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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
FY18 FUNDING CYCLE
APPLICATION COVER PAGE**

1. PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME: Community Path Design - Supplemental funding to address tree canopy health and stratagize for removal of invasives

PROJECT LOCATION: Somerville Community Path - Cambridge line to Lowell Street

LEGAL PROPERTY OWNER OF RECORD: City of Somerville lease from MassDOT

ONE SENTENCE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Incorporating additional components to the RFP scope of work needed to improve the quality of the tree canopy and remove invasives.

Please indicate (X) all categories that apply to this project (minimum of one) in the chart.

	Open Space	Recreational Land	Historic Resources	Community Housing (blended projects only)
Acquisition				
Creation				
Preservation				
Support				
Rehabilitation/ Restoration		X		

ESTIMATED START DATE: Fall 2018

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE: Summer 2019

CPA FUNDING REQUEST: \$160,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET FOR PROJECT: \$160,000.00

2. APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICATION NAME / ORGANIZATION: City of Somerville, Department of Parks and Open Space

CO-APPLICATION NAME / ORGANIZATION: City of Somerville, School Department

CONTACT PERSON: Arn Franzen, Director of Parks and Open Space

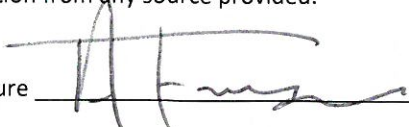
MAILING ADDRESS: Somerville City Hall, Third floor, 93 Highland Avenue, 02143

PHONE: 617-625-6600 x 2545

EMAIL: afranzen@somervillema.gov

3. SIGNATURES

I (we) certify that all information provided in this entire submission is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and that no information which might reasonably affect funding has been excluded. I (we) authorize the Community Preservation Committee and/or the City of Somerville to obtain verification from any source provided.

Name (printed) ARN FRANZEN Signature  Date 12/5/17

Name (printed) _____ Signature _____ Date _____



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SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Please check (✓) each item included in your submission, which should include the applicable items in the order listed below.

GENERAL:

- Application Cover Page (form provided)
- Submission Requirements Checklist (this form)
- Narratives (prompts provided)
- Project timeline: a project schedule showing all major milestones (i.e., study, design, environmental, permitting, construction, etc.), including receipt of other funding sources
- Grant and Trust Funds Disclosure Form (form provided)
- Campaign Contribution Mandatory Disclosure and Certification Form (if requesting \$50,000 or more in CPA funds)

FINANCIAL:

- Budget Summary (form provided)
- Itemized budget of all project costs, including the proposed source for each cost
- At least two written quotes for project costs. If quotes cannot be secured, detailed cost estimates may be used if a thorough explanation of the estimates is included.
- Proof of secured funding (e.g., commitment letters or bank statements), if applicable

VISUAL:

- Map of the property location showing all features pertinent to the project, including current or future rapid transit stations
- Photos of the project site (not more than 4 views per site); include digital copies

OWNERSHIP/OPERATION (NON-CITY):

- Documentation of site control or written consent of the property owner to undertake the project, if the owner is not the applicant
- City has signed on as a co-applicant for community projects proposed on City land.
- Certificates of Good Standing from the [City](#) and the [State](#), if applicable
- 501(c)(3) certification, if operating as a non-profit
- Purchase and sale agreement or copy of current recorded deed, if applicable

COMMUNITY SUPPORT (RECOMMENDED):

- Letters of support from residents, community groups, other City boards, commissions, or departments, or from City, state, or federal officials

HISTORIC RESOURCES PROJECTS:

- Documentation that the project is listed on the State Register of Historic Places or a written determination from the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission that the resource is significant in the history, archeology, architecture, or culture of Somerville.
- Photos documenting the condition of the property
- Report or condition assessment by a qualified professional describing the current condition of the property, if available.

PLANS AND REPORTS (IF AVAILABLE; SUBMIT DIGITAL COPIES ONLY)

- Renderings, site plans, engineering plans, design and bidding plans, specifications, and any MAAB variance requests
- Applicable reports (e.g., 21E, historic structure report, appraisals, survey plans, feasibility studies).

