

Springfield Community Preservation Grant Application

Community Preservation Funds are available in four categories: Community Housing, Historic Resource, Open Space & Recreation. You may skip a question if it does not apply to your project. ***IMPORTANT*** If you click on any links in this application, you must use the back arrow to return to this application or you will lose your work. Be sure to save your application. Questions about this form? Call 413-530-1268 or by email cpc@springfieldcityhall.com

INTRODUCTION Please read the [application instructions on the CPC website](#) before proceeding with this application. The link includes a guide to proposing a CPA project. Options to save and finish the application later are found at the bottom of this application. Helpful additional resource links can be found on the [Home page](#) <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/finance/community-preservation>. Review the [DOR Community Preservation Fund Allowable Spending Purposes Chart](#) to determine if your project qualifies for CPA funding. *asterisked items are required.

Applicant :
Other

Neighborhood
Forest Park

Project/Program Title:
Forest Park Fitness Course

Location of proposed project
299 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108

CPA program area— check all that apply. Once you make a selection, only the questions relating to that selection(s) will appear.
Recreation

Anticipated Start Date of Construction
6/1/2025

Anticipated completion date of project
11/30/2026

Name of Organization or Individual
Forest Park Civic Association

Applicant Contact Name and Title
Beate Bolen, President
Phil Contant, Board-Parks Committee Memeber

Applicant Contact Phone Number
(413) 306-5454

Applicant Contact Email
forestparkcivicassociation@gmail.com

Website
<https://www.forestparkcivic.org/>

Applicant Contact Address
Beate Bolen, 30 Maplewood Terrace, Springfield, Massachusetts 01108

Additional project partner and contact details
Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management
Pat Sullivan
200 Trafton Road
Springfield, MA 01108
PSullivan@springfieldcityhall.com

Grant Request

Grant Request Amount
\$300,000.00

Will you be seeking multi-year funding?
No

Total Project Budget
\$300,000.00

Total Sources of Committed Funding. If none write \$0.00
\$0.00

CPA request as % of project
100

List committed funds from all sources and agencies or write none.
There are no additional funding sources at this time.

Budget

FP Fitness Course_Budget_Cost Estimate_CPA 2024.pdf

Sustainability

Forest Park, and the fitness course, will continue to be maintained by the Springfield Park Department.

Fair Wage Compliance Certificate. Applies only to non-municipal projects.

Parcel ID #
112800460

Maps
FP Fitness Course_Spfld
Open Space Map_CPA
2024.pdf

FP Fitness Course_GIS
Aerial Map_CPA 2024.pdf

FP Fitness Course_Aerial
Location Map_CPA 2024.pdf

Applicant standing in property
Other

Open Space & Outdoor Recreation Questions

If the project is on municipal land or conservation land, attach a letter of support from the Park Commission or Conservation Commission.

**Is this project in a wetland or does it
abut a wetland?**

No

If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed?

No

**If your proposal involves a city park/property have you contacted Department of Parks Building
Recreation Management?**

Yes

Has the appropriate city agency been contacted?

Yes

Has the appropriate Neighborhood Civic Association been contacted?

Yes

Project Details

PLEASE NOTE: You have the option of typing in a response or attaching a file. If your responses are lengthy, please upload a document. Be sure to label each document with a title.

If selected for a grant, the Grantee shall submit quarterly progress reports and a courtesy copy to the neighborhood council (if applicable). The Final report will include before/after photos and a summary of the CPA work completed.

Upload Narrative (200 words or less)

FP Fitness Course_Narrative_Description_Timeline_CPA 2024.pdf

Or type Narrative (200 words or less)

The Forest Park Civic Association (FPCA) is requesting CPA-recreation funding to renovate the outdoor fitness equipment in Forest Park. The FPCA, on behalf of its members and neighborhood residents, believe the Fitness Course needs improvements to provide access for people of all abilities and for updated equipment to offer a variety of outdoor exercise options. The Fitness Course is a main attraction and is heavily used by park visitors for outdoor exercise. The FPCA would like to see the equipment and surfacing be updated in a similar style to the exercise stations at Van Horn and Sam Bolden Parks. Renovation of the Fitness Course meets the CPA goals of renovating neighborhood parks to improve recreation opportunities. Forest Park is the only park in the Forest Park neighborhood to offer this type of recreation.

