes \$50k contingency	
Stack Construction	\$1,264,143.00
Palladian window installation	\$18,901.00
Substitution of Pella Architect Series Wood Windows in lieu of Kolbe	-\$21,642.00
Palladian window conservation	\$21,000.00
Total	\$1,282,402.00
construction contingency at 10%	\$126,414.30
Total construction cost	\$1,408,816.30
R Graf, Owner's Architect (4% of \$1,186,153)	\$56,352.65
P. Quinn, Architect and firm (10% of \$1,186,153)	\$140,881.63
B.Mangum, Project Manager	\$14,088.16
V. Woodworth, ADA code consultant	\$6,400.00
Payment and Performance Bond (5%)	\$63,207.15
Certified public accountant	\$2,000.00
Total	\$282,929.60
Grand Total	\$1,691,745.90
Funding	
Wallace Foundation	\$22,684.00
MCFF	\$40,000.00
CPA FY15 re-purposed funds	\$24,970.00
Somerville CPA FY16 elevator addition grant	\$237,848.00
CPA FY15 re-purposed funds	\$18,010.00
water alarm installation	-\$300.00
Total	\$343,512.00
Amount needed:	\$1,348,233.90
Difference	\$1,004,721.90
CPA request* (however much the CPA can help us)	\$600,000.00
Museum bank loan	\$404,721.90
<p>*\$235,000 was requested in CPA17, but was not awarded as the Museum was still involved in a lawsuit with the neighbors. The lawsuit has now been found in favor of the Museum, however, costs of construction in Somerville have grown immensely during the past three years.</p>	

Somerville Museum

Elevator Addition

Construction Services Proposal
May 10, 2019

Stack + Co.
555 East 2nd Street
Boston, MA 02127
www.stackac.com



Bid Form
Proposal
Assumptions and Quals
Schedule
Proposed Site Logistics Plan
Firm Profile and Case Studies
Project Team
References

SECTION 00 21 13 Instructions to Bidders

Note – Please transmit this form along with accompanying documents to

Peter Quinn Architects LLC

259 Elm St, Suite 301

Somerville MA 02144

Attn: Katrina Sousa, Project Manager

Phone - 617-354-3989

Email – ksousa@pqarch.com

Project: Addition and Partial Renovation
The Somerville Museum
One Westwood Rd, Somerville MA 02143

To the Owner: The Historical Society of Somerville
The Board of Directors of the Somerville Museum and its President, Barbara Mangum
One Westwood Rd, Somerville MA 02143

A. The undersigned proposes to furnish all labor and materials required for:

The Addition and Partial Renovation of the Somerville Museum

In accordance with the accompanying plans and specifications prepared by:

Peter Quinn Architects LLC

259 Elm St, Suite 301

Somerville MA 02144

Including all Labor and Materials, for the contract price specified below, subject to exceptions, additions and deductions according to the terms of the Specifications.

B. This bid includes Addenda numbered [inset Addenda #'s received]

C. The proposed contract price is

\$1,264,143 DOLLARS

(\$)

Instructions to Bidders

SECTION 00 21 13 - 2

D. Alternates

For Alternate No. 1: Add \$ \$18,901

Description – Add for the field assembly and installation of the historic Palladian Window Set in the Attic level existing brick wall, as described in the Drawings and Specifications

See budget summary for Alternates 2 and 3

E. Bidder understands that the Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities in the bidding process.

F. The undersigned agrees that if selected as General Contractor, within Twenty-One (21) days, weekends and legal holidays excluded, after presentation thereof by the Owner, execute a Construction Contract in accordance with the terms of this Bid.

G. The bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days (excluding weekends and holidays) after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.


H. The undersigned certifies that this bid is in all respects bona fide, fair and made without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this subsection the word "person" shall mean any natural person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity.

I. The undersigned agrees to commence work on the Contract within seven (30) calendar days from receipt of written notice to proceed issued by the Owner and to thereafter diligently and continuously carry on the work. He agrees to Substantially Complete the work of this Contract on or before the date of Substantial Completion set forth in the Contract Agreement.

J. The undersigned shall include with the Bid a Proposed Construction Schedule.

K. The undersigned shall include with the Bid a Schedule of Values of Construction Costs based on CSI divisions. Please note that Contractor General Conditions, Profit and Overhead, Project Requirements, Insurances, and Contractor Fee shall be listed as separate line items.

H. The Bid shall include the following information:

Date:	5/10/19
Submitted By (Company):	Stack Design Build, LLC (Stack + Co.)
Signature	
Name	Jason Brant
Title	Managing Member
Business Type	LLC

END OF SECTION 00 21 13



Somerville Museum
Stack Project #19026

BUDGET SUMMARY

May 10, 2019

Scope	Budget Amount
01000 - Project Requirements	\$ 50,270
02050 - Demolition + Shoring	\$ 54,920
02200 - Site Prep & Utilities	\$ 106,900
02950 - Landscaping	\$ -
03300 - Concrete	\$ 119,696
04200 - Masonry	\$ 137,500
05100 - Structural Steel	\$ 52,750
05500 - Misc. Metals	Inc. in 05100
06100 - Rough Carpentry	\$ 94,271
06400 - Finish Carpentry	\$ 27,650
07200 - Insulation	\$ 3,226
07500 - Roofing	\$ 25,431
07900 - Misc Thermal and Moisture	Inc. in 03300
08100 - Doors, Frames, Hardware	\$ 21,580
08800 - Windows	\$ 26,500
09250 - Walls and Ceilings	\$ 35,250
09300 - Tile	\$ 14,707
09400 - Countertops	Inc. in 06400
09600 - Floor Finishes	\$ 1,377
09900 - Paint	\$ 13,500
10000 - Specialties + Signage	\$ 10,519
11000 - Equipment	\$ -
12000 - Furnishings	\$ -
14000 - Conveying Systems	\$ 99,476
15300 - Fire Protection	\$ -
15400 - Plumbing	\$ 29,150
15500 - HVAC	\$ 39,750
16000 - Electrical	\$ 67,500
30000 - General Conditions	\$ 130,500
01000 - Permit	\$ 23,730
Subtotal	\$ 1,186,153
50000 - Design + Construction Contingency	\$ -
60000 - Insurance	\$ 17,792
70000 - Fee	\$ 60,197
BUDGET TOTAL	\$ 1,264,143



Somerville Museum
Stack Project #19026

BUDGET SUMMARY

May 10, 2019

Scope Alternates Items below are excluded from the Budget but may be added for the all-inclusive amounts as shown.	Add/Alternate Amount
Alternate #1 - Installation of Historic Palladium Window - to be completed within project schedule duration	\$ 18,901
Alternate #2 - Allowance for Garaventa 5 year Preventative Maintenance Plan and Extend Parts Warranty	\$ 11,404
Alternate #3 - Furnish Pella Architect Series Wood Double Hung Windows, in lieu of Kolbe Heritage Windows	\$ (21,642)

ASSUMPTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS
May 10, 2019
General Qualifications

- This Budget is based on Open Shop Labor.
- This Budget is based upon and subject to all Qualifications noted in the enclosed Budget Detail.
- This Budget excludes any work indicated as an "Exclusion" in the enclosed Budget Detail.
- Costs for hazardous material testing and abatement are excluded.
- Costs for remediating existing non-conforming building conditions at the direction of code officials are excluded.
- Costs associated with unforeseen concealed existing conditions are excluded.
- Costs for all fees to Utilities/Municipalities for new or temporary utility services are excluded.
- Costs for utilities consumed during construction are excluded.
- All work to be performed during normal working hours.
- All Construction Proposals are only good for 30 days.
- Tolerances are +/- 1/8"

Project Specific Qualifications

- This Budget is based on Proposed Elevator Addition Bid Set, dated 04/09/2019
- This Budget is based on MEP Addendum, dated 04/30/2019, Proposed Elevator Addition Demo Plans, received 04/29/2019
- This Budget is based on Proposed Elevator Addition Project Manual, dated 04/09/2019
- This Budget is based on RFI Responses.
- The assumed onsite construction duration is 180 working days (36 working weeks). See Schedule for specifics.
- This Budget assumes that this project is tax exempt.
- This Budget assumes normal business hours.
- This Budget assumes that the sidewalk along Westwood Road can be fenced in and used during construction.
- We have included waterproofing and topping slab in the Basement per the Architectural plans and sections. However, there are details that will need to be resolved; specifically at slab edge at the step down into the stair, at slab edge at new doors into the east wing, etc. A sump or drain may be desirable.
- This Budget excludes cost for new underslab drain piping or new perimeter foundation drain. These may be desirable for moisture control; however, they would need to discharge somewhere TBD.
- This Budget excludes cost for forming the sump pit or furnishing or installing a sump pump. Based on Stack's experience with Garaventa lifts, we do not believe a sump in the elevator will be required.

Allowances - Certain scopes of work (as described below) have been included as Allowances. If the cost of a specific selection is greater than the Allowance value, the contract value shall be increased accordingly, including markups for Contractor's Overhead + Profit. These Allowances are summarized here and detailed in the enclosed Budget Detail. If values / scope differ between this Summary and the Budget Detail, the value /scope in the Budget Detail shall govern.

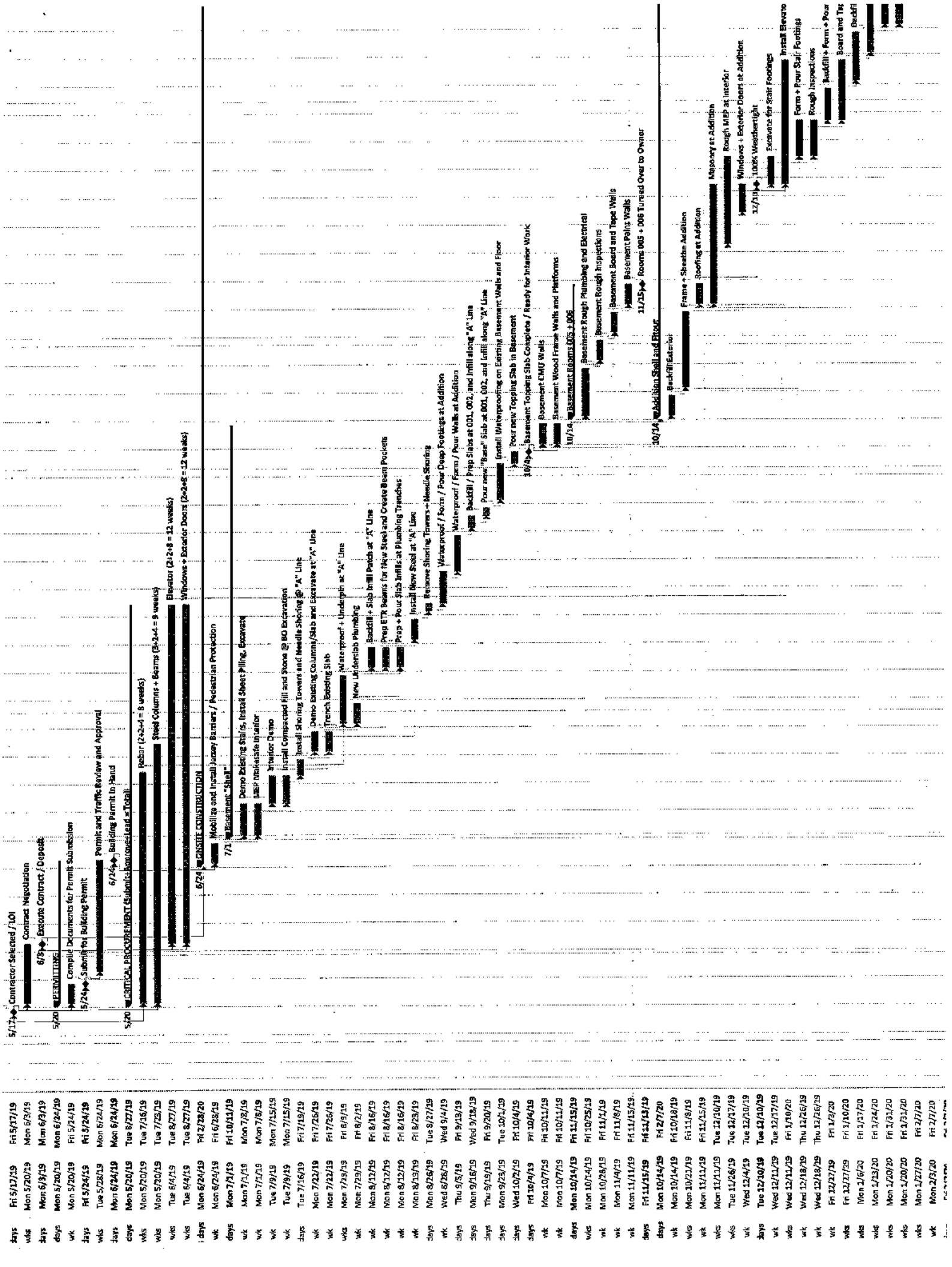
- An allowance of \$26,630 is included for Site Logistics. This includes pedestrian barriers and temp fence (\$14,780), remove and replace the City Sidewalk (\$8,100), remove and reinstall pavers at parking spot (\$2,750), and removal of existing hedges along sidewalk on Westwood Road (\$1,000). This is based on the attached proposed Site Logistics plan. This plan will need to be reviewed and approved by all stakeholders including the Owner and Terrence Smith at Somerville Traffic prior to starting construction.
- An Allowance of \$15,000 (\$2,500 per Unit) is included to furnish and install cast stone pilasters
- An Allowance of \$1,500 is included for new beam pockets for the W8x31 beams.
- An Allowance of \$2,400 is included to enlarge the existing stair landing
- An Allowance of \$10,500 is included for Kitchenette Casework/Counter and Reception Desk Materials
- An Allowance of \$3,250 is included for interior and exterior door hardware

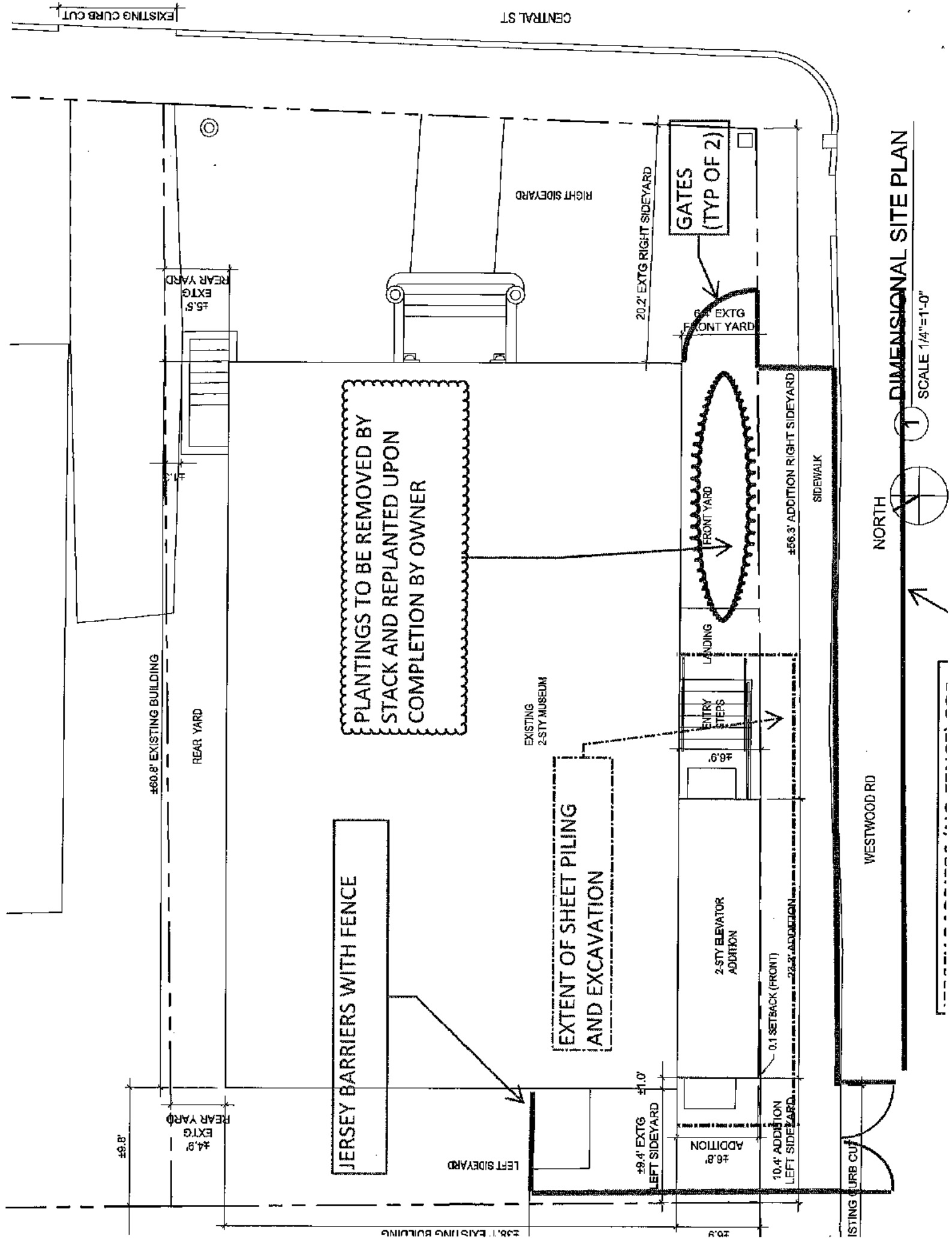
ASSUMPTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS
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- An Allowance of \$2,500 is included to patch and repair existing board and plaster.
- An Allowance of \$6,714 is included to furnish tile and VCT flooring material.
- An Allowance of \$1,842 is included to furnish Bathroom accessories, Fire Extinguishers and Cabinets, and Restroom Signage.
- An Allowance of \$1,500 is included to furnish and install flooring in the elevator.
- An Allowance of \$3,750 is included to trench, patch and repair for underground plumbing.

Exclusions

- Upgrade / Repair existing system scheduled to remain - Masonry, trim Windows and doors, MEPs, etc.
- Quality Control and Testing
- Snow Removal
- Project Utility Usage
- Temporary toilets for Museum employees and visitors
- Remove / relocate furniture, items in storage, etc. Space expected to be cleared prior to construction start.
- Asbestos abatement / Hazardous materials, Unsuitable soils, rock/ledge/boulders
- Dewatering
- File, maintain, prepare SWPP
- Furnish new/replace sidewalk curbs - reuse existing
- Replace plants removed during construction, along Westwood Road
- Soil testing and changes to underpinning design due to results of Geotech Report, Soil treatment and compaction testing
- Concrete testing, Specialty Ad-Mixtures
- 7 day wet cure
- Structural steel testing / inspections, peer review, special inspections
- Radiused Lintels at Wood Shutters and Elevator Vent
- Vapor barrier behind GWB at exterior walls
- Furnish new wood trim for Westwood Road Elevation. Existing trim to be salvaged and reused
- Replace crown throughout - only patch in as necessary
- Spray foam or blown in cellulose insulation
- Furnish and install snow rails or snow guards
- Automatic door opener
- Level 5 finish at new drywall - level 4 finish carried
- Floor prep, self leveler and antifracture below tile, Moisture testing / mitigation, Crack membrane
- Stone Tile - Porcelain carried
- Furnish/install floor in Existing Reading Room, Reference Room, Accession Room, Short-Term Storage, Elevator Machine Room, all Stair Treads & Landings, Existing Gallery Space
- Polish / finish concrete floors not receiving tile
- Provide rubber stair treads, risers & landings, transition strips for VCT flooring
- Paint areas not included in Construction - Existing Gallery Spaces, Existing Reference, Existing Reading Room, Front of Museum, existing wood trim at ext. of building
- Paint stair treads, stringers, wood handrails
- Repair / replace water heater
- Furnish new or replace existing BMS systems
- Shut down fees





DIMENSIONAL SITE PLAN

SCALE 1/4"=1'-0"

NORTH

WESTWOOD RD

CENTRAL ST

40.8' EXISTING BUILDING

REAR YARD

40.8'

4.9' EXTG REAR YARD

JERSEY BARRIERS WITH FENCE

PLANTINGS TO BE REMOVED BY
STACK AND REPLANTED UPON
COMPLETION BY OWNER

EXISTING
2-STY MUSEUM

EXTENT OF SHEET PILING
AND EXCAVATION

8.4' EXTG LEFT SIDEYARD

10.4' ADDITION LEFT SIDEYARD

2-STY ELEVATOR
ADDITION

0.1 SETBACK (FRONT)

6.9'

ENTRY
STEPS

LANDING

FRONT YARD

56.3' ADDITION RIGHT SIDEYARD

SIDEWALK

20.2' EXTG RIGHT SIDEYARD

GATES
(TYP OF 2)

6.9' EXTG FRONT YARD

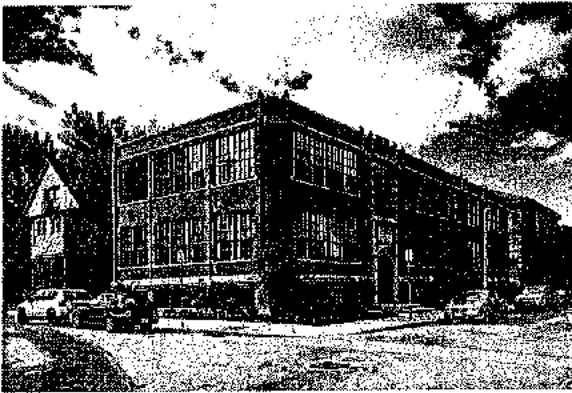
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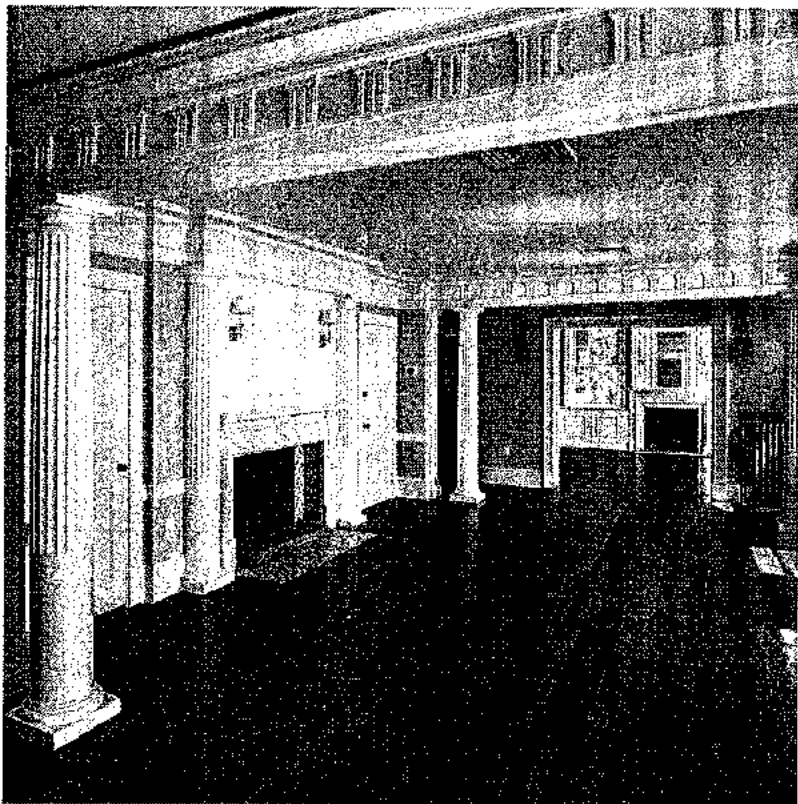
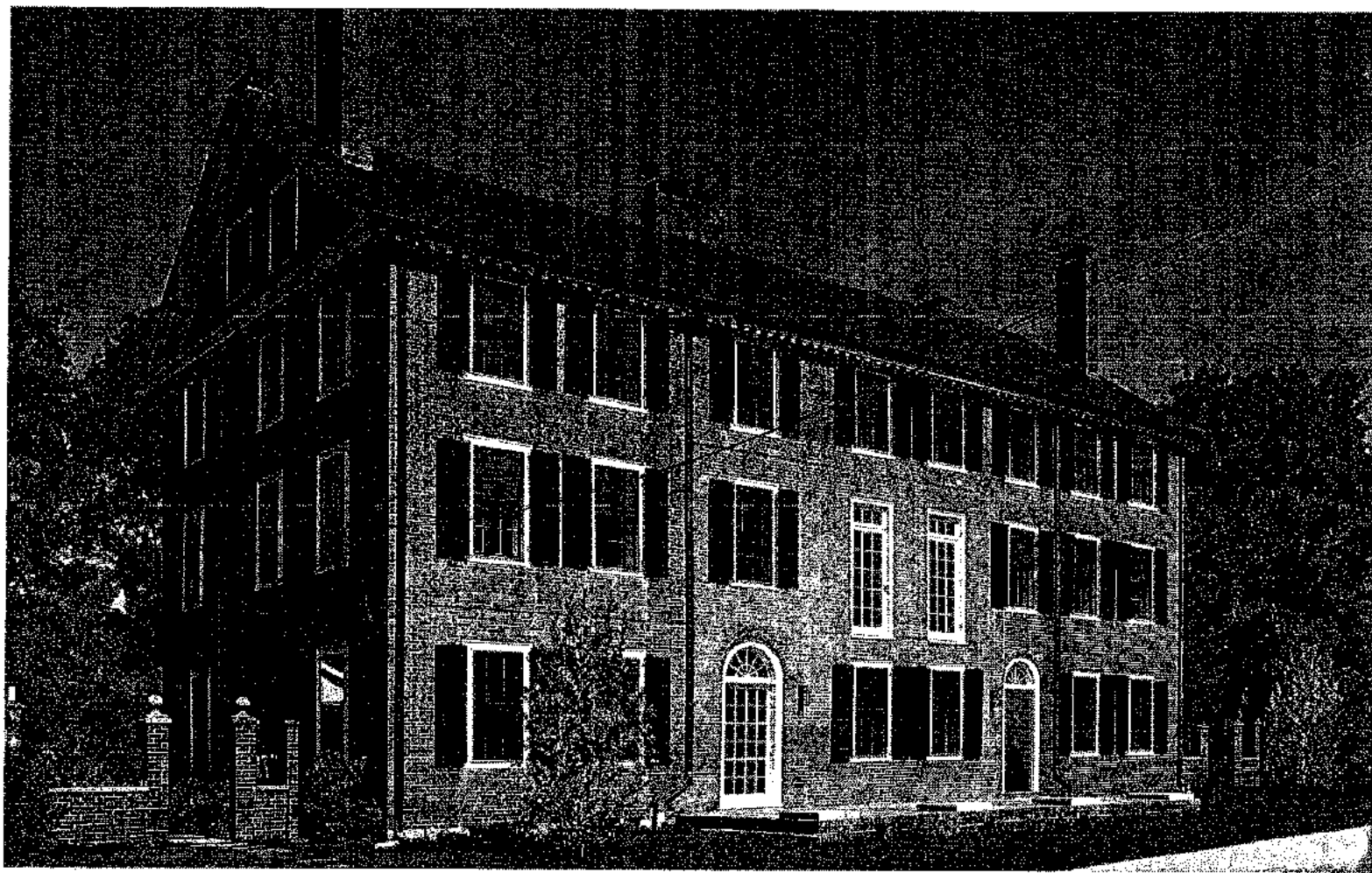
FIRM PROFILE

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Stack + Co. provides construction management services in concert with top architecture and design firms, and our clients include some of the most successful operators in the hospitality, food and beverage, academic and commercial spaces. Founding Principal Josh Brandt has developed a recognized expertise in delivering high-quality, complex projects resulting in Stack + Co.'s robust referral driven client base.

Stack + Co.'s work has been celebrated in Architectural Record, Dwell, Design New England, Boston Home, and Green Building & Design and the Firm was awarded the "Best of Boston Home, Custom Home Design/Build" from Boston Home in 2019, New England Home magazine's "Rising Stars" in 2019, and "Best Design Build Firm" by Boston Architects in 2018.





CASE STUDY

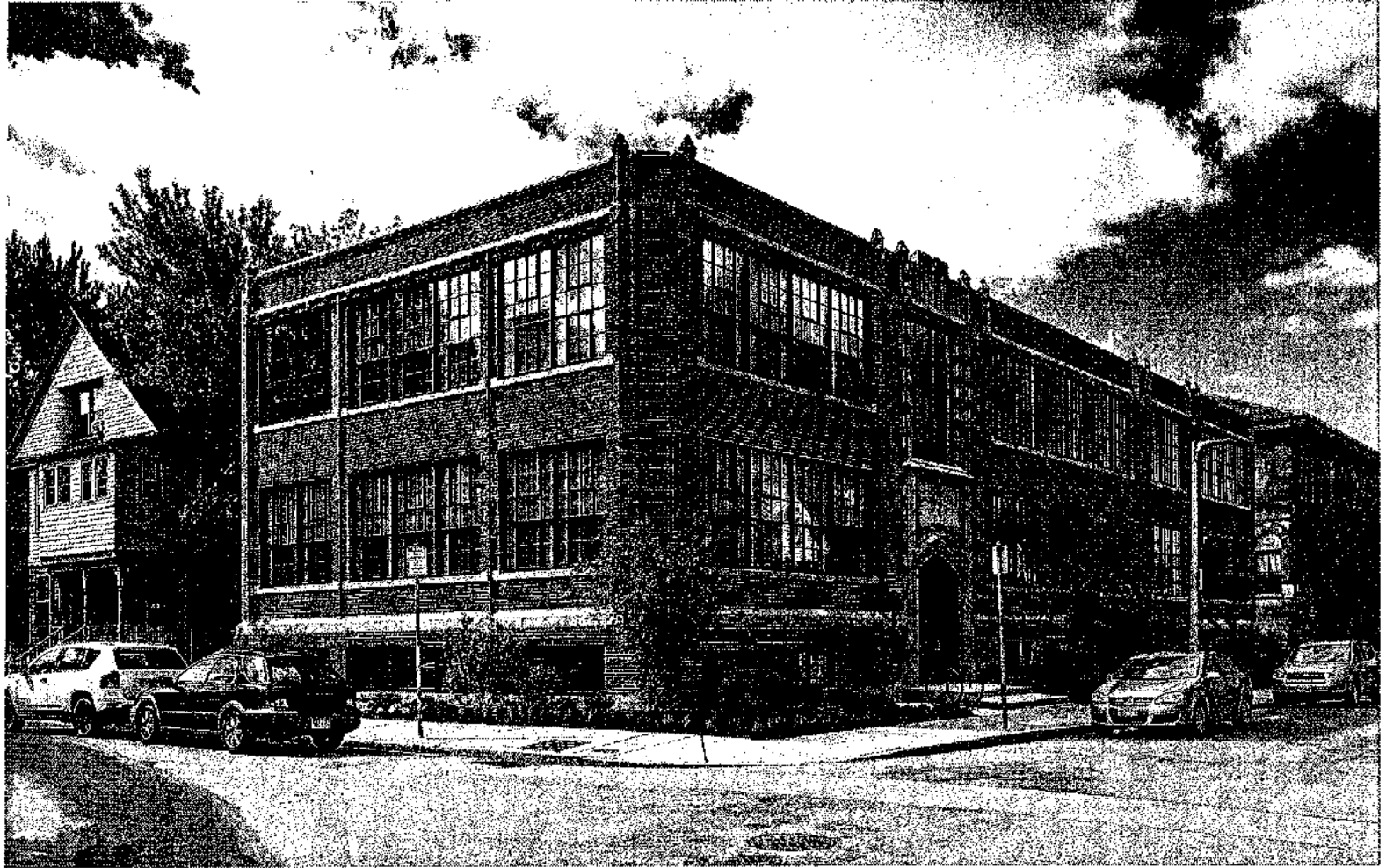
Norfolk House Residences, Dedham, MA

Project Type: Historic Restoration/Multi-Family

A major restoration and development of 6 high-end condominiums in an 1802 landmark building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Originally constructed as a country tavern, the building saw significant expansion and improvement in 1905 by renowned Colonial Revival architect Frank Chateau Brown, and again in 2015 when Stack + Co. teamed with developer Oxbow Partners and Horne and Johnson Architects to create 6 stunning residential units featuring period details and modern amenities. This project won a 2017 Adaptive Reuse and Rehabilitation Restoration Award from the Massachusetts Historic Commission.

Architecture: Horne and Johnson

Construction: Stack + Co.

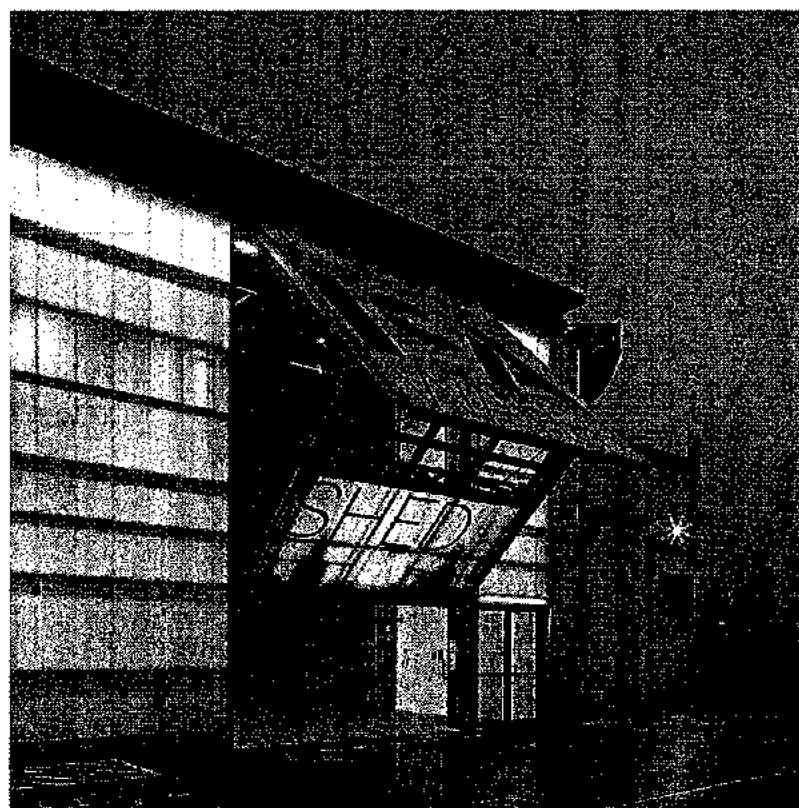


CASE STUDY

Saint Norbert School Lofts, Jamaica Plain, MA
Project Type: Historic Restoration/Multi-Family

Located in Jamaica Plain, MA, Stack turned this former school into a 16,000 SF modern apartment complex. Composed of 21 modern studios and one bedrooms, each apartment is equipped with top of the line climate control systems, tall ceilings, in-unit laundry facilities, and an abundance of natural light. The project required intensive structural modifications and restoration to the projects existing historical conditions.

Architecture: RODE Architects
Construction: Stack + Co.



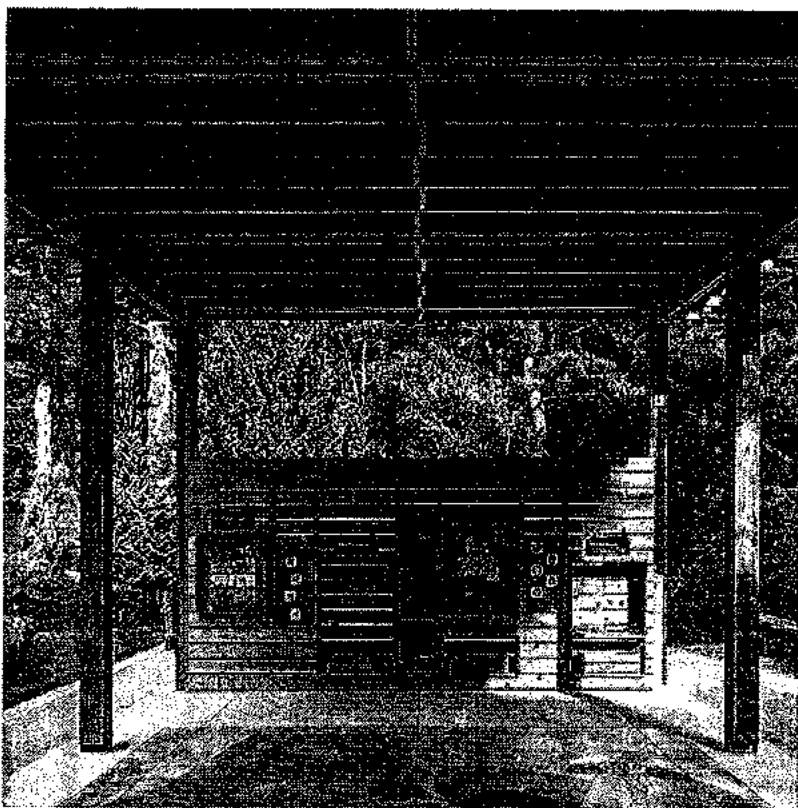
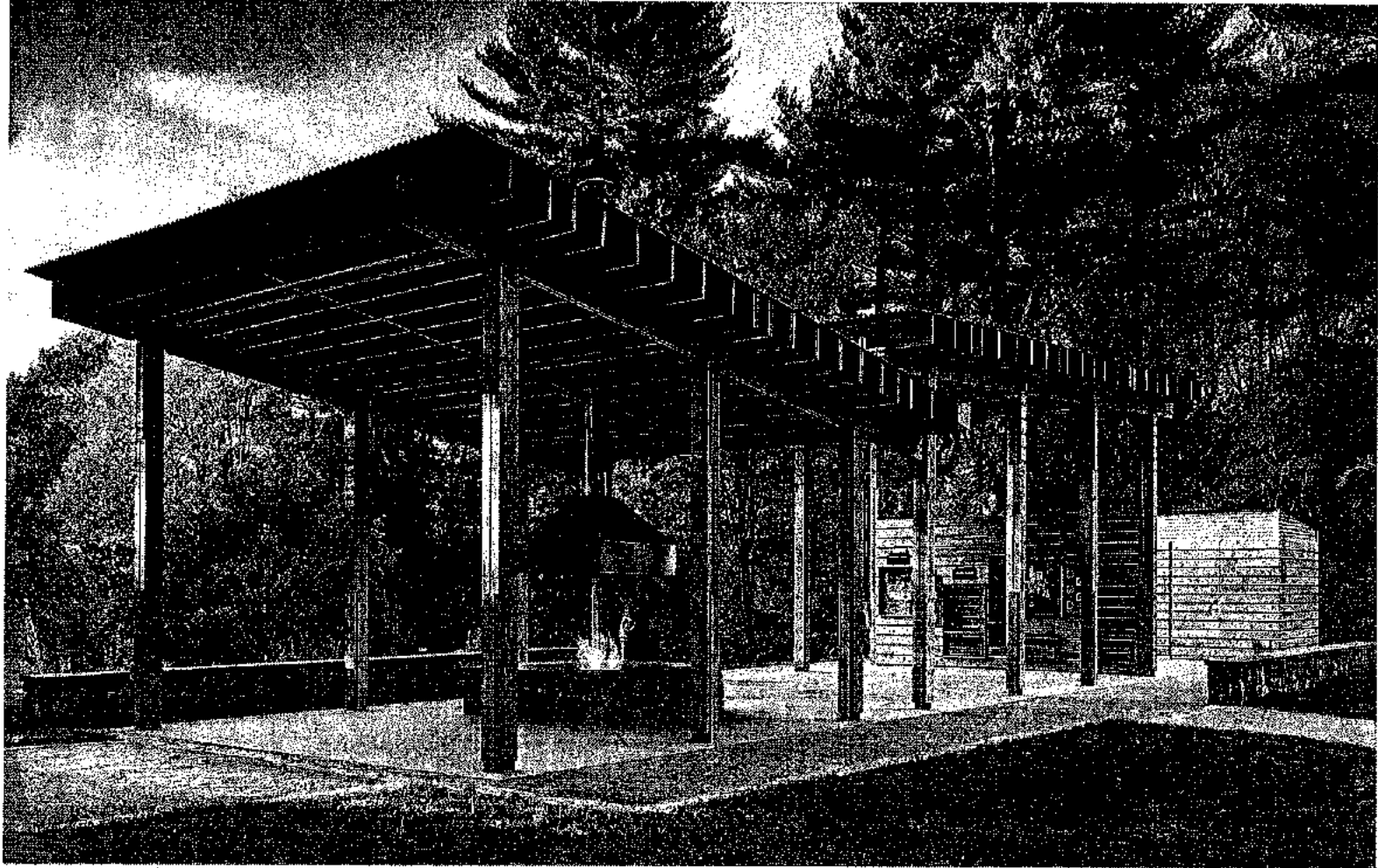
CASE STUDY

ICA Watershed, East Boston, MA
Project Type: Art Exhibition

Located in the East Boston Shipyard, the ICA Watershed provides 15,000 SF of dedicated installation art exhibition space for the Institute of Contemporary Art. An adaptive reuse of a WW2 era copper pipe factory, the project required the full reconstruction of the condemned building. Nonetheless, the ICA Watershed was executed on an accelerated fast track schedule with all work completed in 28 weeks.

The ICA Watershed is always free and represents the ICA's long term commitment to enriching the Boston arts community.

Architecture: Anmahian Winton Architects
Construction: Stack + Co.

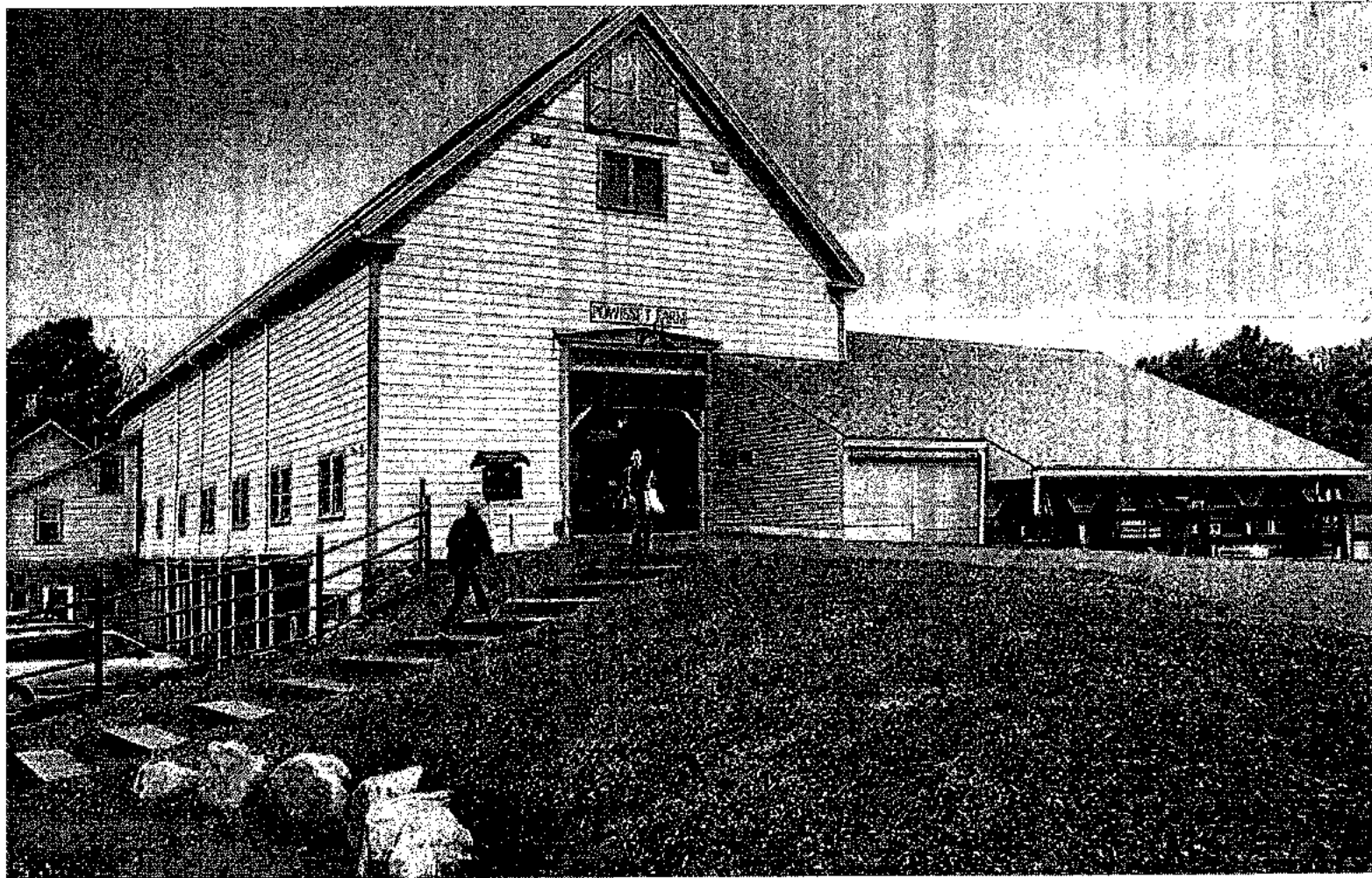


CASE STUDY

Farandnear, Shirley, MA
Project Type: Outdoor Pavilion

Built for the Trustees of Reservations, this new pavilion is a welcoming center for the 89 acre Farandnear reservation in Shirley, MA. Also serving as a gathering area for venue events, the Farandnear Pavilion was constructed using an intricate system of structural steel nodes and exposed douglas fir timbers, features an eco-friendly rain water collection system and a custom painted structural slab that depicts a map of the reservation.

Architecture: designLAB Architects
Construction: Stack + Co.



