

Submission Date	How would you allocate funds?				Affordable Housing Challenges	Historic Resources Challenges	Open Space Challenges	Affordable Housing Priorities	Historic Resources Priorities	Open Space Priorities	Other comments
	Housing	Open	Historic	Flexible							
2019-04-17 16:42:54 2019-04-17 15:38:25 2019-04-17 13:23:33	80 80 70	10 10 20	10 10 20		Lack of stability in rental prices. Pressure from schools not providing adequate housing for students. 0 Unknown 0			Building up to increase access for city's lower income residents. Unknown	Legacy of redlining		
2019-04-17 12:23:50 2019-04-17 10:44:24	50 50	10 10	10 10	30	prices keep rising, folks are getting pushed out Lack of available parcels / high land costs; zoning challenges	I'm not concerned with this	maintaining current levels of space would be good Relatively little undeveloped land	people of color, families of color, and formerly incarcerated people Multifamily rental; EU housing	not a concern	access for all, no reservation process Pocket parks; benches; playgrounds for children over the age of 5	
2019-04-17 07:20:57 2019-04-16 16:38:48 2019-04-16 16:23:06	80 60 80	10 30 10	10 10 10	0	Too many luxury condos going unchecked, outdated zoning laws There isn't any/nearly enough of it! The definition of affordable, too, is often unaffordable.		We urgently need true green space -- fields, gardens, and trees. I am very concerned that some communities are spending CPA funds on artificial turf, which reduces green space and introduces new problems from heat, chemical runoff, and migration of plastic particles. Please invest in true green space.	People are being pushed out of Somerville unless they have owned their home for many years or are very very rich. This isn't fair.		Trees, gardens, and natural grass fields (not artificial turf)	
2019-04-16 15:54:17 2019-04-16 10:06:28	80 30	10 50	10 20	0	No one can afford to live here!! I'm moving out this year and moving west. 0 You're losing so much talent and community every damn year. Producing quality affordable units, meeting the tremendous demand for quantity.	Implementing quality preservation (e.g. windows that are both attractive and energy efficient); encouraging additions/alterations that don't overwhelm/detract from the beauty of the existing structure.	Finding land, addressing the many competing desires for recreational use.	Ensuring quality design for well-being of the occupants	Reduce backlog of deferred maintenance	Purchase land, plant trees, make use of small parcels	
2019-04-16 09:58:13 2019-04-16 08:53:03 2019-04-16 08:26:51	80 70 80	10 20 10	10 10 10	0	I can't afford to live here as a working adult without renting and having roommates. Somerville is increasingly becoming affordable only for white upper middle class people. I want to live where there are people who don't look like me, with a mixed income spectrum to match. When crappy 2br condos on Highland are priced at \$499k, I see nothing but me leaving when my lease is up. As property/rental prices increase, we need to commit ourself firmly to supporting those who need help. Somerville cannot afford to become another city whose "solution" to poverty is to make it impossible for poor people to live here. 0		We need better bike/ped access to all of these things -- an example would be how dangerous it is to get to the land along the Mystic w/o a car.	100% because what is a community without the people who have made it so desirable?			
2019-04-16 08:26:46 2019-04-16 07:45:25 2019-04-16 07:37:07	60 30 30	20 40 30	10 20 10	10	Somerville is too expensive Numbers/demographics Insufficient units and rent insecurity Living in Somerville is hard for working-class people to afford, and all of Somerville's liberal values and rhetoric only mean anything if low-income		Not enough park space in Somerville Not enough of it, and what little we have (think Lincoln Park, Conway Field) is closed. Lack of trees	Not creating luxury housing but rather supporting the infrastructure needed to make Somerville more affordable for the people living here already Not allowing every single building to be turned into "luxury" condos Security for everyone living in somerville	Maintaining the historic landmarks that make Somerville what it is	Playing fields + ensuring that all new construction includes open space	Stop with the development, Union Square doesn't need to be the downtown of Somerville - you're not doing any favors to the community by bringing the green line here nor destroying landmarks like ricky's.
2019-04-15 20:57:45 2019-04-15 20:40:27 2019-04-15 20:10:17	80 80 80	10 10 10	10 10 10	0	people are actually able to live here 0 Knock down the old! Bring in the new!!! Housing getting less and less affordable for more and more ppl which will make living in many areas with access to public transit and open spaces almost impossible for many people Lack of! Rising rents...I've been a renter in Somerville since 2011 and have seen such a wild increase. Most of my friends have had to move out of Somerville or farther away from the train stations.		Parks are good ????	Give us a cheap place to live that is still nice by the T		Focus on community! Character of Somerville, historically and present.	
