

Community Preservation Committee Grant Application

Applicant Information

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Town Committee or Board (if applicable)

Town of Nahant

Application Purpose

- Open Space
- Recreation

Project Information

Project Name

Flash Road Recreation Master Plan

Project Description

This grant will fund technical assistance to develop a recreation master plan for Flash Road Park. The intended area extends from the Flash Road Playground to the Little League Majors Field behind the Johnson Elementary School. Annual Town Meeting in 2022 approved a CPA grant of \$11,000 to design an improvement of the Heritage Trail in this area of Town. If this grant is approved, the Town will utilize both grants, a total of \$31,000, for a combined effort. The Open Space and Recreation Committee and a recreational architectural firm would engage a public process to develop a master plan that will guide the Town's recreational investments in future years. The old Babe Ruth baseball field closest to the playground and basketball court has not been used as a baseball field in many years. The dugouts have been removed due to their deterioration and an infield no longer exists. The soccer field in this area abuts the Kelly Greens Golf Course and the Heritage Trail is hard to find. Additionally, the availability of parking is not sufficient, the Fire Lane to the Little League Majors Field is often blocked, and patrons often park, drive, or walk through an active DPW facility. The Town would like to gather public input on changes to this area that will improve the enjoyment of open space and promote safe recreation. The Town would like to explore 1.) Moving the soccer field away from the golf course and closer to the public restrooms by eliminating the old Babe Ruth baseball field fencing and seating, 2.) Adding a splash pad water feature playground next to the existing playground, 3.)

Installing a clearly marked Heritage Trail that could expand throughout the area, 4.) Improve the parking lot area to accommodate vehicles during high use of recreational facilities 5.) Improve the fire lane to the Little League baseball fields, 6.) Establish a boundary of the Public Works facility to avoid potential risks involving heavy machinery, and 7.) additional ideas/desires received through a public process. The adoption of Nahant's Open Space and Recreation Plan has provided the Town eligibility for state funded grant programs which could benefit the results of this study.

Grant Amount Requested

\$20,000

Contribution to the Preservation of Nahant's Unique Character

Flash Road Park is a centerpiece of Nahant's recreational opportunities. This area currently features a playground, a basketball court, two tennis courts, two pickleball courts, a soccer field, 3 baseball fields, a Heritage trail and general open space. This area is adjacent to the Kelly Greens Golf Course, the Community Garden, and the Johnson Elementary School which includes a forest playground, a half court basketball court, a playground, a gaga pit and more. A recreation master plan will help to improve the area by gathering public input and setting future capital improvements. Recent investments in recreational facilities around Town due to the funding of CPA grants has contributed to Nahant's unique character and developing a master plan for this area will continue such progress.

Planning Context

IS part of a Program Plan

If so, when was the plan prepared?

2022

Who has approved the plan?

Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

Evaluation Criteria

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Estimated Cost and Schedule

Attach cost estimates for construction projects and state how costs were derived.

Is your project expected to continue over more than one year?

No

Funding Information

Other Funding Sources

List of Independent Funding Sources	Amount of Grant / Gift
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2022 CPA Grant for Heritage Trail		\$11,000	
Total 0			
Coordination Annual Town Meeting in 2022 approved a CPA grant of \$11,000 to design an improvement of the Heritage Trail in this area of Town. If this grant is approved, the Town will utilize both grants, a total of \$31,000, for a combined effort. Should recreational facilities change, the Heritage Trail improvements should be designed in coordination with this effort. The Town would like to explore expanding the Heritage trail in this area to provide users multiple options and enhance their experience. Ideally, the future Heritage Trail in this area would connect all the recreational facilities instead of one single trail that traverses by the area.			
Previous Town Meeting Action Article 22E of the Annual Town Meeting in 2022 approved a CPA Grant of \$11,000 to design an improvement of the heritage trail in this area of Town.			
Project Priority This project will be priority number 2 in our applications			
Time Sensitivity This area of Town desperately needs improvements but they should not move forward without public input. Should this be funded, the Town could complete the development of the plan and apply for grants to make improvements. This schedule allows the Open Space and Recreation Committee time to potentially apply for additional funding at the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.			
Contingency Planning Seek alternative funding through grants or general fund appropriation.			
Order			
Product	Qty	Unit Price	Price
Total of CPC Funds Requested	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Other Funding Sources	1	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
	Total		\$31,000.00