CASE STUDY

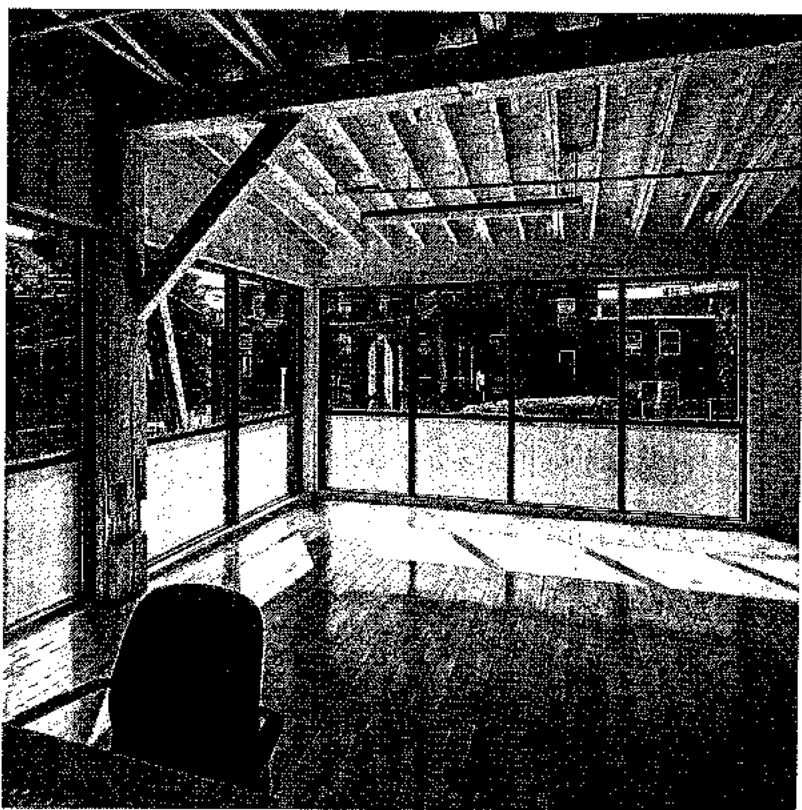
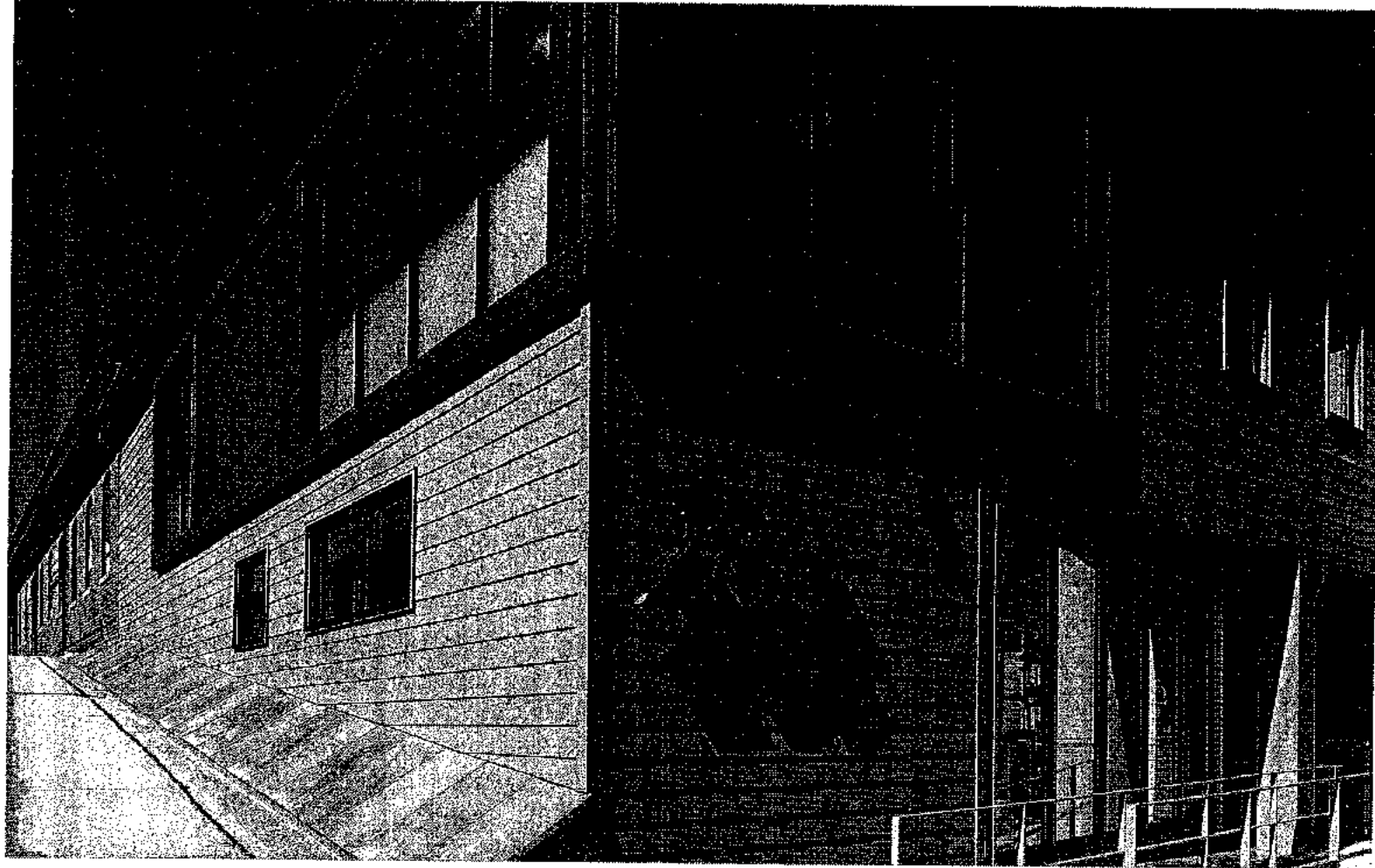
Powisset Farm, Dover, MA

Project Type: Deep Energy Retrofit

A deep-energy retrofit, built for the Trustees of Reservations; which included installation of super insulated walls, roof, and floor assemblies in the existing barn structure. Additionally, Stack installed a photovoltaic array system that ultimately makes the establishment net positive in terms of energy use. In addition to the deep energy retrofit scope, Stack constructed a full new commercial kitchen and classroom, where the staff will be initiating a new "farm to fork" CSA program for visitors.

Architecture: ZeroEnergyDesign

Construction: Stack + Co.



CASE STUDY

285 Washinton Street, Somerville, MA

Project Type: Office Building

The intensive renovation and repositioning of an existing 3 building office complex owned by Riverside Properties in Somerville. A new entry and lobby, bathrooms, windows, and retail storefronts take the building into the 21st century.

Architecture: Peter Quinn Architects

Construction: Stack + Co.



Joshua M. Brandt, LEED AP

Principal

Education

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Brown University

Registrations and Certifications

LEED Accredited Professional by the US
Green Building Council

Professional Affiliations

US Green Building Council Rhode Island
Chapter, Founding Member, 2009
Construction Rhode Island, Founding
Member, 2009
Urban Land Institute (ULI), East Boston
Development Wave, Speaker and Panelist,
2016
NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate
Development Association), Craft Beer Taps
Commercial Real Estate, Speaker and
Panelist, 2015
Member, Massachusetts Brewers Guild

Josh Brandt founded Stack + Co. in 2009 with Andrew Wade Keating out of the belief that a more cooperative and integrated approach to architecture and construction would deliver a better process and building. He is a recognized leader in the preconstruction and construction management of complex and demanding projects in the institutional, hospitality, commercial, and residential markets.

Josh excels at setting priorities based on each project's unique circumstances and not on previous project precedents as is so commonly done in the industry. He begins each new venture with a rigorous exploration of client needs and individual circumstances to develop a solution that best suits the demands of the project.

Prior to starting Stack + Co., he worked as a Construction Manager with Stonestreet Building Company where he worked on high-end luxury condominiums and as a Project Manager with Shawmut Design and Construction specializing in large institutional projects.

Relevant Experience

- Saint Norbert School Lofts, Jamaica Plain, MA
- Hopkinton Residence, Hopkinton, MA
- Gates Residence, Scituate, RI
- Parmalee Street Apartments, Boston, MA
- Appleton @ Davis, Somerville, MA
- Contemporary South End Townhouse, Boston, MA
- The Box Office, Providence, RI
- ICA Watershed, East Boston, MA



Casey Wilcox

Construction Project Manager

Education

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)

Registrations

OSHA-30 Certification, Occupational
Safety and Health Administration, U.S.
Department of Labor
Certified Engineer in Training (E.I.T.)

Work History

2016 - Present - Stack + Co.
Project Manager
2013 - 2016 - Stack+ Co.
Assistant Project Manager
2010 - 2013 - The Pike Company, Ithaca, NY
Project Engineer

Casey is an integral member of the team at Stack + Co. and has served as Assistant Project Manager or Project Manager on many of the firm's projects. He has a meticulous attention to detail and excels at the management of highly complex and demanding construction projects. In 2016 Casey was promoted to Project Manager in recognition of his significant professional growth and outstanding contribution to the firm success. Prior to joining Stack, Casey served as a Project Engineer for a firm in upstate New York where he worked on the \$65,000,000 Cornell University Stocking Hall Food Science Laboratory and Production Dairy Facility.

Relevant Experience

- Norfolk House, Dedham, MA
- Saint Norbert School Lofts, Jamaica Plain, MA
- Laconia Lofts, Boston, MA
- ICA Watershed, East Boston, MA
- ICA Exhibition Buildout, East Boston, MA
- BKBX, Allston, MA
- Downeast Cider Preconstruction, East Boston, MA
- Mountain Warehouse, Boston, MA
- Cambridge Spirits, Cambridge, MA



Mike Ramos
Senior Superintendent

Registrations and Certifications

Massachusetts Construction Supervisor
(CLS), Massachusetts Board of Building
Regulations and Standards
OSHA-30 Certification, Occupational
Safety and Health Administration, U.S.
Department of Labor

Work History

2014 - Present - Stack + Co.
Project Superintendent
2004 - 2014 - Onyx Construction
Owner

Mike joined Stack + Co. in 2014 after operating his own construction firm for more than 10 years. His wealth of knowledge along with his calm and approachable predisposition has proven to be a tremendous asset to his clients. His reputation as a highly motivated, customer driven, and quality focused Superintendent has led Stack clients to request his involvement in their projects.

His experience includes the 15,000 square foot ICA Watershed which required full reconstruction of the condemned building, was executed on an accelerated fast track schedule and completed in 28-weeks.

Relevant Experience

- ICA Watershed, East Boston, MA
- Pammy's, Cambridge, MA
- Bon Me Fresh Pond, Cambridge, MA
- Bon Me Test Kitchen, Cambridge, MA
- Bon Me Chestnut Hill, Newton, MA
- Bon Me Congress Street, Boston, MA
- Downeast Cider, East Boston, MA
- 17 Caroline, Wellesley, MA

Norfolk House

Mr. Peter Smith

Developer

Peter Smith Associates

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Powisset Farm

Farandnear Pavilion

Mr. James Younger

Former Executive Director, The Trustees of Reservations

Principal

James M. Younger, AIA

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ICA Watershed

Ms. Jill Medvedow

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Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)

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Somerville Museum
Hamilton Construction Management Corporation
Budget Schedule of Values
May 10, 2019

General Requirements		
01-010	General Requirements	302,168
01-020	General Requirements - Allowances	59,715
	Sub Total	<u>361,882</u>

Site Work		
02-050	Demolition	45,000
02-050	General Labor	51,114
02-100	Site Preparation - Mobilization	6,722
02-200	Earth Work	52,000
02-200	Underpinning / Trenching	44,046
02-200	Soil Export Premium (<i>Excluded per bid instructions</i>)	0
02-282	Rodent Control	825
02-900	Landscaping	5,000
	Subtotal	<u>204,706</u>

Concrete		
03-300	Cast in place Concrete	92,168
	Subtotal	<u>92,168</u>

Masonry		
04-200	Masonry	290,707
	Subtotal	<u>290,707</u>

Metals		
05-120	Structural Steel / Misc. Metals / Decorative Metals	34,474
05-500	Temporary Shoring	23,150
	Subtotal	<u>57,623</u>

Wood And Plastics		
06-100	Rough Carpentry / Framing / Materials / Exterior Architectural Millwork	103,188
06-402	Finish Carpentry Labor / Installations / Running Trim	48,883
	Subtotal	<u>152,071</u>

Thermal & Moisture Prot

07-110	Sheet Membrane / AVB	10,665
07-160	Damproofing / Waterproofing	10,360
07-163	Drainage Board	2,200
07-270	Fire Stopping	3,742
07-530	Roofing	19,800
07-901	Joint Sealants	3,050
	Subtotal	<hr/> 49,817

Doors and Windows

08-211	Doors / Frames	17,392
08-610	Wood Windows	8,052
08-710	Door Hardware	6,375
08-720	Pwr. Door Operators	4,945
	Subtotal	<hr/> 36,764

Finishes

09-255	Gyp Board Assemblies	96,972
09-300	Tile	10,500
09-678	Resilient Flooring	3,600
09-900	Painting	11,480
	Subtotal	<hr/> 122,552

Specialties

10-100	Exterior Display Boards	2,000
10-425	Signs	7,969
10-522	Fire Extinguisher Cabinets	1,000
10-800	Toilet & Bath Accessories	2,205
	Subtotal	<hr/> 13,174

Equipment

	Not Used	0
	Subtotal	<hr/> 0

Furnishings

12-372	Kitchen Cabinetry	6,098
	Display Cabinet	3,000
	Subtotal	<hr/> 9,098

Special Construction	
Not Used	0
Subtotal	<u>0</u>

Conveying Systems	
LULA	99,558
Subtotal	<u>99,558</u>

Mechanical	
Fire Protection	0
Plumbing	33,895
HVAC	43,825
Subtotal	<u>77,720</u>

Electrical	
Electrical	55,950
Subtotal	<u>55,950</u>

Subtotal	
	1,261,907
Fee (8.0%)	100,953
Project Requirements	<u>361,882</u>
Sub Total	\$1,724,742
Contingency	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total	\$1,774,742



JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY20 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING REQUEST FOR POWDERHOUSE SCHOOL PARK, MARKA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Marka is creating a new public park on the site of the former Powderhouse School.

ELIGIBILITY

Recreational Land: Marka is rehabilitating land that was formerly part of the Powderhouse Schoolyard and creating a new public park.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On May 22, 2019 by a vote of [x-y] the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating [\$122,000] for this project from the [open space/recreational land reserve budget and/or budgeted reserve] to the control of Marka for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

OR

On [May 22, 2019] by a vote of [x-y] the Community Preservation Committee recommended not funding this project from the Community Preservation Fund.

Project Budget

Recommended funding amount:

Expenses	Amount
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$0
Construction	\$876,700
Total	\$876,700
Sources	
CPA open space/recreational land funds- requested	\$122,000
Marka	\$754,700
Total	\$876,700

ALIGNMENT WITH FY20 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

The Community Preservation Plan prioritizes improving existing open space according to need.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. TBD

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goal of this project is to provide a new public park on the site of the former Powderhouse Schoolyard.

Success will be measured through timely completion of the park project.

The full proposal is available at: <https://www.somervillema.gov/cpa>

PowderHouse Park

PCD-013 - Park Landscape Budget with VE Options										BSE		Erosion		Fencing		Misc	
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost														
Park Allowance	(1) allow	\$	(754,800.00)	\$	475,800.00												
LAYOUT AND FIELD ENGINEERING	1	ls.	\$ 10,000.00	\$	10,000												
DESIGN / BUILD IRRIGATION	1	ls.	\$ 24,450.00	\$	24,450	\$	25,000	\$	34,850								
LANDSCAPE LIGHTING	1	ls.	\$ 40,800.00	\$	40,800	\$	85,000	\$	10,800	X							
LANDSCAPE				\$	185,000												
Lawn: Screened Lawn	1	ls.	\$ 6,720.00	\$	6,720												
Lawn: SOO	1	ls.	\$ 5,820.00	\$	5,820												
VE - Lawn Seed	1	ls.	\$ (3,240.00)	\$	2,580												
Planting: Mix 24"	1	ls.	\$ 26,640.00	\$	34,320												
VE - Planting: Mix 18"	1	ls.	\$ (7,200.00)	\$	19,440												
Planting: Material	1	ls.	\$ 199,220.00	\$	141,000	\$	192,220	\$	115,000								
VE - Planting: Material	1	ls.	\$ 75,000.00	\$	14,000												
Planting: Mulch Edge	1	ls.	\$ 18,050.00	\$	12,350												
VE - Planting: Plastic Edge	1	ls.	\$ (5,900.00)	\$	12,350												
Planting: Stone/Gravel Surfacing	1	ls.	\$ 9,800.00	\$	9,800												
60 Day Establishment Period (if we do irrigation)	1	ls.	\$ -	\$	9,800												
				\$	265,000	\$	263,570	\$	218,470								
FURNISHINGS				\$	25,000												
Benches	7	ea	\$ 4,000.00	\$	28,000												
VE - Benches	7	ea	\$ 600.00	\$	4,200												
Tables & Chairs (NOC moveable furniture)	3	ea	\$ 6,000.00	\$	18,000												
VE - Tables and Chairs	3	ea	\$ 1,500.00	\$	4,500												
Bike Racks	8	ea	\$ 675.00	\$	5,400												
Bike Repair Station	1	ea	\$ 5,500.00	\$	5,500												
Handrails	4	ea	\$ 5,000.00	\$	20,000												
VE - Handrails	4	ea	\$ 2,500.00	\$	10,000												
				\$	33,000	\$	82,100	\$	72,100								
SITEWORK				\$	231,800												
F&I Spandrel Seams / Stage	1	ls.	\$ 220,000.00	\$	220,000												
VE - Spandrel Seams / Stage 31 Spandrels	1	ls.	\$ 195,000.00	\$	195,000												
Drainage	1	ls.	INCL ABOVE														
Prop and subgrade	1	ls.	INCL ABOVE														
Proprietary for Traffic Infrastructure Contact			\$ 15,000.00	\$	15,000												
				\$	210,000	\$	235,000	\$	235,000								
HARDSCAPE				\$	75,000												
Play Surface	900	sqft	\$ 50.00	\$	45,000												
VE - Play Surface	900	sqft	\$ 28.00	\$	25,200												
VE - Substitute Bituminous for Play Surface	900	sqft	\$ 5.00	\$	4,500												
Concrete Walkways	8,750	sqft	\$ 12.00	\$	105,000												
VE - Bituminous Unit Cost	8,750	sqft	\$ 5.00	\$	43,750												
Concrete Walkways - Ready Mix Material	162	yds	\$ 145.00	\$	23,490												
Concrete Walkways - Walked With Mesh	11,375	sqft	\$ 0.45	\$	5,119												
Concrete Walkways - Concrete Bricks and Accessories	2	ls.	\$ 750.00	\$	1,500												
Concrete Walkways - F/P/T Concrete Walks	8,750	sqft	\$ 8.00	\$	70,000												
Reserve of Existing Saturated Soils				\$	20,750	\$	26,750	\$	25,000								
				\$	75,000	\$	171,750	\$	93,950								
MISCELLANEOUS				\$	38,000												
Waterproofing Existing Retaining Wall	1	sqft	\$ 10,000.00	\$	10,000												
Reinforcing of existing Retaining Wall	1	sqft	\$ 12,000.00	\$	12,000												
Retain Wall Paint (backfill programming)	1	sqft	\$ 16,000.00	\$	16,000												
				\$	38,000	\$	38,000	\$	38,000								
Soft Costs				\$	400,000												
Design Fees (Owner/Client)	1	ls.	\$ 50,000.00	\$	50,000												
Electric Engineering Design	1	ls.	\$ -	\$	-												
Civil Structural and water design	1	ls.	\$ 24,000.00	\$	24,000												
Environmental Fees	1	ls.	\$ 50,000.00	\$	50,000												
Stormwater & Water Supply Connection Fees (BY THE CITY)	1	ls.	\$ -	\$	-												
Contingency - 5%	1	ls.	\$ 32,000.00	\$	32,000												
GCS / PPS	10	weeks	\$ 6,500.00	\$	65,000												
Total Park Budget				\$	686,700	\$	415,000	\$	257,250	\$	294,425	\$	40,800				
Coverage as of May 2019: \$										121,900.00							

- Includes:
- 1) Play Equipment
 - 2) Electrical Equipment
 - 3) Paving
 - 4) Water Feature
 - 5) Water Foundation

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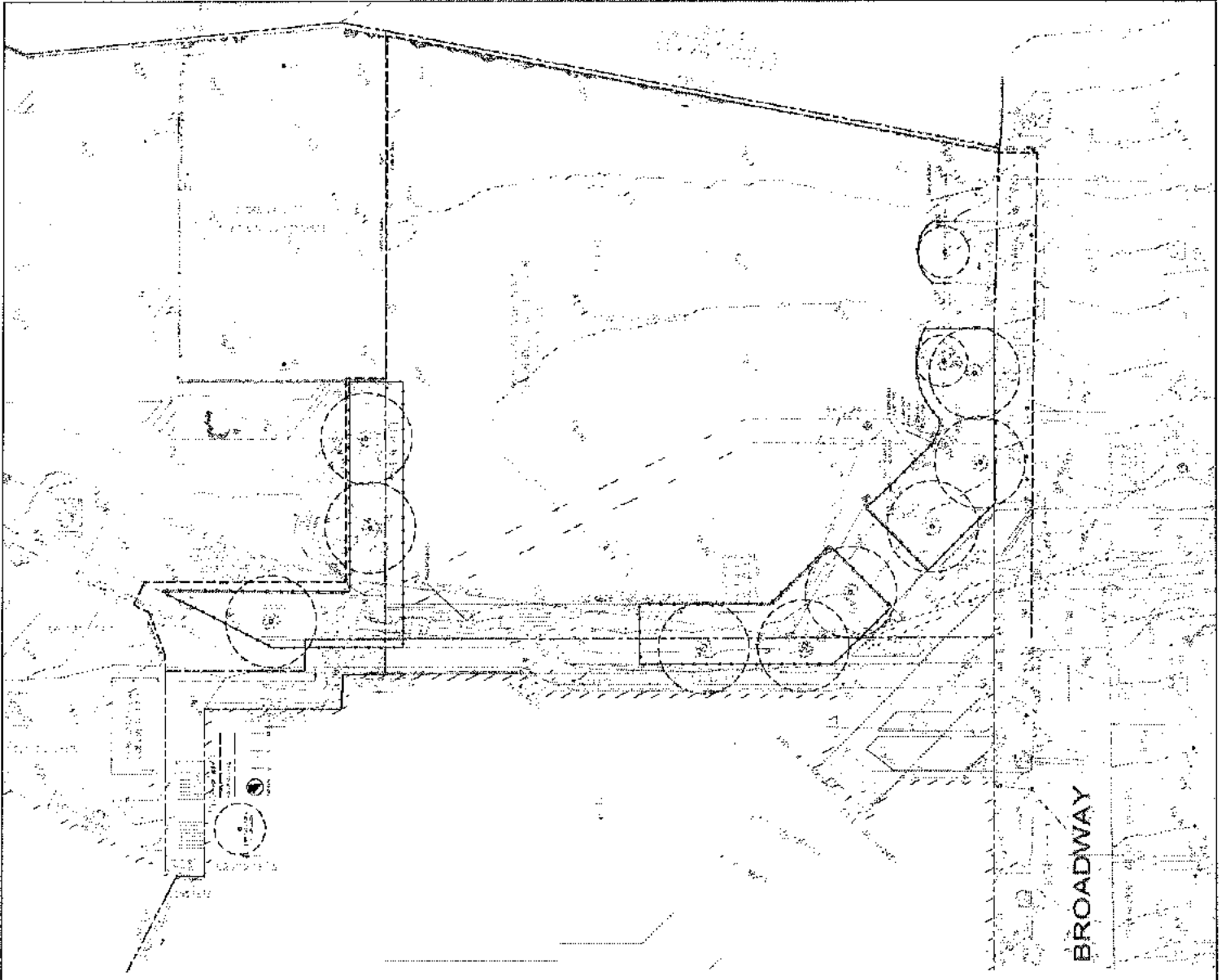
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SITE PREPARATION LEGEND



SITE PREPARATION NOTES

1. The site is to be prepared in accordance with the following specifications:
2. The site is to be cleared of all existing vegetation and debris.
3. The site is to be graded to the existing ground level.
4. The site is to be compacted to the existing ground level.
5. The site is to be seeded with grass seed.
6. The site is to be fertilized with a balanced fertilizer.
7. The site is to be watered regularly.
8. The site is to be maintained in accordance with the following specifications:
9. The site is to be kept free of weeds and other unwanted vegetation.
10. The site is to be kept free of litter and debris.
11. The site is to be kept free of any other materials that may be detrimental to the environment.
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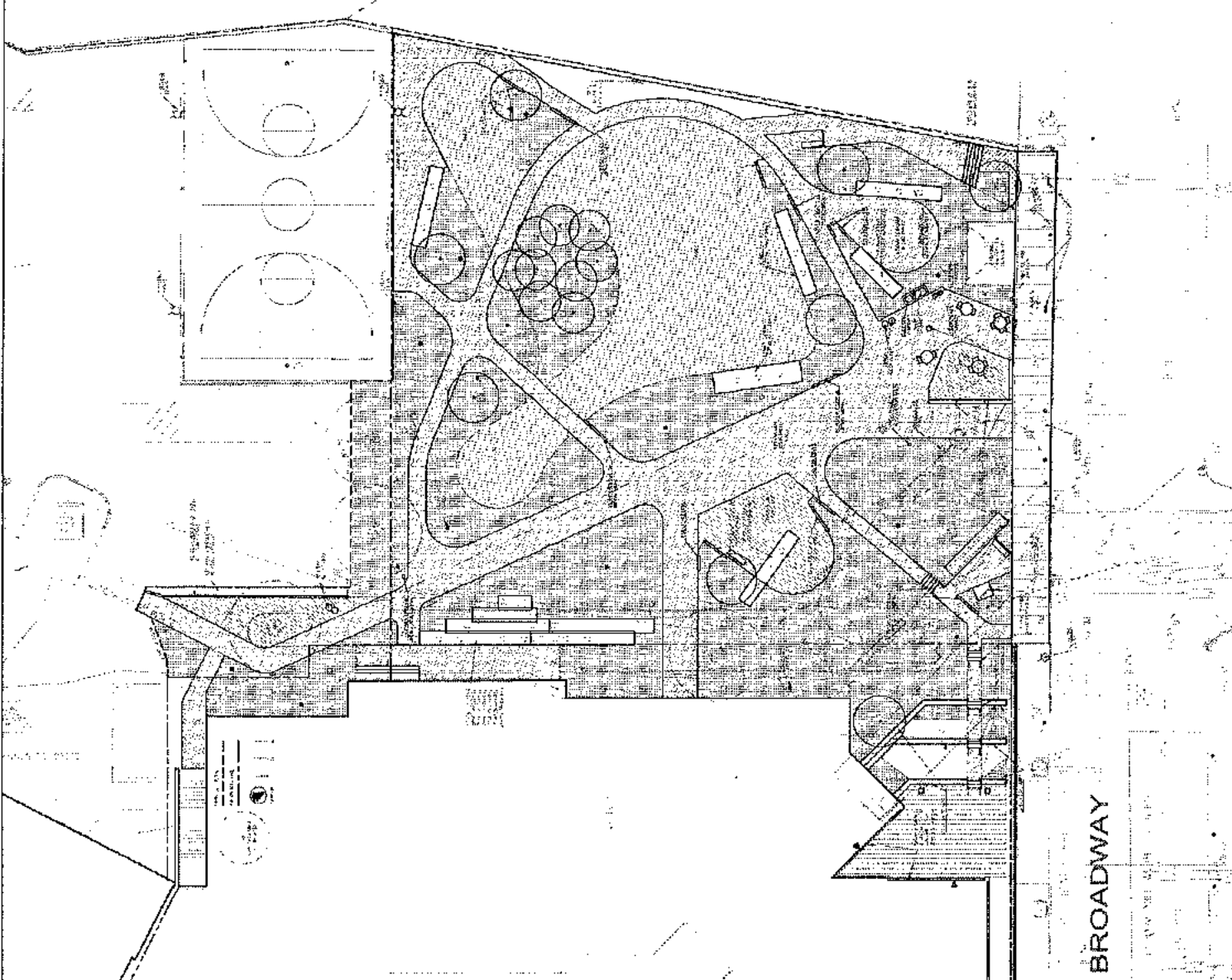
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910 WILSON AVE
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NOTES

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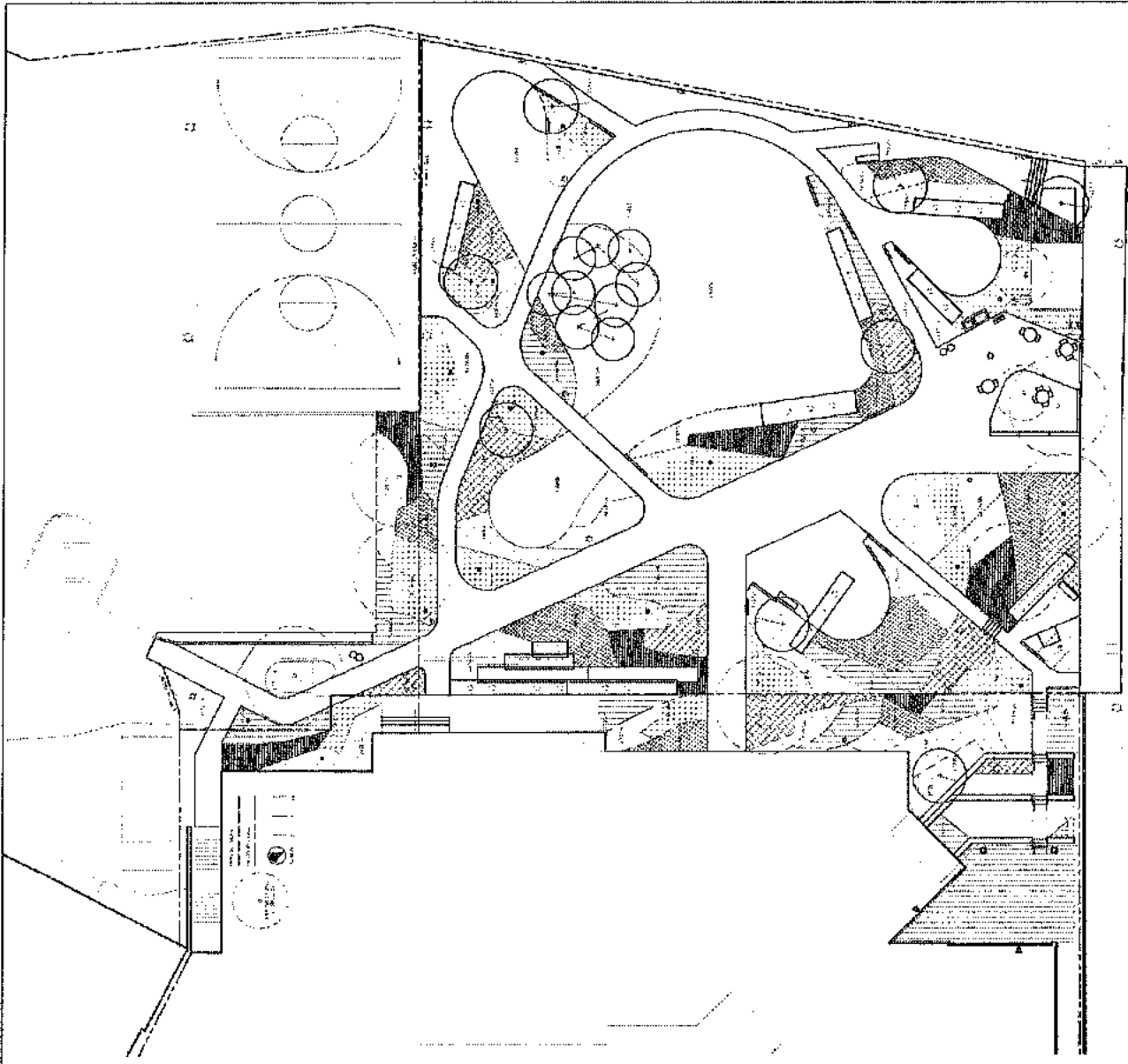
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POWDER HOUSE

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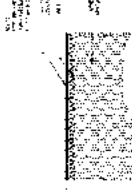
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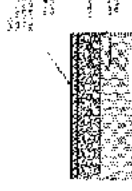
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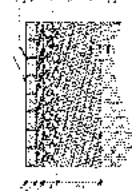
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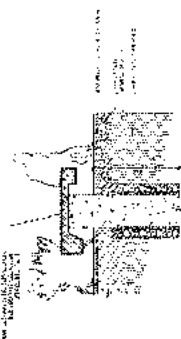
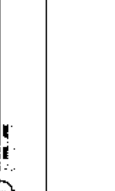
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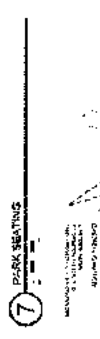
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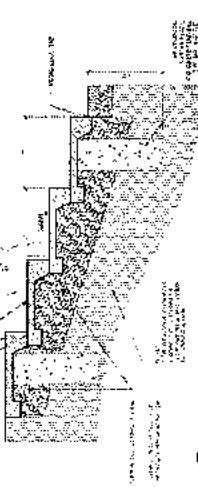
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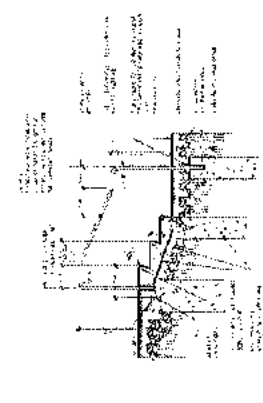
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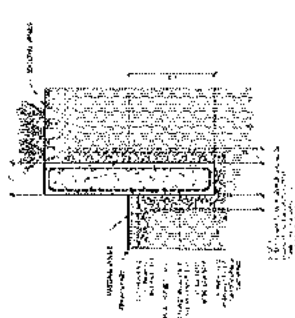
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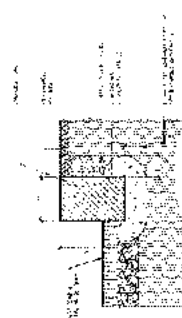
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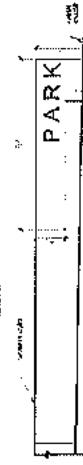
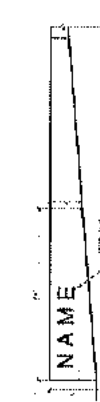
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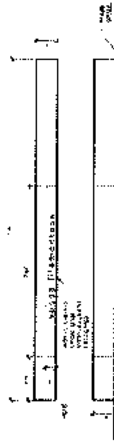
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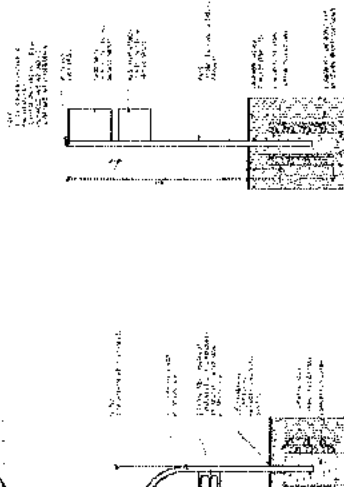
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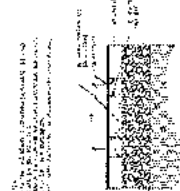


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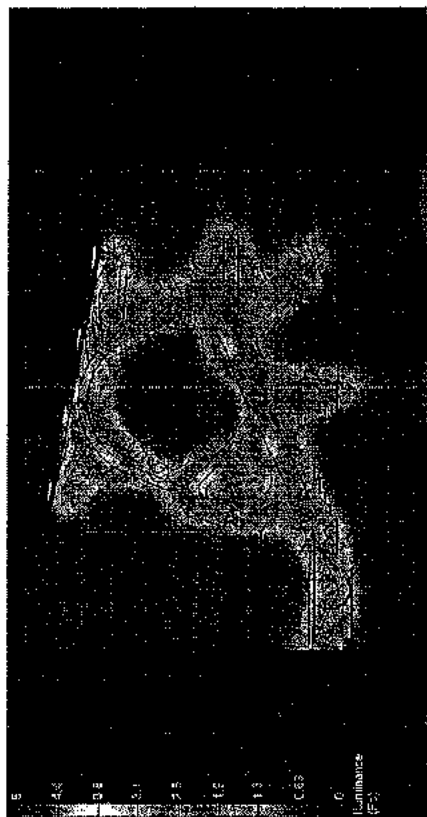
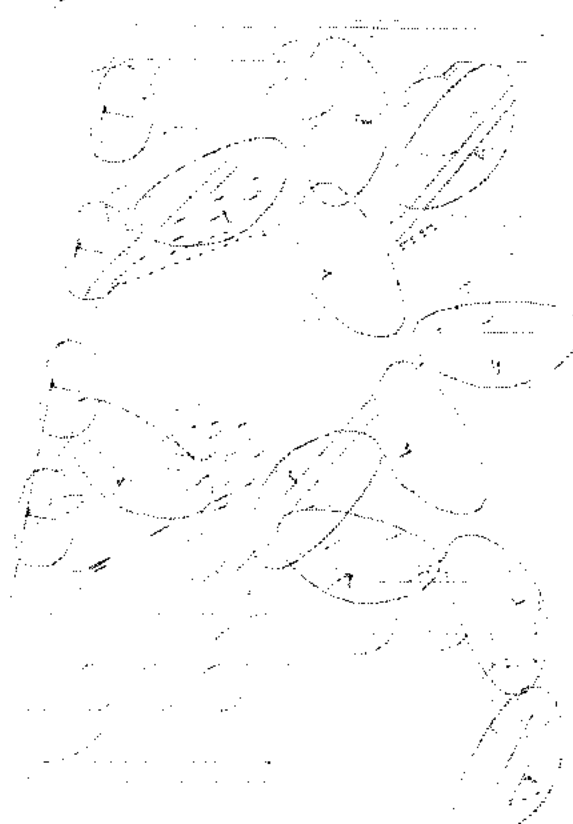
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Luminaire Schedule
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Series
Domus Small
151 Series

Catalog #
DCS-SB0131ED-AT-12PS
101L-RS-33019401-S

BUG Rating
B1-UG-G1
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APPEAL WEATHER
The luminaire is designed to be used in outdoor environments. It is rated for use in environments with a maximum ambient temperature of 40°C (104°F). The luminaire is also rated for use in environments with a maximum relative humidity of 95%.

Service
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Product Name
Domus Small, Project

Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"
Date: 10/1/2020
Drawing: 10/1/2020
Author: J. Smith
Checker: J. Smith

OPTIONAL: DOMUS SMALL 151 Poles & Wall Mount
PROJECT: 10/1/2020

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Future Park at Powder House School

1060 Broadway, West Somerville

Community Update Meeting: Discuss Park Design

May 6, 2019



Marka, LLC.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Ballantyne

Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development
Sunayana Thomas, ED & Luisa Oliveira, P&OS

design team:

Landscape Architects GroundView

Architects Sebastian Mariscal Studio

Meeting Agenda

- Project Update: Building
- Project Update: Park
 - Park Plan, Program and Features
 - Construction Schedule
 - Friends Group

Goals for Community Meetings

- Understand neighborhood health, safety and security concerns
- Understand access, neighborhood users, recreational and social needs
- Design must capture the energy of the community
- Everyone is heard
- Outreach: neighborhood flyers, Facebook, Twitter, & community meetings

Project Process Timeline

September 2015
Community Meeting 1

October 2015
Community Meeting 2

November 2015
Community Meeting 3

December 2015
Community Meeting 4

November 2016
Community Meeting 5

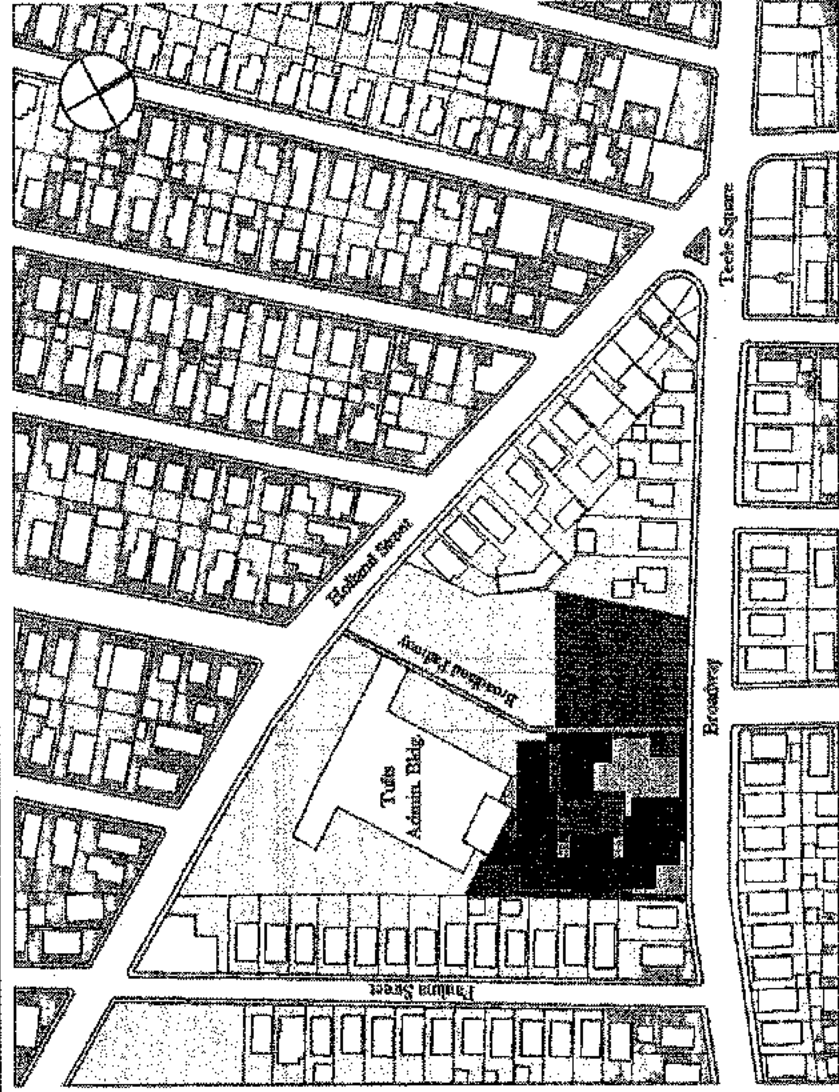
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Update Meeting





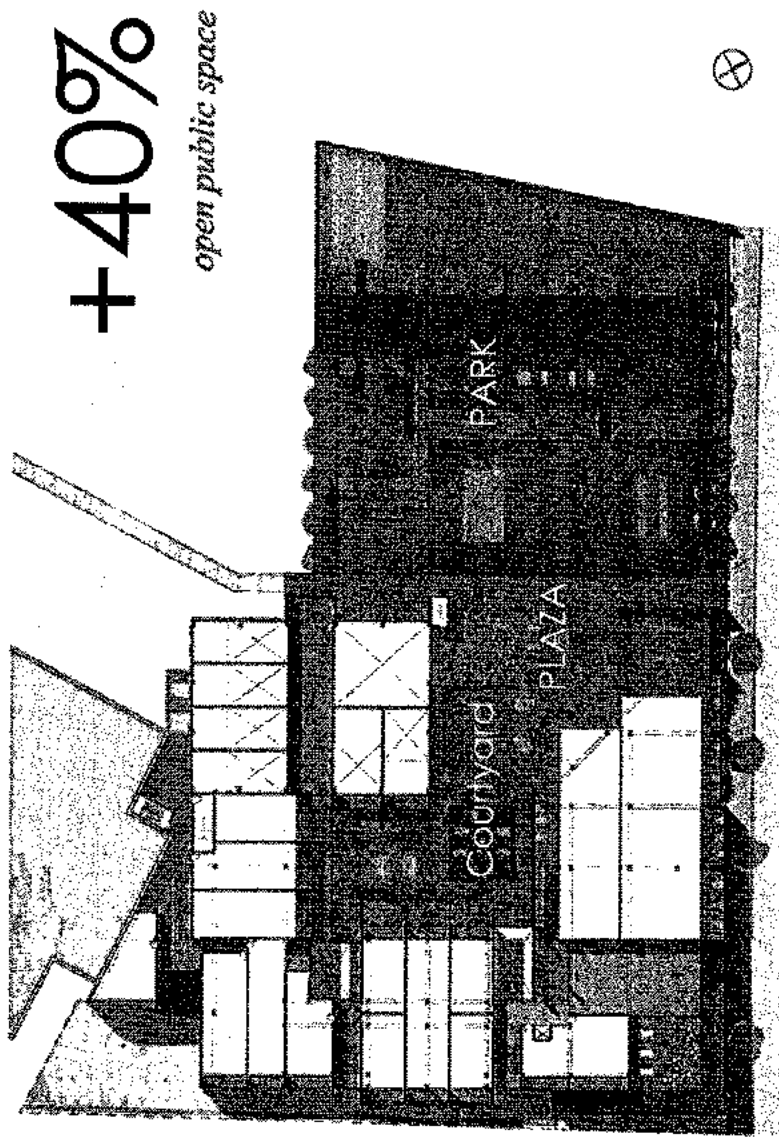
PROJECT OVERVIEW

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT:



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GREEN SPACE: public open space



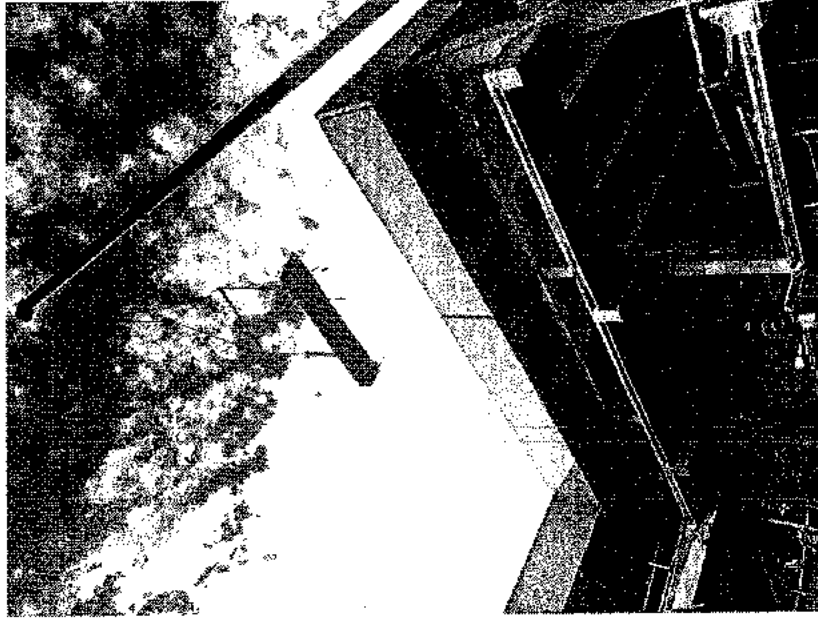
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: 38% completion