Community Path Design - Supplemental funding to address tree canopy health and removal of invasives

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
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NARRATIVE**

Project Description

- 1. Describe the project, including the project location and the property involved:**

Location: Somerville Community Path - Cambridge line to Lowell Street

The additional community path funds requested here will allow for an expanded scope of work for the consultant to be contracted under the previously approved CPA funding (\$75,000). The current funding will address the landscape design improvements to the community path including: 1) drainage improvements through surface interventions, such as bioswales and raingardens 2) landscape designs and installations that reflect the unique character and history of the path, and 3) improving public safety and accessibility. With these new funds (\$15,000) we will also have the opportunity to improve the ecological health of the path through the study and development of recommendations and specifications to improve of the tree canopy, understory plantings, and the removal of invasive species.

- 2. Why is this project needed? How does it preserve and enhance the character of Somerville? How does the project benefit the public? What population(s) will it serve?**

The Somerville Community Path is loved for both the recreational opportunities it provides as Somerville's largest open space and for the unique experiences users can have as they travel the Path. It is also one of the few forested landscapes in the city where visitors have contact the natural world, and where there are opportunities for bird habitat and other natural flora and fauna. Therefore, in conjunction with to the landscape improvements previously authorized, this additional funding will enable the landscape consultant to study and provide short and long term ecological restoration strategies which will improve the health of the path's tree canopy, understory and herbaceous layers, and which will help to prevent habitat loss. More specifically the consultant will identify and review the species and health of all trees and make recommendations for selective removals, and new plantings.

Removals are intended to include dead and unhealthy trees, as well as selective removals of invasives like Norway Maple, Ailanthus, Japanese Knotweed, and Black Swallowwort. New plantings will include species that are appropriate to the local environment.

- 3. How does the project meet the general and category-specific priorities outlined in the Community Preservation Plan, including how the project incorporates sustainable practices and design?** (Please see that attached page illustrating existing conditions.)

As with any City of Somerville Park and Open Space project, the new designs for the Community Path will be developed through a community process, and will prioritize security and safety concerns, ADA accessibility, good circulation systems, connections to the surrounding community, quality material choices, increased tree canopy, and sustainable systems for storm water management.

Once renovated, the community path will also enhance and preserve Open Space and recreation opportunities, as identified in Somersvision, the City's Comprehensive Plan, the City's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

By redeveloping and restoring the Community Path, it contributes to CPA goals with minimal effort and cost. The path already provides both a safe, car-free, ADA-compliant route for pedestrians and cycles through the heart of Somerville and connects major commercial hubs and transit stations at Davis Square and Alewife in Cambridge and to other bicycle paths and parks beyond.

Measuring Success

- 1. What are the goals of this project?**
To help establish the foundation plantings for the long term ecological health of the community path.
- 2. How will the success of this project be measured?**
By the response from the community, the continuation of natural plant successional species development, and the increase in bird and insect habitat.

Financial

- 1. Describe all successful and unsuccessful attempts to secure funding and/or in-kind contributions, donations, or volunteer labor for the project. Describe any cost-saving measures to be implemented.**
To the best of my knowledge, the health of the tree canopy, the removal of invasive species on the path, and the purposeful planting of successional appropriate understory plantings has not been previously addressed.
- 2. How was the total CPA funding request determined?**

Our cost estimate is based upon our experience with many other projects, including their size, site conditions, and their needs.

3. Will the project require funding over multiple years? If so, please provide annual funding requirements?

No, it is not anticipated that the landscape design of the community path will require any additional funding for several years. However, once the designs are complete construction funding will need to be located.

4. How will the project be affected if it does not receive CPA funds or does not receive the full amount requested?

The original scope of work, as approved and funded by the CPC, will proceed, but the scope of work will not address the tree canopy or invasive plant concerns.

Project Management

1. Describe the applicant. Are they public, private non-profit, private for-profit, an individual, a partnership, or another type of entity? What is their history and background? Provide any additional relevant information.

The project applicants are the City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Department, and the Friends of the Path. However all project management will be provided by Parks and Open Space Director Arn Franzen, or Landscape Architect and Senior Planner for Landscape Design, Luisa Oliveira.

The Friends of the Community Path are a 14-year old community group (founded in 2001) based in Somerville with approximately a dozen active members (who have voluntarily contributed thousands of hours of their time over the years) and over 1,400 supporters. They meet monthly and have advocated for the existing Community Path and its eastward expansion with the Green Line Extension. The Friends of the Community Path are also members of other Path and trail groups in the area such as the Friends of the Grand Junction Path, LandLine Coalition and the Mass Central Rail Trail Coalition.