2019-04-15 19:56:19 2019-04-15 19:37:50 2019-04-15 19:19:00	80 10 70	10 60 20	10 10 10	0	Actually affordable Rent continues to skyrocket as more and more luxury condos sprout up every day. Somerville MUST provide more affordable housing to keep our community healthy.	Too much of it	Safety for bikers Stop letting corporations have campuses/parks that are privately owned and over-policed.	Increase affordable housing for long term residents (i.e. not just students)	Keep historic businesses open (i.e. restaurants and venues that have been around forever and are getting their rents raised)	Safety for cyclists and pedestrians	Thanks
2019-04-15 18:43:38 2019-04-15 16:53:06 2019-04-15 16:02:59	80 80 30	10 10 40	10 10 30	0	Rents are rising, but all of the construction I've seen has been for luxury condos. Putting money into a community investment trust or equivalent to support limited equity deed-restricted mortgages, instead of direct subsidies that will never be able to long-term keep Somerville affordable.	This is not a priority for me. Ensuring that historic buildings are protected from demolition by developers and fixing up decaying historic fixtures	The new Lincoln Park is lovely, but I care much more about affordable housing than open space/rec land revamping. Acquiring open space for parks and playing fields. Keeping current open spaces with high quality grass and native plants, NOT ASTROTURF.	More affordable housing, rent control, no more luxury condos! We need more of it!	I don't have a sense of any significant needs right now. Make as many of the city-owned historic buildings accessible and usable to the public	I don't have a sense of any significant needs right now. open space acquisition - as much as possible	
2019-04-15 15:53:15 2019-04-15 15:39:44 2019-04-15 15:32:28 2019-04-15 08:09:28	80 10 80 40	10 10 10 20	10 10 10 40	0	Almost everyone I know who is not an upper middle class white person is planning on moving within the next year. I don't understand why all new housing in this city is not affordable housing. Rents are increasingly rising and new properties being built are exorbitant and characterless. We are losing our community to rich people who do not contribute to our culture. 0 loss and shortage thereof	I am an art conservator, so this is close to my heart. I do feel like more public information and events about the history of Somerville would help to create a greater sense of community, but I do not wish to memorialize the history and diversity here as a eulogy to the racial, ethnic, and class diversity in this city that is being homogenized at a rapid pace. Historic landmarks need to be preserved.	I think that creating new open space should not be a priority for one of the most densely populated areas in the US. There is nature within a short drive, bike ride, or T ride. It would be great if the current parks were made more welcoming and felt more like community spaces, but it is truly a low priority if a diverse group of people cannot afford to live here.	I truly believe that Somerville needs to come to terms with its housing problem. I cannot emphasize enough that this issue should be the main focus of our city government and our funding.	I think that underlining the history of Somerville could help to prevent the erasure brought by gentrification, but I really do believe that the city needs to be a sanctuary for all.	Somerville is currently home to many, many artists and seeing more local public art would be wonderful. Again, this is a very low priority compared to making sure that these artists can continue to afford to live and work here.	
2019-04-14 23:46:46 2019-04-14 19:08:12 2019-04-14 18:16:59 2019-04-14 15:56:02	30 60 10 50	40 30 30 20	30 30 10 20	0	Somerville should have followed thru when it first addressed this issue with task force recommendations in 1999. Now it seems insurmountable. 0 We do more than enough 0 Rental Units	Somerville is a very old city which has lost a lot of historic properties over time. We need to respect and preserve when has survived. Not much has been done Access to assistance	Somerville has shockingly little open space, and I don't see how it will achieve the Somerville open space goals for 2030. There is any open space left Multi-generational movements spaces beyond Lincoln Park!	Third Rental Units	Second First	2 1 More stuff for all ages to play on, less cookie-cutter parks!	3 Why do we give our tax dollars away.