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Remove massing



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Building opening to Park



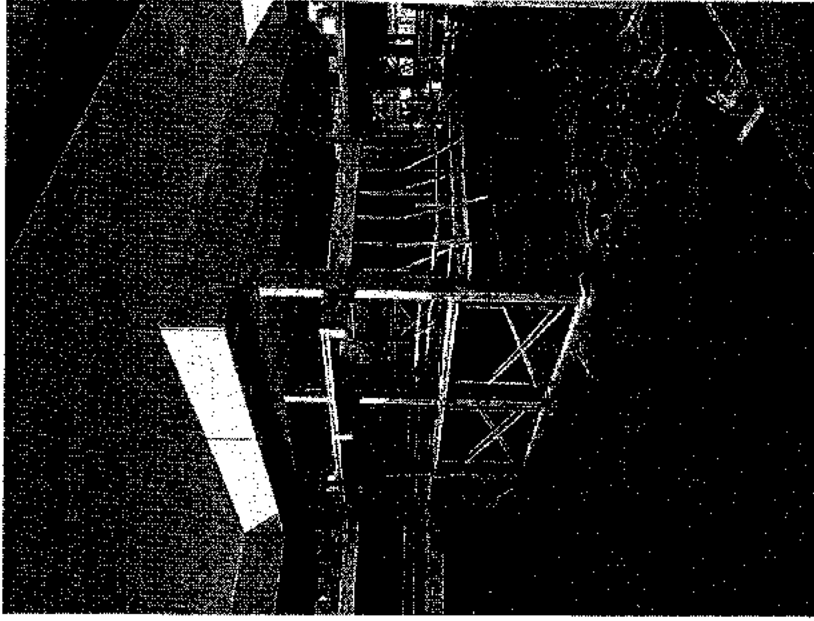
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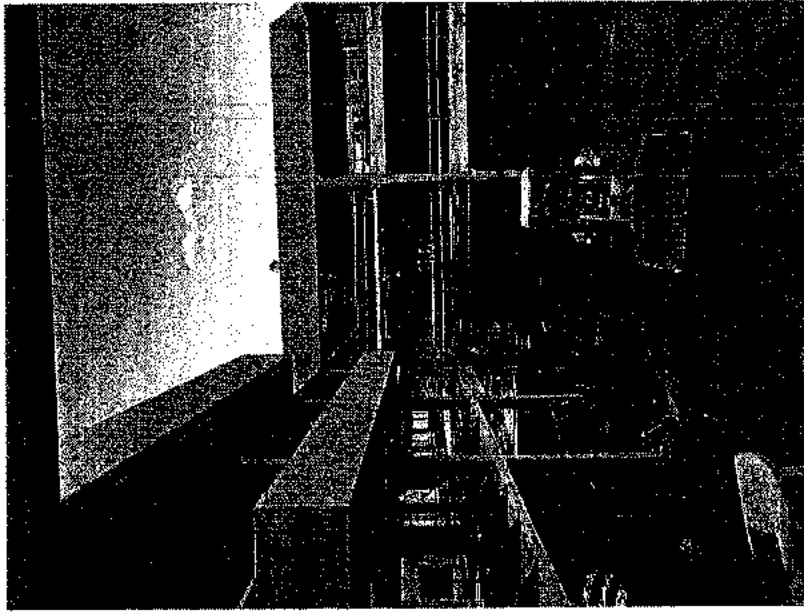
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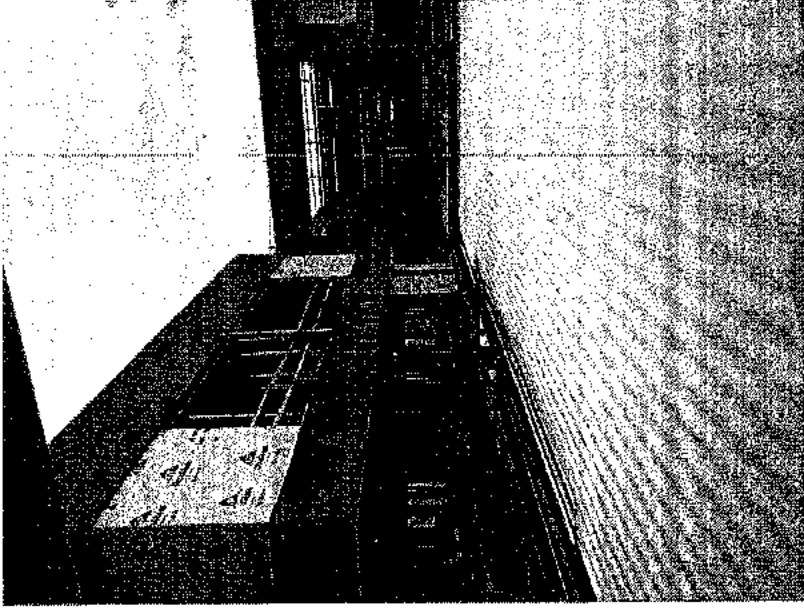
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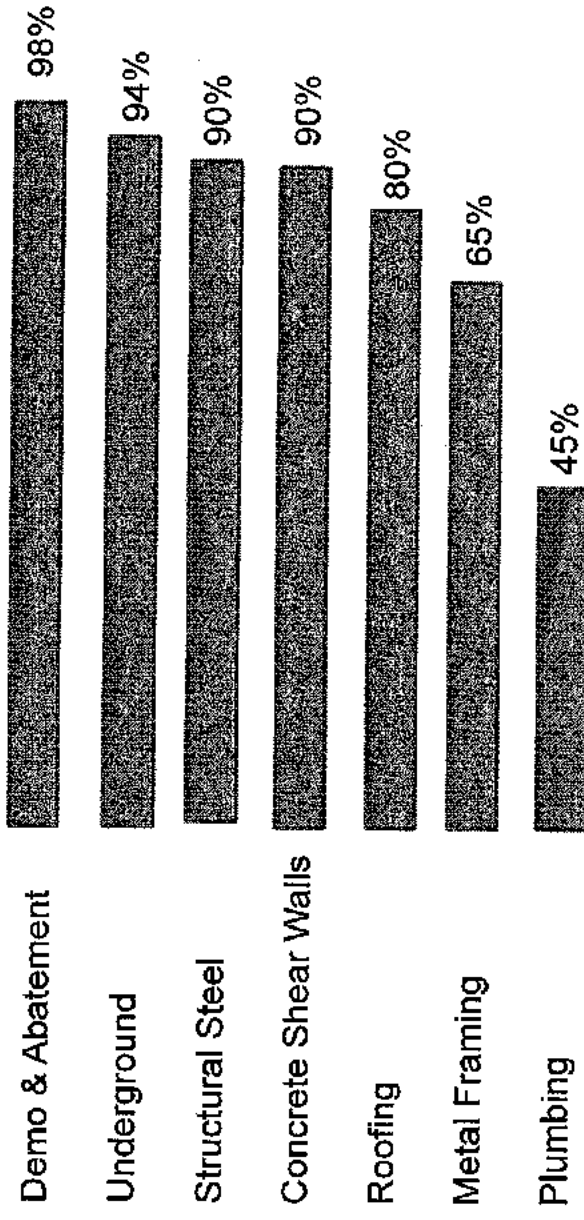
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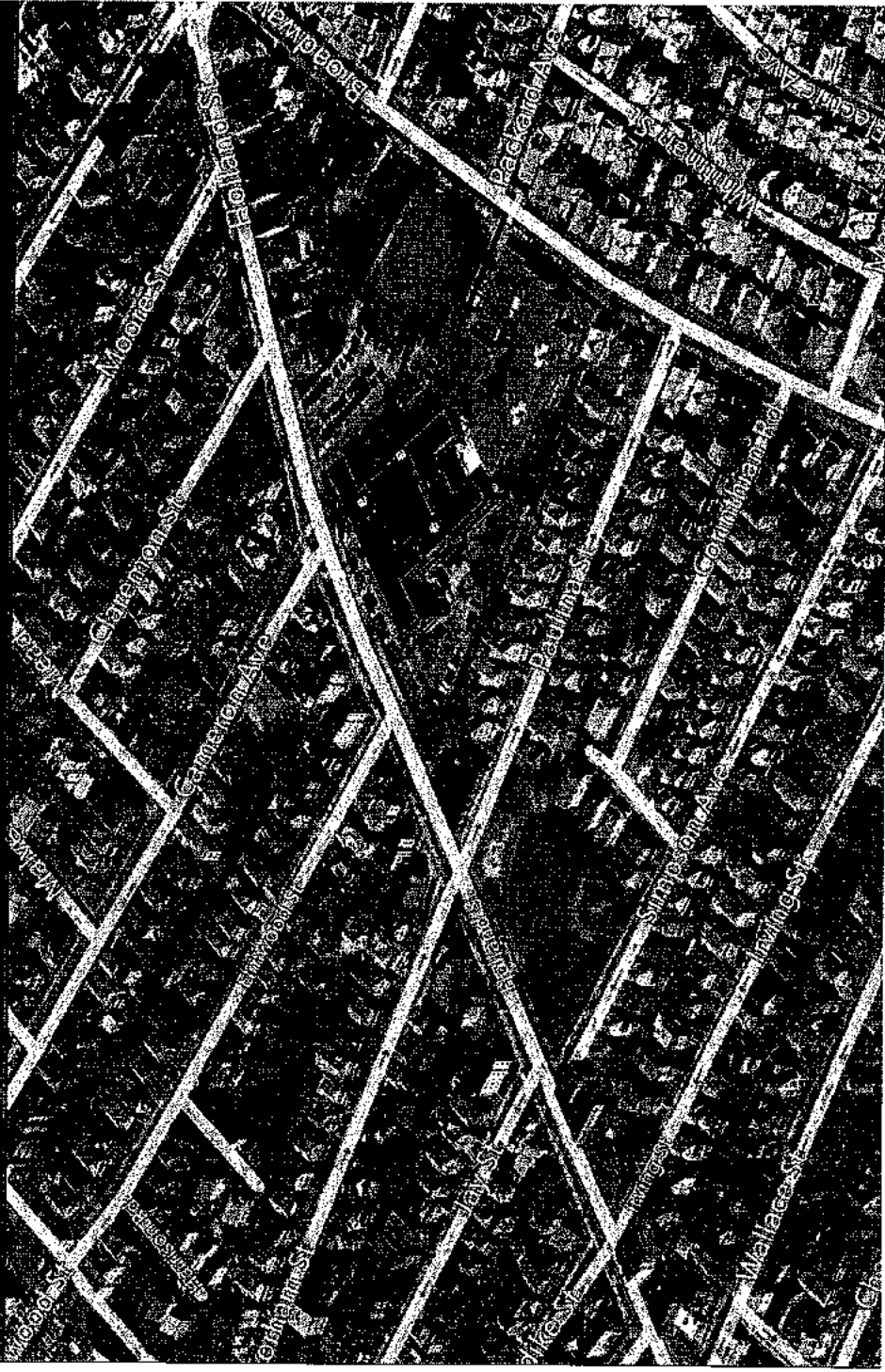
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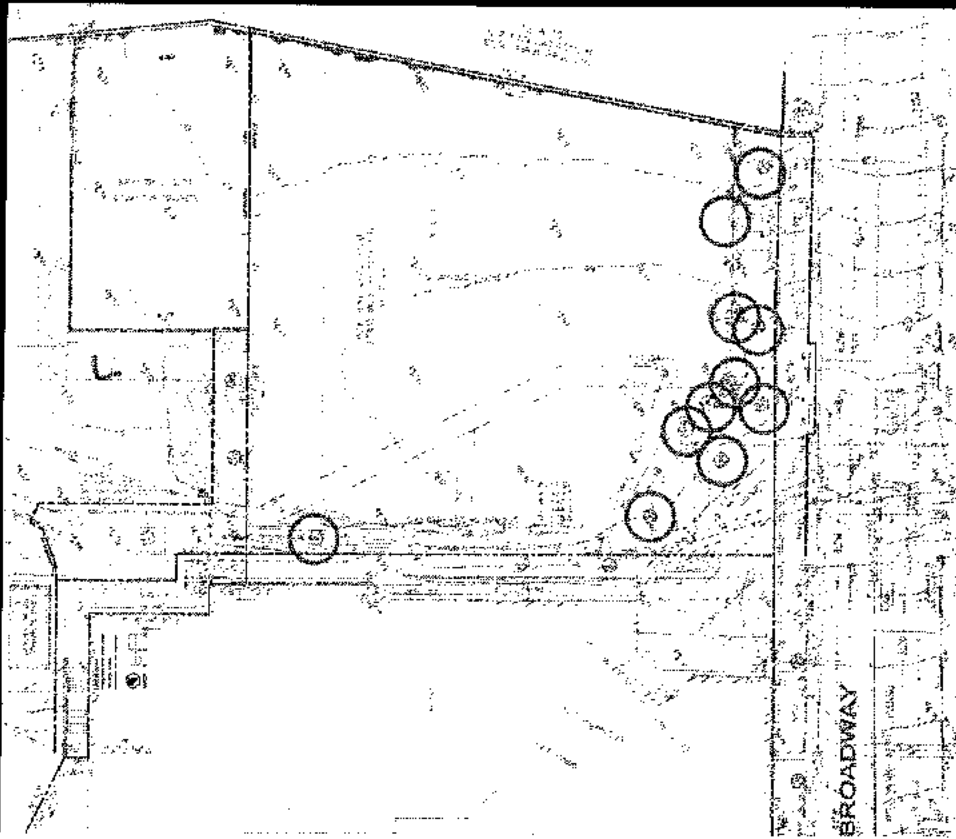
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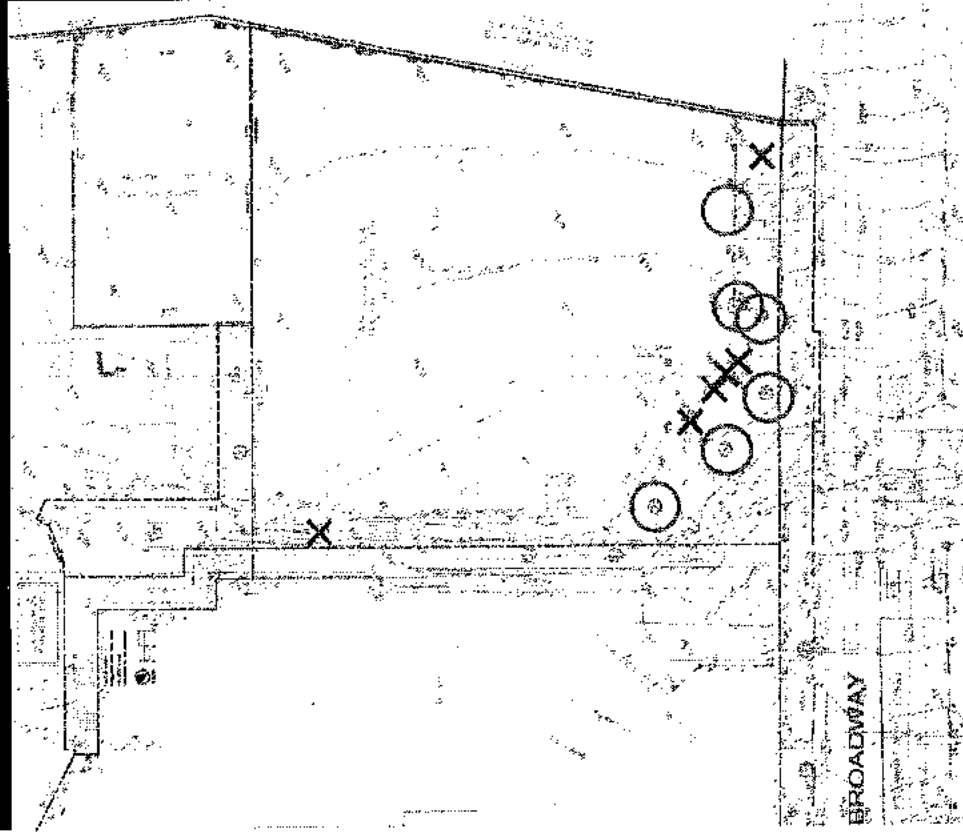
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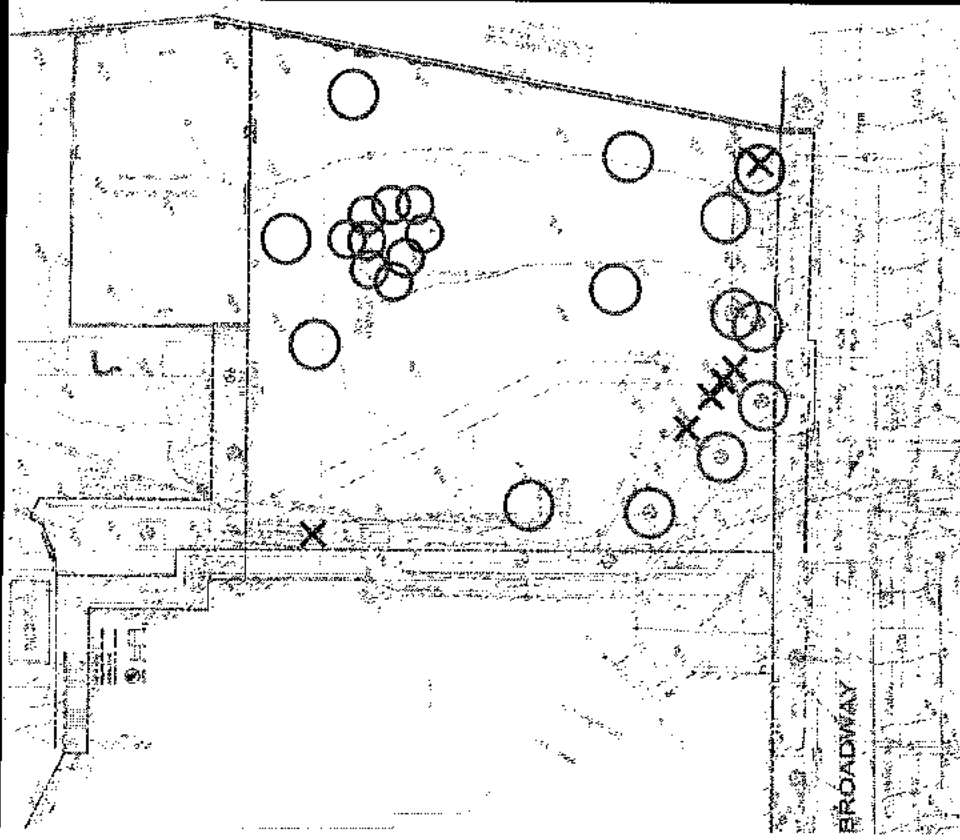
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Existing to remain – 6 Trees

Removed – 6 Trees

Trees



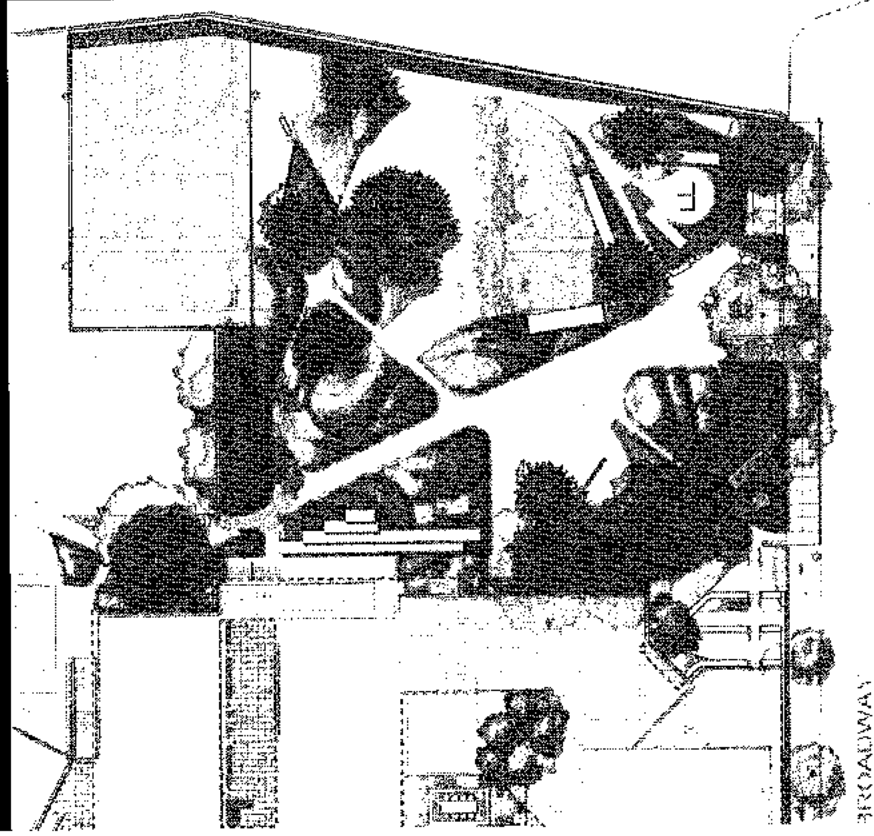
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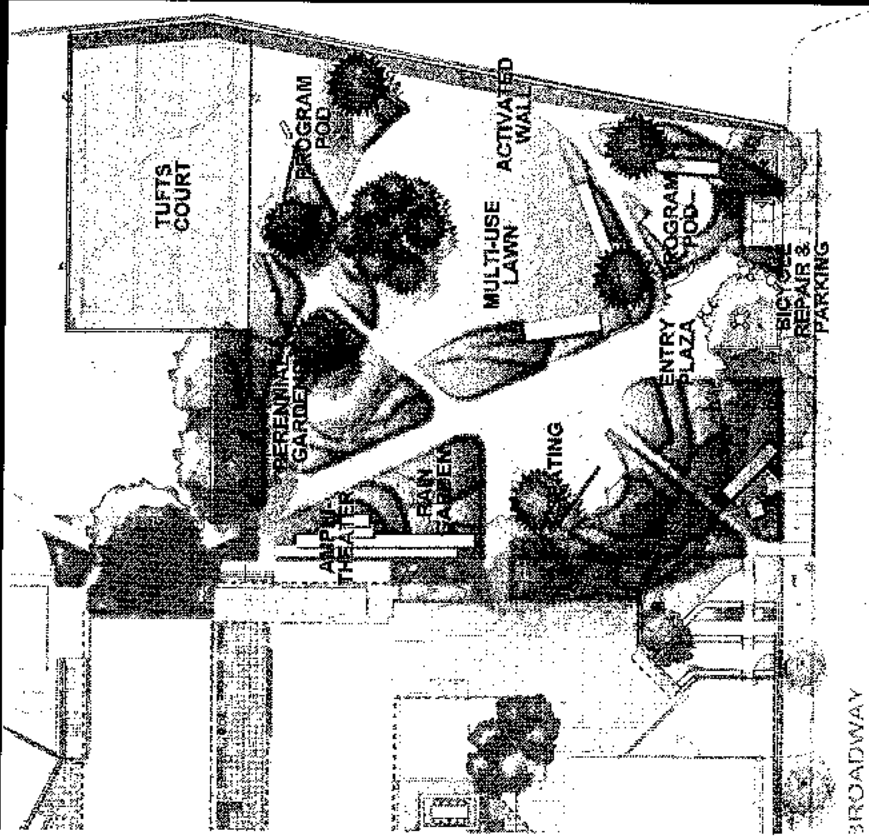
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Net Gain – 10 Trees (9" DBH)

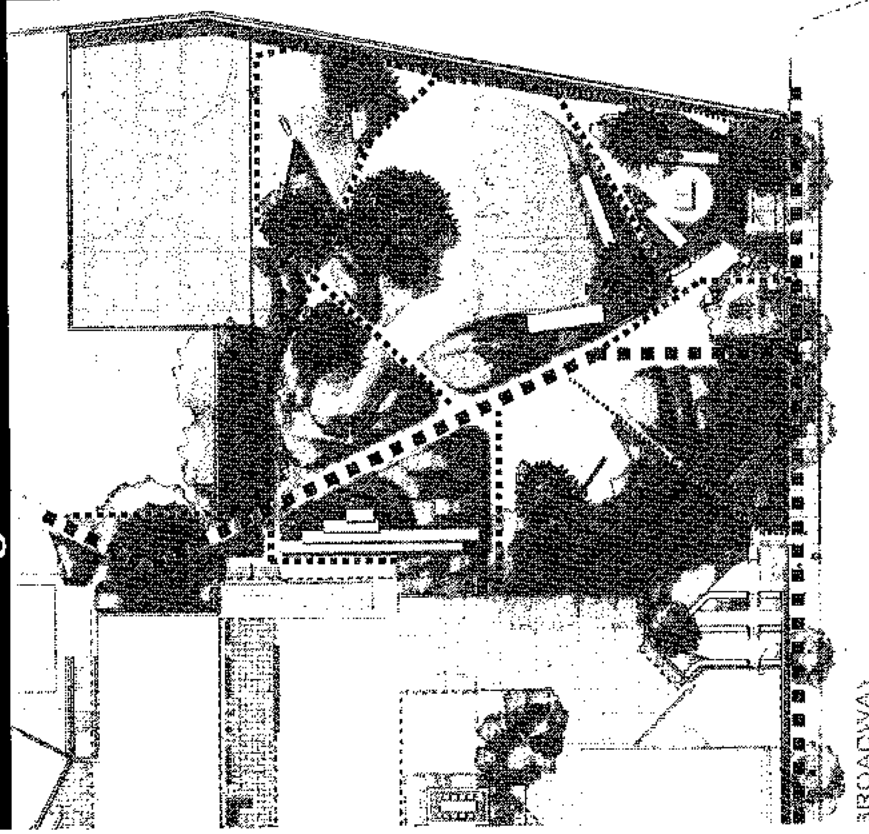
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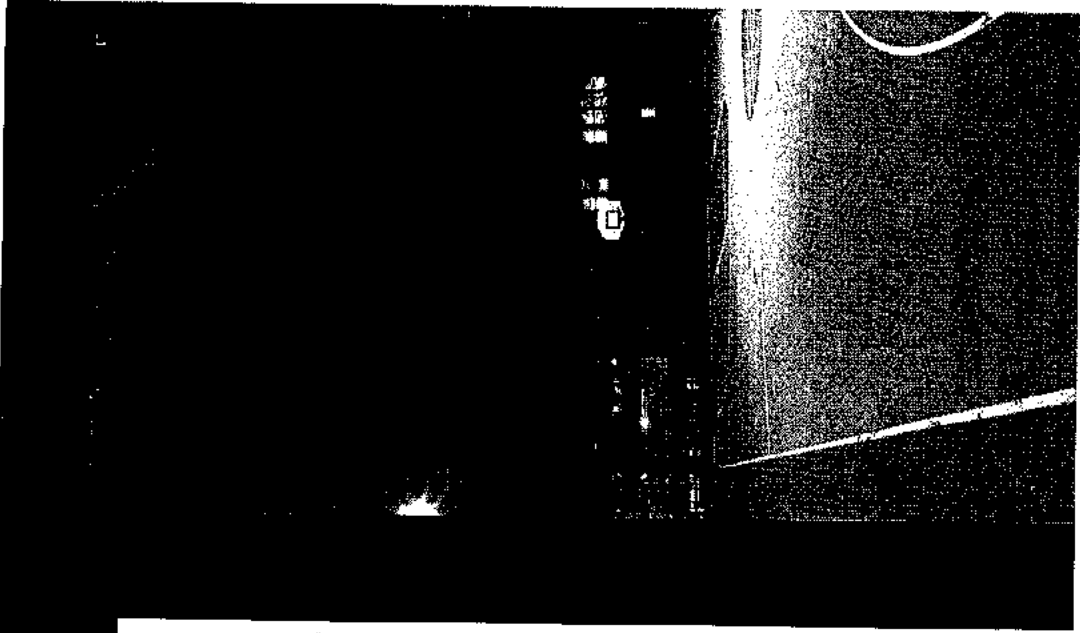
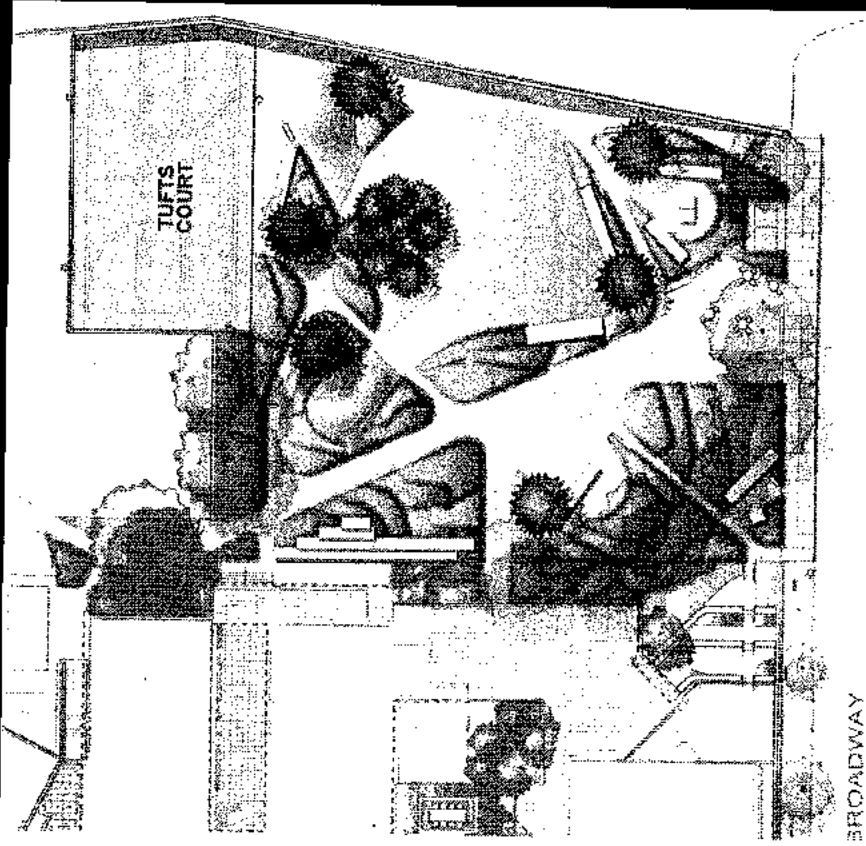
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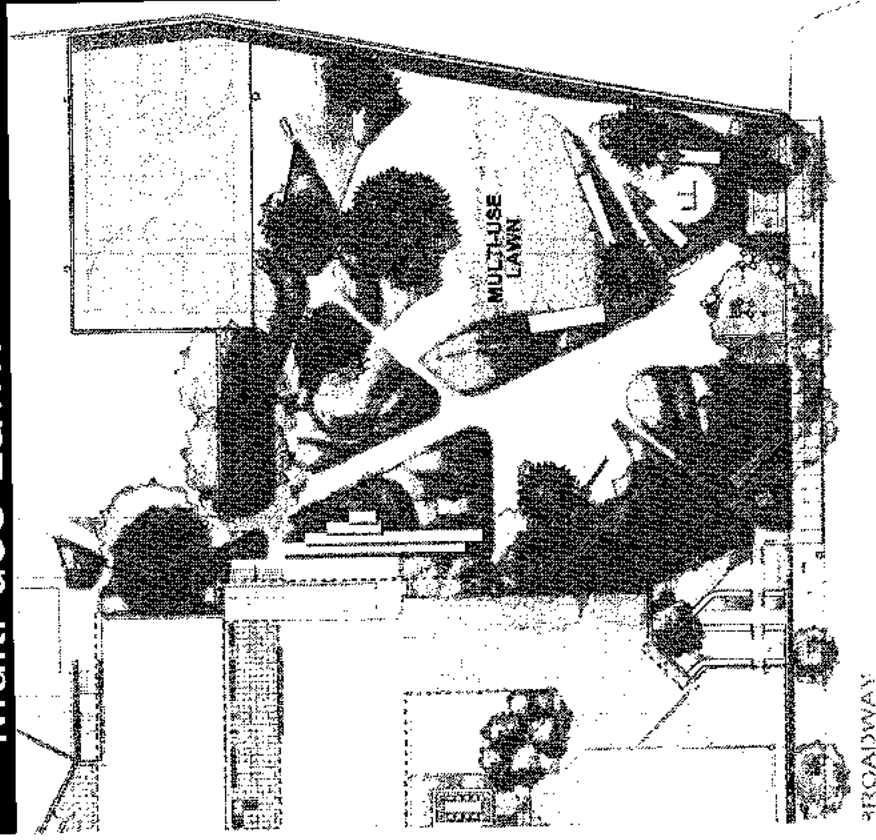
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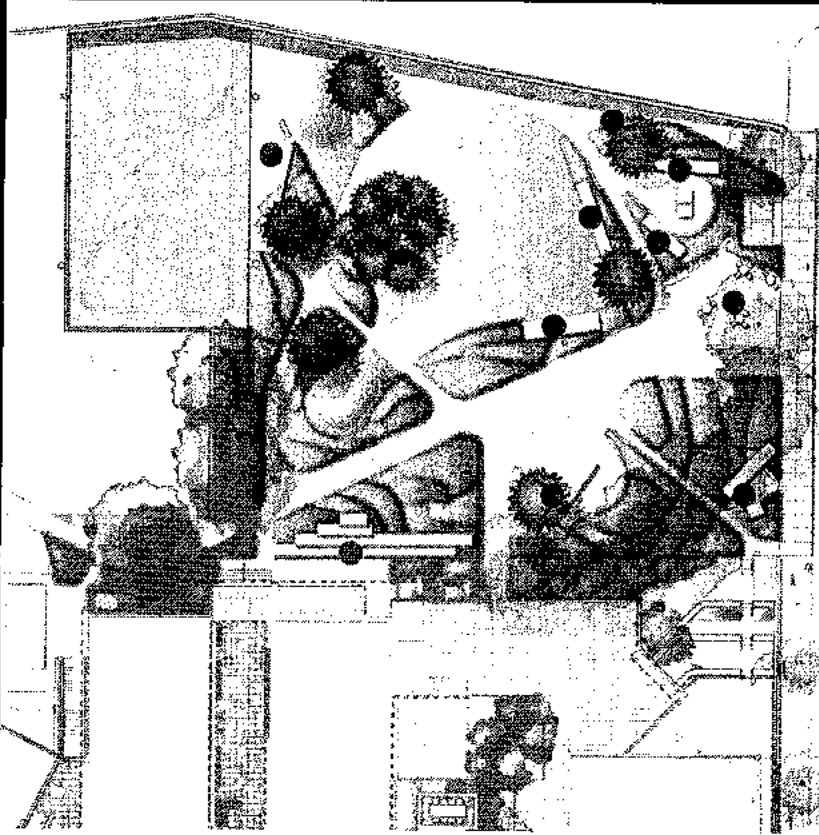
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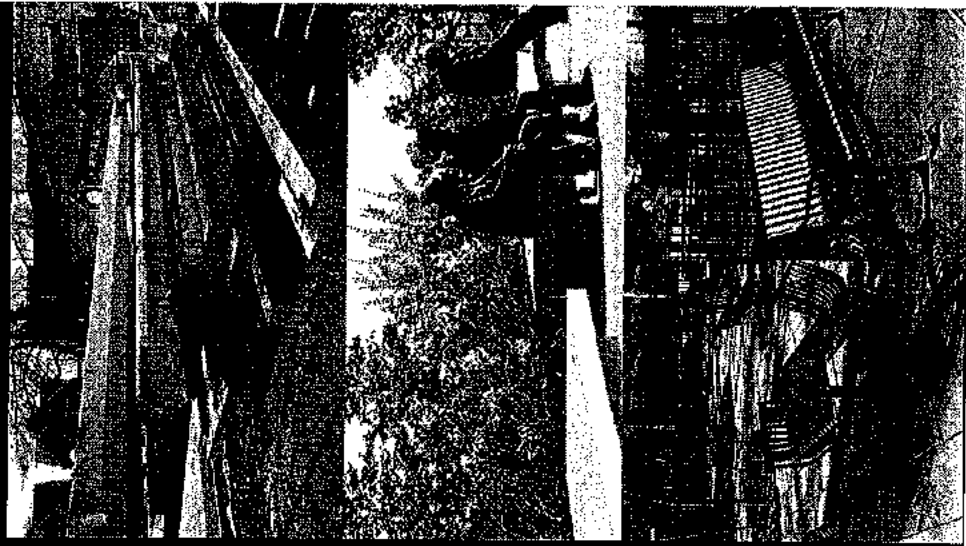
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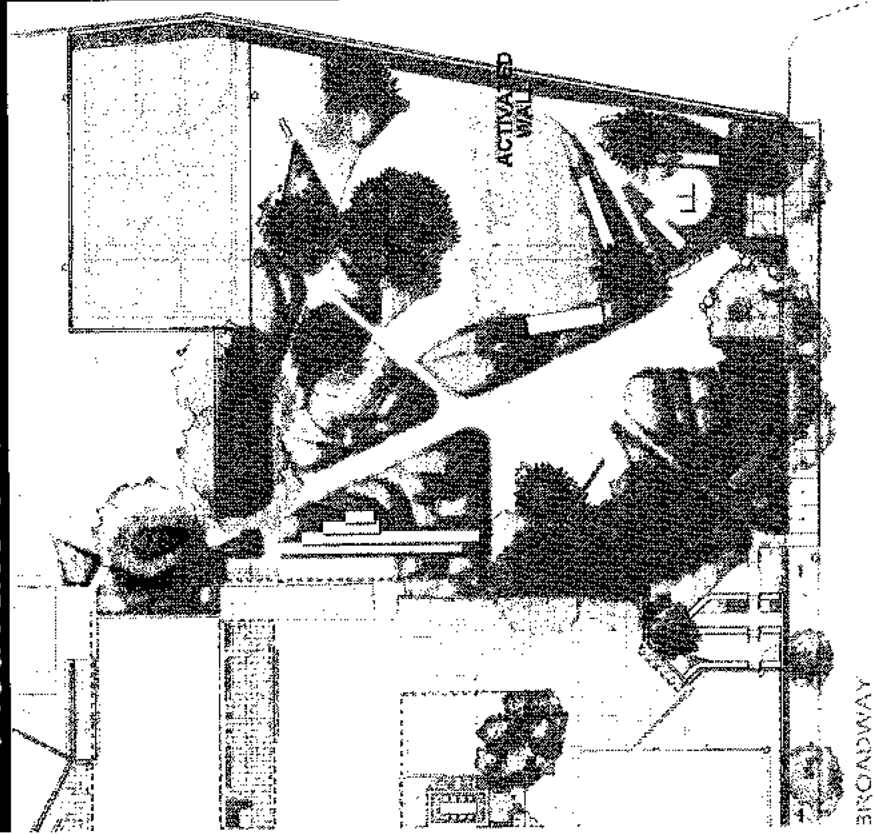
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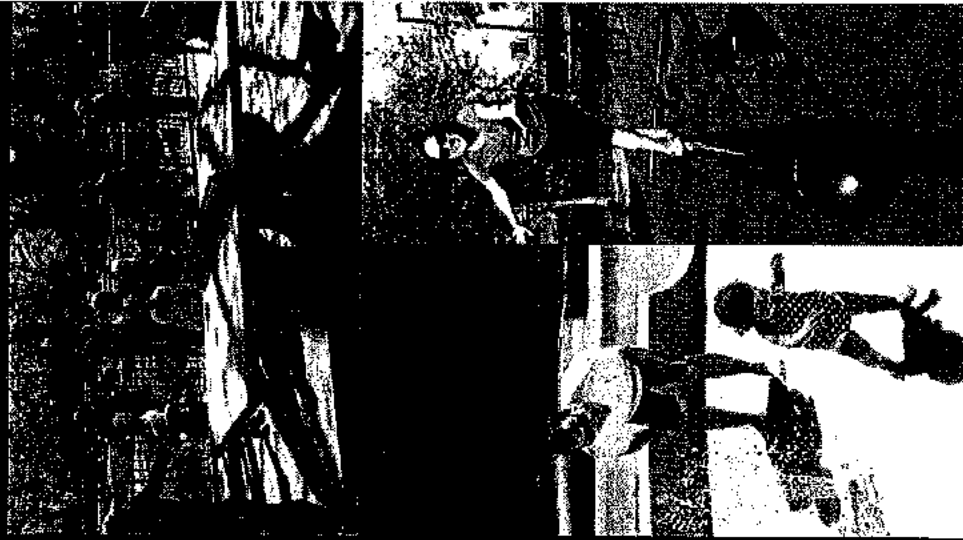
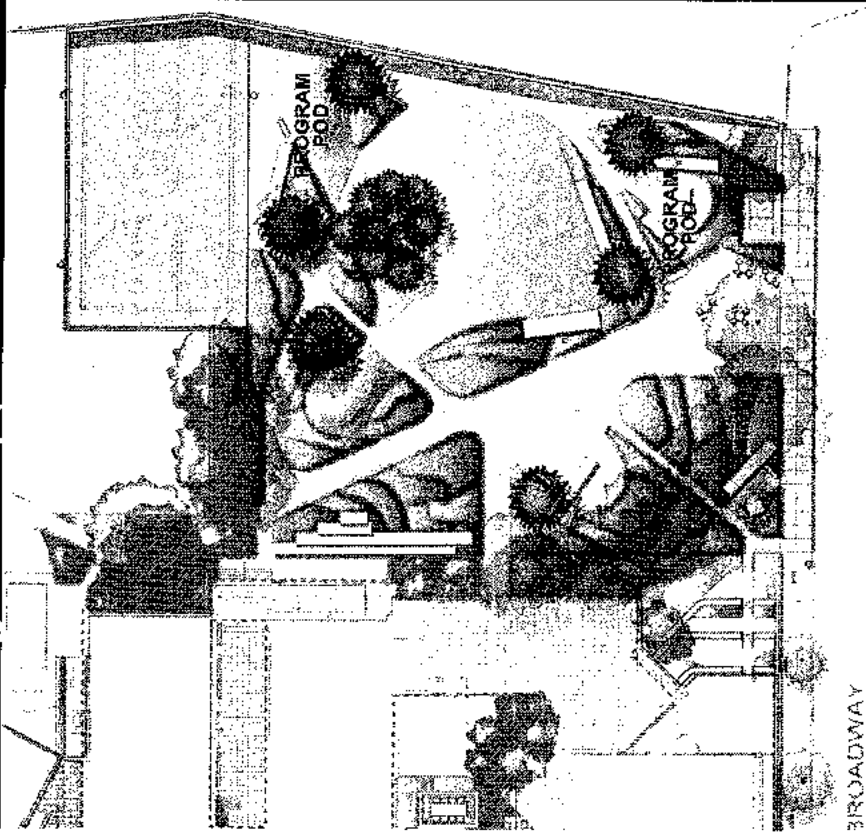
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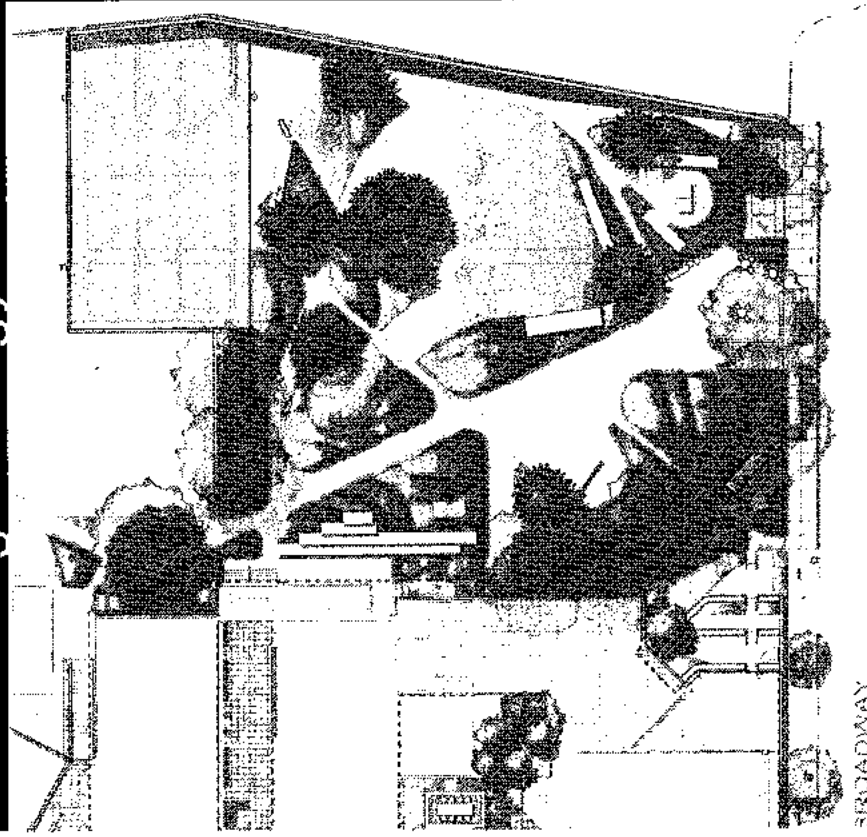
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Program Opportunities



Planting Strategy



- Lush, naturalistic, & maintainable

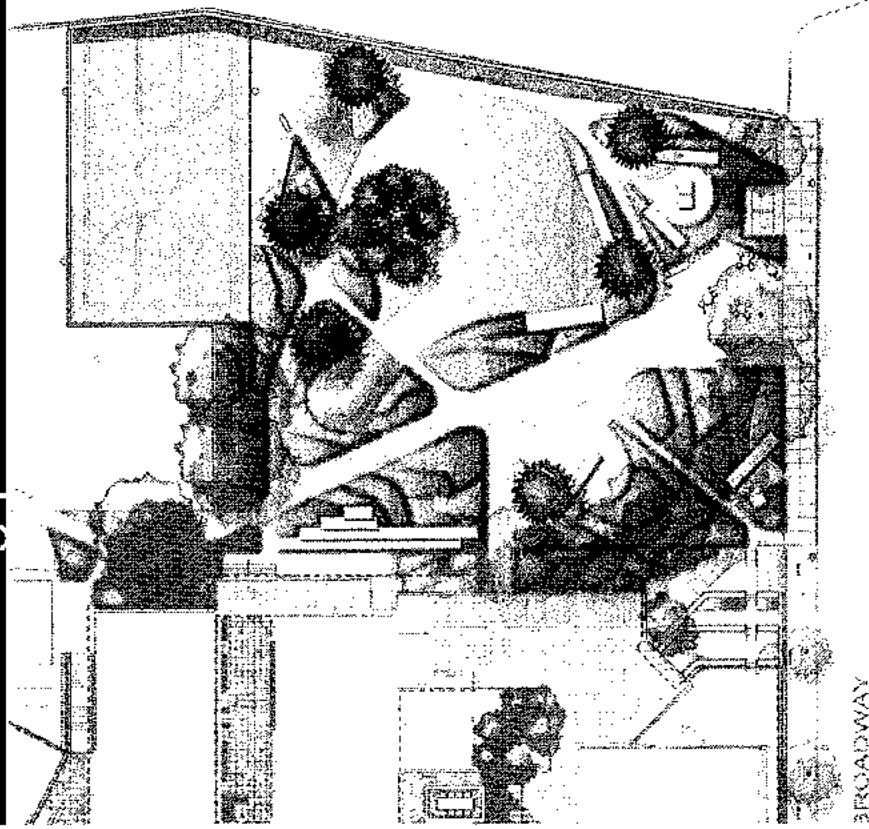
- All season interest

- Attract biodiversity

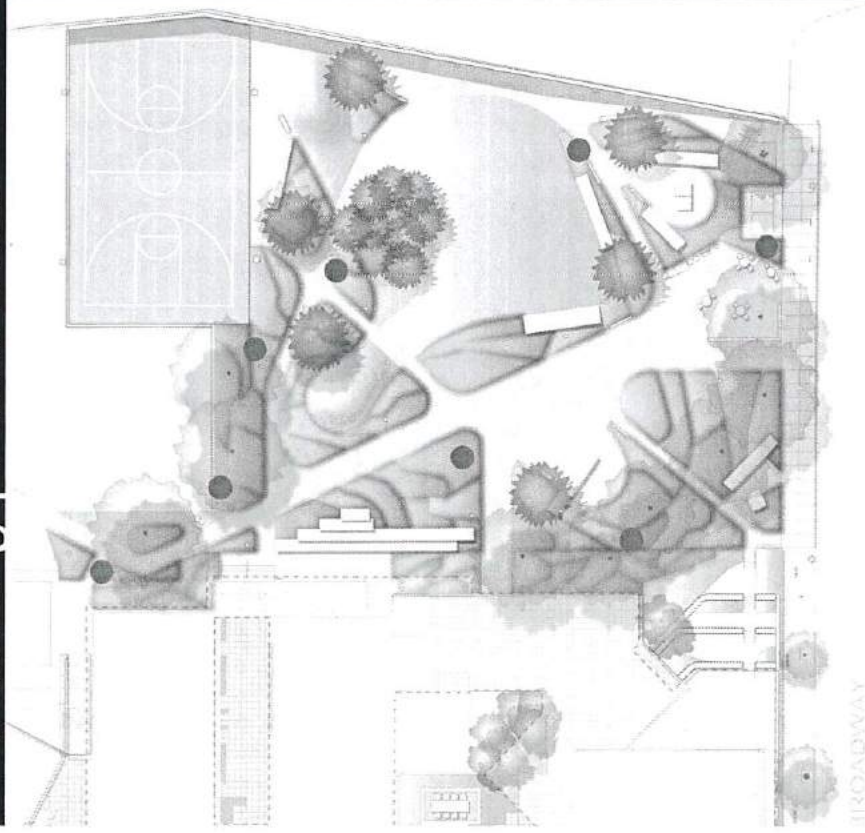
- Plants with structure to direct circulation

