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# COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

## 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 |
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| **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***