2. If a community organization is applying with a government entity as a co-applicant, describe how the two organizations will work together, how finances will be managed, and how the work will be continued after the conclusion of CPA funding.

While the Friends of the Path are a much appreciated project co-applicant, and the driving force behind the original CPA application, project management and funding will be managed by the City's Parks and Open Space Program. The City will also explore funding options for the construction of the improvements while the design process is underway so that construction can proceed shortly after the design is complete.

4. Demonstrate that the applicant has successfully completed projects of similar type and scale or has the ability to complete the project as proposed.

The City's Parks and Open Space Program has completed over 35 successful park and playground renovations, is currently managing three active construction projects, and is working

on another 4-6 design projects. In addition, the department's projects and staff have received several awards for design and sustainability.

5. Identify and describe the roles of all known participants, including the project manager.

The City Parks and Open Space department will do all project management. The Friends of the Path will help with all community meeting and provide additional project support. The City of Somerville Engineering and DPW Departments will be consulted as the project moves forward.

6. Describe the feasibility of the project. The project is completely feasible and long overdue.

7. Describe any known or potential barriers to the successful on-time commencement and completion of the project, including any permits or inspections required.

This application is only for supplemental funding to be incorporated into the previously approved CPC project. However, because the City's operational use of the Path is dictated by the terms of our a long term lease with the MBTA, owned by the MBTA, all improvements to the Path must be approved by the MBTA, before they proceed. As such, the City will secure MBTA approval for any improvements to the Community Path before construction proceeds.

8. Describe any ongoing maintenance and programming required and who will be responsible for it. Maintenance will be the responsibility of the Department of Public Works.

9. Describe any permits, approvals, MAAB variance requests, or restrictions that are required for the project to go forward and the status for each. NA

10. Note if the applicant has previously received CPA funds and if so, a concise summary of the impact of the previous CPA project.

The CPA has awarded funds to several City of Somerville Parks and Open Space projects, and all have proceeded without issue.

Accessibility Requirements

1. Describe how the proposed project complies with all ADA/MAAB Regulations.

All City Parks and Open Space Projects have always met or exceeded all ADA/MAAB regulations and the designs of the Community Path will continue to observe those requirements.



GRANT AND TRUST FUNDS DISCLOSURE FORM
PURSUANT TO CITY OF SOMERVILLE CODE OR ORDINANCES SEC. 15

(copies of the Ordinance are available upon request)

Instructions: All applicants for grant and/or trust funds administered by the City must complete this form as part of its application submission to the City of Somerville. Complete all sections of this form.

Section 1

Legal Name of Applicant: City - Parks + Open Space

Indicate whether the applicant had any grant, contract, or agreement with a federal, state or local agency terminated within the last three (3) years.

Check One:

- Yes (If yes, please identify the grant, contract, or agreement including parties, term, and cause of termination on an additional page.)
- No

Section 2

Applicants are required to disclose any circumstances constituting a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest arising from or relating to the proposed grant or trust disbursement, whether real or apparent.

Conflict of Interest Prohibited. No employee, officer or agent of the grantee shall participate in any particular matter, including but not limited to, the selection, or in the award or administration of a contract, grant or subgrant, or employment agreement administered by way of funds received by the City of Somerville if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would arise. Such a conflict would arise when:

- 1) an employee, officer or agent, or
 - 2) any member of his or her immediate family, or
 - 3) a business organization in which he or she is serving as officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee; or
 - 4) any person or organization with whom he or she is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment,
- has a financial or other interest in the person or entity selected for an award, or a contract, grant, subgrant, or employment agreement of the grantee or the funds for which originate from or are awarded through the city.

Check One:

- No Conflict Of Interest**
- Potential or Actual Conflict of Interest** (If checked, disclose in detail all relevant facts, including names of individuals or organizations, relevant contract, grant, subgrant or employment agreement, and source of funding on an additional page.)

Section 3

Attach a copy of applicant’s policy addressing conflicts of interest that may arise involving management, employees and the members of its board of directors or other governing body. See the *City of Somerville Code of Ordinances Section 15-42(c)* for complete requirements. Should the policy be revised during the grant term, a copy of the revised policy must be submitted to the City within thirty (30) days of being revised.