- Stormwater catchment, passive irrigation

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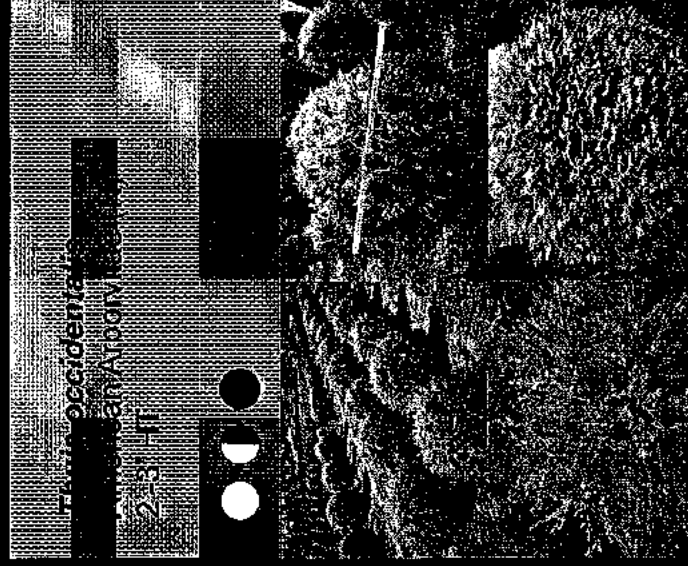
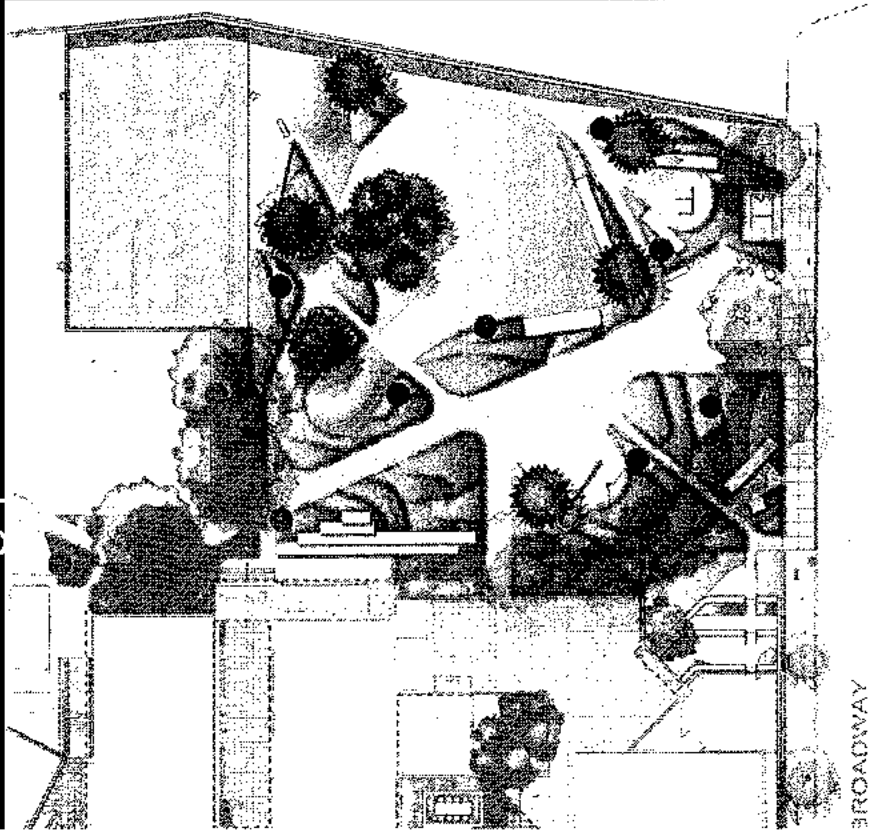
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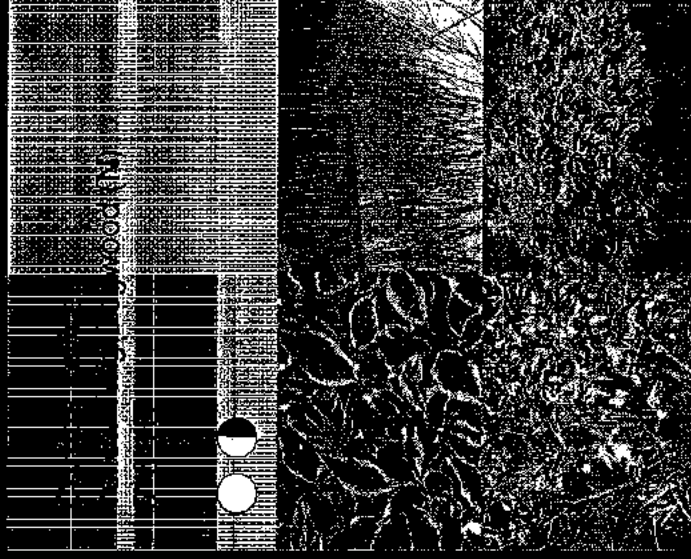
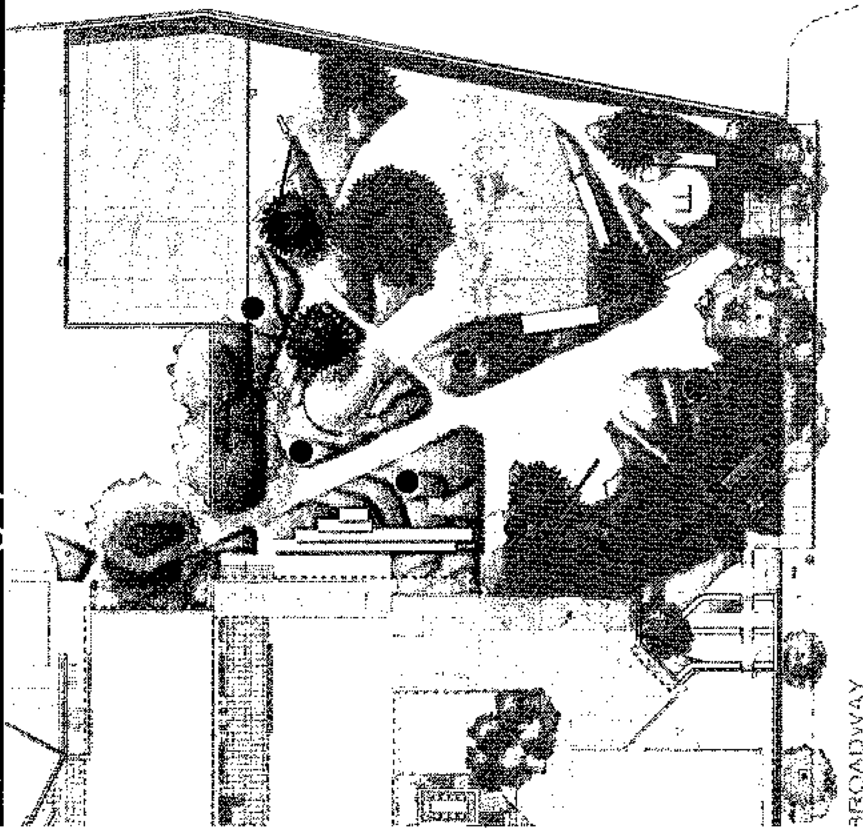
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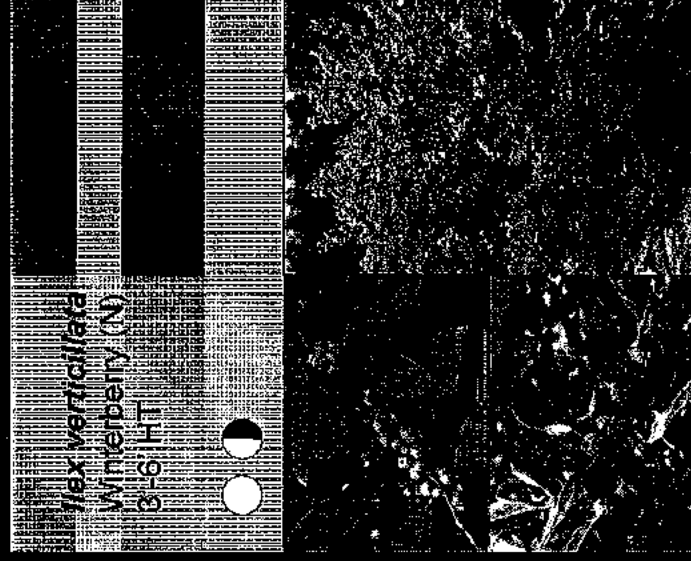
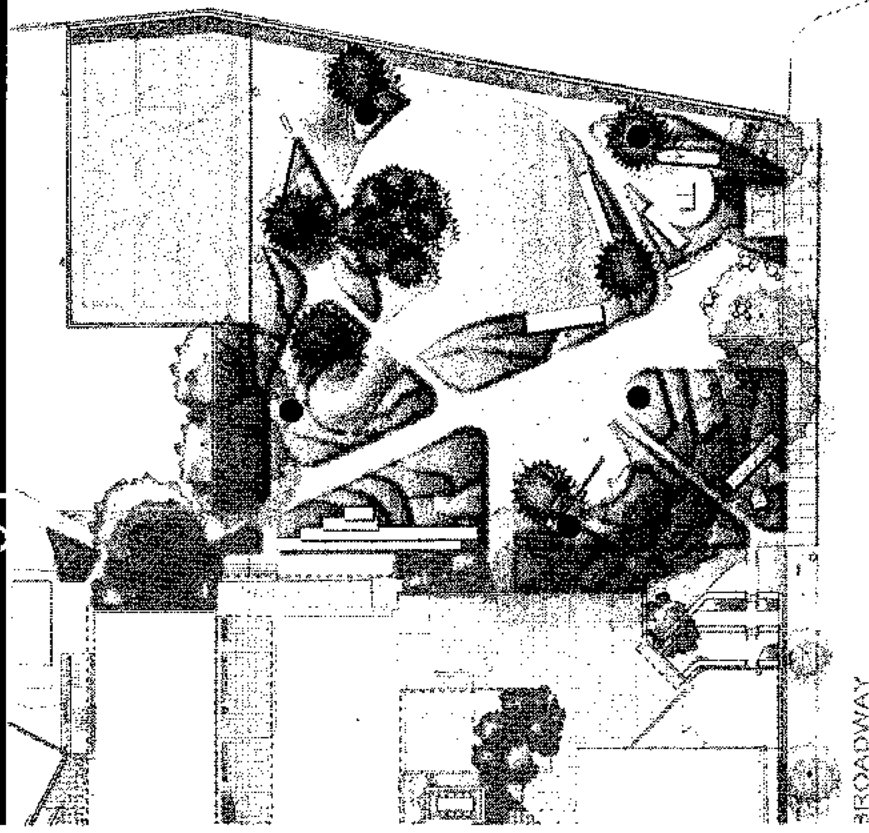
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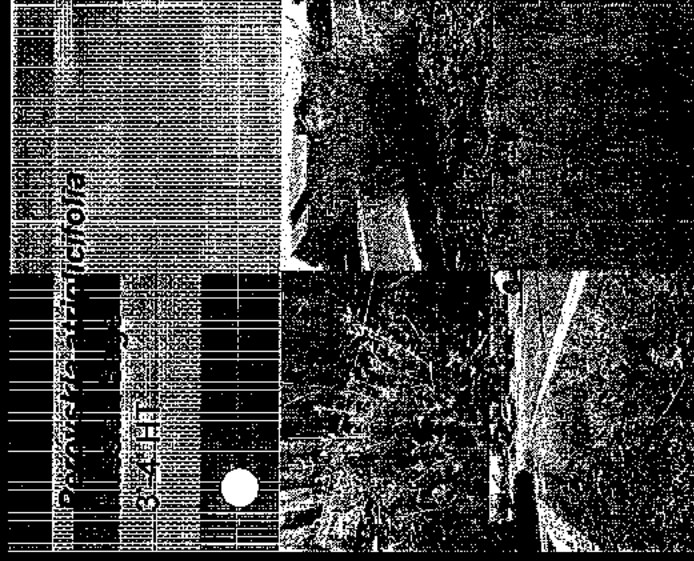
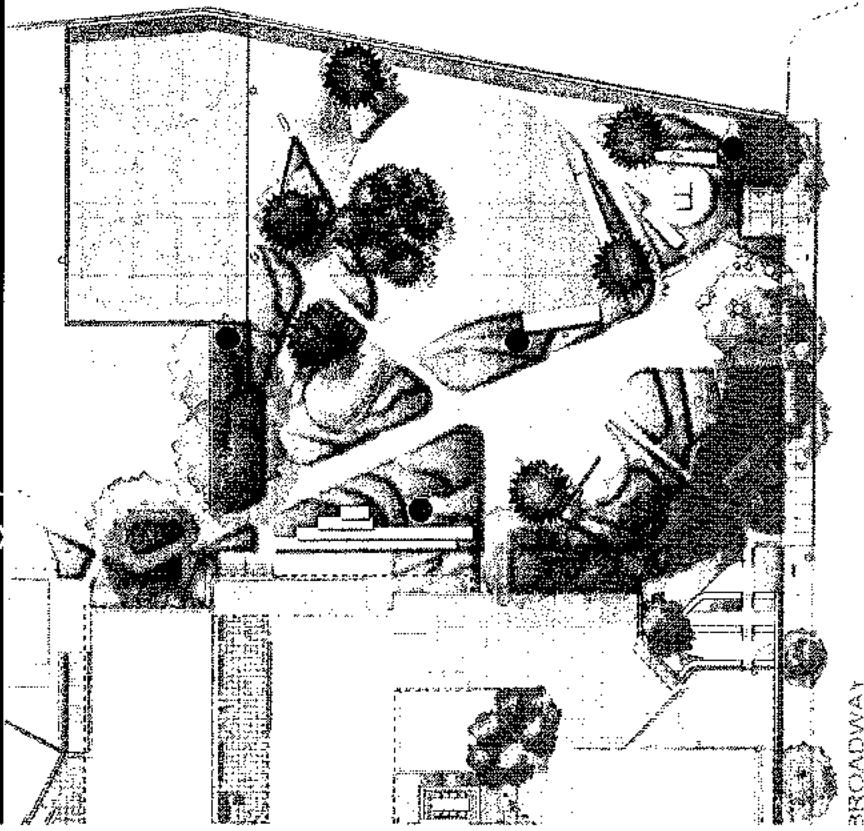


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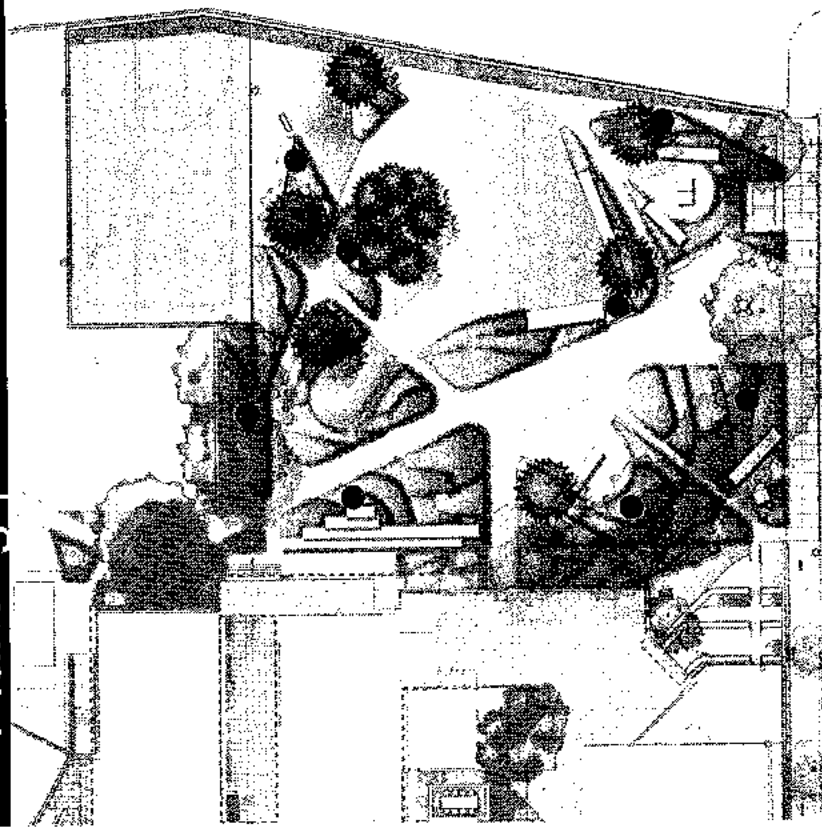


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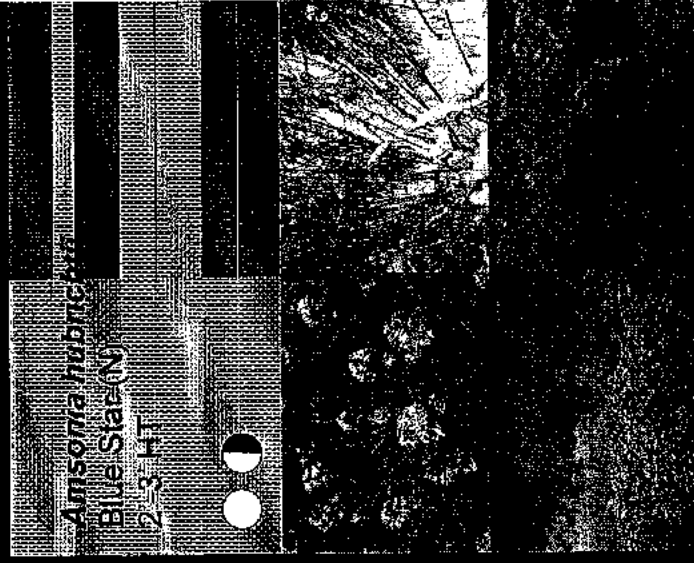
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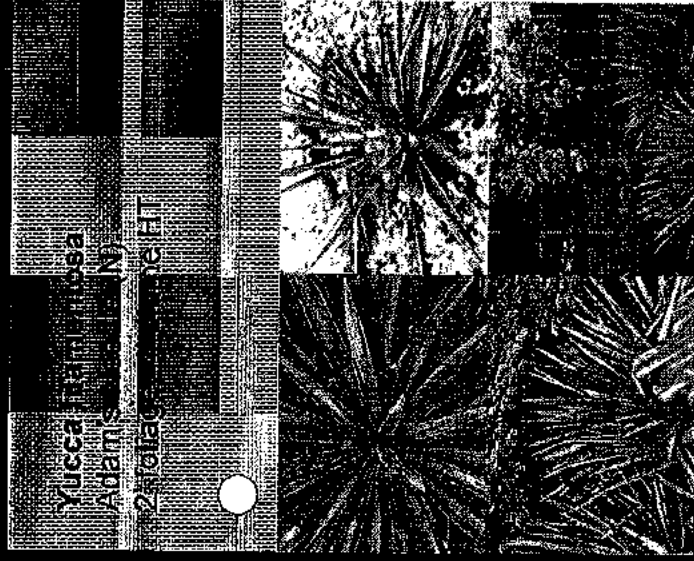
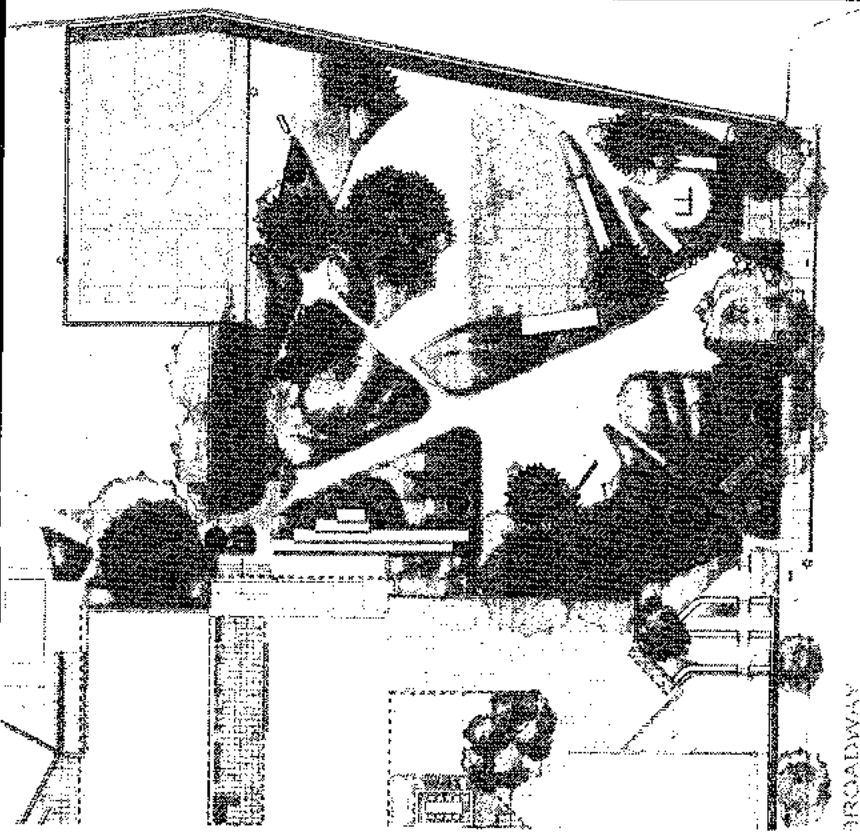
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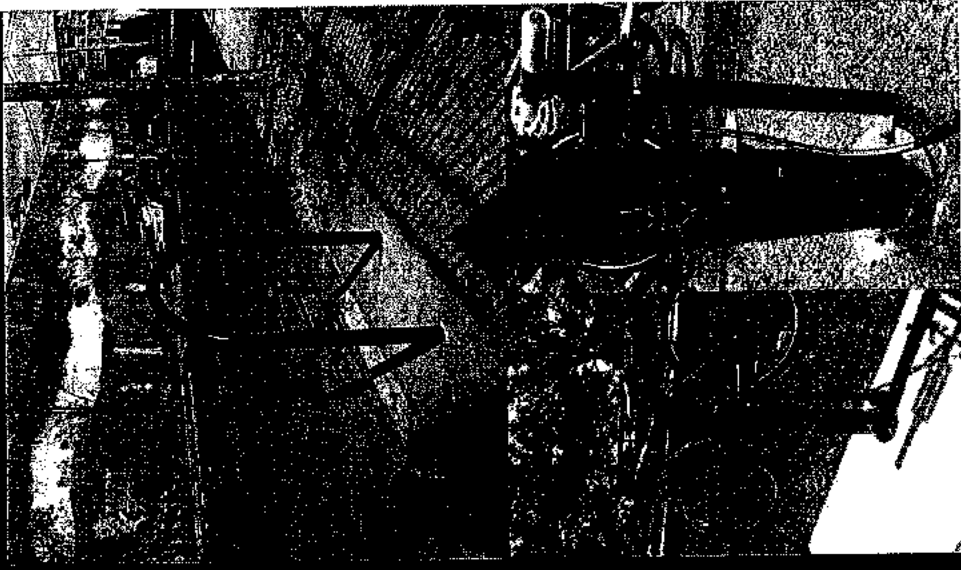
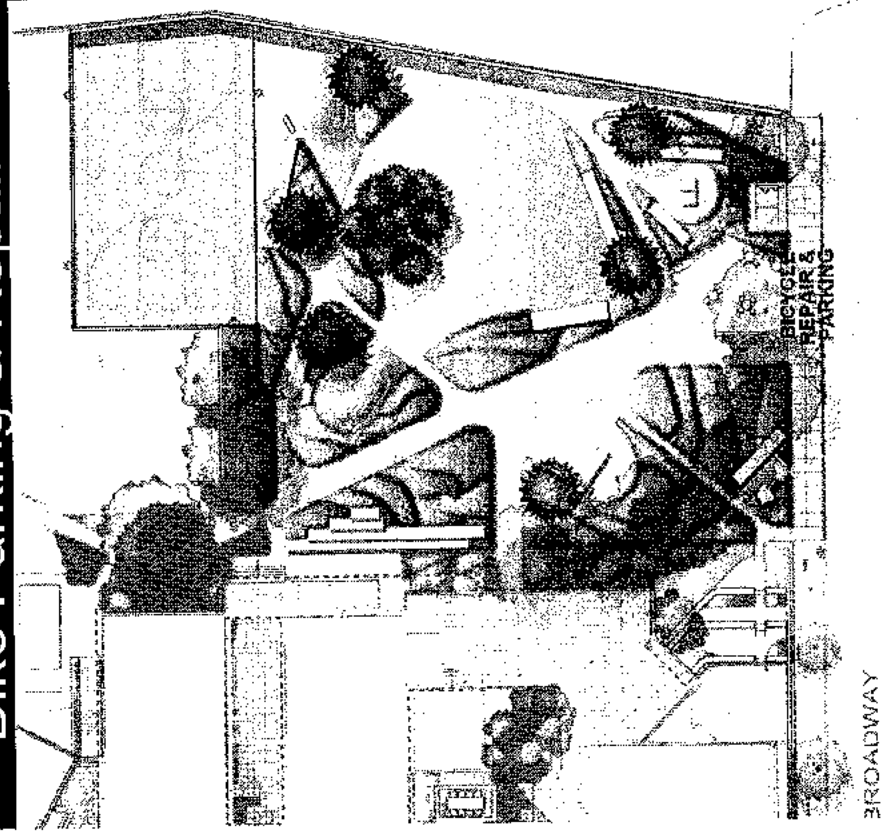
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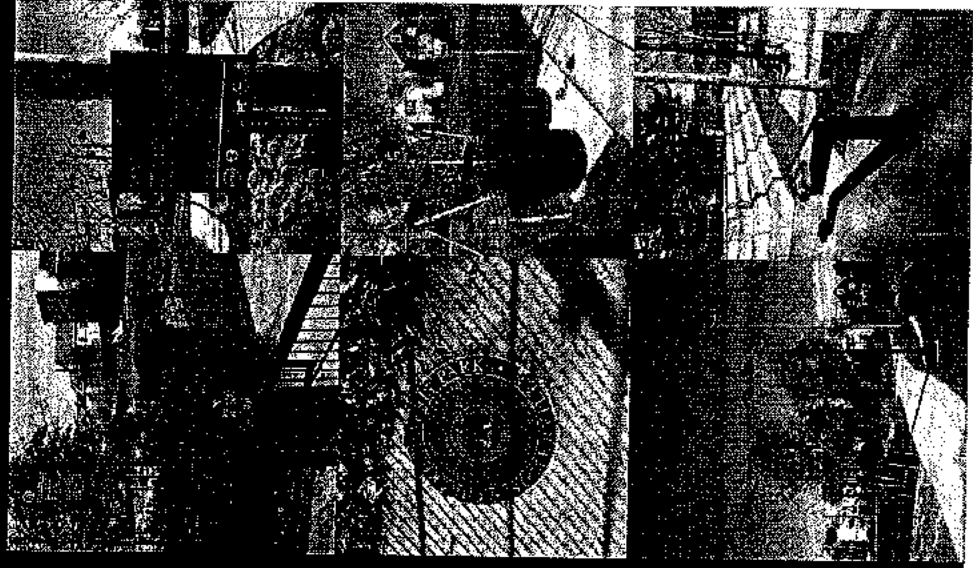
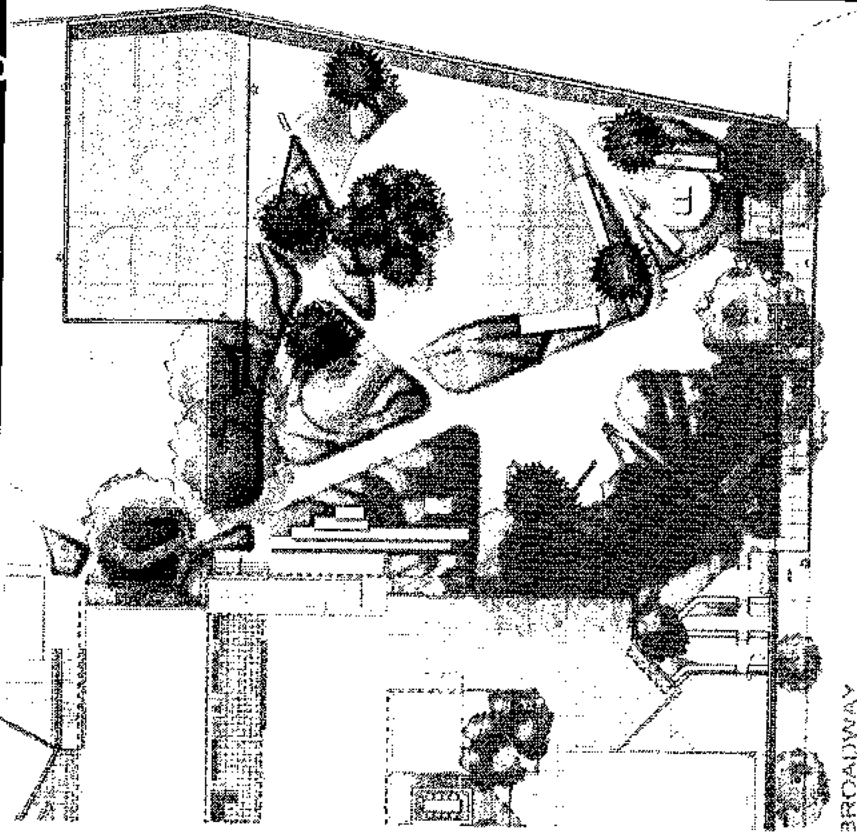
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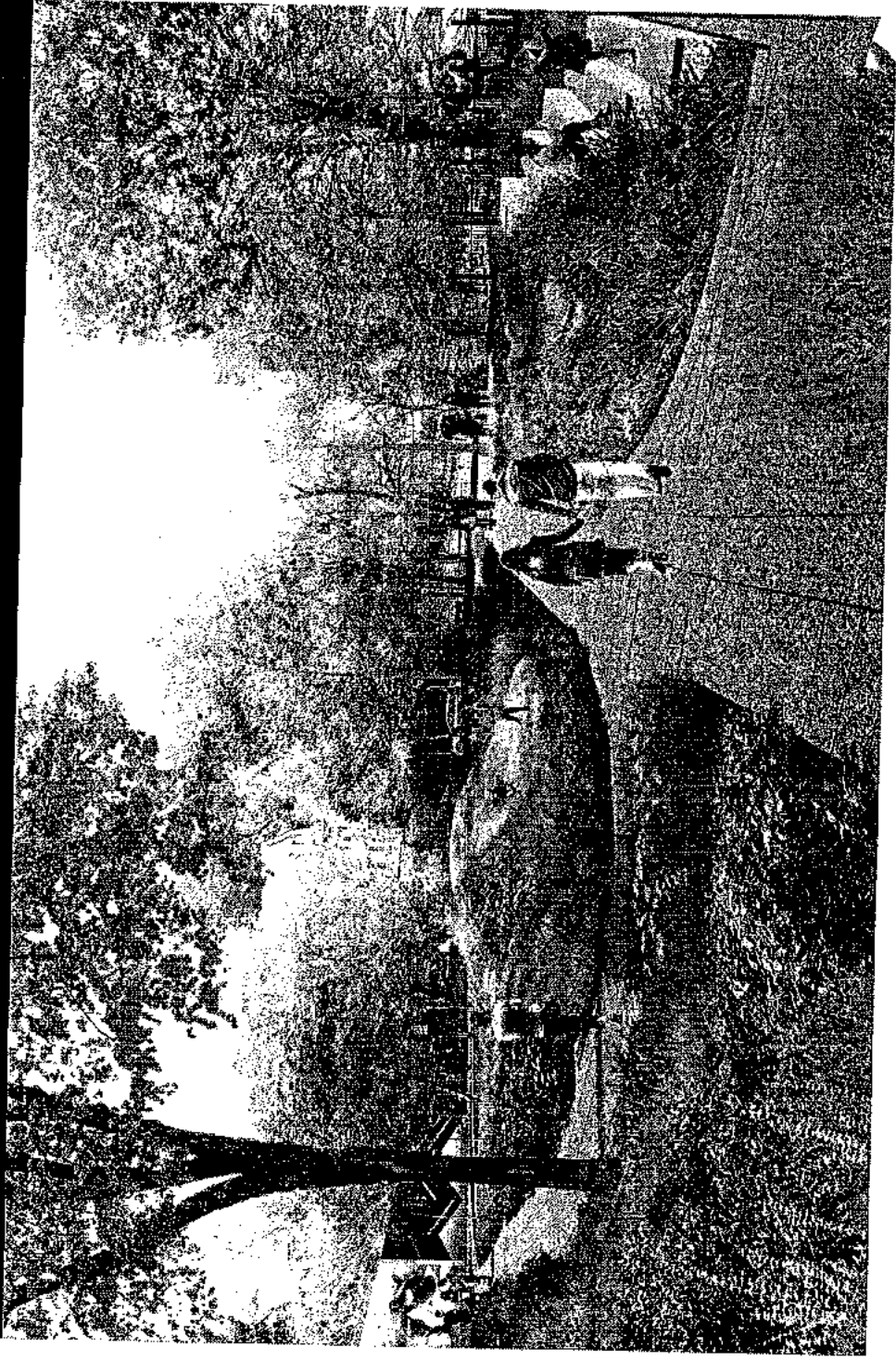
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Existing View looking North



Park View looking North



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Groundbreaking

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Park Opens

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY19 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR *ArtFarm, City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ArtFarm will convert a 2.1 acre site, which was formerly a waste transfer facility, into open space with a focus on recreation and urban agriculture. In addition to the open space component, an ArtBarn will be built that will provide rehearsal and performance space. CPA funds will pay for the landscape for phase 1 of the project. No CPA funds are being requested for the ArtBarn

ELIGIBILITY

Recreational Land: ArtFarm will provide a new opportunity for active and passive recreation as well as urban agriculture.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On December 11, 2018 by a vote of 6-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$1,000,000 for this project: \$367,899 to come from the open space/recreational land reserve budget, \$174,776 from the budgeted reserve, \$457,325 to be bonded. Funds will be given to the control of the City of Somerville for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

Project Budget

Expenses	Amount
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$0
Construction	\$1,666,000
Total	\$1,666,000
Sources	
CPA open space/recreational land funds- requested	\$1,000,000
PARC grant (future application)	\$400,000
Community Development Block Grant funds	\$266,000
Total	\$1,666,000

ALIGNMENT WITH FY19 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

ArtFarm will provide 2.1 acres of new open space for the City of Somerville as well as additional community gardening opportunities.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. CPA funds will be used only for CPA eligible expenses.
2. The City of Somerville will install a permanent sign noting CPA funding at the completion of the project and a temporary sign during construction.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goal of the project is to create an active, year-round open space for use by the community, artists, urban growers, and the larger public.

The success of the project will be measured through:

- Increase in total open space acreage in Somerville
- Retaining outside financial support
- Number of new community garden plots
- Number of community growers involved in ArtFarm
- Number of mentor farmers and youth enrolled in World Crops initiative
- Number of events, performances, and festivals held
- Number of attendees at events

The full proposal is available at: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/community-preservation-act/2019-cpa-projects>

West Somerville DOG PARK Feasibility Study

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West Somerville Dog Park Feasibility Study

Introduction

This report was funded by Somerville's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to assess the feasibility of developing a dog park in West Somerville. For the purposes of this study, West Somerville is defined as the neighborhoods west of Central Street. This study is the result of the CPC's new feasibility study program. This program allows the CPC to study projects proposed by individual residents directly to CPC for consideration.

Instead of recommending an individual parcel for a potential dog park, this study identifies eight parcels for further consideration and provides background on dog park design and policies to aid in the future development of new dog parks in Somerville.

Though West Somerville is densely-developed and recreational opportunities are limited, the initial analysis finds that it would be feasible to develop at least one dog park in West Somerville. Current trends in dog ownership and urban recreation indicate that dog parks are still increasing in popularity and demand. As the number of urban dogs continues to increase, Somerville will likely continue to have residents and community groups clamoring for additional dog parks.

As a densely-developed community, open spaces are at a high premium. This report provides a preliminary review of parcels in West Somerville and should provide a starting point for future conversations. Beyond the discussion of a potential dog park in West Somerville, the City and others should engage residents in an ongoing, city-wide discussion about the various needs for open spaces within the City.

Background

Dog parks are the fastest-growing type of urban open space in the United States¹. In the decade between 2007 and 2017, dog ownership increased by nearly 30% among American households; young professionals are particularly likely to have a dog². Over the same decade, the number of dog parks in the United States grew by 90%³. Nearly half of dog owners live in the United States' twenty-five largest metro areas. The growth in dog ownership is being driven by high-income households, unmarried individuals, and childless families⁴. The country's two largest generations, Millennials and Baby Boomers, have especially high rates of dog ownership; these two generations are also the most likely to choose to live in walkable, mixed-use, urban centers. An increase in minority-household dog ownership is also contributing

¹ <https://www.citylab.com/life/2017/04/how-to-design-the-best-dog-park/522870/>

² <https://www.citylab.com/environment/2017/08/the-politics-of-the-dog-park/536463/>

³ <https://www.citylab.com/life/2017/04/how-to-design-the-best-dog-park/522870/>

⁴ <https://globenewswire.com/news-release/2017/07/17/1047437/0/en/United-States-Pet-Population-and-Ownership-Trends-Report-2017-Focus-on-Dogs-Cats-and-Other-Pets.html>

to the growth in households with dogs⁵. All of these trends point to a surge in the number of dogs residing in Somerville.

As dog ownership rates continue to increase and dog owners, especially urban dog owners, desire additional recreational opportunities for their dogs, the need for dog parks throughout the United States and especially in urban areas will only continue to grow. It will be increasingly important for all levels of government to proactively consider the needs of dogs and dog owners in their recreation planning efforts.

As of August 2018, there were 4,461 dogs licensed in Somerville. However, there are likely significantly more dogs living in Somerville since many dog owners do not license their dogs. Using conventional estimates, developed by the American Veterinary Medicine Foundation (AVMF), it is possible there may be as many as 18,500 or 19,000 dogs that live in Somerville⁶. This formula is not specific to urban areas, but the estimate it generates is consistent with the general consensus that there is roughly one dog per every four people in the United States⁷.

Though there is not a general consensus on calculating the number of dogs in urban areas, a very rough estimate can be extrapolated from estimates provided for individual cities. In 2016, San Francisco's Department of Animal Care and Control (SFACC) estimated that there are 120,000 to 150,000 dogs living in the city; though the number of dog licenses in 2016 was not disclosed, the SFACC notes that they issued far fewer than 120,000 dog licenses. In 2016, San Francisco's population was 876,103 people; taking the low estimate of 120,000 dogs, it would mean that approximately 13.6% of San Francisco residents had a dog. In 2012, the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) estimates that there were 600,000 dogs in New York City, approximately one dog per every three households⁸. Using these numbers, Somerville likely has approximately 11,000 dogs. Applying San Francisco's 13.6 rate, Somerville's 81,360 residents would have 11,065 dogs; and applying New York City's one in three households having a dog, Somerville's 33,453 households would have 10,818 dogs.

West Somerville is a densely-developed, primarily residential area. For the purposes of this study, Central Street was used as the demarcation between East and West Somerville. This area is much larger than what most people consider to be West Somerville; when talking about "West Somerville" most people are focused on the areas of Davis Square, Teele Square, Tufts University, and Powder House Square.

⁵ <https://globenewswire.com/news-release/2017/07/17/1047437/0/en/United-States-Pet-Population-and-Ownership-Trends-Report-2017-Focus-on-Dogs-Cats-and-Other-Pets.html>

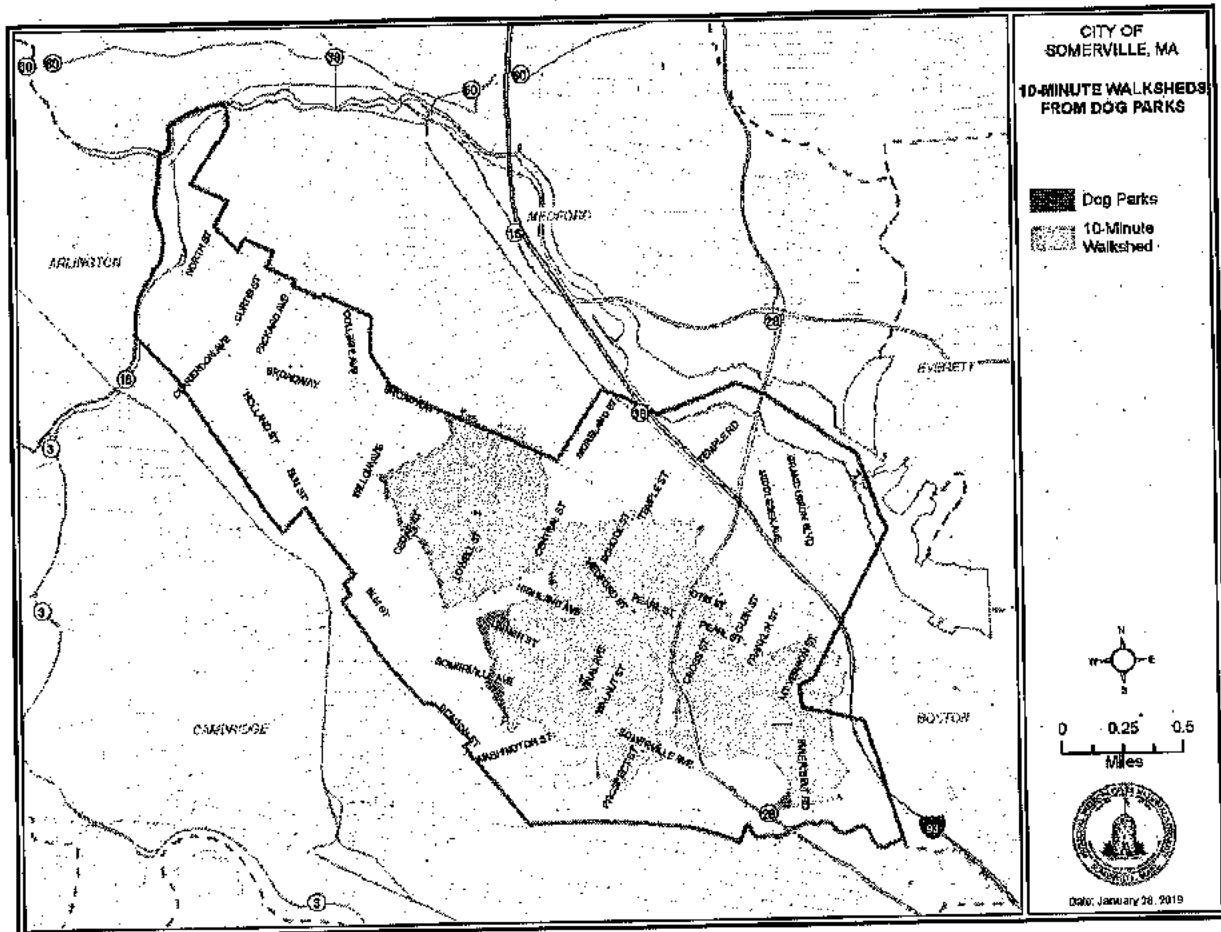
⁶ This is based on a formula developed by the American Veterinary Medicine Foundation (AVMF). This formula is based on nation-wide statistics for dog ownership based on the number of households and residents of a given community. Based on their research, the number of dog-owning households is estimated by multiplying the total number of households by 0.365. Based on the 2010 US Census, the City of Somerville had 32,105 households, so the AVMF estimation is that approximately 11,720 households in Somerville have at least one dog. The 2012 US Pet Ownership and Demographics Sourcebook finds that the average number of dogs in a dog-owning household is 1.6, so there could be as many as 18,750 dogs living in Somerville

(<https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Statistics/Pages/Market-research-statistics-US-pet-ownership.aspx>).

⁷ <https://slate.com/technology/2014/10/smart-cities-will-change-life-for-urban-dogs.html>

⁸ <https://www.nycedc.com/blog-entry/new-york-city-s-pet-population>

The City of Somerville has developed several off-leash dog parks within the City, but these parks are primarily located outside of the West Somerville neighborhoods. The ten-minute walksheds for Somerville's existing dog parks are shown in the map below. Residents of West Somerville find that they have to travel outside of their neighborhood or to another city all together to access off-leash recreation for their dogs.



Case Studies

In determining whether or not the creation of a public dog park would be feasible in West Somerville and to help build public understanding and awareness of urban dog parks, a number of dog parks in urban areas were reviewed. The following is a summary of this research.

DeFilippo Park (Boston, MA) – 2,500 square feet⁹



The dog park in DeFilippo Park, located in the North End, first opened on a trial basis in 2015. The final design was developed by a partnership of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and advocacy organization, RUFF (Responsible Urbanites For Fido) North End. The park opened officially in late 2017. It is part of a larger recreational complex. The City's Department of Parks and Recreation manages the park with help from RUFF North End.