Proposed improvements include design and construction to renovate the fitness station with new accessible surfacing and exercise equipment. The equipment will be varied to offer both strength & conditioning and cardiovascular style equipment.

This project meets the CPA goal to restore neighborhood playgrounds and green spaces for active recreation. The FPCA is requesting Community Preservation funding of \$300,000 to make improvements to the Forest Park Fitness Course.

Upload Project Description (200 words or less)

Or type Project Description

Renovation of the Forest Park Fitness Course requires both design and construction activities, is a CPA-recreation category project. The project scope includes design development (e. g., advancing the concept plan into construction documents), and construction tasks (e.g., site layout/grading/drainage, installation of new exercise equipment, installation of accessible rubber surfacing, accessible pathway, and site amenities). The proposed budget of \$300,000 will ensure the successful completion of this project.

The Fitness Course is a main attraction for park visitors who use the elements to strength & condition and cardiovascular exercise. Through this project, an accessible walkway to the fitness course will be constructed to connect the exercise station with the main walking path around the Forest Park ballfields.

The FPCA, on behalf of Forest Park neighborhood residents, seek to improve the condition of the Forest Park fitness course to ensure the amenity can be used by people of all abilities. The Fitness Station is in constant use, and we feel that the city's largest park should have an updated accessible outdoor exercise station. The FPCA has been contacted by many neighborhood residents and members to offer support for this project. Please see attached letter of support from the Forest Park Civic Association.

Upload Applicant Experience

Or type Applicant Experience

The FPCA contacted the Parks Department to discuss the renovation of this popular amenity in Forest Park. The Park Department is an active partner in this application and has supplied the concept plan and

budget for this renovation project. Should the project receive funding, the Park Department would be responsible for project management through all stages of renovation. The FPCA and Parks Department have a proven partnership on the implementation of park renovation projects, such as the Forest Park Aquatic Gazebo, Forest Park Picnic Grove Renovation and the renovation of Florentine Gardens. The Parks Department has the appropriate staff and resources to implement the renovation of the Forest Park Fitness Course.

The Parks Department has provided a conceptual master plan and anticipated project budget for the grant application. Should funding be awarded, these plans will be developed into construction documents. Additionally, initial concepts have been provided with this application for purposes of grant preparation; the final design and selection of exercise equipment will be determined during design development with input from the neighborhood. Should the project receive funding, the construction work to renovate the fitness station will be subject to a public bid process to select a construction vendor. The Parks Department has successful history of implementing projects of this type, with approximately \$5,000,0000 of CPA funding awarded to date.

Comments or additional information

User experience. If you have suggestions to improve the form please let us know.

Upload any additional files or attachments.

FP Fitness Course_FPCA Letter of Support_CPA 2024.pdf

FPCA_FP Fitness_Park Commission Letter_CPA24.pdf

FP Fitness Course_FPCA Letter to Parks_CPA 2024.pdf

FP Fitness Course_Concept Plan_Equipment Layout_CPA 2024.pdf

FP Fitness Course Photos_CPA 2024.pdf

FP Fitness Course_Conceptual Master Plan_CPA 2024.pdf

Provide a list of all attachments included in this application.

1. Forest Park Fitness Course - Budget/Cost Estimate
2. Forest Park Fitness Course - Maps (Open Space, Aerial & Location Map)
3. Forest Park Fitness Course - Narrative_Description_Timeline
4. Forest Park Fitness Course - Letters of Support (Parks Commission, FPCA)
5. Forest Park Fitness Course - Conceptual Master Plan; Conceptual Equipment Plan
6. Forest Park Fitness Course - Site Photos

Signature to Submit Application

The applicant certifies that all information in this application and all information furnished in support of this application is given for the purpose of obtaining a Community Preservation Act grant and is a true copy and is complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief.

Beate Bolen

Forest Park Civic Association