Section 4

Identify all officers, employees, contractors, subgrantees or other persons providing any type of service in relation to the proposed grant activity, in the following format. Use additional page(s) as necessary.

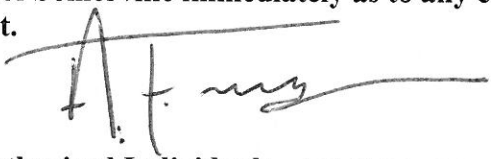
Name (Individual or Entity)	Association	Service Provided	Value of Service (\$)	Amount of City Funds Supporting Service (\$)	Mark “X” if individual or entity has had any grant, contract, or agreement with a federal, state or local agency terminated within the last 3 years.*

*If yes, please identify the grant, contract, or agreement including parties, term, and cause of termination on an additional page.

Section 5

This form is hereby completed on behalf of the applicant named above. Through the undersigned individual, the applicant hereby certifies that the completed form is true and accurate. The applicant acknowledges that it has read, understands, and agrees to comply with, the requirements of *City of Somerville Code of Ordinances Section 15*.

During the term of any grant, grantees have a continuing obligation to submit an updated Disclosure Form to the City of Somerville immediately as to any circumstances which constitute a potential or actual conflict of interest.

Signature: 

Print Name of Authorized Individual: Arn Franzen

Title: Director of Parks and Open 

Date: 12/5/2017

SOMERVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES – SEC 15-71 TO 15-76 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION ORDINANCE INFORMATION

This page provides informational guidance on the requirements of the Somerville “Pay to Play and Campaign Contribution Ordinance”. This is not intended as legal advice. Please always refer to the ordinance for all requirements and definitions.

MANDATORY DISCLOSURE FORM FOR APPLICANTS

APPLICANTS must complete a disclosure and certification form. You are an APPLICANT under this Ordinance if you are an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, joint venture, or any other legal entity, who is applying for any of the following items from the City of Somerville, all departments of the city, as well as any authorities and quasi-public corporations that receive appropriations from the city, such as the Somerville Redevelopment Authority:

<u>ITEM TYPE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HOW TO FILE FORM</u>
<i>CONTRACTS</i>	A signed written contract <u>in excess of \$25,000.00</u> for goods or services to which the city or a city-related agency is a party, except where the agreement is required by law to be awarded pursuant to a competitive bidding process under applicable law, or where the agreement constitutes a sole source procurement under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 7.	File with the contracting entity, before the city may enter into any contract.
<i>ZONING RELIEF</i>	A special permit with site plan review or approval of a planned unit development, as defined in the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, with respect to new construction or renovation <u>in excess of 15,000 square feet</u> .	File with the board hearing the application at the time that an applicant seeks approval.
<i>REAL ESTATE</i>	Acquisition of real estate owned by, or disposition of real estate to, the city or a city-related agency.	File with city agency seeking to dispose / acquire property at the time that an applicant submits a bid or response to a RFP. If not a bid or proposal process, file prior to obtaining title.
<i>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</i>	<i>Financial assistance</i> means any grant, loan, tax incentive, bond financing proceeds used to purchase land or fund expenses for improvements made to land or real estate, or other form of assistance that is realized by or provided to a person in the amount of <u>\$50,000.00 or more</u> through the authority or approval of the city or a city-related agency, including, but not limited to, tax increment financing aid, district improvement financing aid, industrial development bonds, or community development block grant aid.	File with the city agency that would provide financial assistance at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

No applicant shall be entitled to obtain the award of any of the items applied for “if such applicant, including those who would be attributed to the applicant under [section 15-73](#) above or any subcontractor used on a contract, has made a total contribution of more than \$500.00 to any individual

candidate for elected office of the City of Somerville or incumbent in either the calendar year of the application or the calendar year preceding the application, provided, however, that the restriction of eligibility with regard to contributions made prior to the year preceding the application shall not apply to any contributions made in the calendar year preceding the adoption of this article and shall only go forward beginning with the year of adoption of the article. No contribution made prior to the effective date of this article shall be deemed to give rise to a violation or penalty under this article.”

No contract may be renewed, extended, or materially amended, unless the resulting renewal, extension, or amendment, would be allowable under the provisions of this article if it were an initial contract.