2019-04-14 10:54:47 2019-04-14 09:30:14	20 50	20 30	60 20	0	Not acknowledging middle class struggles 0 High Market Rents	So much building going on not paying enough attention to preserving our history. This is an alarming situation. Once gone there is no rebuilding them.	Already not enough open space. Most agree. Little done about it. Open space is important to our physical and mental health and well being. Simple Geography	Third Keeping Somerville diverse and funky	First More programming at Somerville Museum	Second Support for community gardens	

2019-04-14 08:34:48	40	40	10	10	Incentivizing construction of smaller, more affordable, less-luxurious homes; rent increase regulation		Park safety (i.e. Conway park), lack of dog park in West Somerville	Incentivizing developers to build more affordable housing units; rent increase limits		Dog park in west Somerville; more trash/recycling bins in open/rec spaces (cleanliness); enhancements to current rec lands	
2019-04-14 07:28:20	50	30	20	0	Proper funding, available space, promoting developers to include non-market rate units for rent or purchase	Lack of interest since there are more pressing issues in the city	Not enough land and too late for additional space. Restoration of most spaces have been successful, but there are more pressing issues in the city	most important	important	varies in importance depending on the location and needs	We need to focus on what is best for the residents in the city and the homeowners who pay the tax
2019-04-13 18:11:29	30	40	30	0	greedy developers						
2019-04-13 16:51:14	30	40	30	0	Gentrification	People live in the present	Space is limited in our city	Make more	Preserve what you can	Make more	Good luck! If Somerville has any notion of keeping its fun artistic, creative character, then the City MUST do everything within its power to keep affordable workspaces available for our artists and makers, as well as affordable housing to allow those artists to continue living here.
2019-04-13 15:18:59	30	30	30	10	Not enough affordable housing for middle-income folks and artists.	Historic buildings should be saved and artist spaces kept and made in the old factory buildings.	More parks are desperately needed!	More affordable mixed-use housing, i.e. artist workspaces, small mom & pop shops, and housing for ALL middle to low income folks.	Maintain and rescue historic buildings and use them for functional space needs, such as artist workspaces.	Empty lots could have a combination of public open space and artist workspaces built.	
2019-04-13 14:28:48	30	50	10	10	the ship may have sailed on this one. Property is concentrated in the hands of wealthy speculators/hoarder landlords.	the urge to infill every square foot of Somerville with housing or commercial space is antithetical to historic preservation	the urge to infill every square foot of Somerville with housing or commercial space is antithetical to the open + recreational space goal not enough green space... too many trees being cut down and not replaced	can this be done without compromising historic preservation and open space?	this seems to be slightly less pressing than the other two goals	WE NEED MORE!	
2019-04-13 13:36:18	30	30	30	10							
2019-04-13 11:29:03	20	60	20	0	Regional pressures, other towns shirking their share of the burden	Education about Somerville's history	Densest city in the USA after NYC, tradition of neglecting green space Development increasing density and need for open, green space to offset that	100 homes type program	Youth education	Green space for human health and recreation	This is a small amount of money and cannot address all the needs in Somerville. Keep it in perspective!
2019-04-13 10:23:23	50	40	10	0	Rising property values			Preventing displacement of families and lower income residents		Green space	
2019-04-13 10:21:10	60	20	20	0	Artists and other low income residents who make the community great are getting priced out			Find ways for artists, immigrants, and others with limited means to stay and thrive in the city	I think city is doing a great job here - keep raising awareness and appreciation for Somerville's interesting history	Enhancing and extending the bike path - it's a great resource.	
2019-04-13 10:11:39	50	30	20	0	We are not targeting enough resources to very low income earners. We need to set aside more units for this group and not rely on public housing so much. Public housing wait lists are long and give preference to homeless people leaving low income earners in a difficult place.	I don't know enough to comment.	Somerville is so small there is little space that can be converted to open space. Developers want to squeeze as much profit out of buildings and thus provide minimal open space with their projects.	Low income earners.	Publicly owned historic facilities.	Places for children to play and engage in sports. Anything that increases access to Mystic River.	No
2019-04-13 09:31:22	10	50	10	30	Restrictive zoning and too many ways for residents to say "no in my backyard"	Some of Somerville's Civic buildings are dilapidated and need rehabilitation and facelift for civic pride as well as usefulness and morale of people who occupy them	Not nearly enough park and greenfield space for children of all ages to recreate and meet friends	Allow higher density mixed use development and stop requiring expensive accessory parking, which drives up housing cost and clogs the city with more cars	Bring libraries and city hall to a state of good repair help to fix and preserve current historic resources	Add parks in conjunction with higher density development, create park space for older kids, not just tot lots for preschoolers; upgrade the community path to 12 feet wide; create fund to convert certain streets into permanent linear parks (similar to Bell Street Park in Seattle) more open space	
2019-04-13 09:19:06	50	20	20	10	the rapid condo conversion that is happening	renovation is very expensive!	Hard to find open space in our dense city	more affordable housing			
2019-04-13 07:32:23	50	30	20	0	No housing in Somerville is affordable unless you make six figures.	not sure	Very little open space or recreational land - we need more parks and green space that is accessible to all	More affordable housing in general.		Please do allocate funds to the Growing Center. It is not accessible to all (it is always locked) and is a private entity - not a substitution for a public park.	Again, the growing center is not a substitution for a public park. It does not serve the same function. Please do not use it as an excuse to decide we don't need green space in Union Square!