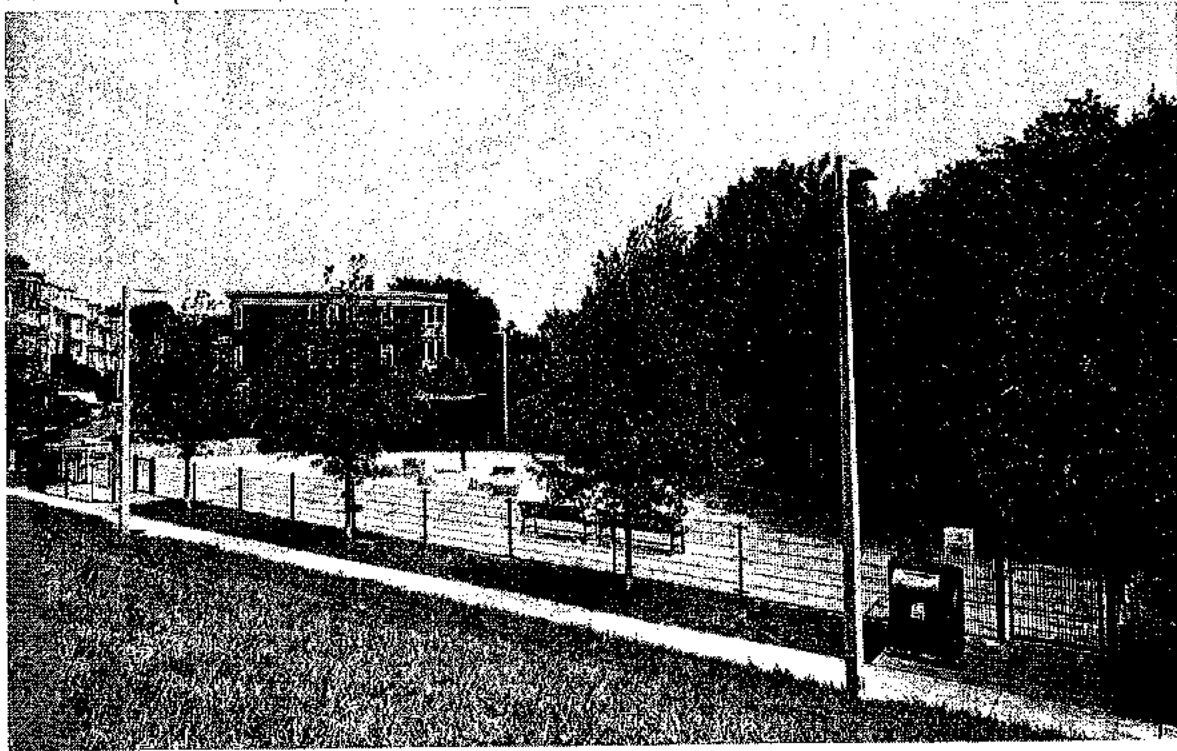
Though small, at only 2,500 square feet, the dog park in DeFilippo Park includes a separate space for small dogs, has agility equipment for the dogs to play on, and water features to make the park interesting and help keep the space cool during the summer. The permanent design was developed during a successful trial run to test whether a dog park in the area would be used and identify challenges. The trial period also allowed park advocates and the City to identify amenities and address neighborhood concerns. The initial, temporary design did not include water features or irrigation. Automatic irrigation and a hydrant-shaped water feature were added when the final park design was constructed. There are also water fountains for people and dogs. This park is well-used and well-liked by dogs and dog-owners alike. The original, trial opening, allowed the City and partners to identify whether or not the park would be used and to work with the community to develop a park that would best suit their needs.

In addition to the agility equipment and water features, the park includes benches and shade trees. Dog waste bags are also provided. The surface material is a mix of hardscaping and artificial turf. The dog park is surrounded by six-foot fencing with gates that automatically lock when the park closes for the night.

⁹ <https://northendwaterfront.com/2017/12/north-end-dog-park-opens-defilippo-gassy-park-flights-photos/>,
<http://thestantonfoundation.org/canine/dog-parks/guide/parks/defilippo-park-boston>

Similar to most other parks in Boston, the DeFilippo Dog Park is open during the day and closed at night. Construction costs were estimated at \$200,000, with 90% funded by a grant from the Stanton Foundation. The City of Boston paid for the remaining 10% of construction. Since the City's Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for maintenance, the city is funding ongoing maintenance needs.

Ronan Park (Boston, MA) – 3,183 square feet¹⁰

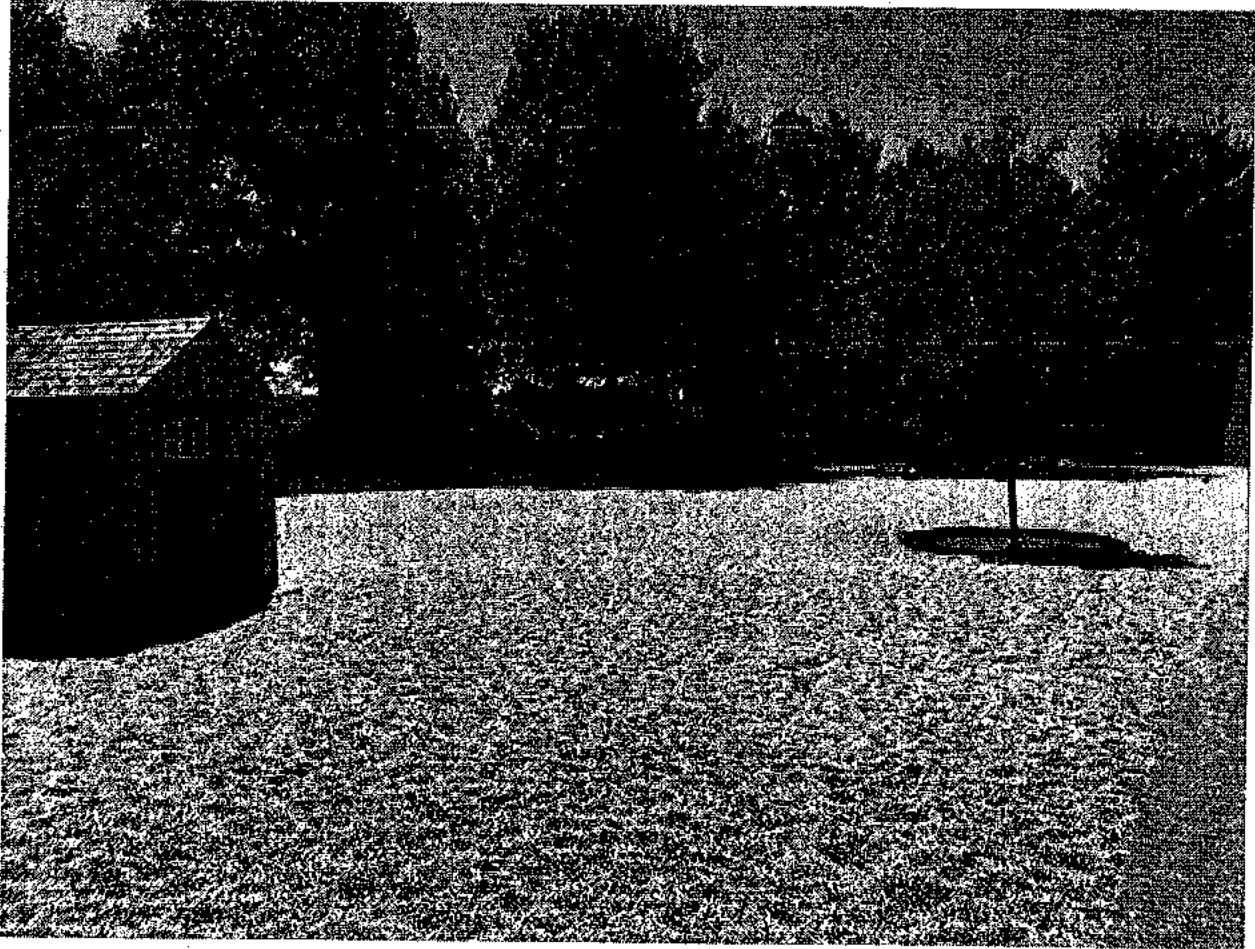


Ronan Park, in Dorchester, is a 3,183 square foot dog park within a larger park that includes basketball courts, a baseball diamond, children's playground and splashpad, and walking paths in addition to the dog park. It was opened in 2010 and is managed by the Boston Department of Parks and Recreation with support from the Friends of Ronan Park organization.

The park does not include a separate space for small dogs but does have some rock/boulder features for dogs to climb and play on and has a dogs-only water fountain. There are benches for people to use, but reviewers note that these benches are not shaded. The area does not include irrigation, because the park's surface is pea stone. The subsurface is crushed stone to help with infiltration. There is a cement walkway in the dog park. The park has trash barrels and ample dog waste bags for people to pick up after their dogs. There are not trees or other landscaping within the dog park, but a number of trees are planted just outside the park's fencing. There is a storage facility for maintenance equipment. The park is fully-fenced with a five-foot fence. Ronan Park Dog Park was constructed with a grant from the Stanton Foundation. Construction costs were \$207,500.

¹⁰ <http://thestantonfoundation.org/canine/dog-parks/guide/parks/ronan-park-boston>

Medford Dog Park (Medford, MA) – 12,000 square feet¹¹



The City of Medford worked with The Stanton Foundation to construct its first dog park in 2017. This dog park is part of a larger park and is almost entirely a pea stone surface that decreases maintenance requirements. There is a separate space for small dogs and several benches for people to use while their dogs play. There is a dogs-only water fountain and storage shed for maintenance and other equipment.

Similar to many other dog parks, this park was the result of a local advocacy effort. The group Paws 4 Medford was formed more than four years before the park officially opened. During their effort to construct a dog park in the city, there were several public meetings as well as a general call for public comment on the proposed park location. Some Medford residents had been advocating for a dog park in the city since 2010. Paws 4 Medford worked with the city to apply for the Stanton Foundation Grant, which provided the lion's share of design and construction funding. The \$250,000 grant was augmented by municipal funds that came from several fundraisers supported by Paws 4 Medford. Construction costs totaled \$279,300.

¹¹ <http://thestantonfoundation.org/canine/dog-parks/guide/parks/medford-dog-park>

Thorndike Field (Arlington, MA) – 17,500 square feet¹²



Thorndike Field is one of the largest and most popular dog parks included in these case studies; even though it is likely much larger than would be possible in West Somerville, it has been included since it is such a popular place for people (including many Somerville residents) to take their dogs. Thorndike Dog Park is part of a larger park that includes three multi-purpose athletic fields. There is a parking lot and it's easily accessible from the Alewife Linear Park that connects to Somerville's Community Path and Minuteman Bikeway. Anecdotal evidence indicates that many Somerville residents use Thorndike field to run their dogs since it is larger, better-maintained than other dog parks in the area, and easily-accessible. The fully-fenced dog park includes agility structures and stones/boulders for the dogs to play on. There are benches, lighting, and trash receptacles. The surface is rice stone and there is a sprinkler irrigation system. There is a dogs-only water fountain and hose connection. Much of the area is sunny, but there are a number of large trees in the fenced area.

The fences are five feet tall and, like all the dog parks profiled in this study, there is a dual-gate "air lock" secure entry. This park was funded with support from the Stanton Foundation. Construction costs were \$199,400. Arlington's Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for maintenance and are supported by the Friends of Thorndike Park.

¹² <http://thestantonfoundation.org/canine/dog-parks/guide/parks/thorndike-field-arlington>

Maxwell's Green (Somerville, MA) – 4,792 square feet



Windsor at Maxwell's Green is a luxury apartment community that is pet-friendly and includes a fully-fenced dog park. The surface is artificial turf and there is landscaping just outside the fenced-area. A trash barrel is provided for dog waste removal. The management company for Windsor is responsible for all maintenance. Technically, this dog park is open to the public but is situated on the parcel such that it feels like a privately-owned amenity as opposed to a public dog park.

Nunziato Field Dog Park (Somerville, MA) – 9,392 square feet¹³



This dog park is owned and maintained by the City of Somerville and part of a larger recreational facility that includes a multi-use recreational field and community garden. The surface is crushed gravel and stone dust, so dogs get very dusty when they play but the surface is durable and low-maintenance. The park has trees within the dog park and along its edges so there is some shade for dogs and people though the middle is unshaded. There is a picnic bench for people to sit on, but it is a “no-frills” dog park that is just a place for dogs to run off leash. People and dogs appreciate the space to run, but it is definitely not a destination dog park and many people prefer other area parks over Nunziato dog park.

The City is in the process of renovating and updating Nunziato Dog Park. The new design includes an activity center including agility equipment and stone structures for dogs to play on as well as a shade structure and benches for their human companions. Additional trees will also be added to provide more shade.

Nunziato is located within a residential neighborhood, which has caused some friction but makes it easy for local dog owners so they do not have to travel far with their dogs. The community has stocked the dog park with shared toys and bowls. There is a dog waste barrel with bags to encourage people to clean up after their dogs. The community generally does a good job of cleaning up after their dogs.

¹³ <https://www.yelp.com/biz/nunziato-field-dog-park-somerville-2>,
<https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/Nunziato%20Meeting%204%20Presenation%202017Apr25.pdf>,
<https://hugoswalk.wordpress.com/tag/nunziato-field/>

GIS Analysis + Developing Preliminary Parcel List

A simple GIS analysis was completed to identify whether or not there were parcels in West Somerville that could support an off-leash dog park. Based on the guidance provided in the RFP and meetings with Somerville's Community Preservation Act Manager and community member sponsoring the West Somerville Dog Park proposal, a number of criteria were identified to guide the GIS analysis.

The criteria used were:

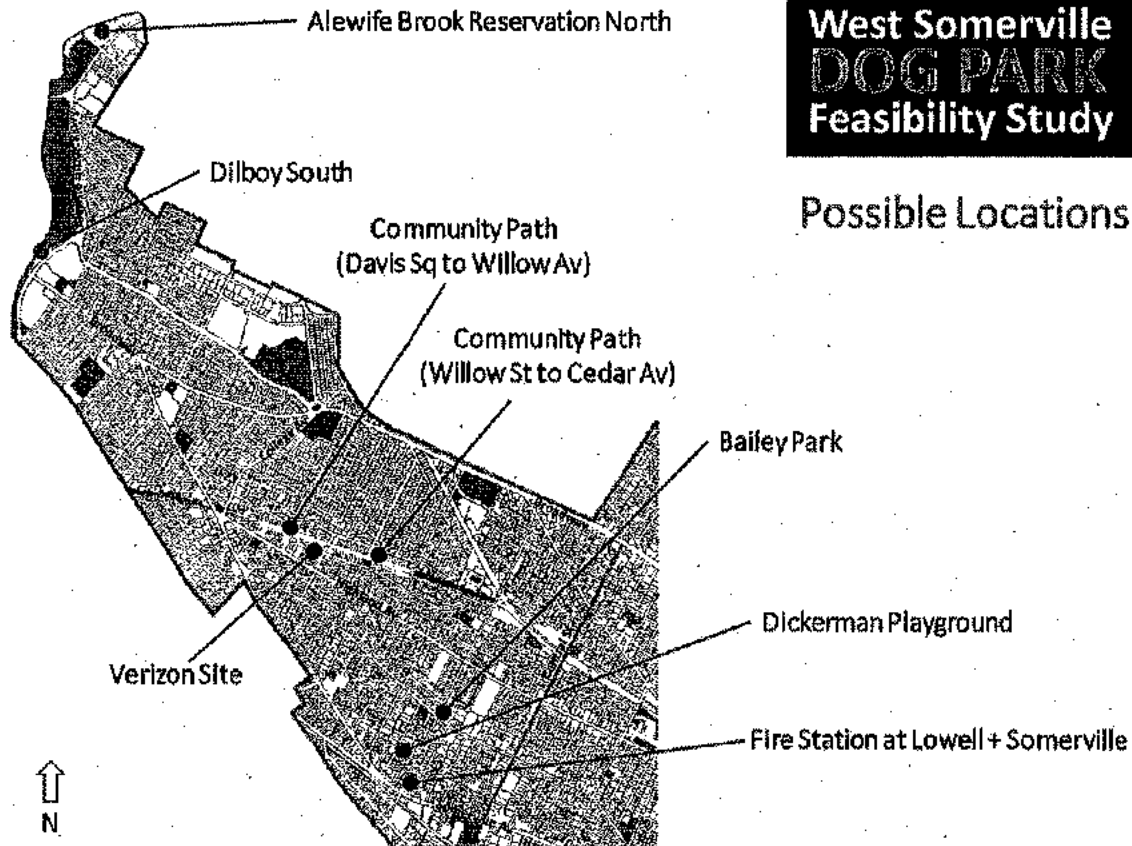
- Located west of Central Street
- At least 4,700 square feet
- Adjacent to non-residential uses
- Not currently in recreational use
- Not located in a Local Historic District

The initial GIS analysis identified approximately 15 parcels that necessitated further consideration. Some of the areas identified did not meet all five criteria but warranted discussion given their current land uses and the density of development within West Somerville. This initial list of parcels was discussed with the City's Community Preservation Act Manager and citizen-proponent to develop a refined list of parcels that could potentially support a dog park. The final parcels identified for further consideration are presented in the following table and map. Prior to the public meeting, these locations were discussed in detail with the City's Community Preservation Act Manager and the citizen-proponent and were then reviewed at the public meeting and included in the online survey distributed following the public meeting.

Potential West Somerville Dog Park Locations					
Map Block Lot	Name	Address	Owner	Approximate Size (square feet)	Assessed Value (total parcel, if available)
5-A-1A	Alewife Brook Reservation North	Alewife Brook Parkway	DCR	217,080	\$1,419,400
1-A-1	Dilboy South	0 Boston Ave	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	43,800	\$11,117,900
No MBL	Community Path (Davis Square to Willow Ave)		MBTA	80,355	
No MBL	Community Path (Willow Ave to Cedar Street)		MBTA	114,390	
24-D-2	Verizon Site	110 Willow Ave	Boston Edison Company	43,525	\$2,096,400
43-A-19	Bailey Park	Belmont Street	City of Somerville	16,830	\$703,900
38-E-1	Fire Station at Lowell Street and Somerville Ave	651 Somerville Ave	City of Somerville	18,395	\$2,196,700
38-C-1	Dickerman Playground	0 Craigie Street	City of Somerville	17,490	\$574,700

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Possible Locations



Alewife Brook Reservation North (Mystic Valley Parkway and Boston Avenue)

The Alewife Brook Reservation North is a linear park with a multi-use path and green space. It is adjacent to the Mystic River. The site can be assessed from the intersection of Boston Ave and Route 16 where there is a traffic signal and crosswalk. This location is in the northernmost area of Somerville. Meeting participants and survey respondents felt that this site was too remote, though most respondents said they thought the site was suitable for a dog park. Other concerns about this site include challenges associated with DCR's ownership, the impact of dog waste on water quality, and the safety of pedestrian and vehicular access to the park. On the other hand, the area is secluded from the playground and is a relatively large space that could support a dog park much larger than parcels that are more centrally-located. Discussion with DCR about the addition of a dog park would be needed.



Dilboy South (Mystic Valley Parkway and Broadway)

Dilboy South is a State-owned park that also has multi-use path and green space. This location is adjacent to Alewife Brook. Similar to the Alewife Brook Reservation site, this location is on the outskirts of Somerville and may be difficult for residents to access since Rt 16 could be a barrier for people walking their dog to the site. The site is very large, secluded, and separate but would require coordination with the State since it is not locally-owned. Survey respondents were slightly more supportive of this location than the Alewife Brook Reservation site, but many public meeting participants and survey respondents indicated that it was further away than they would like.



Community Path (Davis Square to Willow Street)

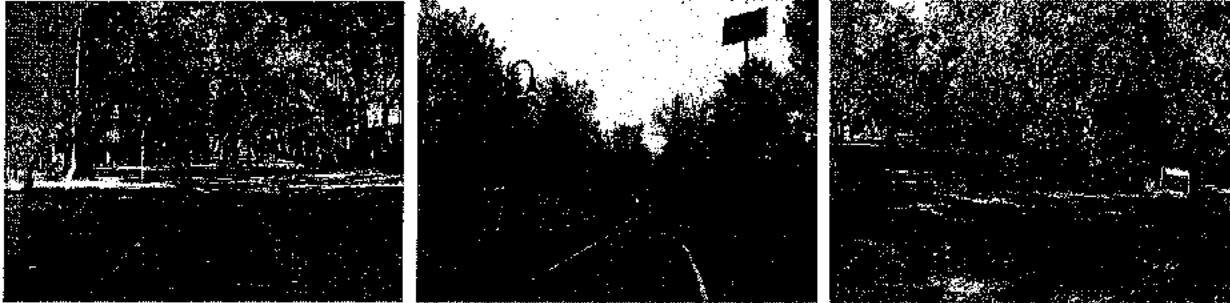
The Somerville Community Path is a linear park that starts in Davis Square and ends at Lowell Street; it is proposed to be extended as part of the MBTA's ongoing Green Line Extension project. The westernmost section, from Davis Square to Willow Street, has a vegetated strip on either side of the path, a community garden, and art installation. The Community Path locations were very well received by public meeting participants and survey respondents. Though many people were supportive of considering a dog park along the Community Path, there were concerns about overuse and crowding along the Path. The linear nature of the Community Path presents some challenges in creating a fenced-in area large enough for dogs to play, but a linear dog park would be feasible. While community members were concerned about overcrowding, public meeting participants mentioned that there are already a lot of dogs on the Community Path and it is readily accessible for many West Somerville residents.



Community Path (Willow Street to Cedar Street)

The Willow to Cedar section of the Community Path has a wider vegetated buffer than the previous section and is well-shaded. As mentioned above, members of the public were intrigued by the thought of including off-leash recreation along the Community Path. Though both sections were well-received, survey respondents indicated that the green space adjacent to the Path was wider in this stretch so they felt that this location was more suitable than the stretch of the Community Path between Davis Square

and Willow Street. A concern about this location is the fact that there is already overcrowding on the Community Path. Similar to the previous section, public meeting participants indicated that some concerns about this location include the fact that there is already crowding on the Community Path. Similar to the first segment, there are already a lot of dogs using this section of the path.



Verizon Site (110 Willow Avenue)

The Verizon site is currently fenced off from public access, and has a building on site, vehicle access/parking lot, and some vegetation. This location was the community's first choice. Public meeting participants were excited about the idea and identified this site as a long-standing neighborhood eyesore. Attendees and survey respondents alike said that the location was very convenient for West Somerville residents and liked that the site was adjacent to, but not immediately on, the Community Path, where many people walk their dogs. This underutilized parcel could be improved by a dog park, but the City and others would need to decide if converting the space to a dog park would be the highest and best use of the site. This parcel is owned by a utility company, which could make repurposing or adding an additional use challenging. There may be opportunities to provide multiple public benefits on this parcel. There are residential neighbors across the street on two sides of the site, so the a dog park at this location would not be fully removed from a residential neighborhood.



Bailey Park (Belmont Street and Lowell Street near Summer Street)

Bailey Park is a passive park with a couple of paths, benches, and a lawn. This park, though not designated as a dog park, is popular with dog walkers and dog owners. It is relatively flat and open. Additionally, the site is owned by the City of Somerville so there would not be acquisition costs. However, there are some residential neighbors and the community indicated that the site's location was not particularly convenient for they consider to be West Somerville residents. Even though this location was not among the community's top choices, a majority of survey respondents indicated that the site was feasible for a dog park.



Fire Station (Somerville Avenue and Lowell Street)

The Somerville Avenue Fire Station has lawn along Lowell Street and wooded area to behind the station. Both of the green spaces are sloped. Similar to Dickerman Playground and Bailey Park, public meeting participants and survey respondents felt that this site was suitable for a dog park but it was not among their top choices. This location would be easily accessible from the surrounding neighborhood, but survey responses indicated that the community does not consider it to be in West Somerville so a park in this location may not provide the access West Somerville residents desire. The portion of the lot that could support a dog park would likely require significant site work, since there is a relatively steep slope. The City already owns the site, so it would not require acquisition costs. However, the parcel is controlled by the Fire Department so converting the back area to a recreational use would likely require interdepartmental coordination and use agreements.



Dickerman Playground (Craigie Street and Kimball Street)

Dickman Playground is split into two spaces at different heights with a wall between the two distinct sections. There is an existing children's playground on the lower half and there is a small, flat, grassy area that could be used for off-leash recreation on the upper section. Since dog parks are fenced off there are

ways to help keep the park activities separate and the park is on two levels, so there are design solutions that could work for the site. As mentioned previously, this location was not among the community's top choices since it is located further from the neighborhoods people consider to be West Somerville than desired. It is City-owned and is already in park use, so there would not be acquisition costs or interdepartmental coordination. There are many dog owners and dog walkers in the neighborhood, but there are residential neighbors located across the street on Craigie, Kimball, and Ibbetson Streets.



Community Survey

To supplement input received at the public meeting, an online community survey was conducted to ask residents whether they thought a dog park could be located on the sites that were identified by the GIS analysis. The survey also asked residents whether or not they felt there was a need for a dog park in West Somerville and provided the option for respondents to say that they did not feel that any of the identified sites would be suitable for a dog park. The following is a summary of the results from this survey. Appendix A includes the presentation given at the public meeting and a copy of each survey received at the public meeting. Appendix B includes all the questions and responses to the online survey.

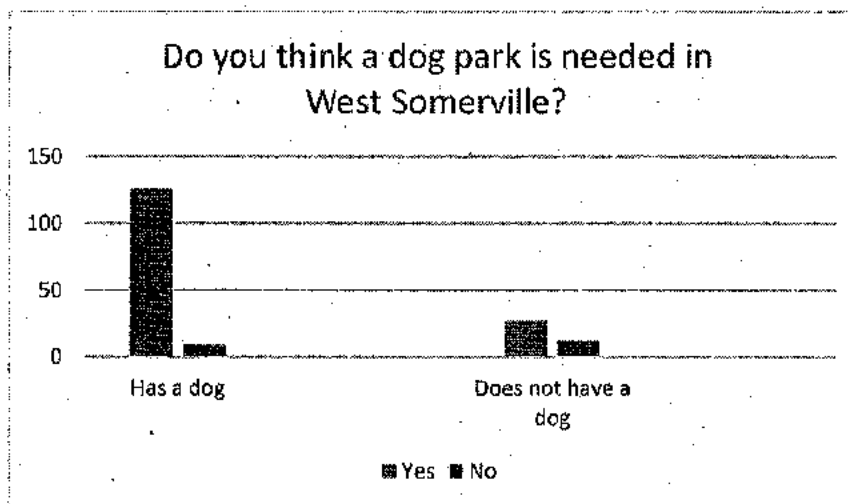
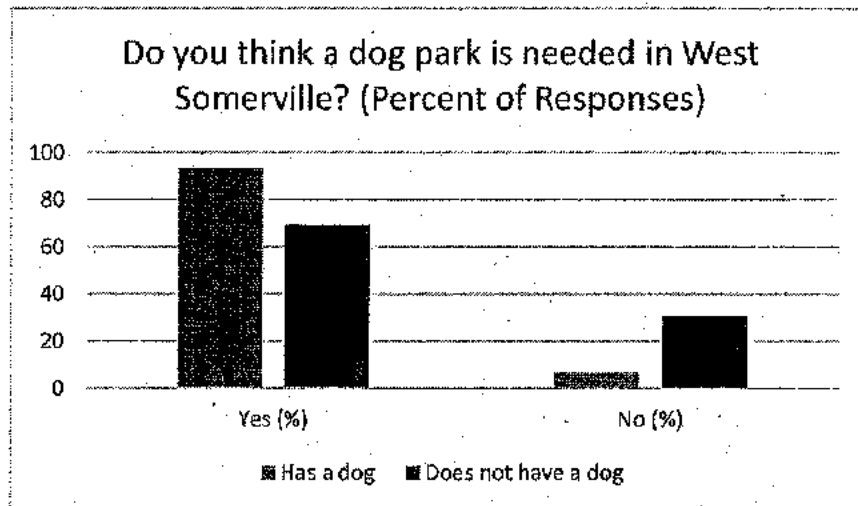
The online survey received a total of 189 responses. An additional 13 hard copy surveys were collected at the Community Preservation Committee meeting that was open to the public, approximately 25 people participated in this meeting.

Survey Responses

Question 1: Do you think a dog park is needed in the area?

More than 80% of respondents (153 unique responses) to the online survey said that they thought a dog park was needed in West Somerville; twenty-one respondents (11%) thought a dog park was not needed.

Nearly 70% of non-dog owners indicated that a dog park was necessary in West Somerville.



Question 2: Please briefly tell us why you feel a dog park is or isn't needed in West Somerville

Summary of No Responses (17 responses)

- "West Somerville is home to the largest open parcel of land in the entire city. The Dilboy Field/Alewif Brook Path are already more than suitable as areas where dog owners can take their pets. Both the Dilboy tennis courts and the football field parking lots are routinely empty and completely underutilized. It is my observation as a resident of the immediate vicinity that the green space in the area is also completely underutilized, along with the pathways and other

surrounding infrastructure. It would be a complete waste of money and resources to take away a section of this park land and designate it as exclusive use for dog owners."

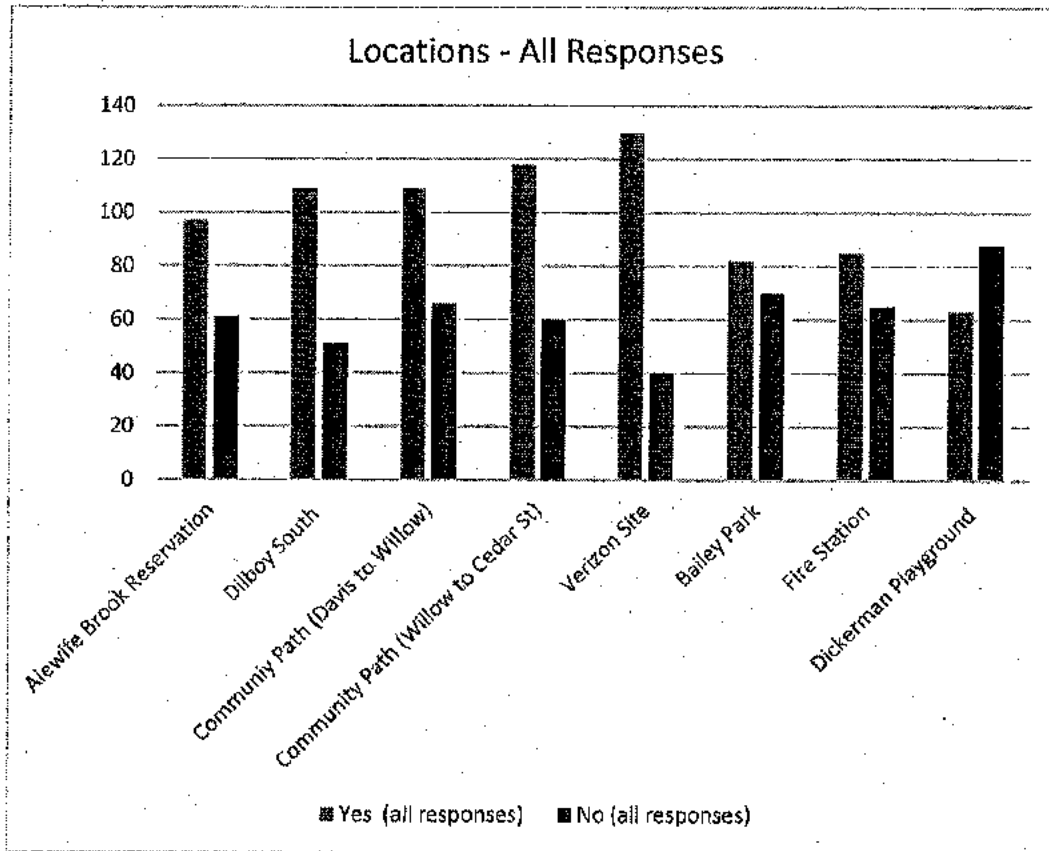
- "There are plenty of areas for dogs and dog parks are smelly and ruin the grass."
- "Not enough open space available for a decent size park, unless you use part of Dilboy Field. Tufts University is not amenable to sharing any of their green space."
- "I have a dog, but all the other dog parks in Somerville seem to have been taken over by dog walkers who let many dogs run at one time. And they are very smelly. I might be more amenable to the idea of people could bring in one only one or two dogs at a time."
- "We need more general open space that is not dedicated to one use. If it was in an underutilized space in the far western edge of town, that is fine, but closer to pedestrian areas, we need more general open space and less conflicts between bikes and dog leashes."
- "There's plenty of existing walking areas and paths for WS residents to walk their dogs. Cordoning off a portion of the already-scarce public greenspace in the City for a fenced in dog area is a waste of space that would put the residents of the Clarendon Hill area at yet another disadvantage for green space."

Summary of Yes Responses (133 responses)

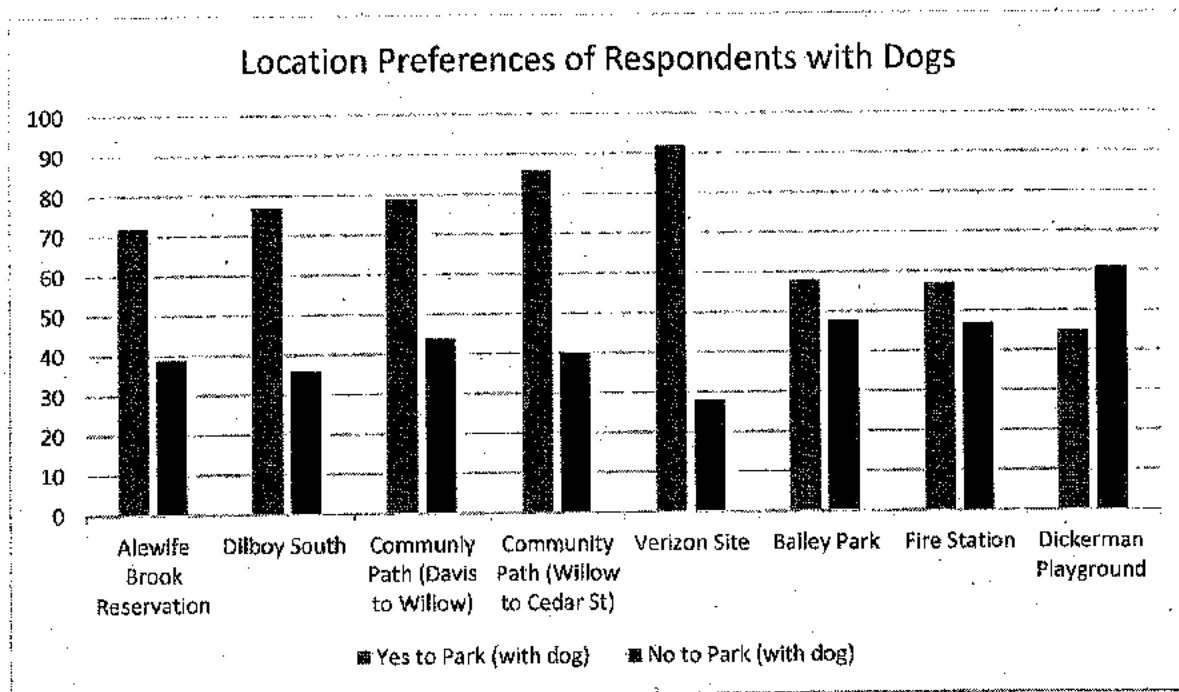
- "Closest dog park is a 40-minute walk or 15-minute drive away. It would give the dogs a place to socialize, and if equipped with bags and barrels, would keep poop off the sidewalk!"
- "West Somerville has so much possible green space. Danehy and Thorndike are both in other towns and are gravel covered which is not a pleasant experience for everyone."
- "We drive to Arlington all the time to use theirs. We live right by the one off Albion, but with no fence (and now no trees) it is not useful."
- "A park on the path would be super convenient because we are already walking our dog but gives us a convenient and safe place to stop and spend some additional time outdoors."
- "We currently have to drive to get to the nearest dog park, which I don't like because it's a waste of gas and it doesn't support the building of neighborly connections."
- "I have to drive all the way to Union Square for the nearest dog park for my dog. It would be nice to be able to walk to a neighborhood dog park and meet and make friends with the people who live around me."
- "I see lots of dogs on the Tufts field, even though I don't think they're allowed there. A dog park would be a good and safe place for people to take their dogs."
- "I am not a dog owner, but have young children, and am frustrated with the conflicts that arise when dog owners take their dogs into parks where they are not allowed. People routinely allow their dogs in Hodgkins Curtin park where leave poop and jump on kids. I've seen people drive to Hodgkins Park and let their dogs out of the car and into the field, so it has somehow become a destination so I think maybe they would drive to a nearby dog park if one was available. Another problem is Triangle Field (though owned by Tufts, but where Somerville Youth Soccer pays to pay and the City maintains a portapotty) where there are always dogs and dog poop left behind."
- "West Somerville is underserved by dog parks right now compared to East Somerville and Central Hill, making it harder to enjoy the health benefits of dog ownership if you live in the West Somerville area."

Questions 3 to 10: Site Preferences

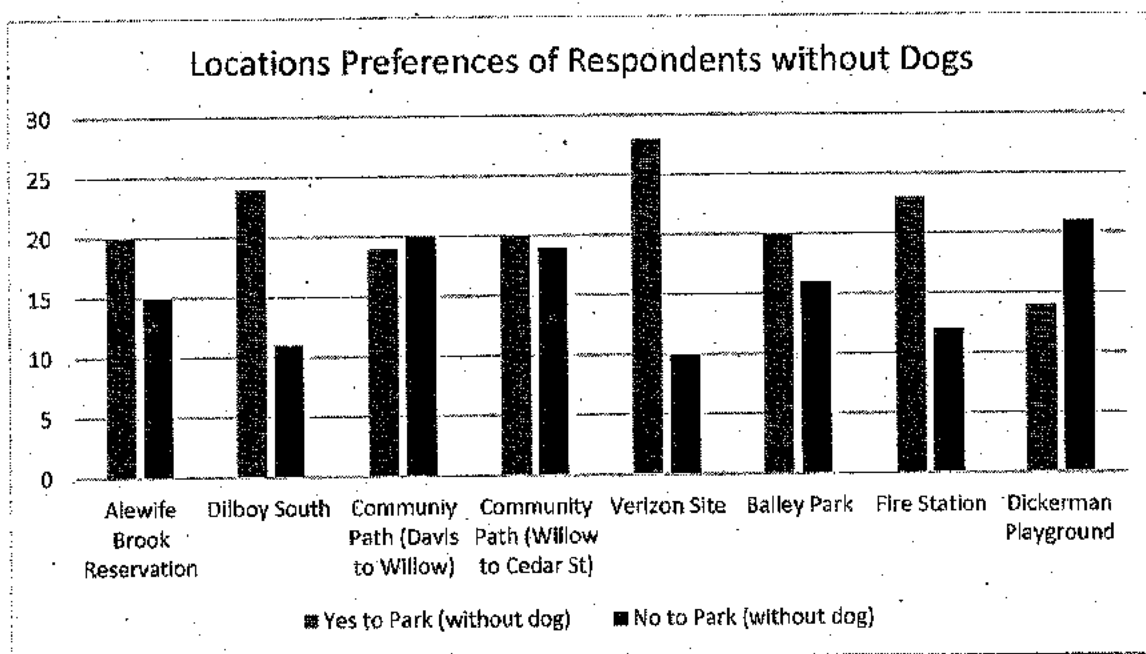
As discussed in this report, this feasibility study used Central Street as the easternmost boundary of "West Somerville." However, most people do not consider this area West Somerville. This is likely why the potential sites closer to Central Street were not viewed as favorably as the sites that are within the areas most people to consider to be "West Somerville" neighborhoods. Multiple survey respondents indicated that these locations (Bailey Park, the Fire Station, and Dickerman Playground) were not desirable because they are not truly in West Somerville, would still require a drive to the park, and were too close to the existing Nunziato Field Dog Park.



Respondents with Dogs and without Dogs



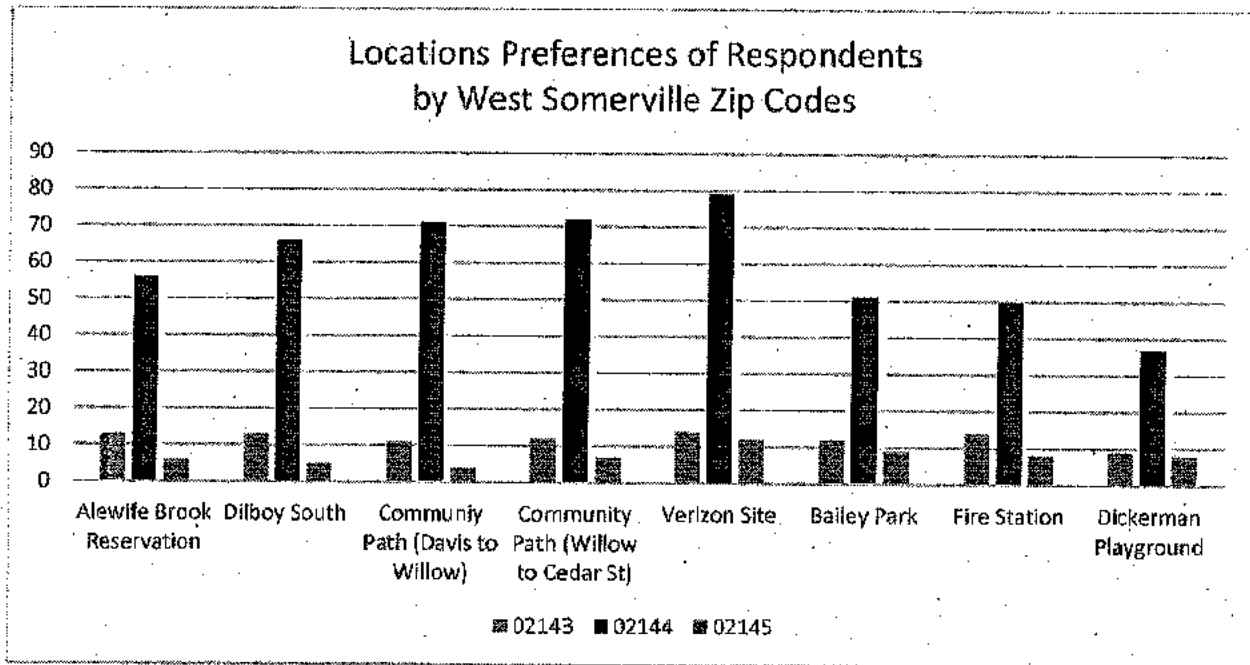
The online survey asked respondents to indicate whether or not they had a dog. The study team was curious to see if preferences would vary between dog owners and non-dog owners. The Verizon Site was the first choice for respondents whether or not they owned a dog; 92% of respondents said this site was feasible. Non-dog owners were less supportive of adding a dog park to the Community Path; the Community Path between Davis Square and Willow Ave was the only site that non-dog owners felt was not suitable for a dog park. For each of the other locations, more of the non-dog owners said the sites were suitable for a dog park than not. Dickerman Playground was least preferred amongst dog-owners and people without dogs.



Responses by Zip Code

Since an online survey can be accessed worldwide, the online survey asked respondents for their home zip code to make sure that responses were coming from Somerville residents. Of the 172 respondents who provided their zip code, the vast majority lived in West Somerville:

- 116 respondents lived in 02144
- 21 respondents lived in 02143
- 16 respondents lived in 02145



Preferred Features of Dog Parks

The online survey asked respondents what they like or do not like about the dog parks they currently visit. Below is a summary of preferred features respondents identified:

- Water sources
- Shade and trees
- Seating for both dog owners and non-dog owners to enjoy
- Walkable
- Parking nearby
- Dog waste bags and trash receptacles
- Fences – specifically double gate/dual entry
- Obstacle course or climbing structure features
- Large areas of open space for off leash running

Respondents were split on preferring gravel, grass, or dirt depending on the preferences of their dog. Many responses note the difficulty of dirt as it turns to mud when it rains, while others noted that the gravel holds the smell of urine more than grass or dirt.

Many respondents appreciated the size of Nunziato Park but preferred the features of other parks more. Respondents indicated that some of their favorite dog parks are:

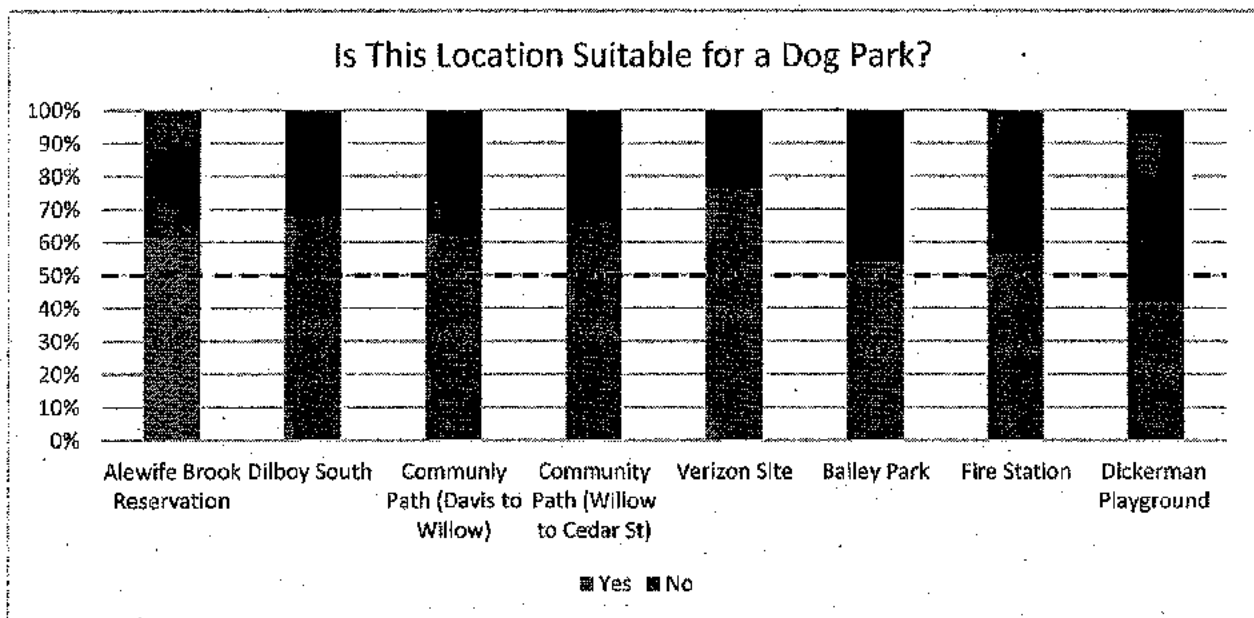
- Denehy Park (Cambridge)
- Medford Dog Park (Medford)
- Thorndike Field (Arlington)
- Zero New Washington (Somerville)
- Corcoran (Raymond Park) (Cambridge)

Recommendations

Community Response

This project originated with a resident request to the CPC. The Dog Parks Map and outreach conducted as part of this study confirmed that West Somerville is not currently served by a dog park. Survey participants and CPC meeting attendees alike overwhelmingly felt that there was a need for a dog park in West Somerville. More than 85% of the respondents to the online survey said that they thought a dog park was needed.

Of the eight locations identified through the GIS analysis, community meeting participants and online survey respondents said that seven were suitable for a dog park. The three most highly-rated locations were: the Verizon Site (111 Willow Avenue), Dilboy South (Mystic Valley Parkway and Broadway), and the Community Path from Willow Street to Cedar Street). The Community Path from Davis Square to Willow Street and Alewife Brook Reservation North (Mystic Valley Parkway and Boston Avenue) were also ranked highly – more than 60% of respondents (both at the meeting and online survey) said that each of these five locations were suitable for a dog park.