OBTAINING THE ITEM AND CERTIFICATION ON CONTRIBUTIONS

If you obtain the item applied for, the ordinance contains requirements on certain contributions. The ordinance requires the applicant to certify that the “applicant and anyone attributed to the applicant or any subcontractor used on the contract shall not make any contribution in any calendar year in an amount in excess of \$500.00 to any individual incumbent or to any individual candidate for elective office of the City of Somerville for the next four calendar years following the award of the item, or for the duration of the term of any contract, whichever is longer.” Elected office of the City of Somerville shall mean the mayor, board of aldermen, and school committee of the city.

ATTRIBUTION RULES

The ordinance specifies certain attribution rules in Section 15-73, which are also referenced in sections relating to mandatory disclosure, certification, and eligibility. Section 15-73 provides that where the Applicant is:

<i>An Individual</i>	Any contributions made by the individual, any spouse of the individual, and any children of the individual.
<i>Not an individual but a corporation, partnership or limited liability corporation</i>	Any contributions made by any of its chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer, chief operating officer, chief procurement officer, directors, members, managers, principals, or persons performing similar functions, or shareholders in excess of ten percent, and their spouses and children.

CURING A CONTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE

An applicant may cure a contribution which violates this ordinance as follows:

Within “30 days after the date on which an applicable office of campaign and political finance report is required to be filed which contains a contribution in violation of this article, the applicant requests a refund in writing from the candidate or incumbent who received the contribution,” AND Within “30 days of the request, the applicant receives a refund of a contribution from the incumbent or any candidate for elective office in the City of Somerville, or political committee for such incumbent or candidate.”

Notwithstanding the above, if there is a contribution in violation of this article, the candidate or incumbent shall refund the contribution within 30 days of receipt of a request for refund, provided that funds are otherwise available in the campaign account of the candidate or incumbent. This article shall be interpreted and applied consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION ORDINANCE SEC. 15-72*
MANDATORY DISCLOSURE AND CERTIFICATION FORM**

INSTRUCTIONS: APPLICANTS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM AND FILE WITH THE SAME CITY OFFICE OR AGENCY WITH WHOM YOU FILED OR WILL FILE BELOW APPLICATION.

PART I. APPLICATION FOR ITEM

Describe the item you have, or will apply for, relating to this disclosure:

ITEM:	Community Path - additional funding			
TYPE (X):	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Relief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Assistance
CITY DEPT. OR AGENCY:	CPA			

PART II. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Provide the following information for the Applicant:

NAME:	Arn Franzen Director of Parks and Open Space
ADDRESS:	City Hall - third floor - 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143
TELEPHONE NO.:	617-625-6600 x2545
E-MAIL:	afranzen@somervillema.gov

On Schedule A, you must also provide the same information for the Applicant’s principals, chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer, chief operating officer, chief procurement officer, directors, or persons performing similar functions, or shareholders in excess of ten percent and managing agent to the extent applicable. **Please complete Schedule A. If not applicable, please check N/A on Schedule A.**

PART III. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE

On Schedule B, Applicants must disclose all contributions made by the applicant during the 12 months prior to the application (identified in Part I), to any person who was a candidate for elective office of the City of Somerville (mayor, board of aldermen, and school committee). The attribution rules in Section 15-73 of the Somerville Code of Ordinances shall apply to the contributions that must be disclosed. **On Schedule B**, applicants must also disclose such contributions made by persons attributed to the applicant under the ordinance. If the applicant is an individual, any such contributions made by the individual, any spouse of the individual, and any children of the individual must be disclosed. If the applicant is not an individual but a corporation, partnership or limited liability corporation, then any contributions made by any of its chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer, chief operating officer, chief procurement officer, directors, members, managers, principals, or persons performing similar functions, or shareholders in excess of ten percent, and their spouses and children, must be disclosed. **Please complete Schedule B. If disclosure is not required, please check N/A on Schedule B.** *Note: Contributions made before January 1, 2017 are not required to be disclosed.*

* Please see the Pay to Play and Campaign Contribution Ordinance for definitions and all requirements.

PART IV. SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Have you applied for a Contract and intend to use a subcontractor on this Contract? Yes No

If **“Yes”**, complete **Schedule C**. If **“No”**, **proceed to Part V**.