2019-04-13 07:28:06	50	40	10	0	Coordination with other municipalities. Somerville can't solve the housing crunch alone.	(Not my area of expertise.)	Density-limited available open space. I'd be interested in seeing more done with the Mystic River waterfront. I'm glad for Baxter park and that Blessing of the Bay is getting attention, but there's a lot more river on Somerville's border upstream that's lost behind the highway.				Thank you, and keep up the good work!
2019-04-13 01:22:42	30	30	30	10	Shortage of affordable 3BR+ hsg	Failure to maintain and preserve city's oldest buildings, statues and landmarks.	Shortage of playing fields and recreational facilities for all ages, including tennis, water play and parkour.	Larger units, ADA accessible, lower density structures	Library buildings (restoration and enhancement), public awareness of City's historical assets, City Hall's exterior appearance, Brown School and oldest churches' preservation,	Turf playing fields, Conway Park, parkour equipment	Keep up the hard work making tough choices with limited funds!
2019-04-12 23:54:58	10	80	10	0	Poor zoning and huge downzoning in the proposed zoning overhaul. Density is needed and better incentives for development of affordable units.	There's really enough of this.	Poor bike lanes in most of the city (although it's getting better!) Could use more parks with tables and benches and wifi.	Upzone! Give private developers better incentives and make the rules better (20% across developer's projects). Let developers get to 5 unit developments so that we actually get affordable units!	I would dramatically de-prioritize this.	Better bike paths, running paths, and parks! Park facilities for adults (tables/chairs/wifi)	Please focus on bike lanes and running paths.
2019-04-12 22:52:28	50	30	20	0	Condo conversion	Identify historic resources at risk. Veterans monuments preservation and preservation. Balance historic preservation support of public and private sites/buildings	Keep existing open spaces & ensure all construction make maximum advantage of open space	Ensure all new housing construction has affordable percentage.	Support accessibility from private and city historic sites.	Safety, lighting, accessibility	Although strongly support HPC funding percentages, I have concerns supporting religious facilities, even with historic significance. I am concerned in keeping church and state separate.
2019-04-12 19:18:48	50	30	10	10	green.	Don't know.	Lack of space to work with.	Quality housing that is green so utility bills are minimal.	---	Continue to find space for pocket parks, with everyone near some green space.	
2019-04-12 19:16:20	30	30	30	10	Not enough, especially because developers are not required to provide enough. Developers and companies buying up properties and turning them into luxury condos/apartments (priced my family out of our apt of 5+ years, luckily we were in a position to be able to become homeowners before we got priced out of the city)	More promotion of the historic aspects and sites of Somerville	More open space included in large developments	Again, required of developers and built near public transportation. More affordable housing, limiting developers from taking part in opportunistic property flipping, caps on rent increases would also be nice to help families from getting quickly priced out of their apartments	Unsure - historical resources and preservation is important, but I don't know enough about this category to provide informed insight	More spacious parks for picnics, events, concerts, etc.	
2019-04-12 19:08:32	40	30	20	10		Unsure	Limited space, competing priorities of having sufficient housing to help keep pricing reasonable vs. having open space. Both are very important!			Having areas with play spaces and greenery within reasonable walking distance from as many homes as possible	
2019-04-12 19:05:37	70	10	10	10	This is becoming a crisis in Somerville, and should be prioritized as such.						The loss of affordable housing in Somerville, as in so many other communities across our country has continued to escalate from year to year. Any funding available should be prioritized in addressing and rectifying this basic human need.
2019-04-12 18:35:37	40	40	20	0	As more apartments become condos, people are priced out of Somerville. The good news is that many houses in Somerville are being renovated, making it possible for the houses to live on for more years. The bad news is that renovation is expensive and the price of housing is CRAZY.	As renovation of Somerville's housing stock happens, it's important that historical details are maintained. In more suburban communities, houses have been torn down instead of renovated. I would hate to see that happen in Somerville.	We need so much more green space. So much more.	Housing for both low income and middle income families ("families" to me includes people without children)	Preserve the lovely architectural details on the exterior and interior of Somerville houses	More, more, more green spaces	
2019-04-12 17:49:10	30	20	30	20	Quantity of affordable housing	Preservation and restoration of historic buildings, sites and resources.	Tree cover in the city, and native pollinators	Support acquisition of properties designated as permanently affordable.	Support preservation of historic resources like the Somerville Museum and landmarks like Powder House and Prospect Hill	Increase development of public wild areas in the city.	