Site Analysis

In addition to the upcoming community discussion about dog parks in West Somerville, the City and others should engage residents in an ongoing discussion about the various needs for open spaces within the city. Somerville is very densely-developed and populated, putting open spaces at a high premium. In multiple planning studies, the City has identified the need for additional and improved public spaces throughout the City but especially in West Somerville. The demand for the limited space available is innumerable and city planners must work with the community to identify opportunities to maximize public spaces. Similar to the Maxwell's Green project, the City could enter into public-private partnerships to provide additional public spaces for its residents. Privately-owned public spaces, or POPS, are increasingly common in urban and suburban areas. Somerville can continue to pursue this tool to ensure that community members, human and canine alike, have adequate access to public spaces.

Though the preliminary parcel list for further consideration was developed using a specific set of criteria, the City may want to explore some of the parcels that were ruled out based on the criteria set for this study. There are some parcels that did not meet the 4,700 square foot threshold that could potentially be combined to create a larger space or, as other cities have done, could support a smaller dog park. Many existing dog parks, including those that already exist in Somerville, would not meet these criteria but function well as dog parks.

For the purposes of this study, a 4,700 square foot threshold was used to include parcels on the preliminary list. In completing the case study research, it was found that there are well-liked dog parks that are much smaller than 4,700 square feet. To maximize opportunities to provide a dog park, or parks, in West Somerville, the City will likely need to reconsider this size requirement. For many dog owners, having a small dog park where their dog can run off-leash is often preferable to having nowhere for off-leash play. However, smaller parks can require additional maintenance due to the impact dogs can have on grass. Alternatively, the City could decide to focus on providing a smaller number of larger spaces for off-leash recreation.

The other two criteria that were used to develop the preliminary parcel list that the City may want to reconsider is whether or not a new dog park could be co-located within or adjacent to an existing recreational area and the proximity of a new dog park to residential areas. Much of West Somerville is dense, residential neighborhoods, making it difficult to find a parcel that is not adjacent to residential uses. Beyond limiting the number of options, dog owners prefer dog parks in their neighborhood to traveling longer distances to access space where their dogs can run. When dog parks are not convenient to the neighborhoods in which dogs live, people are more likely to break city regulations and let dogs run off-leash in areas where they should be leashed. This increases conflicts between dogs and people trying to use the same space, contributing to opposition to the development of new dog parks. Providing easily-accessible areas for off-leash recreation throughout the City can reduce the number of people walking dogs illegally off-leash and decrease conflict between people with dogs and others.

Additionally, many successful dog parks are co-located with other recreational amenities within existing parks. Though this may not be feasible in West Somerville, it is a factor the City could consider when determining appropriate site(s) for new dog parks. The Stanton Foundation, a Massachusetts-based

private foundation that supports “dog recreation spaces,” has found that nearly sixty percent of the parks it supports are located within existing recreational facilities¹⁴.

The City of Cambridge has been working with residents to identify areas of the City for off-leash dog recreation. Not all of the spaces in Cambridge where dogs are allowed off-leash are fully-fenced, dedicated dog parks; instead the city has identified three types of off-leash areas (dedicated off-leash areas, shared use off-leash areas, and shared use hours). Dedicated off-leash areas are fully-fenced and intended to be used exclusively by dogs and their people. In shared use off-leash areas, dogs are allowed to be off-leash but the spaces are not fully-fenced nor are they separate from other uses and activities. Shared use hours allow dogs to be off-leash in certain places during designated hours only. To help identify which areas would be used in which manner, the City of Cambridge reviewed public spaces using certain criteria. To help people understand the various regulations, Cambridge has developed a brochure that highlights the different types of off-leash areas, lists the regulations for off-leash dogs, and provides a map. This may be a good model for Somerville to explore.

¹⁴ <http://thestantonfoundation.org/canine/dog-parks/guide/space/>

ABOUT OFF LEASH DOGS IN CAMBRIDGE PARKS

Over the past several years, the City of Cambridge has been continually working with residents to explore strategies for dogs to be off leash in city parks and open spaces.

There are three types of off leash spaces in Cambridge:

- Dedicated Off Leash Areas
- Shared Use Off Leash Areas
- Shared Use Hours

Dog owners and keepers may have up to three off leash dogs per person in designated areas or times.

Only dogs with current Cambridge license are allowed to be off leash in parks. Contact the Animal Commission about licensing at 617-349-4376, or visit www.cambridgema.gov/animal.

Leashed dogs are allowed in most Cambridge parks.



For more information, visit www.cambridgema.gov/offleash

CONTACT INFORMATION

To report an issue regarding dogs in Cambridge parks or to apply for a dog license, please contact the City of Cambridge Animal Commission at 617-349-4376, or visit the Animal Commission website: www.cambridgema.gov/animal

For additional information regarding Cambridge off leash opportunities, please contact the Community Development Department at 617-349-4600, or visit www.cambridgema.gov/offleash

For additional information or concerns regarding specific off leash locations,

Fresh Pond Reservation, please call Fresh Pond Reservation Management at 617-349-4762

Danahy Park, please call Danahy Park maintenance office at 617-349-4955 or the Recreation Department at 617-349-6200.

For all other off leash and shared use locations, please contact the Department of Public Works at 617-349-1960, or visit the Department of Public Works website for more information: www.cambridgema.gov/neworks/ourwork/parks/dogstegs/offleashandshareduseparks



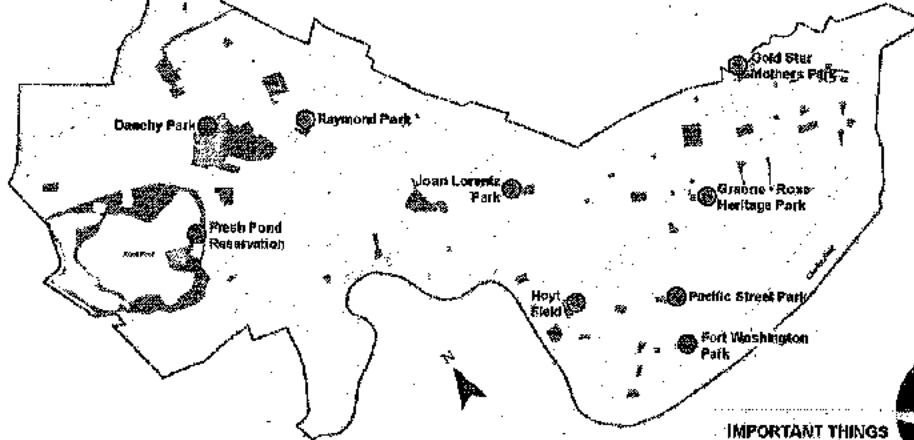
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Off Leash Dog Guide



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OFF LEASH DOG AREAS FOR CAMBRIDGE-LICENSED DOGS



DEDICATED OFF LEASH AREAS

These areas are fenced in and intended exclusively for use by off leash dogs and their owners

Pacific Street Park (Pacific Street)
Danahy Park (Now Street)

SHARED USE OFF LEASH AREAS

These are areas where dogs are allowed off leash, but that are not fully fenced in or separated from other uses and activities

Fresh Pond Reservation (Fresh Pond Parkway)
Fort Washington Park (Waverly Street)

SHARED USE HOURS

These are areas where dogs are allowed to be off leash during designated hours. These areas are not fenced in, and outside of shared use hours, dogs must be on leash in these locations

Raymond Park (Raymond Street)	6 AM to 9 AM
Hoyt Field (Western Avenue)	6 AM to 9 AM
Granite + Rose Heritage (Howard Street)	6 AM to 9 AM
Old Star Matheons Park (Gore Street)	6 AM to 9 AM
Joan Lorensz Park (Broadway)	6 AM to 10 AM

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Dogs must be under the control of owner/keeper and must have a current Cambridge license
- Off leash hours are suspended when there are permitted or school-based activities in the park
- There are no off leash hours when parks or fields are saturated with rain
- Dogs must be leashed when Parks Division crews are working in the park
- The owner/keeper of any dog(s) must appropriately remove and properly dispose of any and all feces left by the dog(s)
- Dogs are not allowed in playground areas, sandboxes, and tennis or basketball courts

For a complete list of rules, please see signs at parks/off leash areas.



Design and Policy Recommendations

Though many community members, especially dog owners, are supportive of dog parks, there are often neighborhood concerns and projects can face significant opposition. Some of the opposition to dog parks stems from the sound and smell that dog parks can create. When dog parks are properly designed, constructed, and maintained these issues can be minimized and mitigated. Proper infiltration and irrigation systems are key to combating the issue of smells. Regular maintenance and the community taking responsibility to pick up after their dogs will also contribute to limiting the smell. Other concerns include sound, increased traffic, and parking constraints. As with other development projects, it is helpful to include the community throughout the process- from the earliest stages through the design and permitting process, and then engage in ongoing conversations once the park is operational.

Once a specific site is chosen, the proper surface material can be chosen based on the site's drainage, soil condition, and current conditions. The surface material used is very important and range from engineered wood fiber to gravel and artificial turf. Each surface material has pros and cons and should be chosen specific to the site. Subsurface material and infrastructure are dictated by the type of surface material chosen. Though not perfect, many cities have elected to use quarter-inch decomposed granite in their dog parks.

Dog Park Surface Materials			
	Pros	Cons	Potential for Use in Somerville
Natural Turf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft • Dog-Friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires significant maintenance (including out-of-service times for regrowth) • Often not durable enough for high-traffic areas 	
Artificial Turf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durable • Proper maintenance significantly reduces smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires regular cleaning (can be handled by built in irrigation and sanitation system) • Expensive 	X
Gravel, Rock Dust, Pebble Stone, Deconstructed Granite, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durable • Inexpensive • DPW already has on-hand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can get stuck in dogs' paws • Gets very dusty in drier weather • Can be difficult to reduce smells 	X
Mulch or Engineered Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durable • Inexpensive • DPW already has on-hand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some dogs will eat • Needs to be replaced regularly 	X

In addition to the surface material, other important decisions are the amenities and features that will be included in the dog park. These amenities are highly-dependent on the dog park budget. If nothing else, a dedicated dog park needs signage, at least one trash receptacle, and sturdy fencing with a dual gate, or "airlock," entrance. This allows dogs to be leashed and unleashed in an area separate from other dogs

who are off-leash and makes it nearly impossible for a dog to slip through the gates and out of the park. Fencing should be at least five (5) feet tall to prevent dogs from going over the fence. Not all dog parks bury fencing panels, but many parks trench the bottom of the fencing material to keep dogs from digging holes under the fence.

Shade is important for dogs and humans and can be provided by trees or shade structures. Dogs should have access to water, either from a dog water fountain or a hose. Many dog parks provide dog waste bags to help encourage people to pick up after their dogs. Special trash receptacles can be used to reduce the odor.

Somewhere for people to sit and for the dogs to play should also be included in park design – activities for dogs include agility equipment, boulders and rocks for climbing, and spray features. Not every dog park must have all, or any, of these facilities but they help to make the park more interesting for dogs. It is best practice to have a separate space for small dogs, puppies, or other dogs that may need a calmer environment but not all dog parks have separate areas.

Outside of the dog park, it is important to create a visual barrier that makes the park attractive from the street. Flower plantings, landscape buffers, attractive fencing, and artwork all contribute to making dog parks more palatable to the community. Local friends' groups or other community organizations can help support activities not only within the park, but can help to maintain this visual buffer.

Some dog parks have automatic locks that lock and unlock at predetermined times to limit park use to its hours of operation. These locks can also be programmed to remain locked at times when the park is closed for maintenance or other activities. Automatic irrigation reduces maintenance costs, but is expensive to install. If automatic locks and/or irrigation systems are in use, this should be noted on the signage. Maintenance schedules vary by community and park. Some parks close for a few hours each week while others close for weeks or months once a year. The maintenance requirement will vary based on the size and materials chosen.

Signage is another necessity. The rules should be clearly posted at every entrance. It helps if these signs also include information about park maintenance or volunteering. The common types of rules and regulations that should be created for a dog park are discussed later in the section.

Another common neighbor concern is that of noise, though this concern is relative to the neighborhood's current level and type of noise pollution. The two best ways to combat noise concerns are increased landscaping and use limitations. Landscape buffers can help keep the noise further from neighboring buildings and dampen the sounds. It may be necessary for dog parks to have shorter operating hours than other parks to keep noise to a minimum during hours that people may be sleeping. The hours of operation should be clearly indicated on the sign explaining the rules.

In addition to hours of operations, the sign should include any other regulations the City and/or friends' organization deem appropriate. Every dog park requires that owners clean up after their pets and prohibits unattended dogs. Female dogs in heat are almost always disallowed. Most parks explicitly require that all dogs using the park be healthy and up-to-date on their vaccines. This means that very young puppies are typically not allowed to use dog parks since they are not fully vaccinated yet. Some parks limit the number of dogs each individual person can bring to the park at a time and/or limit park use

to dogs licensed in the city or to dogs that are with a city resident. It should be noted that it can be difficult to enforce these regulations, but a strong local presence and the community of park users that often develop at specific parks can informally help enforce regulations. Some parks disallow professional dog walkers and/or children of certain ages. Other standard regulations exclude dogs behaving aggressively towards people or animals or dogs with a history of aggression, require dogs to wear collars and IDs at all times, and be in good health. Most dog parks prohibit food, drink, sharp objects, and weapons. Some dog parks encourage community toys, water bowls, and pooper scoopers to be left at the park for all to use while other parks prohibit toys. As Somerville considers developing additional dog parks, it will need to decide if the regulations at the existing dog parks work and should be the same at any new parks, if there is a different set of standard regulations that should be implemented, or if different parks will have different regulations.

Many cities partner with friends' or other community organizations to assist with park maintenance. Not only can these organizations reduce the burden on municipal DPWs, they foster a sense of community and group responsibility for the space.

Some cities have developed detailed design guidelines and processes for developing new dog parks. Washington D.C.'s department of Parks and Recreation (https://dpr.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dpr/publication/attachments/dpr_DogParkDesignStandards.pdf) has published their design guidelines and approval process. The city's policy is to provide standard features in every dog park and it requires that any additional amenities, features, or activities be owned and maintained by a sponsoring organization. The standard features of DC's dog parks include:

- decomposed granite surface at least six (6) inches deep with drainage systems beneath,
- a five (5) foot fence with footings at least one (1) foot deep and fence panels buried six (6) inches below grade,
- two (2) access points, one with a double-gate or "air-lock" for public access and one for maintenance use,
- a standard hose-bib,
- planting beds along the outside of the fence, and
- permanent signage stating the hours of operation, rules and regulations, and contact information for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Cities of Norfolk, VA and Ann Arbor, MI have also established guidelines for dog parks. These extensive regulations cover identifying parcels for use as a dog park on either public or private property, establish timelines for the application process, identify dog park criteria for space, amenities, fencing, maintenance and repairs, establish the rules for all dog parks, and include necessary scopes of work and specifications used to find qualified contractors (<https://www.norfolk.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1531> and <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Documents/Recommendations%20and%20Guidelines%20for%20Dog%20Park%20Site%20Selection%20updated%204-10-15.pdf>).

Though Somerville has not yet developed shared use dog parks, participants at the public meeting were very interested in exploring that option in Somerville. Participants were split on whether or not they would be supportive of a shared use policy, but the consensus was that it warranted further conversation.

In addition to Cambridge's shared use policies, public meeting participants indicated that New York City and Brookline have both successfully implemented policies that allow dogs off-leash at specific times or in specific locations.

Public meeting participants were also supportive of working with neighborhood or other volunteer organizations to help police dog parks and provide maintenance support. Though Tufts University's policy towards dogs and public uses of their campus is unknown, several public meeting participants suggested reaching out to the university to see if there might be any opportunity for partnerships.

Funding Opportunities

The acquisition of land and capital improvements to develop a dog park can be funded through the City's Community Preservation Act Committee. Somerville is also eligible for Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grants. These grants are designed to help cities and towns to acquire and develop land for parks and outdoor recreation and can be used to acquire parkland, construct a new park, or renovate an existing park.

The Stanton Foundation provides grants each year to help Massachusetts cities and towns design and construct dog parks. A total of ten (10) grants are provided each year, these awards are granted on a rolling basis. In addition to providing funding, the Stanton Foundation can connect interested individuals (though a designated, municipal contact) with resources including professional services and lessons-learned from other communities.

While the Stanton Foundation seems to be the leader in supporting dog parks in Massachusetts, a myriad of other organizations offer grants to design and develop dog parks. Some of these organizations and programs are Nutro Room to Run Program, the Doris Day Animal Foundation, PetSafe Bark for Your Park, and Beneful Dream Dog Park Project.

Appendix

Appendix A | Public Meeting Materials

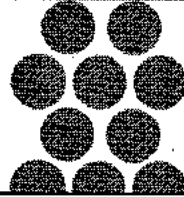
CPC Meeting, January 23, 2019

- Presentation to CPC Meeting, January 23, 2019
- Hard Copy Surveys Received

West Somerville DOG PARK Feasibility Study

January 23, 2019

Civic
Space
COLLABORATIVE





Alison
LeFlore, AICP



Michelle
Moon

Civic
Space
COLLABORATIVE

Purpose of Meeting

What do we need to consider?

What are our options for a dog
park in Western Somerville?

What steps would be needed
to move this idea forward?

Purpose of Meeting

Is a dog park feasible for
western Somerville
(West of Central St)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ TBD

Our Finding

Is a dog park feasible for
western Somerville
(West of Central St)?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ TBD

Background

- Feasibility Study = New CPC Process

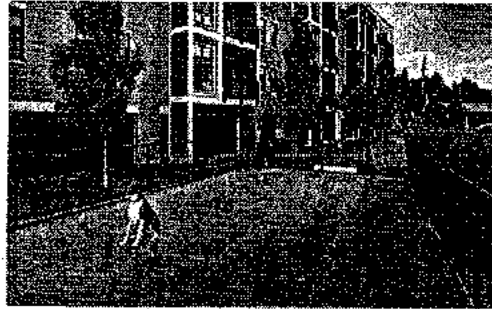
- Citizen-Driven Petitions

Yes... we know!

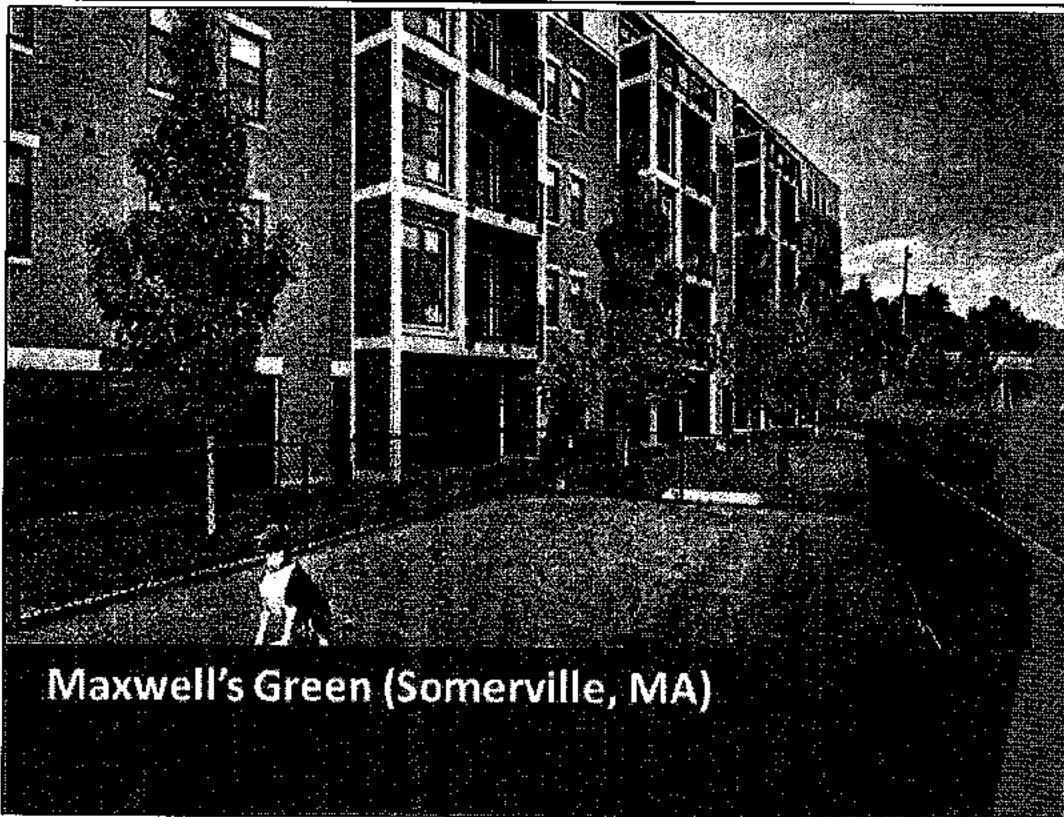
- Shortage of Open Spaces – For All!
- Use Conflicts
- People Not Following Rules

Stats +
Examples

Dog ownership
increased by
nearly 30%
among
American
households
between 2007
and 2017



4,461
dogs licensed
in Somerville
(August 2018)



Maxwell's Green (Somerville, MA)



Nunziato Field Dog Park (Somerville, MA)



Lincoln Park Dog Park (Somerville, MA)



Zero New Washington Dog Park (Somerville, MA)

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Off Leash Dog Guide

AUGUST 2015

OFF LEASH DOG AREAS FOR CAMBRIDGE-LICENSED DOGS

DEDICATED OFF LEASH AREAS
These areas are fenced in and intended exclusively for use by off-leash dogs and their owners.

SHARED USE OFF LEASH AREAS
These are areas where dogs are allowed off-leash, but not necessarily fenced in or separated from other users and activities.

SHARED USE KIDZONES
These are areas where dogs are allowed off-leash during designated hours. These areas are not fenced in, and owners of shared use hours dogs must be careful to keep leashes.

Pacific Street Park (Pacific Street)
Danehy Park (Dow Street)

Fresh Pond Reservation (Fresh Pond Parkway)
Port Washington Park (Merrimack Street)

Regenwald Park (Regenwald Street)
Hoyt Park (Merrimack Avenue)
Green + Rose Mallards (Green + Rose)
Oaks Over Museum Park (Oaks Street)
Jesse Lawrence Park (Greenwood)

6 AM to 8 AM
8 AM to 9 AM
9 AM to 10 AM
10 AM to 12 PM
12 PM to 2 PM
2 PM to 4 PM
4 PM to 6 PM
6 PM to 8 PM
8 PM to 10 PM

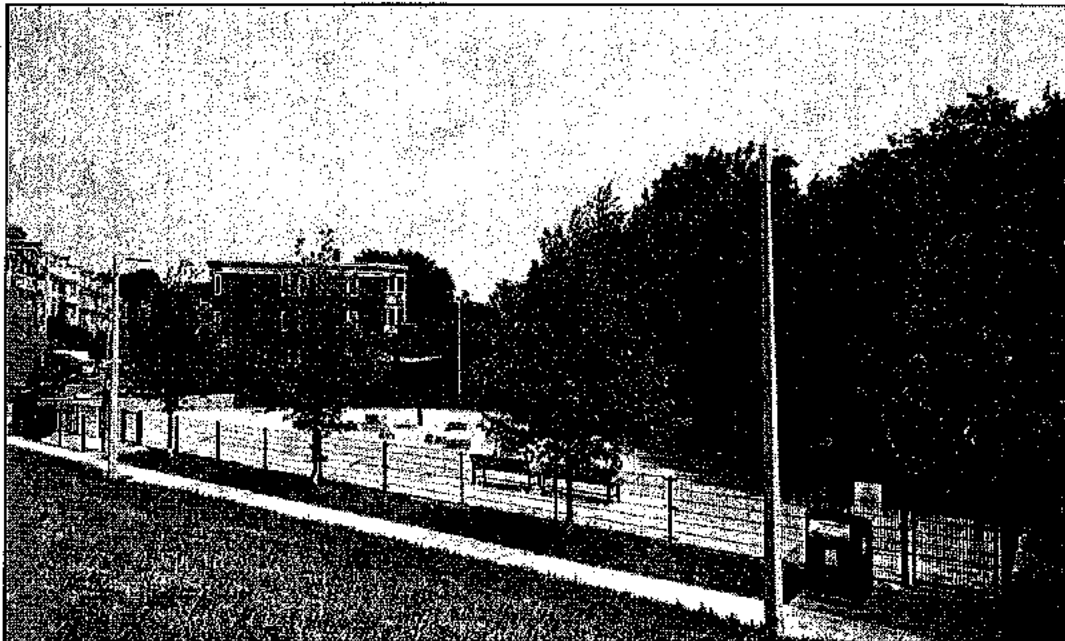
IMPORTANT THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Dogs must be under the control of their owner at all times.
- On-leash dogs are prohibited when there are children or school buses in the park.
- There are no off-leash hours when there are school buses in the park.
- Dogs must be leashed when there are children, school buses, or other dogs in the park.
- The owner of any dog must immediately remove and properly dispose of any waste at all times.
- Dogs are not allowed in playgrounds, sports fields, and tennis or basketball courts.
- For a complete list of rules, please see signs at all off-leash areas.

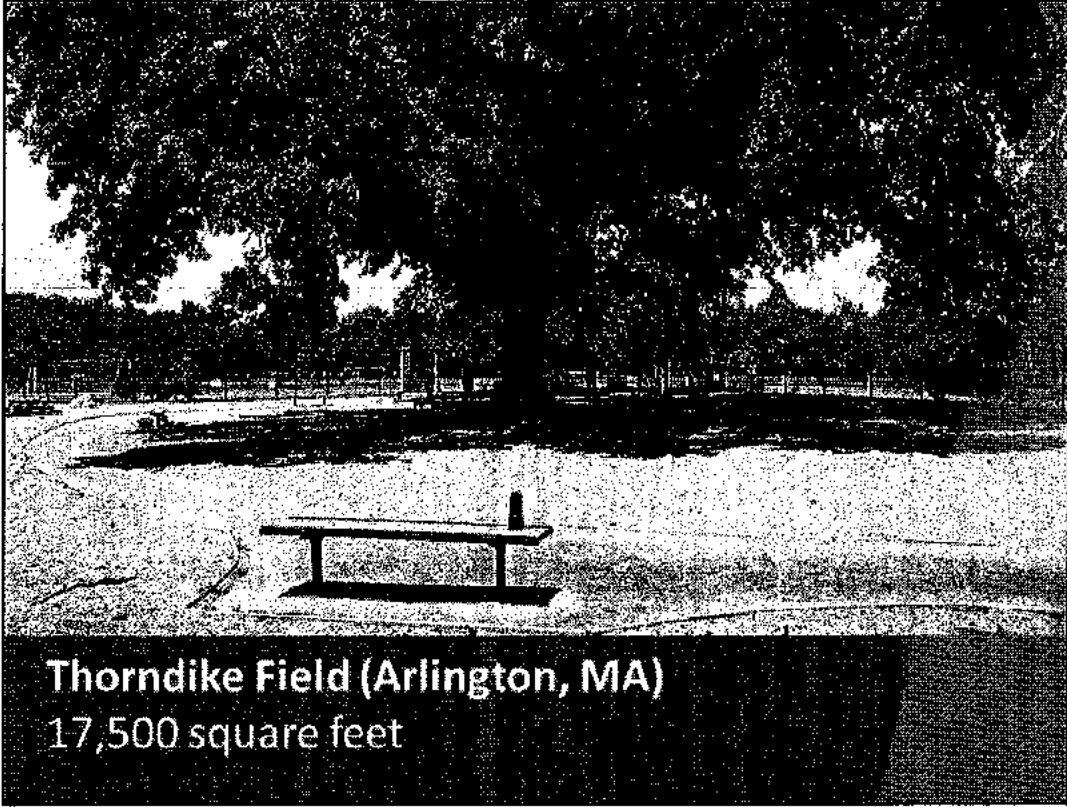
Cambridge Dog Parks



DeFilippo Park (Boston, MA)
2,500 square feet

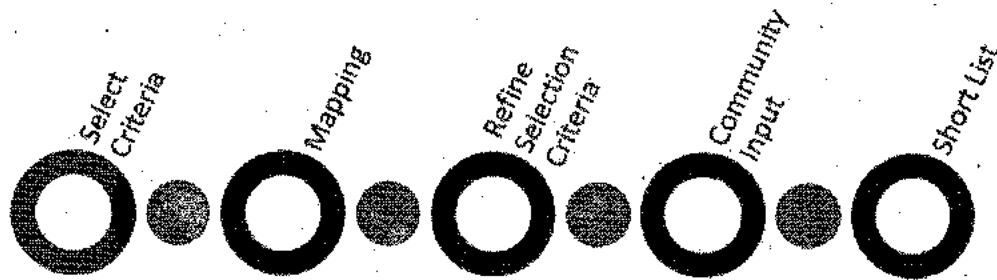


Ronan Park (Boston, MA)
3,183 square feet



Process

Process

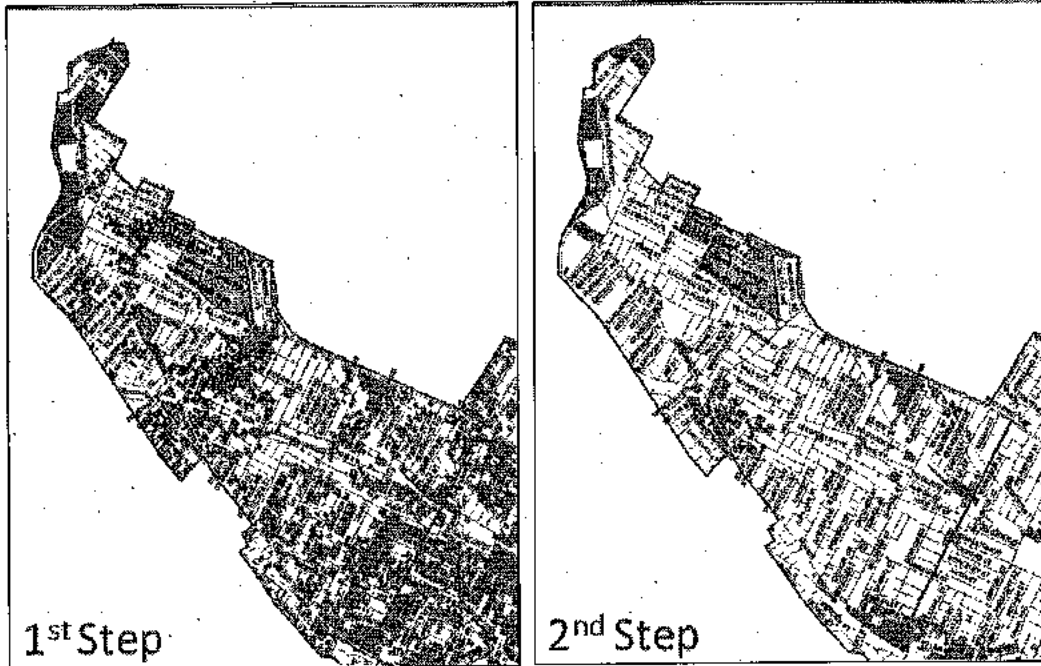


GIS Analysis

Criteria used were:

- Located west of Central Street
- At least 4,700 square feet
- Adjacent to non-residential uses
- Not currently in recreational use
- Not located in a Local Historic District

GIS Analysis



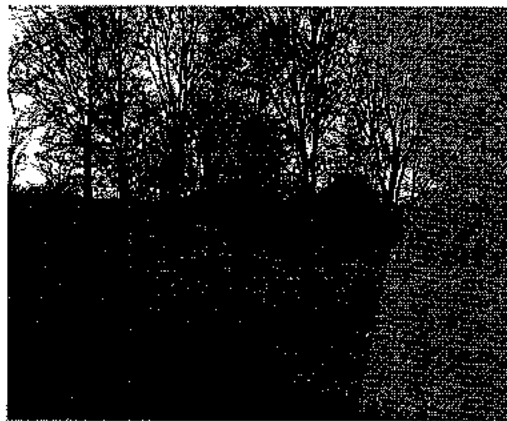
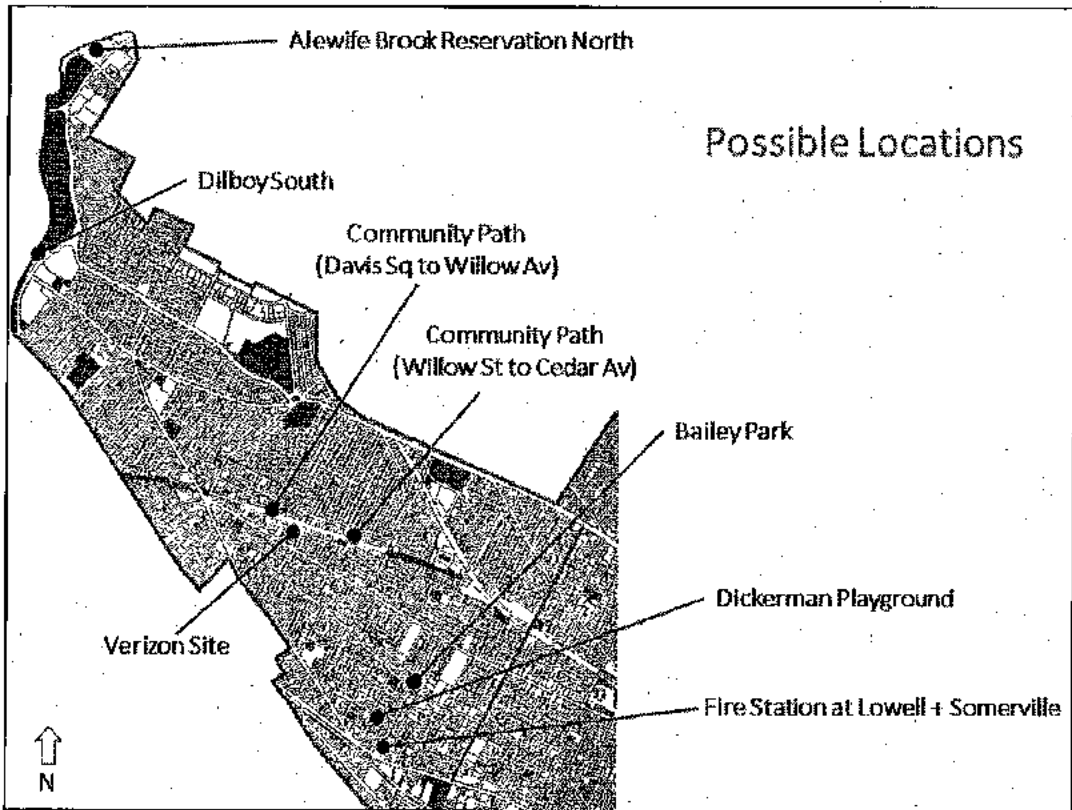
Dog Park Design Considerations

Design + Management Considerations

- Hours of use (typically dawn to dusk)
- Limiting access outside hours of use
- Dog park rules and regulations
- Materials
- Cost for maintenance



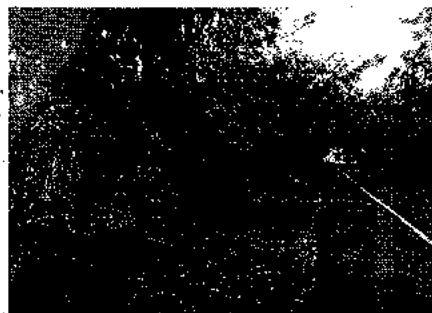
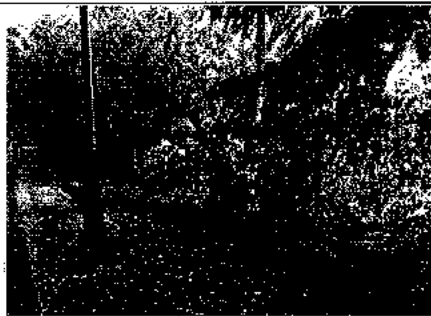
Possible Locations



Alewif Brook Reservation North
~217,080 square feet



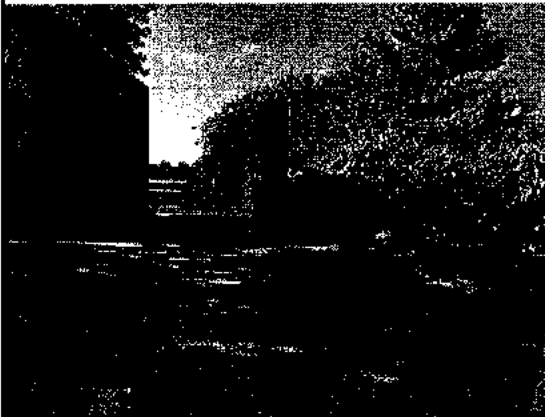
Dilboy South
~43,800 square feet



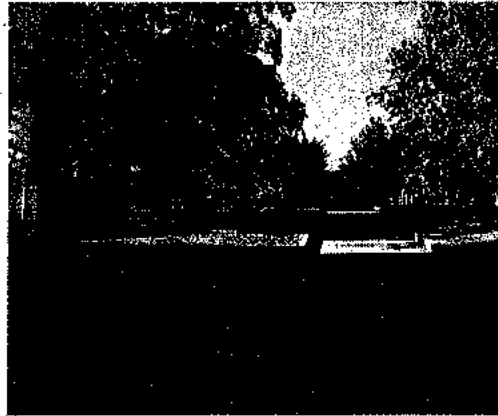
Community Path: Davis Square to Willow Ave
~80,355 square feet



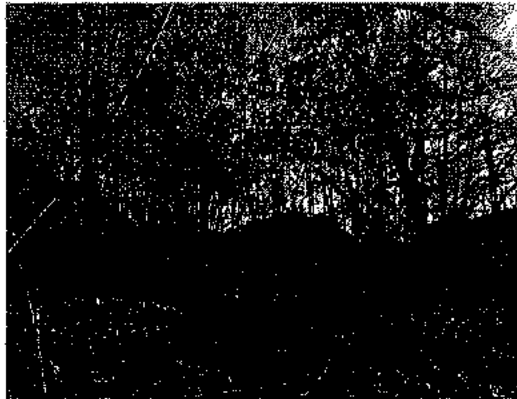
Community Path: Willow Ave to Cedar St
~114,390 square feet



Verizon Site
~43,525 square feet



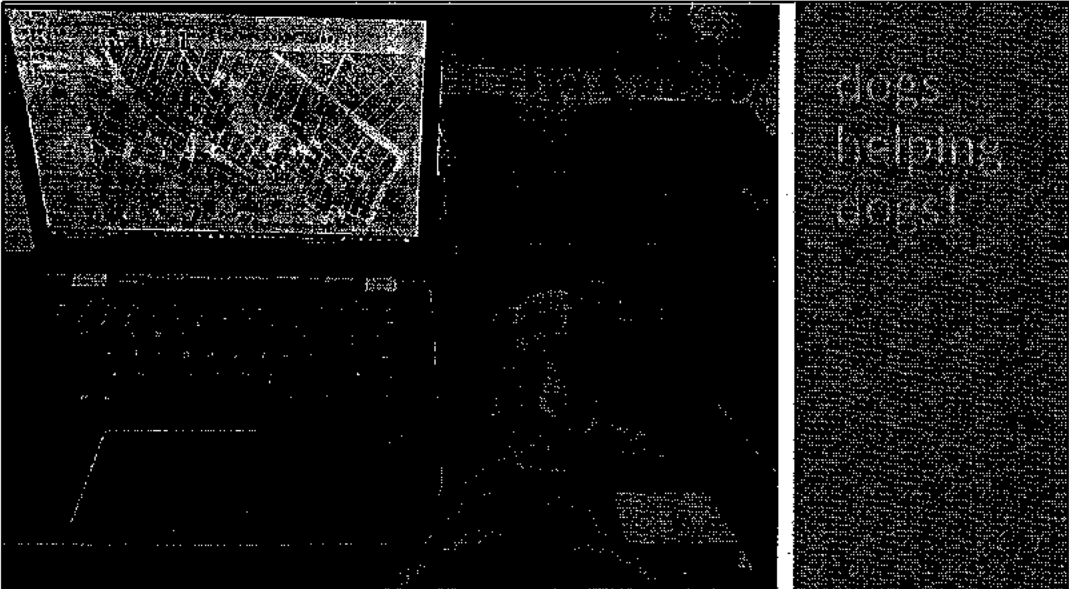
Bailey Park
~16,830 square feet



Fire Station at Somerville Ave and Lowell St
~18,395 square feet



Dickerman Playground
~17,490 square feet



Q+A / Discussion

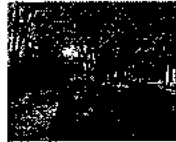
NEXT STEPS

Visit CPC's website for online survey
(www.somervillema.gov/cpa)

Revise report based on tonight's
comments and discussion

Thank you for coming!

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Alewife Brook Reservation North
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Boston Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

a little too far most people



Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

some as close



Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

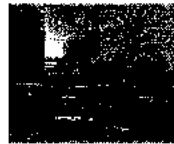
good central location



Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

1



Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

1



Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dickerman Playground
(Cragie St and Kimball St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

☐ I do not think any of these locations are suitable for a dog park

Is there anywhere we've missed? Where (in West Somerville) do you think would be a good place for a dog park? Any other comments?

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Alewife Brook Reservation North
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Boston Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

owned by the city



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dickerman Playground
(Cragie St and Kimball St)

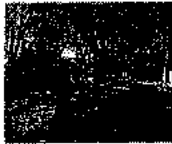
Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

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Shared use park areas. May be possible.

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Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



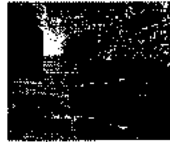
Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



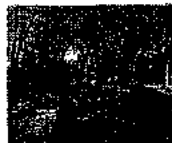
Dickerman Playground
(Craigie St and Kimball St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

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Alewife Brook Reservation North
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Boston Av)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Lots of trees and hard to access



Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Same as before



Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Too narrow and too many competing uses



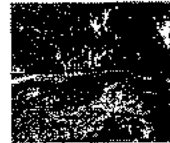
Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
For a small lot



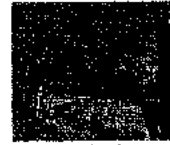
Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
But would want other use too given size and location



Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Maybe but bordered by streets on 3 sides



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



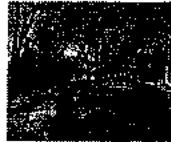
Dickerman Playground
(Craigie St and Kimball St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
See Dickman and completely unusable

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Alewife Brook Reservation North
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Boston Av)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

too remote, H₂O quality



Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

too remote, H₂O quality



Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

Close to many residents, between dog community



Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

close to many residents, between dog community



Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

under used area



Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



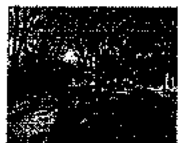
Dickerman Playground
(Craigie St and Kimball St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

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Alewife Brook Reservation North
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Boston Av)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

Not suitable
Parking concerns because
it's not necessary for most
residents



Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

ditto above



Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dickerman Playground
(Craigie St and Kimball St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

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like to try pilot idea and
shared use idea.

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Alewife Brook Reservation North
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Boston Av)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Yes for North



Dilbooy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Location, close to Somerville



Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Location, Leased



Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Location, Leased



Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Location, Central



Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Too far East / Close to Municipal



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Too far East / Close to Municipal



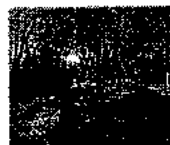
Dickerman Playground
(Craigie St and Kimball St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Too far East / Close to Municipal

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(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Boston Av)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
No



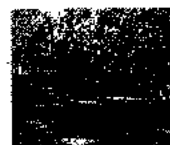
Dilbooy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Community Path 89,355
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Community Path 114,390
(Willow St to Cedar St)

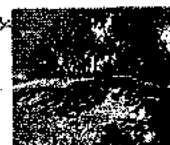
Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

NO OPTION FOR ME



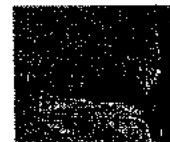
Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave) 43,625

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
TOO CLOSE TO CENTRAL



Bailey Park 16,830
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
TOO SMALL
TOO CLOSE TO CENTRAL



Fire Station 18,395
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
SLOPED?
TOO CLOSE TO CENTRAL



Dickerman Playground 17,496
(Craigie St and Kimball St)

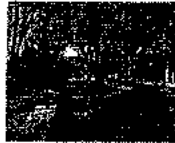
Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
TOO SMALL
TOO CLOSE TO CENTRAL

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POOR USE
POOR USE

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Alawife Brook Reservation North
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Boston Av)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



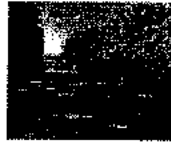
Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
incredible opportunity, somewhat view of wooded area space



Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
protect site for a large space and to get rid of an eye sore



Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dickerman Playground
(Craigie St and Kimball St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

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Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



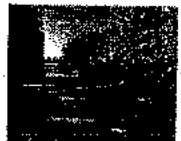
Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Too close to a big street



Dickerman Playground
(Craigie St and Kimball St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

☐ I do not think any of these locations are suitable for a dog park

Is there anywhere we've missed? Where (in West Somerville) do you think would be a good place for a dog park? Any other comments?

I would rule out Dickerman, Fire Station, & Bailey Park as they're all close to Norwamp Field

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Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Community Path
(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



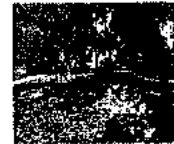
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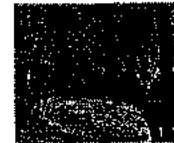
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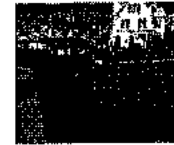
Bailey Park
(Belmont St and Lowell St near Summer St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Fire Station
(Somerville Ave and Lowell St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dickerman Playground
(Craigie St and Kimball St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no

☐ I do not think any of these locations are suitable for a dog park

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Alewife Brook Reservation North
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Boston Av)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



Dilboy South
(Mystic Valley Pkwy and Broadway)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



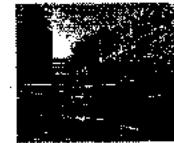
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Community Path
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Suitable for a dog park? yes or no



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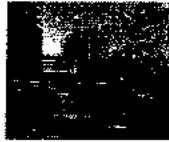
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(Davis Sq to Willow St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Yes Top choice



Community Path
(Willow St to Cedar St)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Yes



Verizon Site (110 Willow Ave)

Suitable for a dog park? yes or no
Yes Top choice



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To think it could be worthwhile to look at sports fields on time share basis
eg Hodgkins Courtin Field.

