

## Community Preservation Committee Grant Application

### Applicant Information

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**Town Committee or Board (if applicable)**

Board of Selectmen/Open Space and Recreation

**Application Purpose**

- Open Space
- Recreation

### Project Information

**Project Name**

Splash at Flash

**Project Description**

This project would install a splash pad at Flash Road Playground providing water play for kids of all ages. Flash Road Playground is one of our most well attended playgrounds in our premier open space and recreational area. This particular area hosts a summer youth park program, youth sports and community events. The inclusion of a water feature playground would provide an additional recreational opportunity. On warm weather days, this splash pad will provide youth with a cooling location that is fun and safe. On days when beaches are closed or the ocean is too rough for swimming, this splash pad will provide an alternative option of enjoyment for families. On warm weather days when the entire Flash Road Park area is being utilized, it will provide an adjacent area for kids to stay cool. Our community comes alive in the summer time and a splash pad would only enhance the experience that our residents enjoy. It will also be attractive to new young families potentially considering Nahant as their new home and could have a positive effect on home values. In general, the promotion of recreational opportunities like this benefits the community in multiple ways including uniting neighborhoods, encouraging family engagement, and promoting physical activity and interactive play that boost mental and physical health.

**Grant Amount Requested**

300,000

## Contribution to the Preservation of Nahant's Unique Character

As stated in the recreational master plan CPC application, Flash Road Park is the Town's premier open space and recreational area. 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. Nahant's unique character is most vibrant in the warm weather seasons when our community is most active. We strive to promote and enhance recreational opportunities that are family and community friendly. This project would continue that effort by adding a new recreational facility to our long list of options. The enjoyment of spending time in Nahant in the summer is a core characteristic of our community.

Video:

[https://youtu.be/RVmucx\\_LZo8](https://youtu.be/RVmucx_LZo8)

Render Set:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/eu6tfsnw0tae0x9pk5ic2/h?rlkey=r2q8b1yioqity49b8pwat13s0&dl=0>

Sketch:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/lktr2hm0op7v6ste7u2uk/1889413-2023-1MA-NAHANT-FLASH-ROAD-SPLASH-PAD-ZSKETCH-REV.pdf?rlkey=vmd1k4n4n23kdjcuginiza8ic&dl=0>

## 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 Committee

## Evaluation Criteria

· How will the proposed project contribute to the preservation of Nahant's unique character and enhance our quality of life?

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· Is the proposed project consistent with town planning documents that have received wide input and scrutiny?

The open space and recreation plan identifies the promotion of new recreational opportunities and many residents suggested improvements to the Flash Road Park and Playground area. This particular idea may have been included in the survey responses received by the committee during their public process. The details of this project could also be featured in a Flash Road Park Recreation Master Plan discussion and having the funding already approved would help promote the discussion. It could also help encourage private donations.

· Is the proposed project feasible?

Yes, the Town has already met with a playground architect and have been provided a conceptual design that is included with this submission. The architect has conducted a site visit and has discussed the utility connection with the Town Administrator and DPW Superintendent.

· Is the cost of this project proportionate to its objectives?

Yes, the playground architect that the Town consulted has included projected costs which this application is based on. There will be costs associated with preparing the area for the installment of the surface, utilities, and equipment.

· In general, will the project serve multiple needs?

Yes. Recreational opportunities promote multiple needs in general. See above regarding promoting quality of life and home values.

· Specifically, will the project serve more than one CPA category (i.e.

affordable housing, open space, historic preservation or recreation)?

Primarily this is a recreational opportunity but it will benefit the entire area along Flash Road which can be considered open space.

· Does the project have demonstrated community support?

Preliminary support by way of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. However, addition opportunity for public engagement will be conducted if funding is approved.

· Will the project involve multiple sources of funding, or will it leverage other public and/or private funding sources or in-kind services?

Residents in Town have approached the Town Administrator about fundraising efforts and donations for this purpose. If CPC approves the funding, private fundraising will be encouraged because of the initial commitment from the Town.

· If multiple sources of funding are involved, are commitments from other sources documented?

No

## 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

**Project Priority**

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## Contingency Planning

The Town would not be able to fund this project through our General Fund. The CPA funding is essential to promoting this project and it should initiate a private fundraising effort due to the Town's commitment. There may be grant opportunities that the Town could seek and utilize the CPA funding as a match.

## Order

Product	Qty	Unit Price	Price
Total of CPC Funds Requested	1	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
	Total		<b>\$300,000.00</b>