2019-04-12 16:44:51	30	20	40	10	providing enough for working class families and elderly	doing more about telephone history here	parks with more plantings	more for the elderly	a permanent history exhibition at the Somerville museum	more benches	no thanks
2019-04-12 16:44:00	50	30	20	0	rising rents and housing cost						Please consider working class people and people of color in your resources allocation.
2019-04-12 16:38:29	20	40	40	0	Real estate is expensive						I thought we voted on a 1/3rd, 1/3rd and 1/3rd split for funding....only to find that about half our "community preservation" funds are being diverted to affordable housing. Not what I signed up for.
2019-04-12 15:11:53	20	40	40	0	Let the market decide. Somerville shouldn't engage in selective rent control	Somerville Museum needs renovations. not being taken care of	Recreational land needs funding - look at 7 Hills Park in Davis Square. We are in desperate need of green and open space	None	Docents need period costumes for their tours.	Our health depends on it	
2019-04-12 15:09:52	30	20	40	10	we have very little			Stop turning everything into luxury condos	We want to preserve the past		
2019-04-12 14:59:50	30	20	40	10							
2019-04-12 14:41:49	30	30	30	10	to many need it, not enough housing	we don't do it enough due to cost	we need more open space but to many businesses own the property	#3	#2	#1	as more developments come to Somerville, we need more commitments to the city for a better solution for the whole community, not just the individual
2019-04-12 14:27:43	40	40	20	0	High rent across the board		Very little space, especially for 'unorganized' outdoor play that children need.	Cap rent prices, create more affordable housing blocks	Renovation/restoration, and increase visitor access to our historic landmarks	More trees, more parks without baseball diamonds	
2019-04-12 13:42:25	40	10	20	40	Gentrification, landlord greed (some of them), very high property taxes	Meaningful but not my priority	Lack of space and will	Lower property taxes for resident long-time homeowners, maintain as much diversity as possible	Get the universities to help with this	Trees! Safe community outdoor spaces.	Thank you for all that you do. I appreciate your good work on behalf of our community.

2019-04-12 13:14:14	30	10	20	40	Finding space	Finding volunteers / interest	Finding space	Housing for low income people who live and work in Somerville/Cambridge/Boston	Spaces that are open to the public	Parks are already so nice, not much is needed here	
2019-04-12 13:02:24	50	20	20	10	more housing for families	preserve the past	beautification				
2019-04-12 13:01:12	10	10	10	70			There isn't much they can do about this.		My priority is this.		No.
2019-04-12 12:57:55	60	20	20	0	Lack of affordable housing stock; developers not investing enough in community		Market pressure to let developers buy land to build luxury/market-rate housing	Increase stock; protect tenants; improve renters rights		Preserve existing open spaces & increase as possible; plant more trees	
2019-04-12 12:43:44	30	50	20	0	Housing for middle income earners	What's left? It's all getting "updated" gentrified. We need public sculptures to tell the historical stories.	Make Foss Park state of the art gorgeous, clever, innovative... We need a huge indoor outdoor community swimming pool.				
2019-04-12 12:37:15	30	30	30	10	Definition of "affordable" seems to have different interpretations	Respect for Somerville's place in history seems to take a back seat to development	The city only has 4.2 sq. miles and already 80,000 people...stop the addition of people and let us better use the land we have left	Letting people age in place affordably	Better awareness of our history	Safe walking routes	
2019-04-12 12:30:15	20	30	50	0							
2019-04-12 12:21:55	40	40	10	10	Somerville gets more and more gentrified and is losing artists and families who have been living here for generations or because they recently immigrated to Boston area. We need that diversity		Somerville desperately needs GREEN space, and money to make that happen		public bldgs and occasional private of interest. The round house? Too bad about Homans	GREEN space	
2019-04-12 12:20:58	10	30	60	0	It will never be enough and doesn't really serve those being displaced	so many options!	We need this but should be the role of the city. Needs continual upkeep.				
2019-04-12 12:16:17	40	30	30	0	City puts more of its resources here, at the expense of historic preservation and open space.	once a site or resource falls apart or is lost, it is gone forever. We are our history!	need more green and trees				
2019-04-12 12:08:23	40	30	30	0	Rents out of control	Keep historic properties & buildings	Need for more parks	Build more	Be vigilant about protection	Keep what we have and make more available	
2019-04-12 11:46:38	20	60	10	10			Somerville needs bylaws to position the City to compete against developers on purchasing lots. Bylaws that require developers to improve infrastructure should be created.				