PART V. SIGNATURE, CERTIFICATION, AND ATTESTATION:

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby further certify as follows: If awarded the item that is applied for (as identified above) under subsections (a), (b), (c), or (d) in Section 15-72 of the Somerville Code of Ordinances, the Applicant, and anyone attributed to the Applicant, and if the application is for a contract any subcontractor used on the contract, will not make any contribution in any calendar year in an amount in excess of \$500.00 to any individual incumbent or to any individual candidate for elective office of the City of Somerville for the next four (4) calendar years following the award of the item, or for the duration of the term of the contract, whichever is longer.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury:

Signature of Affiant:  Title: DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Printed Name of Affiant: Arn Franzen Date: 12/5/17

Subscribed and sworn before me this ___ day of _____, 2 ⁰ ____.	(Witnessed or attested by)
My Commission expires:	(Seal)

THIS FORM SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION



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BUDGET SUMMARY**

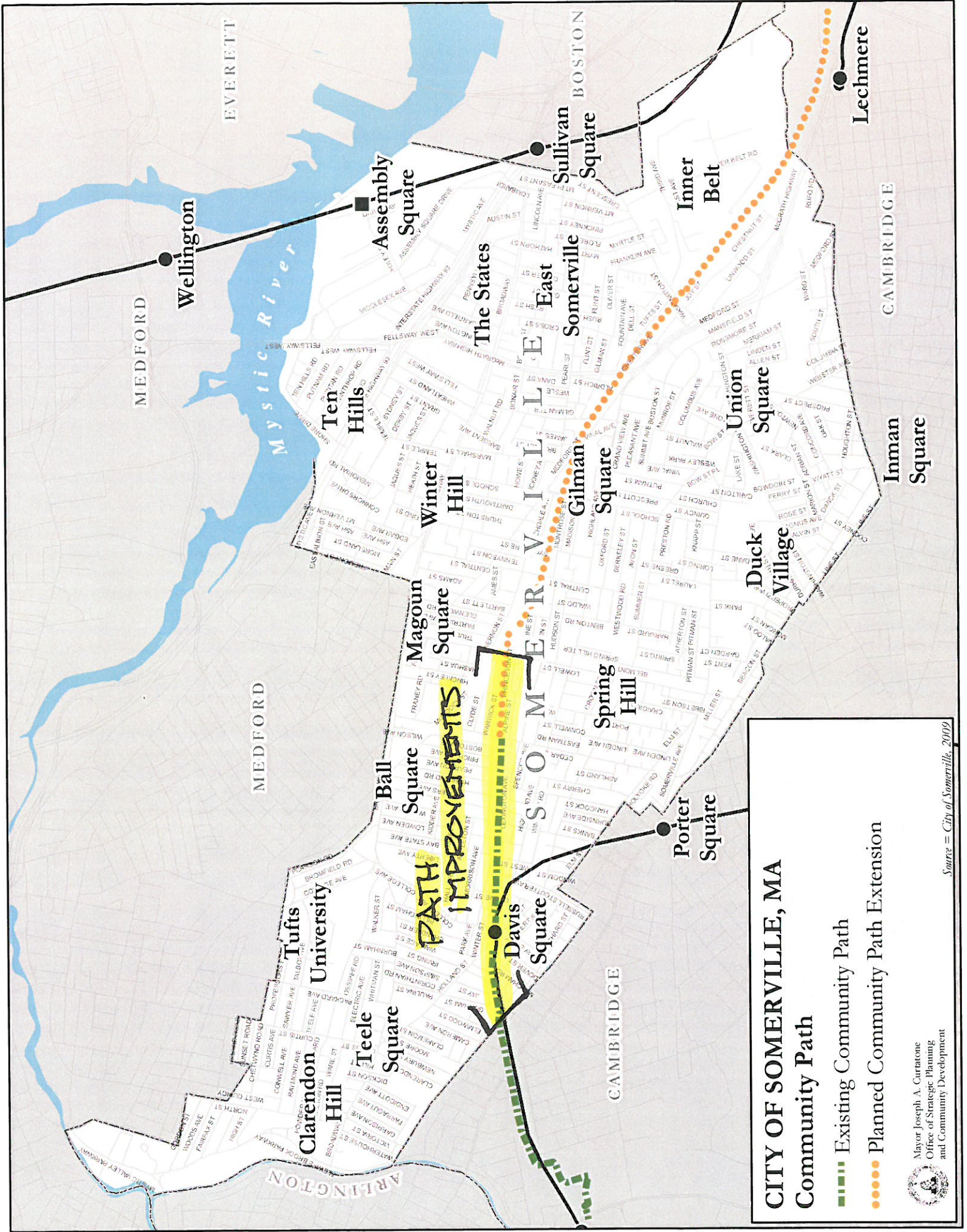
PROJECT NAME: Community Path Design - Supplemental funding to address tree canopy health and stratagize for removal of invasives