Appendix B | Online Community Survey Questions and Answers

1. Do you think a dog park is needed in West Somerville?
 - a. Yes – 160
 - b. No – 23
 - c. Blank – 5
2. Please briefly tell us why you feel a dog park is or isn't needed in West Somerville?
 - Aside from a postage stamp sized parcel at Maxwell's Green, there is no legal place for dogs to be off leash within a 30-minute walk of my house near Lexington Park. This seems too far to go.
 - Because dog parks are wonderful and amazing!!! Current park Nunziato is muddy and gross.
 - "Right now residents don't have a dog park within walking distance. This has created a lot of issues for neighborhoods:
 - People are more likely to use spaces not intended for dogs, like basketball courts, play fields, and sidewalk as off-leash areas. This isn't safe, and unfair to others who want to use these spaces for their intended use.
 - If someone wants to go to a dogpark, and has the means to drive, then they have the option. However, many residents don't have access to a car. Either way, surrounding dog parks become over-used (talking about the Union Sq dog park here!)"
 - Lots of dogs in the area, especially with a high-density population comprised mostly of renters, and not much space for dogs to run around in, especially with Tufts owning most of the greenery in the area.
 - Who doesn't love a place where there dog can run free and have fun with all is other doggie friends
 - "I like the idea of having a dog park, but I live right across from Tufts so I would probably continue to take my dog there, even if a dog park does open up.
 - That said, I'm not sure if Tuft's has ever really agreed to allow dogs on their field, so to the extent they take this perk away, a dog park would be greatly appreciated.
 - I am a dog owner living in Hillside neighborhood of West Somerville, and it would be great to have a dog park within walking distance! We often use the park in East Arlington, but with busy lives we rarely have time to walk that far and need to drive. Having a neighborhood dog park we could take pride in would be wonderful!
 - Because there is none
 - Closest dog park is a 40 minute walk, or 15 minute drive away. It would give the dogs a place to socialize, and if equipped with bags and barrels, would keep poop off the sidewalk!
 - West Somerville has so much possible green space. Danehy and Thorndike are both in other towns and are gravel covered which is not a pleasant experience for everyone
 - We end up going into Arlington. The one at Summer Street is far from us and parking is tight... Also there's no shade there. I hear people complaining about dogs in various locations oaths and I think if others had better options, they'd use non-dog parks less.
 - "We drive to Arlington all the time to use theirs. We live right by the one off Albion, but with no fence (and now no trees) it is not useful.

- We also have a child and it's too bad none of the kid parks around us allow dogs."
- With the construction in Union Square, access is limited to the nearest dog park. But even when access is not limited, that dog park needs improvement and parking is often problematic (and you have to transport your dirty dog). A park on the path would be super convenient because we are already walking our dog but gives us a convenient and safe place to stop and spend some additional time outdoors.
- Enclosed area for dogs to run and play.
- We currently have to drive to get to the nearest dog park, which I don't like because it's a waste of gas and it doesn't support the building of neighborly connections.
- It's good to have separate spaces for dogs.
- It's difficult walking in Somerville to find anywhere a dog can be off-leash - something that helps a dog exert energy and thus avoid behavioral problems.
- I have a dog and there's no place for him to run around and get exercise!
- Because Union Square is dirty and new Washington's too far. Need to keep our dog poop locally grown.
- Tired dogs are happy well-behaved dogs and the best way to tire out a dog is by having it play and socialize with other dogs.
- I have a dog, but all the other dog parks in Somerville seem to have been taken over by dog walkers who let many dogs run at one time. And they are very smelly. I might be more amenable to the idea if people could bring in only one or two dogs at a time.
- I would like for my walkers to be able to take my dog to a park without having to drive there. Having one in West Somerville will fill that need and make for happy, healthy canines AND humans!
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- So many people have dogs but no yards or yards that can't contain a dog. I would love to have a park that's walking distance for my little Shih Tzu. She doesn't get to be outside without a leash. We have taken her to the one in Union but she gets so dirty and then we have to get into the car with muddy paws.
- So many dog owners in Davis Sq area with no dog park in the immediate area.
- Dogs should have space to be able to run off leash without bothering other park users--dog parks perfectly meet this need!
- So dogs have place to play
- There are a lot of dogs in Somerville and only a few places to let dogs run free. Also, dog parks foster community interactions!
- I have a dog!
- lots of dogs are in the west part of the city, but no parks! this leads to owners letting there dogs onto fields where dogs are prohibited, leading to tension with others. plus a dog park would reduce dogs peeing and pooping on peoples yards. Dogs are great to have in the city, encouraging folks to get out and meet each other, and dog walkers keep an eye on the neighborhood, sort of like a canine neighborhood watch. A park would encourage this.

- There are more dogs than ever in Somerville and many use "private" facilities at apartment complexes, more public options are better.
- Dogs and people like dog parks. Everyone gets to meet new friends. Helps keep dog owners from letting their dogs run in inappropriate places. I use to live in the South End and dog parks were often go-to destinations for kids who like dogs and can't have one in an apartment.
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- lots of families with dogs in this neighborhood.
- "Right now I believe there is only one park in Union Square area (could be wrong). I feel having a second park in the city will take some of the congestion out Union Square. Also I used to live on Powder House Blvd, there were many dog owner in the park area at Tufts so it certainly looks like the area could use a designated dog park.
- There aren't enough dog parks in the area. Ideally, it would be great to have one that has grass or not rocks and a bit more space.
- "There are no legal open spaces for dogs to run in Somerville. My dog loves to fun and catch balls
- We always need more places to take our dogs!
- The only dedicated dog space in Somerville in near union and nearly 2 miles away with very limited street parking. Dog owners end up trying to share fields and Parks with students and others and it's not always easy. A dedicated dog park would be a huge help. Perhaps on Tufts campus on Powderhouse rd
- West Somerville is home to the largest open parcel of land in the entire city. The Dilboy Field/Alewife Brook Path are already more than suitable as areas where dog owners can take their pets. Both the Dilboy tennis courts and the football field parking lots are routinely empty and completely underutilized. It is my observation as a resident of the immediate vicinity that the green space in the area is also completely underutilized, along with the pathways and other surrounding infrastructure. It would be a complete waste of money and resources to take away a section of this park land and designate it as exclusive use for dog owners.
- I have to drive all the way to Union Square for the nearest dog park for my dog. It would be nice to be able to walk to a neighborhood dog park and meet and make friends with the people who live around me.
- Place for dogs to socialize and get exercise with other dogs.
- "It brings the community together.
- More and more people are deciding to adopt pets.
- Pets are your family and you want them to be in a safe, secure space to socialize with other dogs. "
- People get angry when they see dogs off leash in Hodgkins park but there is no easily walkable alternative.
- It's important to have a place working waking distance where I can legally let melt dog off-leashe. Nunziato is the closest option for me, and it's a 25 min. walk.

- There are no dog parks close by. There are lots of dogs in the area as well.
- So many people have dogs in Cambridge, and it seems to be increasing. Done correctly (with dog parks) this can be a wonderful thing: fun, entertainment and relaxation for owners and passer-byers!
- I strongly support this as a dog owner. There are very few options in the area and I think this would be a great addition to the community!
- Currently there are no dog-specific options in the area for dogs and dog-owners to gather. Many parks prohibit dogs, while others are shared spaces with families and children, which can cause issues.
- I have to walk my dog all the way to Alewife which I do not feel safe going to since the murder and would like a convenient place to let my dog run around.
- Dog parks are a space where dogs learn socialization and can burn off energy off leash. Both make for happier and better behaved dogs.
- There are no easily walkable dog parks nearby. While we are fortunate enough to have access to a car and can drive our dog to Medford to a dog park, if we didn't have one it would be very difficult to get her to a park.
- We could use another dog park in West Somerville because most of the existing dog parks are in East Somerville and can be hard to get to or park at. Also, it would be nice to have a park closer to Davis or Porter Square, which are hubs of local activity.
- We live in Davis Square, and the closest dog park is in Arlington. No great place within walking distance for our pup to run and play with other dogs.
- Danehy Park excludes Somerville residents, so even though it is close to West Somerville, we are not legally able to use it. Nunziato is far, and people living in West Somerville often don't have access to a car, so walking distance is crucial for dog park access.
- At a dog park, dogs are able to socialize with other dogs somewhat freely. Every species needs this. Despite their devotion, dog owners cannot by themselves fill dogs' needs. Happier dogs = happier owners = happier people. Please make some space available for this activity.
- People let their dogs go everywhere. I would be supportive of a park if it reduced the poop and the number of dogs that are let off leash.
- There are plenty of areas for dogs and dog parks are smelly and ruin the grass.
- It would be great to have a safe area for dogs to be off-leash to run.
- There are many dogs in our community that need a safe place where they can be off-leash and get the exercise they need. There are few if any options that don't require a car so this is very much needed.
- "A dog park is needed so dogs can stop using the church (on Mystic Valley Parkway) grassy area. Church families use that grass, plus they have fairs on their OWN property. Additionally, I am not sure if Somerville dogs do or not, stop pooping on the sidewalks on the highway"
- It will increase the quality of life for all residents
- We would love to have a dog park in our neck of the woods!
- I see lots of dogs on the Tufts field, even though I don't think they're allowed there. A dog park would be a good and safe place for people to take their dogs.

- The closest dog park is in Alewife or in Union Square. A lot of people and dogs would benefit from having a dog park close to Davis.
- There aren't as many good locations to go with a dog as I would like.
- Simply, there are no designated areas where we can have our canine family members to meet and run around.
- There aren't ANY dedicated places in the West Somerville area for dogs to play.
- A dog park would be great! There isn't a really nice option near me now (Powderhouse square) and my pup loves to play with other dogs.
- We live near Tufts University, and the nearest dog parks are either near Union Square, in Cambridge, or in Medford. It requires a drive to get to any of them, which is unfortunate. It would be great to have a safe, fenced in space for neighborhood dogs to play in within walking distance of home
- I am adopting a dog and have no yard available for him. I will walk him on a leash on the bike path, but there is absolutely nowhere close by to take him to run free. This would be a wonderful opportunity for all the dog owners in the area, and I'm sure the people who use it would be happy to take care of it on an ongoing basis.
- West Somerville has a large volume of dogs, who's nearby off leash exercise options are currently very limited. Sending them to current parks all located in East Somerville is inconvenient for certain residents and puts undo volume on existing parks in the morning and evening.
- There's no place for the abundance of dogs in our neighborhood to play and frolic. Without a park, the dogs resort to neighbor's yards and lawns which is not always welcome.
- As a dog owner in Davis Square, there isn't anywhere less than 2 miles away we can take our dog to be off leash. There are a LOT of dogs in the area and they deserve a place to run around. As an urban dog community, the dogs really need a place to be dogs and a dog park is a necessary part of that.
- There are very few spaces in the city for dogs to run and they need it.
- As more and more dogs and dog owners have moved into the city, the current parks have become more and more crowded. They're still useful for a lot of well socialized, playful pups, but having more dog park options will help to spread things out a bit. Dog parks are much more fun and workable when you and your dog actually have a little room to move. Also, with the traffic delays and road closures in the Ball Sq. area, Union Sq., and near the New Washington St. dog park, another dog park on the other side of Somerville would be incredibly helpful.
- We have to drive pretty far to get to the nearest dog park. They are packed with no parking most of the time therefore we rarely take our pup to the dog park and it's a bummer
- I Would love to see a dog park I. Walking distance from Davis Sq. The current park that we go to near Union is small, getting old and also not easily accessible from West Somerville. I see many dogs in Porter, Davis, and Teele Sq. However there really is not a place for them to run freely. There is a lot of changes happening for bikers, let's not forget our 4 legged friends. Thank you!
- The off-leash dog park choices for West Somerville owners are Thorndike (Arlington) or Nunziato (Union). Some use Tufts Field J, which is not intended for off-leash use. A more convenient, sanctioned option would be a great thing.

- Because there is no dog park!!!
- I would prefer to not drive to the dog park
- None of the city dog parks are in west Somerville. I live on Packard & Broadway and the open space available is at TUFTS. No city dog space.
- Because they currently use Hodgkin's park to walk their dog (even though there are signs against this). Dog poop everywhere in the fields!
- There isn't one. So many people need a safe, enclosed place to let their dogs run.
- It would be nice. Nutziano is pretty nasty so we end up walking our dog on a leash or taking her to the Fells (which isn't as often as we'd like).
- Only off leash, fenced area is in union sq
- Not enough open space available for a decent size park, unless you use part of Dilboy Field. Tufts University is not amenable to sharing any of their green space.
- People in west Somerville have dogs.
- Around porter and davis square, the closest dog park is by union square. It's sometimes too far to walk on hot or cold days, so folks drive and create congestion around union square dog park. plus, union square dog park might close soon for the union square construction project
- Because a majority of people that live in the area have pets without a place for them to play and stretch in a safe space without fears of being hit by a car or their feet being burnt in the summertime. Pets bring happiness, peace and people together.
- There are no dog parks in west somerville, there's a couple in east somerville. People keep bringing their dogs to regular parks because there isn't one.
- There are no dog parks in that area and tons of dogs and owners who would benefit of having a closer dog park, it would also lessen the amount of dogs at Nunziato and New Zero Washington which would help the overall harmony of each park.
- It sounds like a good idea but there is no need. Dog owners I have spoken with would not want it.
- The nearest dog park is outside Union Sq. I've lived in Davis for 20 years and know how many of us here have dogs but no official space to let them run off leash.
- there is not currently a dog park within walking distance for those of us who own dogs in west somerville. It is quite Inconvenient to have to drive to have your dog get some exercise!
- There's not enough dog parks in Somerville. It would be lovely to have more off leash areas for my dog. The closest dog park to me (ed Leathers) is small, poorly lit, and smelly due to lack of maintenance. A bigger off leash area would be welcome anywhere in town!
- A dog park is definitely needed in West Somerville! In our neighborhood there is not a designated place to take our dogs to run around. We have some groups that get together at Tufts, but none of those are enclosed. And while we have many lovely playgrounds, dogs aren't allowed.
- there aren't any dog parks in west somerville and there are many dog owners.
- Overall there are a ton of dogs in Somerville and with inadequate dog parks, they are more likely to be leash aggressive with other dogs. This is pronounced where I live - tons of dogs that only get leash exercise which try to attack one another who would be more relaxed if they could socialize more with other dogs. PLEASE put in a dog park!

- Yes please! We have to go to nunziato (1.4 miles or a 28 minute walk) or to Arlington (1.6 miles or a 33 minute walk) to get to a dog park which is just not feasible most of the time. We would love to have a space for our dog to run free near us and to be able to get to know our neighbors better. Thank you for considering this! We would be overjoyed!
- We need open space for people
- The Alewife Greenway and Mystic lakes provides a lot of open area for dogs. Tufts campus also is an option for dogs. Other than that, there is no place for a park large enough that it would not be a concentrated mess of dog waste. The dog park on Sumner street smells to high heaven on damp days and I feel very sorry for the people who live next to it. If you own a dog in the city, it should be taken for walks and you should pick up its poop. If it needs to run, go to the Mystic Riverway or Dilboy. Or move to the suburbs and have your own yard for your dog to run in and poop in.
- The closest place for dogs run off leash is too far for my dog (and me) to walk regularly.
- It is another way to connect neighbors, both those with and without dogs. I'm a proponent of spaces where dogs can be off-leash. Many of the current dog parks seem overcrowded, and I see some dog owners just using open space instead, which is ok, but not ideal in a large city like Somerville.
- I'm actually not sure if a park is needed. There is a large park in Arlington on the bike path just behind the T station.
- I'm open to it. I think more open green spaces are needed in general.
- I have a dog that likes parks.
- Somerville has way too few dog parks and dogs are banned in most parks. It's needed.
- There are large gaps in dog parks
- Somerville is the most densely populated city in the US and logically there are many, many dogs among the population, however there is a serious dearth of dog parks. Dog parks play an important role in quality of life for humans and their dogs, helping folks adhere to leash laws (i.e. if there is an accessible dog park then owners are less likely to unleash their dogs in other public parks) and perhaps even mitigating noise as properly exercised and socialized dogs are less likely to bark and disturb neighbors while at home.
- No areas seem to exist. Closest seems to be Nunziato or another town/ Alewife.
- "Somerville lacks open spaces where dogs can be off leash, exercise and socialize. So far, the closest dog parks to west somerville residents are 2-3 miles away, which is not convenient. Also, the local parks do not allow dogs or are not fenced.
- I reviewed the proposed locations and none are in West Somerville. No convenient if you don't live in those areas"
- High density of dogs, with no parks or open space for dogs to play.
- Large areas of Somerville are not walkable to dog parks
- Anywhere in W. Somerville is 'walkable' for me and my dog.
- Alewife Brook is a good spot; Parking will be the biggest issue to deal with.."
- Absolutely needed! There are so many dogs in West Somerville and the Union Square dog park, which is the closest walking distance park, gets dangerously crowded. The community path is a great place to walk the dog but there is no play area. A dog park would be a wonderful addition to the community here.

- There are very few places in West Somerville for dogs to enjoy the outdoors off-leash.
- Nunziato dog park is far to walk from most of West Somerville, and parking nearby is very tight. It also tends to be too full of dogs at certain times. A West Somerville dog park would ease the busy situation at Nunziato, and it would be well used by the many dog owners in West Somerville.
- There are many dogs in our neighborhood. Without a proper dog park, dogs are playing on fields and open spaces that are not enclosed and secure like a dog park. This means dogs can either escape or happen upon individuals who would prefer to not encounter dogs. If there was a designated park, at least these citizens would know to avoid that area and that the dogs would be secure.
- West Somerville is underserved by dog parks right now compared to East Somerville and Central Hill, making it harder to enjoy the health benefits of dog ownership if you live in the West Somerville area.
- There is no place where dogs can go legally off-leash except in people's yards. This is a burden for dog owners because it is hard to burn their pup's excess energy.
- Because the only other one is a mile or so outside of Davis on Summer Street, it would be great to have one more central to Davis Square.
- Dog parks are great places for people and dogs to be free, meet each other, and run around safely. I live right by one on Summer St. and it is an awesome asset to the neighborhood's dogs and owners, and any dog visitors.
- There is an increasing number of dogs, and not enough safe enclosed green space for them to play in. Dog parks build community! People talk to each other!
- We need more general open space that is not dedicated to one use. If it was in an underutilized space in the far western edge of town, that is fine, but closer to pedestrian areas, we need more general open space and less conflicts between bikes and dog leashes.
- More dogs. More people.
- My dog loves to romp off leash, but all off leash locations are about 45" on foot or require a car. Let's have a place for my dog and others to romp off leash that is within 15" - 20" walking distance!
- Not many dog owners have yards, so having a place for them to run off leash would be great.
- I am opposed to dog parks in general. Open space is at a premium in Somerville and should be for the use of humans. Dog parks are smelly and noisy and generally unpleasant even to walk by.
- "I know many dog owners who want to be able to give their dogs a better quality of life while still living in a densely populated area, and being able to let the dog run off leash is a big part of that. A dog park will also allow people to meet their neighbors, which we could always use more of."
- The closest Somerville dog park to West Somerville is the Nunziato park close to Union Sq, a long walk for some dog owners. There are a lot of dogs in West Somerville that don't have easy access to an official Somerville dog park.
- There is currently no place close in Somerville to bring dogs and allow them to be off leash. Other cities/towns require residency.

- A dog park might or might not be needed. But we do have at least three. What we don't have is a recreation building that young teens have any access to. They need to be taken care of first!
- There are already enough dog parks in Somerville and wherever one is located will lead to a serious degradation in the quality of life for the neighbors near and far.
- There are virtually no spaces in Somerville where a dog can safely and legally run around and get the exercise they need that for many dogs only works off leash (i.e. fetch, etc)
- "There is no
- Dog Park in the Davis Sq.
- neighborhood."
- Our dogs need to have fun!
- The nearest dog park accessible to west somerville residents walking with their dogs is too far away to get to without a vehicle most of the time.
- I live in West Somerville and the closest park in Somerville is in either Union Sq or on New St. Cambridge's Danehy park is close by but they are always keeping non-Cambridge residents and their dogs out.
- Dog owners often complain about the lack of open space where their dogs can exercise.
- There currently isn't a legitimate place to bring your dog in West Somerville.
- The closest dog park is at Nunziato, which is a long walk for dog and human and is really part of a different neighborhood. Dog parks are community-builders because they bring together like-minded people and support lasting friendships among dogs and humans. As Somerville gentrifies, it attracts ambitious people who are only planning to stay for a few years before moving on to even bigger things. If West Somerville becomes known as a dog-friendly community it will attract people who have already demonstrated an interest in forming lasting and caring relationships (by getting a dog) and can bring more of the same to West Somerville.
- Separate dog parks smell and are unnecessary. Dog walks take valuable open space in Somerville, which is in very short supply, away from the whole public in favor of merely dog owners.
- Open space is extremely limited in Somerville, and it should not be wasted on dog parks.
- There are really no dog park options in West Somerville, if you don't have a car the ones that exist are generally pretty inaccessible.
- I am not a dog owner, but have young children, and am frustrated with the conflicts that arise when dog owners take their dogs into parks where they are not allowed. People routinely allow their dogs in Hodgkins Curtin Park where leave poop and jump on kids. I've seen people drive to Hodgkins Park and let their dogs out of the car and into the field, so it has somehow become a destination so I think maybe they would drive to a nearby dog park if one was available. Another problem area is Triangle Field (though owned by Tufts, but where Somerville Youth Soccer pays to play and the City maintains a portapotty) where there are always dogs and dog poop left behind.
- There is not a dog park in west somerville. The closes is at Alewife. Instead of always going there we all let the dogs run in the Tufts field. I'm sure Tufts would rather us go to a dog park than always use their field.
- Please define "west Somerville" before asking the question.

- More dog parks are always good! There is an unofficial dog park that neighbors have created at Tufts, which is really great to have because otherwise the nearest dog park is too far for a casual doggie play date. Would be good to have a formal dog park that wasn't mooching off tufts space.
- There's plenty of existing walking areas and paths, for WS residents to walk their dogs. Cordoning off a portion of the already-scarce public greenspace in the City for a fenced in dog area is a waste of space that would put the residents of the Clarendon Hill area at yet another disadvantage for green space.
- "In my opinion, a dog park is needed in West Somerville because we don't have one in the area currently. As a resident at Clarendon, we do have residents here with dogs who let their dogs roam freely on the property. Although this is not a City issue, I believe that if people had a place they could take their pets to roam freely that it may deter people from letting their dogs loose out here.
- I have also noticed quite a few people walking their dogs along the sidewalks of PowderHouse. Walking an animal is essential to the health of a pet, especially a dog, but there is a lot of traffic and I believe that having an open space area specifically designated for dogs could be beneficial to the animal but also may encourage people to be more active with their dogs. I love the idea of having a dog park."
- It would be helpful, especially since I think technically my pup isn't supposed to be running around on the Tufts fields. :)

3. Is Alewife Brook Reservation North suitable for a dog park?

- a. Yes – 95
- b. No – 58
- c. Blank – 35

Comments:

- A big concern I have is for the crosswalk to get over to this area. People breeze past it A LOT and so my concern is accidents if more people are trying to cross over to there. Not that it's an insurmountable problem...just a concern.
- Nice, away from public so stench wouldn't bother people.
- To close to the road
- I like this space because it's in close walking distance of my house. However, it makes me slightly anxious to put it here since it's next to a parkway where cars can go up to 40 mph. The potential for an accident seems really high.
- It's a great spot! Spatially, it's big enough and flat, yet centrally located, which together help it stand out from the other options. Right by the playground, playing fields, basketball courts, pool, and so on. Can take the whole family for an outing, or anyone who already plays sports there could bring the pup along for extra fun! I've taken my dog up to Dilboy many times, but because there are no fenced in areas she can't run and play. I think this would be a convenient place for helping the whole family get outside together.

- Close to a park for children. Children stick their fingers through the fence at Thorndike, which can be dangerous.
- It's too far from the most popular areas of West Somerville. If I'm going there I may as well keep going to Arlington.
- I don't know, but we wouldn't use it (see above)
- It's too far from us. Our little dog cannot walk all the way there, then play and then walk back.
- Personally, this is too far away for me.
- This area would be great, it allows enough space for dogs to be on their own if they prefer or to socialize, and it would be appropriate for many sizes. It also has a bit more separation from homes (less disturbance for residents) and potential triggers for dogs (bikes, runners, etc)
- This area is too narrow. MaNy bicyclists and pedestrians use this area too, and some places are already very narrow
- May be suitable but will not be walking distance for all W Somerville residents.
- This area is too narrow. MaNy bicyclists and pedestrians use this area too, and some places are already very narrow
- a bit far from the Davis Sq population center. also crossing route 16 is dicey.
- Too much car traffic -- how would people get there?
- This would be a great location for me and my pup!
- Same as above.
- This area is presently well suited for recreational use by all residents of the city, including dog owners.
- Too far for most somerville residents.
- Too close to a major road.
- There aren't any dog parks in that area.
- I'm not really familiar with this location.
- It's kind of far away from transit.
- Again, too far and the Arlington dog park is nearby.
- Pretty accessible to a large number of people.
- See comments above regarding access, size and parking.
- Parking and crossing near Dilboy is challenging as well as traffic in that area.
- This location is reasonably close to the Thorndike dog park in Arlington.
- Too close to the Mystic River
- There would need to be observation of the terrain and bird life to see whether a dog park would be compatible.
- There already is one a little bit to the north. Still too far away from Davis square. Owners won't walk this distance.
- 16 is too busy with traffic
- easily accessible
- This isn't very centrally located. If we were going to come out this far we'd go to the one that's just over the line in Cambridge.
- Only if parking was added

- The area is not used as often as it had been in the past. The rebuilding of the North Street projects will result in heavy construction in the immediate timeframes, however there is better traffic control in this area.
- This would be a good location but there is no parking.
- street
- If there is parking available
- centrally located and close to teele and davis squares
- Off the side of a busy congested road with tons of traffic and exhaust? No this is a terrible spot. No one would use this!
- This would be suitable for some west Somerville residents and the people of Medford.
- Again, no parking
- Yes, this actually would be a good space for a dog park. Those who drive can park in the pool lot.
- Location isn't very convenient to Somerville residents.
- Same as above
- Too close to playing fields. Those fields are already used as unofficial dog runs, I worry that a dog park would encourage more dogs on the playing fields. Also, during times when the fields are being used by kids, more dogs in the area is not a good idea.
- Not sure
- Okay on conservation land/ next to waterway? Conservation commission may disagree with use.
- Not central or walkable from much of West Somerville
- Not sure, if pedestrians and their dogs would be crossing route 16, that's difficult. On the other hand, if this option allowed for a large space, it would be worth the tradeoff.
- This is too far west and would only serve a small fraction of Somerville.
- Difficult to park nearby?
- Shouldn't bother anyone
- Busy road isolates it from neighborhood
- "Unsure actually
- How close is this to Mystic Ave?"
- That location seems wider and doesn't straddle the foot path.
- A little far for me personally, but seems like an okay place.
- Closer; but still not a very central location for most residents.
- Good central location.
- Good spot, lots of land, good walking path access, little residential.
- pedestrian access across route 16 to get to the dog park needs to be clear and safe... Maybe too far west to serve anything west of Teele sq.
- Given that this area is not near many homes, potential noise is less of an issue. Easily accessible by multiple routes on the bike path.

- It's on the very edge of Somerville and therefore, not convenient to most residents of Somerville. Arlington's Thorndike dog park is within walking distance of this space.
- It's not ideal (still on the bleeding edge of Somerville) but at least it's at the end of a major Somerville thoroughfare (Broadway) and just across the street from a lot of housing. The location would make better sense if Clarendon Towers and Clarendon Hill residents are allowed to have dogs. A dog park could help bring together people of different socio-economic backgrounds.
- Dog parks should not be sited near wetland areas.
- This is relatively close to the large parking lot which would make it an attractive destination. The nearby playground is underutilized and hypodermic needles have been found there so more activity in the area would help reduce these activities I would think.
- too far from me
- Same as above.
- Looks awfully near a big road, which could be dangerous for a dog that ran off. Or is this to be a fenced dog park?
- Too close to RTE 16 Traffic. Not safe.
- This is one of the last remaining green spaces in the City; there is no need for a fenced-in dog area here, it would would adversely detract from the natural aspect of the surroundings as well as further develop an already-existing green space.
- "I think this could be an ideal location. There is a park located there but it is not well-kept and is a bit outdated and not used often. The baseball field is utilized but the park in general is not from what I have personally noticed.
- Being across the street from Clarendon and with the redevelopment of Clarendon in mind, having a dog park across the street might be appealing to future residents who would have dogs and also give them their own space where currently it is limited. I like this place the best."

4. Is Dilboy South suitable for a dog park?

- a. Yes – 104
- b. No – 50
- c. Blank – 34

Comments:

- A big concern I have is for the crosswalk to get over to this area. People breeze past it. A LOT and so my concern is accidents if more people are trying to cross over to there. Not that it's an insurmountable problem...just a concern.
- Nice, away from public so stench wouldn't bother people.
- To close to the road
- I like this space because it's in close walking distance of my house. However, it makes me slightly anxious to put it here since it's next to a parkway where cars can go up to 40 mph. The potential for an accident seems really high.

- It's a great spot!! Spatially, it's big enough and flat, yet centrally located, which together help it stand out from the other options. Right by the playground, playing fields, basketball courts, pool, and so on. Can take the whole family for an outing, or anyone who already plays sports there could bring the pup along for extra fun! I've taken my dog up to Dilboy many times, but because there are no fenced in areas she can't run and play. I think this would be a convenient place for helping the whole family get outside together.
- Close to a park for children. Children stick their fingers through the fence at Thorndike, which can be dangerous.
- It's too far from the most popular areas of West Somerville. If I'm going there I may as well keep going to Arlington.
- I don't know, but we wouldn't use it (see above)
- It's too far from us. Our little dog cannot walk all the way there, then play and then walk back.
- Personally, this is too far away for me.
- This area would be great, it allows enough space for dogs to be on their own if they prefer or to socialize, and it would be appropriate for many sizes. It also has a bit more separation from homes (less disturbance for residents) and potential triggers for dogs (bikes, runners, etc)
- This area is too narrow. MaNy bicyclists and pedestrians use this area too, and some places are already very narrow
- May be suitable but will not be walking distance for all W Somerville residents.
- This area is too narrow. MaNy bicyclists and pedestrians use this area too, and some places are already very narrow
- a bit far from the Davis Sq population center. also crossing route 16 is dicey.
- Too much car traffic -- how would people get there?
- This would be a great location for me and my pup!
- Same as above.
- This area is presently well suited for recreational use by all residents of the city, including dog owners.
- Too far for most somerville residents.
- Too close to a major road.
- There aren't any dog parks in that area.
- I'm not really familiar with this location.
- It's kind of far away from transit.
- Again, too far and the Arlington dog park is nearby.
- Pretty accessible to a large number of people.
- See comments above regarding access, size and parking.
- Parking and crossing near Dilboy is challenging as well as traffic in that area.
- This location is reasonably close to the Thorndike dog park in Arlington.
- Too close to the Mystic River
- There would need to be observation of the terrain and bird life to see whether a dog park would be compatible.

- There already is one a little bit to the north. Still too far away from Davis square. Owners won't walk this distance.
- 16 is too busy with traffic
- easily accessible
- This isn't very centrally located. If we were going to come out this far we'd go to the one that's just over the line in Cambridge.
- Only if parking was added
- The area is not used as often as it had been in the past. The rebuilding of the North Street projects will result in heavy construction in the immediate timeframes, however there is better traffic control in this area.
- This would be a good location but there is no parking.
- street
- If there is parking available
- centrally located and close to teele and davis squares
- Off the side of a busy congested road with tons of traffic and exhaust? No this is a terrible spot. No one would use this!
- This would be suitable for some west Somerville residents and the people of Medford.
- Again, no parking
- Yes, this actually would be a good space for a dog park. Those who drive can park in the pool lot.
- Location isn't very convenient to Somerville residents.
- Same as above
- Too close to playing fields. Those fields are already used as unofficial dog runs, I worry that a dog park would encourage more dogs on the playing fields. Also, during times when the fields are being used by kids, more dogs in the area is not a good idea.
- Not sure
- Okay on conservation land/ next to waterway? Conservation commission may disagree with use.
- Not central or walkable from much of West Somerville
- Not sure, if pedestrians and their dogs would be crossing route 16, that's difficult. On the other hand, if this option allowed for a large space, it would be worth the tradeoff.
- This is too far west and would only serve a small fraction of Somerville.
- Difficult to park nearby?
- Shouldn't bother anyone
- Busy road isolates it from neighborhood
- "Unsure actually
- How close is this to Mystic Ave?"
- That location seems wider and doesn't straddle the foot path.
- A little far for me personally, but seems like an okay place.
- Closer, but still not a very central location for most residents.

- Good central location.
- Good spot, lots of land, good walking path access, little residential.
- pedestrian access across route 16 to get to the dog park needs to be clear and safe... Maybe too far west to serve anything west of Teele sq.
- Given that this area is not near many homes, potential noise is less of an issue. Easily accessible by multiple routes on the bike path.
- It's on the very edge of Somerville and therefore, not convenient to most residents of Somerville. Arlington's Thorndike dog park is within walking distance of this space.
- It's not ideal (still on the bleeding edge of Somerville) but at least it's at the end of a major Somerville thoroughfare (Broadway) and just across the street from a lot of housing. The location would make better sense if Clarendon Towers and Clarendon Hill residents are allowed to have dogs. A dog park could help bring together people of different socio-economic backgrounds.
- Dog parks should not be sited near wetland areas.
- This is relatively close to the large parking lot which would make it an attractive destination. The nearby playground is underutilized and hypodermic needles have been found there so more activity in the area would help reduce these activities I would think.
- too far from me
- Same as above.
- Looks awfully near a big road, which could be dangerous for a dog that ran off. Or is this to be a fenced dog park?
- Too close to RTE 16 Traffic. Not safe.
- This is one of the last remaining green spaces in the City; there is no need for a fenced-in dog area here, it would adversely detract from the natural aspect of the surroundings as well as further develop an already-existing green space.
- "I think this could be an ideal location. There is a park located there but it is not well-kept and is a bit outdated and not used often. The baseball field is utilized but the park in general is not from what I have personally noticed.
- Being across the street from Clarendon and with the redevelopment of Clarendon in mind, having a dog park across the street might be appealing to future residents who would have dogs and also give them their own space where currently it is limited. I like this place the best. "

5. Is the Community Path (Davis Square to Willow Street) suitable for a dog park?

- Yes – 103
- No – 67
- Blank – 18

Comments:

- Seems too small and on a hill.
- This would be an awesome location for a dog park!! But is there enough space?

- Too hilly.
- I like that this area is accessible and not too close to busy streets.
- No way! Far too small and steep. Not conducive for safe playing.
- This is not ideal. It is a 30 minute walk from Ward 7.
- Should be further west
- We would use this space
- Yes!! Super conveniently located for us. It may need to be long though to have enough space.
- There is not enough room here. Commuter traffic is too high.
- People treat the whole bike path like an off leash dog park already. Having one will only encourage it with the idea that it's allowed some places.
- Because we need a park to get the dogs off of the bike path so they don't get hit by the bikers
- Only for smaller dogs.
- Much too congested
- This seems more accessible without the need to drive and has access by the T. Would recommend this location to increase access for all.
- Much too congested
- There are so many dogs on the path so this would be an ideal spot. Plus it would be great to be off the path because of the bikers!
- Much needed in this area.
- This is a great spot because there are lots of dogs on the bike path and the maxwell green private park is too small.
- much better location near Davis sq and more dog owners.
- Many dogs walk the path, a park on the path gives them a safe public place to play.
- Anywhere along the path would be convenient for lots of people and provide safety for people using the path by having people around.
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- Easily accessible by pedestrians and won't be disruptive to another park. Parking available in Davis Square if needed.
- It would be great to have a park here, but I suspect it's not enough room?
- Centrally located and linear nature works well as in Zero Washington.
- This is not West Somerville
- too busy with kids and bikes
- This would be the best place to put a dog park, because I see a lot of people with dogs in Davis. It's also easily accessible by public transportation and could bring more business to Davis Square businesses.
- Not enough room for a dog park, and too much pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- Sounds good
- This would certainly be the most convenient for dog owners, as it is where many already walk their dogs. I imagine neighbors wouldn't welcome it, though. It's a shame because it's really the ideal spot.

- I would love a park on the community path, as long as it is adequately sized! Lots of people already walk their dogs along the community path, so it would be a highly accessible spot. I don't think the space pictured would be large enough.
- This would be a fabulous location; lots of dogs travel this route now.
- Yes please! There are so many dogs walking this path already that it would be the perfect stop along the route, and it's accessible by T!
- Given the pedestrian traffic, including parents with children, I don't think it makes good sense to intersperse that with dogs who want to chase each other and have fun.
- I think the community path is a bad choice for a dog park. It is a very busy area with lots of walkers and cyclists. We don't need any more off-leash dogs in this area.
- It's a great location but is there really enough space? I'd need to know more
- No parking
- too small
- Convenient location a lot of pet owners can walk safely to.
- This would be a great, central location between Alewife and Union
- This place would be perfect! It's close to transit, and dog walkers could bike down the path!
- This would be a great location.
- This would be the best option!
- This would be ideal as it is convenient for dog owners in the Davis and Porter Square area to walk to. It is long enough and wide enough for a good size park.
- Various spots on the Community Path were previously considered and ruled out because of limited available space, dense foot traffic and parking/accessibility issues.
- Too small and congested
- Way too much foot traffic, which can cause a lot of anxiety for dogs in the park. Also, it would limit access to this part of the bike path for dogs who can't comfortably pass other groups of dogs. I work with several pups who are fine walking by one dog at a time, but who will become extremely agitated when walking by a full dog park. A park on this part of the bike path would definitely limit my ability to use the bike path to walk into Davis with my own dogs, and I know that would be the case for several of my dog walking clients as well.
- If you could get a big enough space this location would be ideal. So many dog owners walk their dogs on the bike path. I believe a place just for dogs would also improve the environment for walkers and bikers.
- On the Path is nice, but the space seems pretty narrow. Other areas on the path are larger.
- Just fence the entire area rather than fencing off a part of the land.
- This is the best place for a dog park
- It appears to be a very busy place and there would only be room for a small enclosed area. It is not in West Somerville.
- Love it.
- no parking options, not easy to access

- Unlike the Verizon site this area is too residential to have a dog park.
- The Community Path would provide better access to a larger part of Somerville.
- Too congested with human traffic and residents. Would probably be disruptive for local residents. Parking would also be an issue.
- It's already very crowded there and the bike path is already in high use by dogs.
- "The community path is actively used by walkers (of dogs too) and cyclists. Why carve out a piece of this.
- easily accessible
- The land is too steep
- This would be a fantastic place for a dog park, as there already are many dogs that take walks on this path and it is not a pleasant area visually so it would not detract from the path experience. With the extension of the path with the green line changes this is the best decision for a long term plan.
- Too close to non dogs(people) who don't want to smell dog poop and too congested to handle even more activity
- This would be good but the space isn't as big as the Verizon site.
- Where will people park??
- Dog parks stink! Please don't do that to the people who use that path and live there.
- With some fencing so dogs don't get in the way of bikes, this is a good location that is available to a lot of people.
- Again, narrow but long could work, would need to be graded. Very convenient for many west Somerville residents to get to.
- Way too small and heavy foot traffic. I regularly walk my dog on the path between Lowell and Davis and this particular stretch is super busy before and after work (prime dog walking time too). Drawing more dogs to this area is a bad idea. Also, way too many residences, the dog parks can be loud with barking.
- They'll end up loose on the path
- Too sloped.
- Very narrow and close to a lot of traffic
- "Too narrow... smell from path will be tough on very nearby residents; I AM ON IT EVERY DAY
- By the way.. Correction needed it is Willow AVENUE not St.I"
- This would be great! So many dogs here anyways
- This would be an ideal place for a dog park, primarily because so many dog owners make use of the community path for walking their dogs.
- Excellent option—many people already access the community path for dog walking, so it's a no-brainer choice.
- The community path is heavily used by bicycle riders and many dogs have difficulty interacting with people on bicycles - there's a risk of collisions.
- This area is too small for a dog park and is located on a hill that gets muddy.
- Would LOVE to have one here. It is easy to get to for so many people
- Is there nearby parking?

- That stretch of path is already a bit congested and suffers from poor drainage. Unless these issues are solved for, I don't see it being a good location.
- This area is already too congested. If anything, we need a wider path here for the volume of people walking, jogging, biking and skating this route. This is also quite close to apartments which could create noise conflicts.
- I don't want more dogs on the community path
- embedded in residential neighborhood
- This is an area already used by dogs on leash and would enhance this space.
- Not sure the hill is suitable. Could it be leveled?
- I don't think having a dog park on the Community Path at any point is a good idea. Though it would be convenient for dog owners, I can see the space easily becoming too congested.
- Absolutely not!! People already let their dogs run without leashes on the path creating hazards for bicyclists and also for those like me who do not want people's unleashed dogs approaching me. This path is for humans!!
- Good central location with easy accessibility from the path.
- "But would probably need to be small, and may be difficult to get to for those truly in the West part of the city.
- Far too much foot and bike traffic-dogs would cause considerable danger to themselves and to the thousands of regular users.
- The foot and dog traffic is too high, it would be overwhelming.
- Too near lots of houses... the barking will bother people. Also too small.
- This option is far more pedestrian friendly than the ones across Alewife brook pkway, and more centrally located!
- The area is pretty small.
- The area is already busy with pedestrians and cyclists.
- This is more central to people who live in West Somerville. However, it is a bit small.
- I like the placement on the Community Path because the Path is a somewhat isolated thru-area and could benefit from having a section that's a destination. In addition, families with young children could go there to see the dogs while also being surrounded by greenery and removed from traffic danger. The location is also very much in West Somerville.
- Far too small for a dog park.
- Great spot, lots of dogs walk on this path and would be good to have an off-leash dog park for them to run around instead of being off-leash and getting in the way of runners/cyclists.
- This is a good central location and would hopefully keep people from bringing dogs to Hodgkins Park.
- This is a good location for me
- "Somerville central. Already used as a de facto dog park.
- Must be fully enclosed."
- yes this would be great! And would allow for a nice walk along the path to get there.
- Good idea due to the fact that patrons and dogs can have safe access.

- The Community Path is already over-developed as it is; there is no need for a fenced in dog-area which would mean development and further removing trees and lessening green space.
- Although this would be very convenient, there are a lot of off-leash dogs in this area despite the rules and I suspect it might cause some issues.

6. Is the Community Path (Willow Street to Cedar Street) suitable for a dog park?

- a. Yes – 112
- b. No – 62
- c. Blank – 14

Comments:

- This area is already well utilized and turning it into a dog park would probably raise a lot of concerns amongst the non-dog people in the area (NOTE: I live a block from here and have a dog).
- Nice, easily accessible. Not sure if the stench would bother neighbors though.
- I like that this area is accessible and not too close to busy streets.
- I could imagine this being an "off-leash zone" someday, but not as THE west Somerville dog park. It looks very small. Also, geographically, I think it's a stretch to call this West Somerville. I think of Wards 7 and 6 as being West, and this seems like it might be Ward 5 or very close to it. Again, every small space the city can provide for our dogs to play is welcomed, but this one would not be high priority.
- This is not ideal. It is a 30 minute walk from Ward 7.
- Yes!! Super conveniently located for us.
- This space is already heavily used by pedestrians and bikers and kids. Not enough space.
- Anything on the path works
- Only for smaller dogs.
- Much too congested already
- This seems more accessible without the need to drive and has access by the T. Would recommend this location to increase access for all.
- Much too congested already
- There are so many dogs on the path so this would be an ideal spot. Plus it would be great to be off the path because of the bikers!
- this is a good location too!
- Many dogs walk the path, a park on the path gives them a safe public place to play.
- Easily accessible by pedestrians, parking available on street
- There's more space here and perhaps far enough away from the houses that people won't complain?
- Same as above.
- This is not West Somerville
- Why not?

- I would love a park on the community path, as long as it is adequately sized! Lots of people already walk their dogs along the community path, so it would be a highly accessible spot. This spot seems to have a little more room than the other proposed location, but still seems too small.
- This would be a fabulous location; lots of dogs travel this route now.
- Yes yes yes! There are so many dogs walking this path already that it would be the perfect stop along the route, and it's accessible by T! This is also in a more central Somerville location which is great.
- Same reason as for last example.
- I think the community path is a bad choice for a dog park. It is a very busy area with lots of walkers and cyclists. We don't need any more off-leash dogs in this area.
- Same as before. Space issue
- too small and too many bikes and kids
- Convenient location a lot of pet owners can walk safely to.
- Again - a bit too far, but better than Alewife.
- Accessible to walkers rather than requiring everyone to drive there.
- See response re Community Path locations. In addition, there's a children's playground nearby and residents have previously objected to a dog park being too close to that. There are also flooding issues in several locations along this portion of the Community Path, and the soil has tested positive for arsenic, which would provide a potential health hazard to the dogs. Lastly, this section of the Community Path cuts through a densely populated area and noise levels might be objectionable to nearby residents.
- Too small and congested
- limit access to this part of the bike path for dogs who can't comfortably pass other groups of dogs. I work with several pups who are fine walking by one dog at a time, but who will become extremely agitated when walking by a full dog park. A park on this part of the bike path would definitely limit my ability to use the bike path to walk into Davis with my own dogs, and I know that would be the case for several of my dog walking clients as well.
- Same reasons as listed for previous park. Very family community area. Would be great to have a park for dogs.
- I'm not sure where exactly this is. Abutting Lexington Park might work well.
- very busy location with children, bikes, and many leashed dogs
- no parking, not easy to access unless walking
- Unlike the Verizon site this area is too residential to have a dog park.
- Same response as above - better access for a broader section of Somerville.
- Too congested with human traffic, would be disruptive to home owners and there is no parking.
- This would also be a fantastic place for a dog park, as there already are many dogs that take walks on this path. With the extension of the path with the green line changes this is the best decision for a long term plan.
- This would be good but the space is not as big as the Verizon site.

- See above. That area is too dense.
- With some fencing so dogs don't get in the way of bikes, this is a good location that is available to a lot of people.
- Good use for that space. Marley be a little small.
- Same reason as above. Please, no dog parks along the path!
- Same comments as Davis to Willow AVENUE
- This would be great! So many dogs here anyways
- This would be an ideal place for a dog park, primarily because so many dog owners make use of the community path for walking their dogs.
- Excellent option—many people already access the community path for dog walking, so it's a no-brainer choice.
- This is a central and flat location within west Somerville that is easily accessible via the bike path and Cedar St. However, I think this area of the bike path is pretty with grass and would not want that green-space to be removed. So much of the bike path does not have grass due to shade and foot traffic that the places that do should be preserved.
- also Would LOVE to have one here. It is easy to get to for so many people
- Is there nearby parking?
- This area is already too congested for the volume of people walking, jogging, biking and skating this route. If anything, we need a wider trail here.
- I don't want more dogs clogging up the community path
- embedded in neighborhood
- This is also an area already used by dogs on leash and would enhance this space.
- Seems more level.
- I don't think having a dog park on the Community Path at any point is a good idea. Though it would be convenient for dog owners, I can see the space easily becoming too congested.
- Good central location with easy accessibility from the path.
- Same as above.
- Seems more manageable than the closer-to-Davis stretch.
- Too near lots of houses ... the barking will bother people. Also too small.
- This option is far more pedestrian friendly than the ones across Alewife brook pkway, and more centrally located!
- Same as above--too much else going on in a small space.
- This area would be better suited to a dog park, it could be a long run and is currently used by dog owners now anyway.
- Same reasons as for between Davis and Willow, although it's getting a bit East for West Somerville residents.
- The bike path should be turned into a fully functioning park for the people of Somerville.
- Similar comment to above regarding a dog park on/near the community path- lots of dogs walk on this path and would be good to have an off-leash dog park for them to run around instead of being off-leash and getting in the way of runners/cyclists.