2019-04-12 11:19:21	40	50	10	0	More demand than supply driving prices up		Not enough land	Family friendly housing - 3 bedrooms		Playgrounds for older kids, especially a nature playground or one with movable materials to create	
2019-04-12 11:17:11	30	30	10	30	Speculation, developers flipping homes/condos, and displacement of lower-income families.		We don't have enough!	Keeping and increasing the number of affordable housing units and ensuring enough are sized for families.	Preservation of historic locations.	Creating new open space.	
2019-04-12 10:56:56	20	30	50	0	Developers profiting instead of community needs leading	More need than funding	Drastically falling short of Somerservision goals with no plan to hit them	More and better public housing-- no more private/public partnerships that make developers more rich while still falling short of needs and requiring exhaustive lobbying to get scraps	Protect and elevate what we have; saving often overlooked resources like cement garages in face of high land value	Quality space ie not next to highways or busy intersections; local plantings; mixed-use land i.e. open space that can be used however people want instead of heavily mediated landscape plans	
2019-04-12 10:56:10	30	30	30	10	affordable housing for the middle class	loss of old homes to developers	need much more open space in our densely populated city!	more affordable housing for the middle class	more preservation of old homes (more grants for preservation; increase waiting period from 9 months to 2 years)	require developers to provide much more open space in our densely populated city!	many thanks!
2019-04-12 10:28:04	10	80	10	0	High rents in West Somerville	Rush to create condos without preserving historic details	Not enough in many of our neighborhoods	Decrease homelessness	Provide incentives to developers	Create neighborhood gems	Create new green spaces rather than refurbishing existing green spaces
2019-04-12 10:11:09	50	20	20	10	The category name is the challenge. We need more affordable housing-- preferably built and managed without regard for profit. Pump money into community land trusts and public housing.	Nice to have, but immediate human needs are more important.	More green and rec space.	CLTs, public housing, and rehab grants for	n/a	Parks.	
2019-04-12 10:00:45	40	40	10	10	No rent control, university expansion without a plan (Tufts)	Low usage on historic parks / cemeteries	Not enough play space, or inconvenient to access / use	More affordable housing and homeownership opportunities			
2019-04-12 09:56:28	10	80	10	0	impossible prices from sky-high housing market	we have enough history	need much more open green space. we have so little compared to other urban cities.	less	less	much more open gree space	
2019-04-12 09:29:10	10	10	10	70	Should have been thinking about this 25 years ago. People/municipalities are greedy.	Expensive to maintain / make relevant and few appreciate or know the history in the first place. Once it's gone it's gone. I don't want all the squares in Somerville to be like Assembly Row. That's not where I want to live.	Never been a lot in Somerville and now greed drives desire to develop ever scrap of land. City missed boat on worry about 2a so now 2b and 2c will suffer because politicians need to respond to the outcry for affordable housing which there will never be enough of again.		I want some of the character of old Somerville to be preserved. Don't redevelop all the squares.	It would be great if the city got a handle on the rat problem before it absolutely explodes. I know there is a new rat killer on staff. I think a case can be made for this problem to apply to all three categories. Don't harm wildlife by poisoning the rats.	Although I am super excited for development of Art Farm, I don't see how that is community preservation since Somerville has traditionally not had stuff like that. I appreciate your finding a way to fund a desirable project but I think it is taking money away from the other categories. I think preserving historic resources is suffering. Once the old character is gone it can't come back.
2019-04-12 09:26:46	30	60	10	0	Affordable housing is an issue in Somerville, but I think this needs to be addressed with legislation, especially at the state and federal level; I don't think the CPA budget is sufficient to make a dent.	Not sure	Lack of parks and lack of community path connectivity. Some parks with significant roadways / highways next to borders, make them less attractive. Lack of community path connectivity: community path is great, but connection across Davis is bad; this area should be redesigned. When the community path is extended, this will have major benefits for our community, but the current plans are a bit lame, and lack key connectivity to Assembly and Northern Strand in one direction, future Grand Junction path in other direction.			Improve tree cover in parks, improve community path connections and community path extension. I would also suggest that squares are potentially considered as recreational / pedestrian spaces.	