APPLICANT: Joint Applicants: City of Somerville, Friends of the Community Path

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS						
<i>Please include a complete itemized budget of all project expenses, including the proposed funding source for each expense, in your submission. Budget needs to include cost of permanent CPA dedication sign if requesting construction funds.</i>						
	PROPOSED SOURCE	EXPENSES				TOTAL
		STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	
1	Somerville CPA	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2	Somerville CPA	Community Path Design	\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00
3						
4						
5						
6						
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$	\$15,000.00	\$	\$	\$15,000.00

*Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc.
** Construction includes new construction, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration work, and/or accessibility related expenses

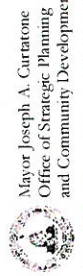
EXPLANATION OF FUNDING SOURCES			
<i>Please explain the status of each funding source (i.e., submitting application on X date, applied on X date, received award notification on X date, funds on hand, etc.). For sources where funding has been awarded or funds are on hand, please include documentation from the funding source (e.g., commitment letter, bank statement) in application packet</i>			
	SOURCE	SECURED? (YES/NO)	STATUS OF FUNDING SOURCE
1	Community Preservation Act	NO	
2			
3			
4			
5			



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MA
Community Path

- Existing Community Path
- Planned Community Path Extension

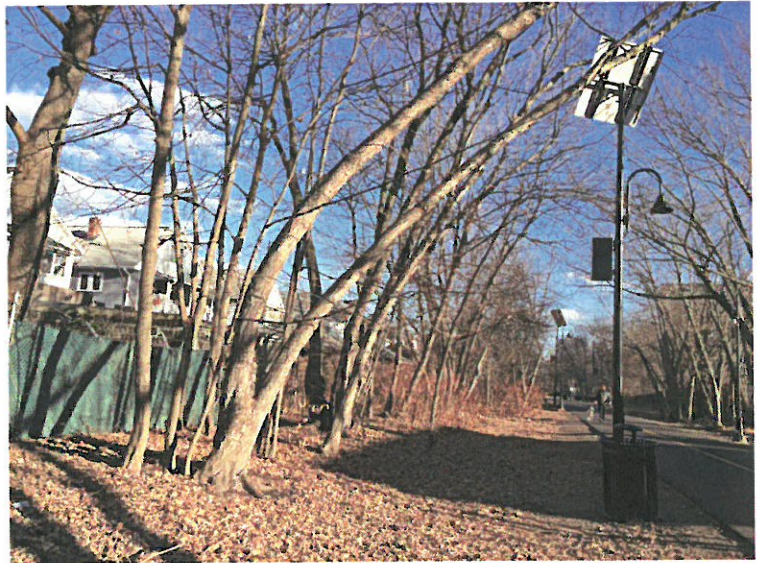
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 and Community Development

Somerville Community Path

Tree Canopy & Invasive Plants 12/7/17





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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION FORM**

Submit an electronic copy (fillable PDF available at www.somervillema.gov/CPA) no later than **5:00pm Wednesday, September 20, 2017** to: Kristen Stelljes, kstelljes@somervillema.gov. [Download and save file before you begin typing to ensure work is saved.]

PROJECT NAME: Community Path Landscape Design - Supplemental funding to address tree canopy health and stratagize for removal of invasives.

PROJECT LOCATION: Somerville Community Path - Cambridge line to Lowell Street

APPLICANT(S) NAME / ORGANIZATION: City of Somerville Department of Parks and Open Space

CONTACT PERSON: Arn Franzen

MAILING ADDRESS: City Hall, 3rd floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

PHONE: Office: 617-625-6600 x2545

EMAIL: afranzen@somervillema.gov

Please indicate (X) all categories that apply to this project (at least one). For more detailed information on these categories, refer to the "Community Preservation Act Funding Allowable Uses" chart on the next page.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP:

Legal Property Owner of Record (if applicable):
Mass DOT

Is the owner the applicant? Yes No

If No, does the applicant have site control or written

consent of the property owner to submit an application? City of Somerville must be co-applicant on all projects on City property.