- this is a good location for me
- Not West Somerville.
- yes this would be great! And would allow for a nice walk along the path to get there.
- The Community Path is already over-developed as it is; there is no need for a fenced in dog-area which would mean development and further removing trees and lessening green space.

7. Is the Verizon Site (110 Willow Avenue) suitable for a dog park?

- Yes – 125
- No – 41
- Blank – 22

Comments:

- This space seems underutilized and a dog park would be a great addition here.
- Best choice: abandoned factory means no complaints from neighbors, lots of unused room, easy access.
- I like that this area is accessible and not too close to busy streets.
- At least not as currently constituted. It's certainly big and flat and centrally located, but would need major renovation to become a safe, attractive park space. Another consideration is i imagine this land could someday go toward many other purposes, being adjacent to a large lot in a very valuable part of Somerville, whereas most of the others are already green spaces or next to parks. Also, geographically, I think it's a stretch to call this West Somerville. I think of Wards 7 and 6 as being West, and this seems like it might be Ward 5 or very close to it.
- This is not ideal. It is a 30 minute walk from Ward 7.
- Yes!! Super conveniently located for us, and has a lot of space, but is it contaminated?
- This would be my preferred location. It's not being utilized in any other way at this time.
- As long as there are no contaminants
- This area would be great, it allows enough space for dogs to be on their own if they prefer or to socialize, and it would be appropriate for many sizes. It also has a bit more separation from homes (less disturbance for residents) and potential triggers for dogs (bikes, runners, etc)
- Sidewalks by this site are already overgrown. If sidewalks were maintained, this could be a good site
- This seems more accessible without the need to drive and has access by the T. Would recommend this location to increase access for all.
- Sidewalks by this site are already overgrown. If sidewalks were maintained, this could be a good site.
- There are so many dogs on the path so this would be an ideal spot. Plus it would be great to be off the path because of the bikers!

- This would be the best spot! Big space, close to the bike path but not so close that it would disrupt the regular commuters on bikes and walking.
- Yes! considering this area is an eyesore as is, this seems like a good place!
- Many dogs walk the path, a park on the path gives them a safe public place to play.
- Only if the cement was covered with a more suitable ground cover for dogs and the area was cleaned up.
- This would be great as it's a quiet area and not currently being used for much.
- Added feature to above two is the isolation from neighboring residents and runners on the bike path.
- This is not West Somerville
- Ugly and small
- this area is poorly utilized and would be a great and easy place to install a small park
- It's close to the community path. Lots of people already walk their dogs along the community path, so it would be a highly accessible spot. This site seems like it could hold a much larger dog park than directly along the community path.
- This would be a fabulous location; lots of dogs travel this route now.
- Yes! This is right off of the community path but seems to have much more space for a dog park that's bigger than just a small rectangle, which is sorely needed in Somerville.
- Very little grass and lots of stones.
- This is a large site in a prime location. I think a much more ambitious use should be found for this site.
- I don't know this space
- too dark and scary
- Not in its current, creepy, unsafe-looking condition.
- This would be a great option.
- not familiar with that location
- This could be an ideal location for a dog park, as it provides the opportunity for parking, is located behind a block of businesses and has proximity to the Community Path, making it a convenient location for owners on foot to use it.
- This seems like a wasteland so it would be great to convert to something useful!
- This is a nice spot because it's easy to get to, but still somewhat secluded.
- Absolutely! I often take my dog there and let him run around. Seems such a shame to not utilize this space. Could also possibly increase attention to the litter that goes unattended right in front of the building. Seems this area is neglected.
- This would be a great spot, it's large enough and right on the Path.
- There's so much dead space there
- If enough space is used and well designed it would be excellent though probably not exactly in West Som
- parking/easy access
- Of all the sites I feel like this is the most centrally located and many people already use the bike path to walk dogs-- having an extra off leash area seems great. Every time we go by this site I'm shocked that there is unused land in such a desirable area.

- I also love how shaded it is in this photo. That is ideal for a dog park (and completely unlike Nutziano and the long narrow park in East Somerville which have no shade).
- What type of clean up would be necessary at this site? Could be cost prohibitive.
- This would be a fantastic location providing the parking lot would be open to park users.
- If there is off street parking made.
- This would be a good spot since it is secluded and would not bother home owners nearby. Overall this would be a good spot - on the path would be better but this is a close second.
- This would be ideal as it is conveniently located on the bike path, is already enclosed, and is a great size. It is directly between other dog parks that are each about 1.5 miles from here and would be easy to find and use without inconveniencing anyone.
- See above. Too dense.
- Barren land already, just add a fence. But I wouldn't call this West Somerville.
- Yes! What is this space used for otherwise currently, other than to be creepy.
- Same as above. If the city has the opportunity to use this Verizon space, there are better community uses
- If it's safe for the dogs. Looks a little questionable but not bad
- Seems great reuse.
- under utilized, unsightly space that is centrally located.
- Parking for site will be a problem; Charge for any non-Somerville folks
- This is the best location! Centrally located, big enough to hold a lot of dogs
- This would be an ideal place for a dog park, primarily because so many dog owners make use of the community path for walking their dogs. This location, especially, would be a great re-use of a currently inactive eyesore.
- The proximity to the community path makes this a good site. If I am remembering correctly, it's a big site, which would be great for our dogs living in small apartments.
- I used to take my dog here and have always thought it should be a dog park. It is under-utilized land right next to the bike path and has been an eyesore for a long time. It is far from houses in most directions so noise would be less of an issue than the other proposed sites. Finally, it is large, and could accommodate both large and small dogs. I whole-heartedly support making this land a dog park.
- also - Would LOVE to have one here. It is easy to get to for so many people
- Great site.
- Would really rather see a general open space here by this beautiful old building. This a prime large park potential location. Having a dog park adjacent to the bike path could also generate higher volumes of dogs on an already narrow bike path.
- Anything is better than the eyesore of this site today
- don't know this site
- This area needs help already!!!
- This seems the most suitable as it is not against a pedestrian path.
- I think this would be a great space! It's easily accessible from the community path but still a bit more private than right on the path.

- Good central location with easy accessibility from the path.
- As you can see, I'm in favor of ANY site!
- This seems perfect! Close to the bike path but big enough not to overwhelm the bike path!
- Not good access from any walking paths
- Concerns about whether there is environmental mitigation this site might need?
- Unfamiliar with site.
- This would be ideal! Large, central within West Somerville and large.
- Great big area, just off the Community Path. Can still be a destination for dog owners and visiting families using the streets or Path.
- It is currently privately held.
- This would be the best spot- easy access from the path from everyone who walks their dog on the path, while also not taking away any of the area from the path.
- this is a good location for me
- Same as above.
- Well it certainly looks like this is a waste of space otherwise, so seems like a great candidate.
- Sure; this area is already developed and is currently a paved-over eyesore so it wouldn't be intrusive nor ruin the already-existing scarce City green space.

8. Is Bailey Park (Belmont Street and Lowell Street near Summer Street) suitable for a dog park?
- a. Yes – 80
 - b. No – 68
 - c. Blank – 40

Comments:

- Seems too small.
- I think this would be an AWESOME spot for a dog park!! Beautiful and not too pedestrian heavy.
- Seems to be too hilly, too close to houses.
- Looks like a very suitable location, but again, is this really West Somerville? It's squarely in Spring Hill, and isn't far from Somerville Ave/Cambridge.
- This is not ideal. It is a 35+ minute walk from Ward 7.
- further west!
- Too far.
- Personally, this is too far away for me.
- "52 Porter Street
- Unit #1"
- No because that's where I hung around when I was a kid
- This area would be great, it allows enough space for dogs to be on their own if they prefer or to socialize, and it would be appropriate for many sizes.

- No. One of the few nice, grassy sites in Somerville. Don't turn it into a stinky dog park.
- Potentially - still a bit too far from public transport.
- No. One of the few nice, grassy sites in Somerville. Don't turn it into a stinky dog park.
- "98 Highland Road
- Unit 1"
- not central enough
- yes, but it does not answer the need for a park in WEST somerville.
- This area is close, but not necessarily close enough to the park in union square, so it'd be nice to have one that didn't involve driving to the dog park.
- The neighbors would complain.
- I wouldn't recommend having a dog park that close to a residence.
- It's nice to have the green space there.
- Too small. Dog park would take up too much space.
- This is not West Somerville.
- small
- I think there are too many abutters close by
- Yes, if a large portion of the park were to be fenced in. Many people already bring their dogs to this park (leashed).
- I'm not really familiar with this location.
- I think this would be great for space purposes, but it might be too close to Nunziato for the people living way out in west Somerville. But I live near Porter so I definitely would love this!
- 11 CRESCENT ST
- I think once you get into residential areas you take the risk of making it accessible to just the people in the neighborhood as there are few parking options
- This is too close to the dog park on Summer St.
- 128 Cedar Street
- Too far away for many people to get to easily. People in that location aren't that far from the Union Sq. Dog Park
- My only concerns here are that its in a primarily residential area. And I wonder if it makes sense, given its size, to chop it up for human/dog use.
- 54 Meacham Road
- A nice place to go and sit now but not fenced in.
- This is getting pretty close to the Nunziato dog park.
- nice shade.... is it large enough for enclosed space?
- Too far from Davis.
- parking?
- I know it's silly but it's a pain to walk up and down the hill of Lowell Street. Park is also extremely limited and it's too residential.
- Is this site considered West Somerville, quite the imagination.
- Would be disruptive to local home owners and would cause a parking issue.

- "26 Simpson Avenue
- apt 1"
- "There is already a dog park right near by - that far south is not helpful for a dog park location. Nunziato Field and Dog Park is the name.
- This is relatively close to nunziato do not as convenient to those without easy access to a dog park.
- No. Too dense
- This is not West Somerville if that who were trying to add access for.
- Looks pretty open. Like it
- Too close to residences.
- Too sloped, not really west Somerville.
- 12 Summit St
- "too small an area, and too close to nearby homes..
- An attractive nuisance."
- OK, but that's getting closer to Nunziato.
- This park is under-utilized and not well maintained. It is essentially a dog park already, just without a fence. I support having all or part of this park be a dog park for the Spring Hill community. Ideally this would supplement a dog park at the Verizon location near Davis Square.
- This park seems starved for programming.
- 5 Windsor Rd
- don't know this site
- I'd be pretty ticked if my house was right there. Dog parks are loud and can be pretty stinky in summer.
- I would prefer for unused spaces to be transformed into dog parks rather than "taking" spaces that are currently designated for people.
- Only 0.7 miles from Nunziato dog park.
- "I LOVE this idea, as this park gets very little use besides dog walking already. Although this is technically central Somerville, it's my top pick.
- This is a terrific green space where my dogs always want to run around!
- Too near lots of houses ... the barking will bother people. Also too small.
- Too far east to serve folks west of Davis. Folks in this watershed can already walk to Nunziato.
- "This park is getting close to Union Sq so isn't much help to residents Davis Sq and westward.
- This park is small and abuts numerous residential buildings. Note that the abutting high-rise former nursing school is being developed into about 25 condos, which would raise to at least 75 the number of neighbors affected by the amount of noise, chaos, and parking a dog park would bring.
- Looks like it would be a nice dog park, but geographically it feels like it's not central within West Somerville and closer to other existing dog parks.

- Bailey is a pretty little park near two crazy-active playgrounds. It would be a shame to cut it up or eliminate it for a dog park when there are better options on the Community Path.
- I have a feeling neighbors would object to the use though due to noise.
- no idea where this is
- Not West Somerville.
- Is this otherwise just an empty bit of grass? Then yes, looks like wasted space otherwise, time for dog park.
- Nice space however, neighbors may not approve of increase noise and parking. Enforcement of dog rules for parks in Somerville lack consistency.
- This area is already over-developed as it is; there is no need for a fenced in dog-area which would mean development and further removing trees and lessening green space of this small plot of natural land.

9. Is the Fire Station (Somerville Avenue and Lowell Street) suitable for a dog park?

- a. Yes – 84
- b. No – 61
- c. Blank – 43

Comments:

- YES!!! A dog park here would be amazing!!
- Too hilly.
- Don't like the steep slope, proximity to Somerville Ave, or distance from West Somerville.
- This is not ideal. It is a 40 minute walk from Ward 7.
- West....
- Too far.
- This looks like a good location too - relatively clear of a lot of homes.
- Very busy area and also the fire station is a lovely area. Plus the dogs and owners coming in and out would create a hazard in front of the fire station blocking access in emergencies at some point.
- Too close to the former 655 Lounge
- Not much parking nearby if it is the location I am thinking of
- Too far from public transport.
- Not much parking nearby if it is the location I am thinking of
- not WEST somerville.
- This area is close, but not necessarily close enough to the park in union square, so it'd be nice to have one that didn't involve driving to the dog park.
- Not in West Somerville!
- Slope of hill too steep.
- This is not West Somerville.

- I mean, you may as well be in Union Square at this point.
- Too far
- It doesn't seem flat enough for safe running around.
- I'm not really familiar with this location.
- I think this would be great for space purposes, but it might be too close to Nunziato for the people living way out in west Somerville. But, I live near Porter so I definitely would love this!
- I don't know this space
- This is too close to the dog park on Summer St.
- Suitable place, but close enough to Union, where there are 2 dog parks. It would be great to have a park somewhere closer to the west end of the city
- Too far for many
- If the fire station remains in that location, the loud noises from the station alarms and firetrucks would be scary for many dogs. Adequate parking would have to be available, as well
- Don't know
- A lot of street noise and traffic, which can be hard for a lot of dogs.
- I do not think the area is big enough. Busy on the Ave. Best to keep a park tucked away on a side st I think.
- Interaction with the fire station might be a nice feature of this location, but it's also pretty close to Nunziato.
- I am not familiar with this location
- Space is better suited for open space or park. Not for dogs.
- access
- This is also centrally located and seems to have more space between where the park would be and the surrounding houses. It is also a busy area so the added popularity would be easier to absorb.
- Since when is this considered West Somerville
- To residential. Would be disruptive. Also close to nunziato. Would like to see the parks spread out a little more.
- dogs may be scared of traffic/train and siren noise
- Too steep
- This is not really west in somerville - this community already has access to dog parks nearby in Cambridge. Won't help the issue.
- What is definition if west somerville?
- This space is not very big and is relatively close to nunziato.
- No!
- Again, not West Somerville, though.
- If graded, could be okay
- Maybe. Not yes or no, but better than Bailey.
- This space is back there??? Open this up!
- Too sloped, not really west Somerville
- Too small an area


- This location appears to offer challenges with landscaping for an outdoor space suitable for dogs to enjoy.
- Good as long as the permitted street parking is decent.
- I would support a dog park here as long as there is not a clear cut of the trees. The small urban forest at this location is rare in the city. I live close by and have observed that the trees are popular with birds. I would not support any proposal that would remove the trees.
- Dogs and fire stations seem to like each other
- I don't know this area well, but it looks great!
- Again great because it is not near pedestrian path and no against resident housing. The hill could be challenging though.
- A little far for me personally, but seems like an okay place.
- Absolutely not!! this should be turned into open space for humans not dogs!!!
- Only 0.8 miles from Nunziato park.
- Easy parking access.
- Too busy/noisy/car fumes
- Too near lots of houses ... the barking will bother people. Also too small.
- Too far east to serve folks west of Davis. Folks in this walkshed can already walk to Nunziato.
- It's a bit further East than might be helpful, but the fire fighters are often dog folks themselves, so I'm sure would welcome the park.
- Drawback is that it is steep. This parcel is also close to residences but it's large enough so that the dog area might be able to be situated far enough away from them.
- Looks like it, but again, not central within West Somerville.
- It's fine as a location in general (if the fire station is removed?), but it's way too far from West Somerville. It's closer to Nunziato Field than it is to Davis Square.
- If this site is to be developed as open space, park land, it is simply too good of a site to lock up as a dog park.
- This isn't West Somerville. Unless parking can be provided I don't think people would journey this far to bring their dogs.
- Its ok but far from me. You don't make it easy to see where these would be- you should put a map in this survey
- Not West Somerville.
- I have no idea where this is.
- Great space due to the fact little else around it.

10. Is Dickerman Playground (Craigie Street and Kimball Street) suitable for a dog park?

- a. Yes – 62
- b. No – 85
- c. Blank – 41

Comments:

- Seems too small and would be taking part of a playground.
- This would be GREAT!!
- Doesn't seem to have enough space.
- Yes, but not a high preference. Very small, and in Spring Hill, which I don't really think of as West Somerville.
- This is not ideal. It is a 40 minute walk from Ward 7.
- Too far.
- Personally, this is too far away for me.
- Already heavy use by kids.
- This park might work but it's not centrally located
- Too nice to turn into a dog park
- Too far from public transport.
- Too nice to turn into a dog park
- not west somerville, and it is nice as it is.
- Not in West Somerville. Neighbors would complain.
- I wouldn't recommend having a dog park that close to a residence.
- Park too small.
- This is not West Somerville
- do not remove a playground
- There's already a playground for kids there. I don't think we should take it away.
- too far
- a lot of children are afraid of dogs and people may abuse the area and let dog off leash in non designated area
- Doesn't seem to be enough space.
- I'm not really familiar with this location.
- I love it because I live by porter and it's perfect distance-wise!
- Again, in a neighborhood it tends to become for just the neighborhood
- This is too close to the dog park on Summer St.
- Suitable place, but close enough to Union, where there are 2 dog parks. It would be great to have a park somewhere closer to the west end of the city
- Might bother neighboring homes??
- if the goal is to make that a space shared by kids and dogs (with some division), many parents will object to the proximity of kids to the dogs. That situation exists to some degree at Nunziato, by the fence line dividing the Athletic Field from the dog park and owners/walkers as well as those supervising kids on the other side must be keenly aware at all times of the behavior of both.
- Again, I won't say no to any possible dog park, but converting a playground into a space for dogs does not seem right and might cause tension with the neighborhood.
- Too close to playground, not safe.
- Seems like the playground is a place where children like to go. I have seen lots of families use the park. May not be fair to take that space away.

- Also close to Nunziato.
- looks lovely.... large enough? fenced area?
- Too far from Davis but one is needed in this area too.
- access
- This is a nice field area for kids that is never taken up by sport practices.
- Too close to the playground
- Certainly not West Somerville.
- This park looks newly renovated for young kids. 1) it would take away from those kids and 2) not all dogs are good with kids which will present a problem.
- this area is great for dogs and might be mixed use. dogs from 6am-9pm and 6pm-9pm, similar to cambridge rules.
- This is not really west in somerville - this community already has access to dog parks. Won't help.
- This is relatively close to nunziato.
- No! Leave it for the kids
- I think some kids are afraid of dogs, or don't know how to interact with them. Is there experience of dog parks coupled with kids areas? Does it work out ok? I just have an image of a little kid opening the gate and letting all the dogs out. Sensing opportune time for song reference... Hmm..
- Please do NOT turn playground/kid park space into dog park space! If that space needs to be better designed for kid use, let's do that. But we have such limited space for kids now, and giving up any of it is too much! Especially since so much of the existing space is not accessible (Conway, Trum).
- Already has a use
- Like having grass and no dogs here. Not really West Somerville.
- another attractive nuisance
- This space is too small for a dog park. It is also enjoyed by many people and children for picnics and playing. I do not support making this into a dog park.
- Already a playground, do not want to create dog owners vs. parents rift or value judgment by proposing replacement of existing community resource
- Too close to where little kids play
- Not good near playground; and again noise/smell factor for residents abutting the park
- As a dog owner, I don't go to dog parks where children may also be present just because my dog isn't always kid friendly and I don't want to take any risks.
- I didn't know about this playground, but would only be for the dog park if this playground is not in heavy use by children. Bad optics to take something from kids.
- Not sure where this is, but sure!
- I'm not familiar with this space, but many Somerville dog owners also have small kids, so if my husband and I went together we could get exercise for the kid and the dog!
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- Too near lots of houses ... the barking will bother people. Also too small.

- Too far east to serve folks west of Davis. Folks in this watershed can already walk to Nunziato.
- High density residential area and small.
- My real opinion is maybe--again, too close to several residences. But I live nearby and know the playground is badly underutilized.
- Looks like it might be okay. I like the community path and the RCN building on Willow the best.
- Too far from West Somerville, and why compromise a playground aimed at very small children? It's one thing for parents to bring their small children to the outside of the fence at a dog park to see the dogs, it's another thing to always share space with them at the playground. At least at Lincoln Park the playground and dog park are separated.
- This is already a multiple use park with a play ground and community gardens.
- This location is not even close to West Somerville or convenient enough to dog owners to entice them to stop using parks in West Somerville.
- this is ok but far from me
- Not West Somerville.
- Sure!
- Only a small dog park could fit here.
- Children play here from all over the city; cordoning off and parsing up this playground and green space for a fenced-in dog area would lessen the curb appeal and cause public nuisance with dog noise. Let the playground remain the valuable scarce green space it currently is.

11. If you don't think that any of these locations would be suitable for a dog park, please tell us why in the space below.

- You need to pick one or two as a dog park because Somerville is a dog friendly city and they need to have a room to run around with their friends
- I think the Verizon site and Alewife north site are the best choices
- I think the Verizon site and Alewife north site are the best choices
- I entered comments on two sites as no just because they are very close to homes. I would suggest a location where there is some amount of street parking. Many dog walkers use the dog parks and they bring their clients over by car.
- The DCR property and surrounding area is presently well suited for recreational use by all residents of the city, including dog owners. There is no reason to restrict already limited green space to exclusive use by dog owners.
- I answered this question at each site
- "No need for a dog park.
- The only one that will work is dilboy. It is far enough from houses that the stench should not impact people living and walking nearby, unlike all the other sites
- Comments with each park above.
- Most of these locations are not in west Somerville. Is there anything near Davis?

- I think I have articulated my opposition to dog parks in general. I know this is not the prevailing sentiment in this dog crazy culture. But if there had to be one it should not be near the Mystic River (or any waterway or wetland) and it should not be on the Community Path.
- See first comment
- "Too many of the sites are near wetlands, and it is not appropriate to put dog parks near wetlands. The other sites are either too small, need to be fully developed as parks for people, or are privately held.
- location is my most important point
- West Somerville should be clearly defined. From my vantage point, west of Willow Ave.
- The Verizon locale would be the only site that wouldn't cordon off and destroy an already-existing piece of scarce green space in the city and insert a fenced-in dog area. The other locations listed would do just that; the City cannot afford to lose another foot of natural space.

12. What is your zip code?

- a. 02138 – 2
- b. 02139 – 1
- c. 02140 – 6
- d. 02143 – 21
- e. 02144 – 116
- f. 02145 – 16
- g. 02155 – 9
- h. 02474 – 1
- i. Blank – 16

13. Do you have a dog?

- a. No – 41
- b. Yes – 138
- c. Blank – 9

14. Do you visit any of the area's dog parks or parks that include dog parks?

- a. No – 49
- b. Yes – 128
- c. Blank – 11

15. What do you like/not like about the parks you visit? Please make sure to tell us which park(s) you are talking about.

- We occasionally visit the one on Vinal Ave, but it is too far away. I like the size of that park.
- We mostly frequent Nunziato, love the community there -everyone is welcoming and kind. However the park itself is gross, often disgustingly muddy or dry and dusty. It often floods. A water tap would be nice, like the one in Arlington's Thorndike.
- I love the dog park near Alewife, but it's really far.

- "like: the size of nunziato
- dislike: the size of the maxwell's green park, dirt only parks, lack of water sources "
- I visit a lot of parks and I live them but my dog needs more space to be free and not on a leash
- We often visit the dog park adjacent to Thorndike Field and Alewife Station in East Arlington. We like that it's spacious, has natural shade/cover from a large old tree, plenty of benches for humans to sit and relax, has water spickets and bowls provided.
- "Nunziato gets really muddy in wet weather. There is no cover in inclement weather. Nunziato has no water supply, which is problematic in the summer. Parking can be a challenge, and it is too far to walk for residents of West Somerville.
- Thorndike has a tree for shade in the summer, but no cover, but parking can be a challenge when the field is used for soccer tournaments.
- Danehy is fantastic.
- The Medford dog park is fantastic."
- They need shade and places for owners to sit. Thorndike Park in Arlington is ideal.
- Needs fence, running water, poop bags, trash cans, and gravel is better than plastic grass. We go to the small one in Maxwell Glen and in Arlington near Alewife
- "Union is dusty
- Alewife is nice because it has shade, benches and water.
- We also like double-gate/dual entry
- We like the obstacle course stuff too at Alewife!"
- The ground covering material at Nunziato makes a big mess, although I find that the size and layout of the park allows for the dogs to run together which is a nice feature. At Danehy, the rocks covering the ground are too large to be comfortable for my medium sized (30 lbs) dog to run on. Having the tree in the middle of Thorndike park is a really nice feature.
- "I'm responding here because the no didn't offer a way to provide a comment.
- The reason my dog and I do not visit any of the dog parks now is that they aren't conveniently located for us."
- They are stinky! And they are overrun by people walking large groups of dogs. My dog likes to run, but she is small and doesn't like being surrounded by a dozen strange dogs at one time.
- I go to the one in Fresh Pond. I like that it has a closed area but also open space where my dog can walk off leash. Would love for there to be a watering hole and some green off leash space. Don't like that I have to drive there.
- They are stinky! And they are overrun by people walking large groups of dogs. My dog likes to run, but she is small and doesn't like being surrounded by a dozen strange dogs at one time.
- Union is too dirty, New Washington is hard to get to and all bigger dogs. Alewife is the nicest but far away.
- Sometimes I take care of my friend's dog and I might get one of my own!
- the existing dog parks in Somerville are too far from West Somerville, so we really do not use them regularly.
- Somerville Junction park is nice, but there is no enclosed area for dogs to play. I really like the size and openness of Nunziato park, but the dirt is not the best and it frequently turns to mud.

- I don't like the gravel
- My favorite dog parks are grassy areas with structures for the dogs to play on :)
- I can't have dogs in my building so it's nice to have them around but the park in Union Square is very old and needs to be updated (there is a plan for it). Once the update happens, hopefully there will be enough seating for even non-dog owners to sit and enjoy.
- I like the Arlington dog park the best (off of the path). It has enough space, some obstacles for the dog. However, it would be great if there was a dog park that wasn't with those tiny stones as it bothers my dog's paws.
- Zero has too many puddles and not central to city or W. Somerville. Union square is too much like a vacant lot and no ground cover. Like Arlington dog park the most. Well used and well landscaped with dog amenities and parking.
- My property borders the DCR land in West Somerville. People already take their dogs to this area without making certain areas off limits to other uses.
- The Pemberton St. (N Cambridge) dog run is nice, but it gets puddles after it rains that sometimes take days to disappear - not good for guardians of dogs who like to get into every puddle they see. The field across the street is nice and big but (a) technically dogs can't be off leash there, and (b) it isn't completely fenced in, so dogs can and do run out. The next nearest fenced in dog park from there is Danehy, which takes a while to get to by foot.
- I like Union Square, but it's far. I don't like the one on New Washington St. It's too long and skinny, and I can't walk from one end to the other without my dog freaking out that I'm leaving her behind.
- Like dog parks although sometimes people bring dogs that are not friendly or well-behaved.
- "Corcoran/Raymond park: excellent excellent!!! Only downside is that it's not enclosed (some dogs need this). Grass is awesome for owners and dogs (while the park itself st danehy is well designed the sand/gravel is disgusting! Urine bakes in the sun and stays above ground level and offends both paws and noses.
- Raymond is just lovely with many kinds of things: garden, playground, basketball courts, baseball diamond and soccer fields. Awesome all around."
- Too far away (nunziato field)
- We sometimes drive to Nunziato Field (Somerville); it's a great size and our dog like the dirt (as opposed to deep gravel at other parks). We also go to Pemberton in Cambridge, but the shape/size is less ideal. My dog likes when there's space to explore and run around.
- "We visit the Arlington park nearish to Spy Pond off the bike path. It's fine; decent size, and I like having a separate enclosure for smaller dogs.
- We visit the Fresh Pond dog park, and it's lovely to have that amount of open space for pups to play. Love it."
- Nunziato gets muddy very easily and doesn't have seating or an overhang like Danehy. Danehy is only supposed to be used by Cambridge residents so animal control comes by to kick people out frequently. The new Washington Park is far, but the different climbing areas are fun for dogs (especially the bridge thing), and it also doesn't get muddy as often with the paved ground. I like danehy's separate small areas for small dogs and time outs.
- The one at nunziato seems to work well
- I visit Nunziano and it has ruined the grass area. Dogs are aggressive and need to be kept away from each other.

- We need an off leash area to take our dogs. It must be big enough for a number of dogs to feel comfortable. Otherwise they fight.
- I like that the dog park across from Meadow Glen Mall in Medford has 2 parks: 1 for large dogs and 1 for small. I love the dog parks, but I have to drive to it. With a dog park at Community Path, I could easily walk there with my dog.
- They are fenced-in
- The Arlington park is great. The one on Summer street doesn't have much shade.
- Nunziato isn't very clean and kept up. 00 Washington street is okay, but a park that has working fountains and spaces for big dogs and small dogs would be best
- "Nunziato: terrible drainage, needs pea stone or fake grass, no water on site, too close to nearby residents, dead trees, not maintained well.
- Leathers: not maintained well, no replenishment of pea stones, very little nearby parking.
- Zero Washington St: needs pea stone or fake grass; gazebo is badly located and has caused injury to dogs; needs divided areas for puppies/small dogs as well as a time out area. Park is generally too long to be able to adequately manage dogs (you can't get to a dog quickly if something happens). Parking is fantastic at this location. Noise isn't an issue because of location.
- Arlington (Thorndike): well laid out and maintained; multiple fenced in play areas; adequate parking and port-a-potty nearby
- Medford: well laid out; beautiful location; multiple play areas; need more water locations; "
- I walk dogs and usually go to arlington bike path park, or union square, somerville, both are very far away.
- Living in Davis Square, the closest parks are the Nunziato dog park in Union Square, which is over 2 miles away or the Thorndike dog park in Arlington, which is also almost 2 miles away. I prefer the small pebble ground cover of the Thorndike dog park as the dirt at Nunziato gets dusty in the summer and very very muddy whenever it rains. I also greatly appreciate the water spigot at the Thorndike park.
- At alewife. We like the giant tree, benches, and features like cement pipes. We don't like the pea gravel, would prefer grass but realize that's difficult.
- The gravel used at Zero New Washington is incredibly dusty, and creates a lot of mess even on dry days. It also doesn't stay in place well, so the park is often full of holes and spots where the landscaping carpeting underneath is exposed. The pea stones at Danehy dog park are difficult to navigate for humans in particularly--creating dangerous situations when folks need to get to their dogs quickly. Nunziato and New Washington St. both have very limited 'natural' features--it would be amazing to have a park option with more grass, trees, etc.
- Too far (sheepfold) or too small
- The park in East Somerville behind the High School is too small and too secluded. The park on Summer St. is old, dirty and extremely smelly. The park behind Washington st. is ok but a challenge to drive to through union.
- The Thorndike park's central tree provides a great seating area with shade on hot days. Being on the Minuteman is also helpful.
- There are none!! Only a small useless in on the community path
- Somerville avenue, crowded, no grass, little shade, no comfort for dog owners

- "I am a Dogwalker. The bigger the space, the better. And the dogs really love the agility stuff at Zero New Washington.
- There needs to be better access and parking options. Everything is in residential parking or busy streets
- Like that a lot of dogs show up to play, Like they are fenced in, dislike the lack of water feature for dogs to get water, dislike the "mud" ground cover/dirt
- Zero new washington st. is too long. It would be better to divide it into two separate areas. If dogs have disputes it take some time for the owners to get to the end and break it up. Nunziato, can get too busy. Ed Leathers is nice but a little too small. Also there is an issue with dog walkers breaking park rules.
- water in dog park is always nice in the summer!
- I do not like how crowded it gets at each park at certain times of the day. It sometimes turns dangerous because some owners do not realize when their dog is overwhelmed by the amount. In a perfect world the owners would know when to pull their dog out but having more dog parks may help this as well. (Nunziato and New Zero Washington) they are also quite large, if a fight breaks out and your dog is at the other end of the park it's harder to stop. While having room to run is amazing perhaps two sections would be a consideration for a new one if it is as large as either of those!
- "like:
- water supply
- available parking
- shade is nice but not crucial
- I actually go to Arlington dog park. It is fenced in has a climbing structure and is large and mostly wide open
- Ed Leathers, Zero New Washington. There are also many dog owners who use Foss park for off leash time for their pups. I would love it if there was a sizable dog park added there along with the other planned construction.
- "Nunziato is the closest that we visit. It's a good size (we have a bulldog who doesn't run far) and it's near to a park. We also have a baby, so bringing the dog and the baby is important.
- There is a dog park in Arlington that has a water feature in the summer for dogs to run through, that would be a nice addition considering how hot the city gets in the summer"
- the dog park on the old southern jr high site is rather far from my house.
- Please move forward with this, especially on the path which will be accessible by so many without driving!
- Nunziato: we like that there is a large and a small space so dogs can be separated if needed (small dog space and large dog space). Don't like that there is no water available and that it is a big dirt pit. We like Thorndike in Arlington a lot as an example (big tree for shade, different features for dogs to play on and in (tunnels, bridges, etc) water available, two separate spaces, two air locks for entry/exit. But honestly, we would love a big dirt pit near Davis/Porter over anything far away or close to another dog park.
- I love dogs and will get one as soon as our old cat goes. But I have walked and driven past the one on Summer Street and it is appalling, like an open sewer dome days. The one at Cobble Hill is better because it's removed from houses and pedestrian paths. The only suitable proposal is Dilboy, where it should not bother anyone.

- I enjoy parks that have smaller dog parks, like Denahey park. Having sufficient space to allow the dogs to run around and interact seems important.
- I don't spend much time in dog parks, my dog doesn't really like them. I do like the social aspect of dog parks, how they bring people together. The Summer St park smells bad. The teeny park at Maxwells Green has artificial turf, which seems so weird. I've only been to the New Washington Park once but did like that it has some of the same features as the Arlington park.
- "I don't like Nunziato. There is not a great separated space for puppies and small dogs. Too many large dogs there with unattentive owners.
- Like the concrete tubes at Zero New Washington. Dog bowls clogg at Zero New Wash.
- Perry is great if everyone follows leash rules. It's nice to run on the grass with my dog instead of stone dust. My dog loves their drinking fountain. It stays clean. "
- Not walking distance, need a car and time to go there
- large running space
- Union Square
- The Nunziato dog park is especially great: soft earth for dogs to run safely, and a large area of open space.
- Nunziato gets really filthy with mud and doog poop and pee. The good thing about Nunziato, though, is the (mostly) very high fence....many dogs need at least a 6 foot fence.
- They are far away.
- I visit the dog park in Edward Leathers Community Park in East Somerville. It is a safe enclosed space and there's a dog-height water fountain elsewhere in the park. I wish everyone would pick up after their dogs!
- I walk by the dog park on Summer St in Somerville and along the Minuteman Bike Trail in east Arlington. The dog park on the Minuteman Bike Trail is fantastic and should serve as a model for its space, layout, and features (agility equipment!). The dog park on Summer St. has a weird gravel on it that I do not like. My dog in the past did not like it either. But he loved the park in Arlington.
- I would love for somerville to become a more dog friendly city (already is but more so) more parks, more resources and more landlords to allow dogs :)
- We have a dog one week a month. Summer Street Dog Park is awesome!! Great to have bags, shade, bowls. If on a hill, somewhere that smelly runoff won't enter sidewalk during or after rainstorm would be ideal.
- I like dog parks with separate small dog areas. Water (for dogs to drink) is always nice in the summer. Good substrate (not gravel) is a plus. I think the main thing is maintenance.
- Have visited the one near Alewife (in Arlington), on Summer Street near Union (Somerville), and near Maxwell's Green. Like that they are all fenced in and like when they have some landscape screening around the edges. From a sustainability and space efficiency perspective, don't like that the area becomes single use for one purpose.
- They are smelly and noisy and they take up space that should be available to people
- Nunziato dog park and the Arlington dog park are popular, but are a long walk. Both have crushed rock/gravel so it doesn't turn into a mud pit and obstacles (trees/benches/tables) for dogs to climb on and run around.

- They built a "dog park" with the redo of Lincoln Park. The purpose of a dog park is to allow city dogs some exercise. Most dogs will cover the longest dimension of this area in about 7 steps. It is just silly.
- The closest park for dogs is on Summer St. very close to my home. Its surface has almost NO DRAINAGE at all and its surface is stone dust. As a result only dogs w/ a flat coat can play there without getting stone dust embedded in their fur or hair. This is very difficult to get out.
- Too dusty... but dogs have a blast. The park in Arlington near Alewife is the best, large and shady.
- Nunziato smells much worse than Inner Belt, and Ed Leathers park is underutilized. I would love to see a park with an enclosed off leash area that are not just little patches of gravel. I do not like that it is a 40 minute walk from my home to the closest of these parks and that whenever I frequent these dog parks I am taking a trip in a private vehicle to do so.
- We most often go to the park in Arlington. It is well tended, has double gating, an area for small/more fearful dogs and water available for the dogs plus shade for dogs and humans. It also has some agility equipment for dogs to play on. My dog doesn't really like running on the small gravel surface, however, so if it was more conveniently located we'd go to the New St park more as the crushed stone surface is much easier on her feet.
- Community growing center abuts Vinal Street dog park. I like that the park is clearly separated and not near too many residences; don't like that it's close to any and that it reduces parking in the area.
- There are no dog parks easily walkable from my house. I only go to Arlington's Thorndike field occasionally by walking down the bike path. It has stones, shade and enough room to throw a ball. I'm not fond of the parks in Somerville, they are too small or not kept up. If I have to get in a car to go somewhere with dogs, we normally go to the Fells.
- I walk past Nunziato a lot. I like watching the humans and dogs greet each other, and then separate to talk/play. It's the same quality you see at playgrounds--you can see that there are established friendships. I like that Nunziato is clean, trash/recycling cans are emptied regularly, signage is good, and it's big enough for even a big dog to stretch and run. If I were visiting Nunziato with a dog I would want more shade. Since dog pee can kill trees maybe a pergola or awning of some kind? It looks like an oven in there on a hot, sunny day.
- I use the bike path, so I have to be in proximity to the dog park at Maxwells Green. However, I believe that the proximity of this dog park to a high use area such as the bike path is not safe.
- Danehy Park- good location and accessibility/parking.
- "Alewife
- Tufts"
- Filthy. Summer and Vinal.
- Most frequently go to the one on the community path at Maxwells Green, which is small and sad and feels like a big cage, or the lovely big one on the minuteman at Alewife.
- The New Washington Street dog area in East Somerville is perfect: constructed on an already-developed parcel of land, and did not use up any natural greenspace to build a (non-green, dirt ground-cover) fenced in dog area.

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- I ran out of time to look at all the spaces.
- Having lived 5 years in Somerville without a dog and 2 with one, I can testify that dogs simply bring people closer together. It's amazing! When we get out with our dogs, we mix and mingle WAY more than we ever do otherwise. It's a wonderful investment that adds value by enhancing community engagement, bringing together people who normally would not mix, and building social capital. Please give West Somerville that opportunity as the neighborhood continues to grow!
- "Water, trash barrels for dog waste and a separate area for small dogs, or dogs that are learning to socialize are critical.
- Please keep me updated, and let me know if I can help: kcedrone@mit.edu"
- grass and tree park please: don't cover it in gravel.
- This survey has too many questions. Sorry :-)
- A small dog separation would be fantastic!
- Some of the dog parks now have large dogs that are too rough playing with smaller dogs.
- Thanks for asking for input!
- Even if a park doesn't happen, improving the number of dog poop waste pickup bags and trash cans would be great.
- Owning a dog improves the health of the owner. Happy owners = happy residents.
- Verizon site is only one I see working as it's not taking anything else away from the community to add it and has space.
- I think this is a great idea. I helped open a dog park in my former neighborhood in Jamaica Plain 14 years ago and it was a great place for neighbors. We had a couple of complaints but they were mostly from two people who complained about everything and everyone.
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- Please section off a little bit for smaller dogs or so people can train privately!
- nothing near me
- "Dogs and dog owners need to be accommodated. You can't pretend that dogs do not exist in the city, and then get upset when folks let their dogs run in areas where they are prohibited.
- Also we need more dog bag dispensers around the city. maybe an advertising opportunity."
- They are too far from where I live. Having lived in a neighborhood with several dog parks I can say they improve a neighborhood by bringing people together and they do make areas safer. However it is a good idea to have a local committee to oversee light maintenance. Like getting rid of disgusting tennis balls. It is also really good to have a water source if possible.
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- Restricting an already limited resource like open space in the City of Somerville is counterproductive. If dog owners wish to have an exclusive piece of land to allow their dogs to wander around, they should either travel to an area with more open space or privately fund a place to do so. Limiting an already scarce resource in a city environment is a poor use of resources. It would be like moving in next to an airport and complaining about airplane noise.
- Dog parks help develop community
- The more (parks) the merrier
- Thank you for doing this!
- I don't have a dog, but I do dog sit often!
- The gravel surface is hard on their paws. You find most dogs at dog parks sidelined on the pavement around them.
- Would be great if there was an option near Teele/Power House Square.
- It's important for the dog park to be sufficiently large so that bigger dogs can actually run and it doesn't cause crowding issues (which can lead to fighting). I love the idea of it being along the community path since so many dogs already walk by there every day.
- Thank you!
- Please bring another dog park to Somerville!
- If an option could be found that is somewhat centrally located and does have parking that would, to me, be the best. I also think having it outside of a neighborhood is better. Not all people like dogs around their children and it could create problems
- I love that you are considering putting in a dog park!
- I said I had a dog because I am in the process of adopting one. I had a dog eight years ago and we frequently walked on the community paths. They would definitely be my top choices.
- I would definitely recommend that the city reach out to local dog trainers and dog walkers to gather opinions about how best to structure the dog parks, and how to accommodate for safety.
- It would be a wonderful addition to add a new, dog park to our city.
- A location on the Path between Davis and Cedar (like 3, 4, or 5) would be great.
- It would help to identify features of a dog park so that everyone completing survey has the same definition of dog park. The biggest issue is if dog park means fenced in area
- Get the dogs out of Hodgkin's park.
- Whatever is done it needs to have a place for the dogs to get water and some kind of running surface that doesn't turn to mud. There is a dog park in the south end at Peters Park that is great in size and amenities please just copy that!!!!
- I would love to see new Washington St park divided into two sections. This would be very beneficial. If two dogs aren't getting along it would allow for the owners to separate them with out one having to leave. There is plenty of space for two good size areas at that location.
- I feel really lucky that we have those dog parks even though I have mentioned things I do not like about them and that Somerville is considering another space. Thank you for what you do!
- Does the city staff have anything useful to do apart from develop such questions about things that are not needed?

- "please put water spigot in Nunziato Field dog park
- Bigger parks where dogs have a chance to run work better for most dog owners. Please consider a location where a bigger space could be made available.
- Please please please !! This would be huge - it's a big issue for us today
- Thank you for considering a new dog park in Somerville!
- Thanks for asking
- I don't visit soft parka because there are not any easily accessible for me in West Somerville.
- Thank you for considering this! I'm not a dog owner (though I am aspiring to be one someday in Somerville), but have dog-owning friends.
- Good luck. Dog owners can be insufferable, like a horde of toddler parents, except the toddlers never grow older. Thanks for the efforts on this.
- Dogs should have a park where they can play. The fire station backyard should be opened!
- Great idea thank you
- We could also use a dog park in East somerville.
- I don't visit local dog parks because there are virtually none. I absolutely would if there were.
- It's nice to have a larger park for dogs to run. Places like new one at Lincoln or Ed Leathers really only function as a pet relief area. Our yards are not large enough for running, or we have no yard.
- Do a lot of walking with the dog around the City
- please do this!!
- Thanks for considering adding a dog park in West Somerville! It'd be a great addition.
- "My fence comment above is really important. I'd be happy to help with this if it goes forward.
- alice.hecht@gmail.com"
- Dog ownership has a lot of documented health benefits and it's good that Somerville is providing more facilities for dogs, but this is of no help if the city continues to allow landlords to discriminate against dogs or specific dog breeds/sizes (which is NOT allowed under state law). What are you doing to make local landlords more accommodating toward dogs?
- I care deeply about this issue because I am a home-owner in Somerville with no plans to leave and plan on getting a dog in the near future. I have been a dog owner in Somerville in the past for a total of 12 years.
- Would really like to see the Verizon site location developed for some other open space purpose not including a dog park - such a beautiful underutilized site that could serve a high density of people near Davis Square. Would not like to see dog park development along the bike path in that general area either given I would prefer other uses for open spaces in such a high density area and because of the volume of conflict already present between bikes and other path users. Space should be allocated to widening and improving the path first.
- As a former dog owner, I think this should happen but we should be very mindful of it's location vis a vis residents, places where children play (dogs get out!), and pedestrian pathways.
- "I think that it's really important to have safe, properly enclosed spaces for dogs only. I walk one of my client's dogs down in Cambridge and we went to Sacramento Park, an integrated space for people and dogs, on the owner's recommendation.

- The dog and I were playing in the park (he's 6 months, his leash was on but I wasn't holding him, no one else in the park, barely anyone else around in the neighborhood, he had my full attention) when a neighbor came out and told me that dogs must stay on leash.
- I picked up the leash and we immediately left. I talked to the owner about it later and she apologized — she thought it would be perfectly alright to play there because she had seen groups of dogs playing there before and after work. There is a sign (in a really weird spot, which is why I missed it) but the whole experience left a bad taste in my mouth.
- In short, I'm a big advocate for dog-only spaces where dogs can be dogs."
- Any dog park is better than none, but it would be nice if it was closer to an area that doesn't currently have a dog park.
- I avoid them-they stink.
- Why not do what many surrounding towns do, which is to allow dogs off leash in many parks during off hours, say 9PM to 7AM? Also, it seems to me that the first thing that should be done in a survey such as this is to define terms. What, exactly, is a "dog park"? Is it an entire open area or just a portion? Is it where dogs can be off leash always or just part of the day?
- Thank you for doing this
- The surface is important. Many dogs don't really like walking or running on small gravel surfaces which reduces the usefulness of taking them to the dog park if, like my dog, they can't go off leash to get their running out of their system. Can't wait for the new park!
- I like dogs but am unlikely to own one myself. I'm mostly interested in a dog park for the community aspect of it so placement is really key. It should be a place that owners and visiting families can use as a destination but also stop off at on the way to other places. It should be designed and placed so smells and noise don't defeat the purpose of bringing people together.
- Community Preservation Act funds should not be used to develop dog parks. The funds reserved for open space should be reserved for the purchase of land that can be developed as parks for the people of Somerville.
- If we can't properly maintain them, don't build any more till you can.
- YAY DOGS
- I used to have a dog. Will be getting another soon.
- The Dilboy area across from Clarendon I believe is State property however they do not exactly keep up with it. This is a common area that people bring their dogs anyway whether walking them or letting them run without a leash.