2019-04-12 09:23:33	10	60	10	20	Zoning regulations needs to increase the affordable housing pool.	I don't know.	Somerville is being paved over. New buildings being built to the edges of the lot with no green/ open land being created to offset the loss.			More open space, progress on the Art Farm and bringing focus to the historically neglected areas of Somerville like Brickbottom district. Space available for families and children for free play, especially during winter months	
2019-04-12 09:10:37	10	60	10	20				I think adding resources from other initiatives for affordable housing (such as a transfer tax, or requiring developers to create affordable units) is important. The growing lack of affordable housing is a huge problem. CPA money should be one place where funds are generated to address this issue, but I worry that because so much money is needed, the other CPA areas will suffer. Open space/recreation and historic resources should receive enough CPA funds to make meaningful progress.	Historic resources and open space/recreation are also important, and I don't want to see these two areas sidelined in terms of receiving funds.		
2019-04-12 09:08:28	30	30	30	10	With real estate prices rising quickly, there are fewer affordable housing options available unless the city and nonprofits work to create more units.	With developers prioritizing their own bottom line (this is not a criticism, just a state of fact), it is vital that the city and non profits protect , preserve, and rehabilitate historic resources that tell the story of the city and create community.	Somerville is one of the most densely populated cities in the country, and putting resources into making high quality open space and recreation areas is very important to the quality of life for city residents.				
2019-04-12 08:49:31	30	30	20	20	We need rent control!		We have lost and sold too much trees and green space. There is too much artificial turf and artificial surfaces in playgrounds and parks. We need big developers to come to plate to create some playing fields.	Rent Control		More trees and real green space. Natural landscaping on Mystic River waterfront and in parks.	CPA money should not be used in any way to support artificial turf projects.
2019-04-12 08:39:33	30	40	10	20	Need far from meet	What to cover	How to expand and use what we have in the best way	More units	Priorities	Access to serve all areas and neighborhoods in the city	Places like Art Farm are an important part of both Historic Preservation and recreation in the city. As it has the potential to provide the various ethnic communities in the city a place to gather and showcase their culture, art and music.
2019-04-12 08:38:16	40	40	10	10	Rents are skyrocketing, following Cambridge. As the Green line extends into Somerville and more housing is built, it will push out existing families unless affordable housing is secured.		We have very little green space available to walk or spend an afternoon in			More parks	
2019-04-12 08:36:06	40	50	10	0	Cost of land and lack of political will to halt development if goals are not being met.	People don't even know about the current historic resources of Somerville and the chance that the state will audit the CPC's use of funds for religious institutions.	The CPC continuing to award funding while projects that were awarded in the past are not complete or even started.	Deed restricted acquisitions	Fix up our municipal buildings	Land acquisition, even if it's just pocket parks or connectors	Please stop bonding money and also feeling like the funds have to all get spent down even if the projects aren't great. No foundation would award money without seeing progress on previous awarded funds, similarly, if a municipal staff member comes forward with a project when the previous ones are not complete, then please ask them to hold off.
2019-04-12 08:25:23	40	30	20	10	Families who have called Somerville home for a long time are being priced out.	History is being erased with every new development. More buildings need to be preserved and restored.	Somerville and Cambridge are like night and day in terms of green space. Somerville needs a either centralized common.				
2019-04-12 08:20:49	40	30	20	10	A truly inclusive community takes care of its own and Somerville is failing.	Uncertain	Being the most dense city in New England	Increased supply	Preserving the character of the city	Creative uses to identify and secure public spaces	Thank you for your good work
2019-04-12 08:11:16	10	80	10	0			Not enough green space!			More green space, more trees, more native plants	
2019-04-12 07:59:13	30	20	50	0			Desperate need for open space that is green, in the densest city in New England.	Explore innovative new ways of achieving affordable housing.	Create more awareness.	Dedicating remaining undeveloped land for open space.	
2019-04-12 07:58:21	40	50	10	0	Create affordable housing without creating unintended market distortions.	Awareness of Somerville's history.					

2019-04-12 07:39:27	20	50	20	10	housing for families and seniors housing is dear but so is open space and historic resources; none is more important than the other. However, too much has been allocated for affordable housing.	rapid development	No trees, open space, or permeable surfaces and extremely high population density	multi-family housing well served by transit and well connected by pedestrian and bike infrastructure	preserving a few historic properties - gems, but allowing for continued growth and progress	open space, trees, permeable surface, storm water management, places for active recreation so people can live healthy lifestyles (mental and physical)	The Mystic River should be as incredible a corridor for active transportation, leisure, and recreation as the Charles River Basin paths. Please support connecting up the trails and creating park space along the River.