Yes (Attach documentation)

No (Project will be deemed ineligible for this applicant)

	Open Space	Recreational Land	Historic Resources	Community Housing (blended projects only)
Acquisition				
Creation				
Preservation				
Support				
Rehabilitation/Restoration		X		

FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES PROJECTS:

Is the resource in a Local Historic District and/or listed on the State Register of Historic Places? Yes No
(you can check designation at mhc-macris.net)

If no, has the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission made a determination that the resource is significant? Yes No

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This request is for additional funding for landscape design of improvements to the community path.

At the request of the City and the Friends of the Community Path, the CPC previously agreed to provide \$75,000 in funding for landscape improvements of the Community Path including: 1) drainage improvements through surface interventions, such as bioswales and raingardens, and 2) installation(s) that reveal the history of the Path as a railroad bed.

However, after staff discussions regarding the scope of work to be included in the RFP, it was agreed that additional work and funding should be included to 1) develop a strategy for the removal of Japanese Knotweed and other invasives, and 2) to analyze the composition of the tree canopy, and make recommendations for to improve it's health and diversity.



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MAYOR



PROJECT STATUS (What community need is this trying to address and what level of planning has already been undertaken to inform the proposed project?):

The Somerville Community Path is loved for both the recreational opportunities it provides as Somerville's largest open space and for the unique experiences users can have as they travel the Path. It is also one of the few forested landscapes in the city where visitors have contact the natural world, and where there are opportunities for bird habitat and other natural flora and fauna.

Therefore, in conjunction with to the landscape improvements previously authorized, this additional funding will enable the landscape consultant to study and provide short and long term ecological restoration strategies which will improve the health of the path's tree canopy, understory and herbaceous layers, and which will help to prevent habitat loss.

More specifically the consultant will identify and review the species and health of all trees and make recommendations for selective removals, and new plantings. Removals are intended to include dead and unhealthy trees, as well as selective removals of invasives like Norway Maple, and Ailanthuss. New plantings will include species that are appropriate to the local environment.

In addition, invasive species like Japanese Knotweed will be mapped and a plan for their removal shall be incorporated in the scope of work.

FOR CPC USE: Date Received _____ Date Reviewed _____ Date Applicant Notified _____

Eligible

Potentially Eligible

Not Eligible

More Information Needed

COMMENTS:

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Community Preservation Act Funding Allowable Uses

	Open Space	Recreational Land	Historic Resources	Community Housing
	Land to protect existing and future well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, watershed land, agricultural land, grasslands, fields, forest land, fresh and salt water marshes and other wetlands, ocean, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, beaches, dunes and other coastal lands, lands to protect scenic vistas, land for wildlife or nature preserve and land for recreational use.	Land for active or passive recreational use including, but not limited to, the use of land for community gardens, trails, and noncommercial youth and adult sports, and the use of land as a park, playground or athletic field. Does not include horse or dog racing or the use of land for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure.	Building, structure, vessel, real property, document or artifact listed on the state register of historic places or determined by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture or culture of the city or town.	Housing for low and moderate income individuals and families, including low or moderate income seniors. Moderate income is less than 100%, and low income is less than 80%, of US HUD Area Wide Median Income.
Acquisition Obtain property interest by gift, purchase, devise, grant, rental, purchase, lease or otherwise. Only includes eminent domain taking as provided by G.L. c. 44B.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Creation To bring into being or cause to exist. Seideman v. City of Newton, 452 Mass. 472 (2008).	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Preservation Protect personal or real property from injury, harm or destruction.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support Provide grants, loans, rental assistance, security deposits, interest-rate write downs or other forms of assistance directly to individuals and families who are eligible for community housing, or to entity that owns, operates or manages such housing, for the purpose of making housing affordable.	No	No	No	Yes, includes funding for Affordable Housing Trust Fund
Rehabilitation and Restoration Make capital improvements, or extraordinary repairs to make assets functional for intended use, including improvements to comply with federal, state or local building or access codes or federal standards for rehabilitation of historic properties.	Yes, if acquired or created with CPA funds	Yes	Yes	Yes, if acquired or created with CPA funds