2019-04-11 23:27:15	20	30	30	20	Rising prices are good for tax revenue and homeowners. Need affordable options for long term residents	there are so many worthy resources which once gone disappear forever. Lots of renovation and rip-replace. Let's not lose the look and character of our 100 year old neighborhoods of our	the most valuable of all categories -- so little exists and what does, has not been properly prioritized		restoration and maintenance of historic sites	passive parks for adults; not swings or slides but plenty of trees and water. New contemplative spaces need to be created.	The CPA is privileging affordable housing way too much. Open & historic spaces are finite resources that require even more love and attention.
2019-04-11 22:17:28	20	60	20	20	0		Constantly under threat from development	See prior answers for artists	Preservation	Open space.	Prioritize bicycle and walking and historic preservation.
2019-04-11 22:15:54	20	20	40	20		Selecting and highlighting the most relevant & significant resources to preserve	Acquiring new open space land	Increase overall supply of housing in an organic way	None	Help Somerville acquire more open space land	
2019-04-11 21:45:25	40	30	30	10	0	High housing costs (rentals and purchases) are forcing people to move elsewhere	Little undeveloped space	Helping current residents afford to remain in the city	Public education	Trees	
2019-04-11 21:28:39	50	30	10	10	10	Public housing	People unaware of the importance of historic preservation	Funding to help low and middle income people with rentals and down payment assistance	Upgrading buildings	Parks/playgrounds where people can congregate	
2019-04-11 21:23:01	40	10	40	10	40	Not creating perverse incentives in the market economy making things worse	Per centage too low	Not enough contiguous land mass	Public private partnerships lacking	Need new staff	No professional assessment.
2019-04-11 21:04:07	20	30	40	10	10	Public housing	Increasing public awareness and interaction with our history	Acquiring land	Increased public awareness (signage, tours, etc)	More land and more trees	Need new chair.
2019-04-11 20:22:35	20	60	20	10	10	Promoting homeownership	Delapidated city-owned public buildings	New open space acquisition	Provide assistance to help encourage owner-occupancy and homeownership	Repair historic buildings	Acquire land for new open space
2019-04-11 20:07:08	20	20	50	10	10	People with kids having to move because their rents go up	Nice buildings on major thoroughfares getting knocked down for crappy developments	Parks / open space being chopped up into too many uses. Not enough open, all-purpose space.	Buy units as they become available and keep them affordable.	More historic districts. Make it financially worth developer's while to keep stuff intact. Educate homeowners.	Keep people from building on top of their yards. Let's face it - that's where the real open space is.
2019-04-11 19:51:03	10	10	10	0	0		Prioritizing Open Space - ensuring and not taking any natural green, vegetated surfaces away. We have too much concrete, tar and HEAT SINK!	building more or investing in more	r/a	Natural, vegetated land	no
2019-04-11 19:33:21	20	20	50	10	10	Just not enough	If you don't care for these, they disappear or become harder to fix later	Too little; what we do have needs more multi-functionality for fun and fitness	Keeping seniors in our neighborhoods	Revolutionary war period items are under-valued	More functionality
2019-04-11 19:26:42	60	20	10	10	10	Location, size of units, quantity	Rehab and archive.	Assembly Row is more weighted toward the commercial than being a neighborhood. Needs gardens, parks away from noise and fumes of cars. Thank you.	See	Previous	Page
2019-04-11 19:25:46	30	30	30	10	10		With so much development coming and underway, it's vital not to lose what makes Somerville special.	We're very far behind the open space goals set forth in SomerVision! This should be a top priority for a livable city.	Ensuring developers follow guidelines around minimum % of affordable housing		Achieving the SomerVision goals for open space
2019-04-11 19:13:05	40	40	20	0	x			x	2	3	1
2019-04-11 19:06:43	40	40	20	0	0	affordable housing within existing housing stock	protecting historic buildings before they are destroyed by development	getting new space for high quality green space	assisting people in need to rent or get low interest mortgages in existing buildings	preserving our special old buildings	getting new space that can be turned into healthy green space
2019-04-11 18:53:51	10	10	30	50	10	the amount that could be afforded by CPA would only benefit a few people	many of our city buildings need extensive renovations to make them properly accessible	people need to face the fact that one large turf athletic field would serve thousands of people. Grass is nice, but not at all practical for a highly used athletic field	Increasing the affordable housing stock for with a range of affordability (e.g. for very low, low, and middle income families, individuals)	preserving libraries	adding flexible space that can be used for youth and community sports
4/18/2019 8:52	40	40	10	0	0	Cost of development	Balancing values: historic preservation vs. repurposing lots for new housing/open space	Availability of land	Recognizing historic significance of diverse histories in Somerville	Generating public health benefits	
Average	40	31	20	8							