

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 :

Non-Profit Organization
Other

Neighborhood

Outer Belt

Project/Program Title:

Treetop Park Improvements

Location of proposed project

Treetop Park, 258 Corcoran Boulevard, Springfield, MA 01118

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

8/1/2025

Anticipated completion date of project

11/30/2026

Name of Organization or Individual

Outer Belt Civic Association

Applicant Contact Name and Title

Walter Gould, Outer Belt Civic Association President

Applicant Contact Phone Number

(413) 348-5808

Applicant Contact Email

jogould01@gmail.com

Website

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/565242158476022>

Applicant Contact Address

Outer Belt Civic Association, P.O. Box 598, Springfield, Massachusetts 01101

Additional project partner and contact details

Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management
Patrick Sullivan
200 Trafton Road
Springfield, MA 01108

Grant Request

Grant Request Amount
\$250,000.00

Will you be seeking multi-year funding?
No

Total Project Budget
\$250,000.00

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 other sources of funds for this project at this time.

Budget

Treetop Park_Budget_Cost Estimate_CPA 2024.pdf

Sustainability

Treetop Park will continue to be maintained by the Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management as a public park.

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

Parcel ID #
032300051

Maps
Treetop Park_Spfld Open
Space Map_CPA 2024.pdf

Treetop Park_GIS Wetlands
Map_CPA 2024.pdf

Treetop Park_GIS Property
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?

Yes

If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed?

Yes

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)

Or type Narrative (200 words or less)

The Outer Belt Civic Association is submitting an application for CPA-recreation category funding to make improvements to Treetop Park. Treetop Park, an approximate 17-acre park, is located in the Outer Belt neighborhood of Springfield at Corcoran Street.

The Outer Belt Civic Association is applying for CPA 2024 funding to make improvements to Treetop Park that will increase park usage by neighborhood and city residents. Treetop Park offers soccer fields, playground, a woodland, parking and comfort station. The Park is actively used by the neighborhood and youth soccer organizations and improvements to the park will provide visitors with more amenities to enjoy. Specifically, proposed park improvements include installation of a stone dust surface walking path and accessible swing set. This project meets the following CPA priorities: to preserve and enhance the essential character of Springfield; to demonstrate practicality and feasibility so the project can be implemented within budget and on schedule; has received endorsement from municipal boards/departments and from the neighborhood association; and will utilize Springfield based resources when possible. Improvements to Treetop Park will meet the CPA goals of renovating small neighborhood playgrounds and green spaces, and of creating and enhancing opportunities for trails on parkland.

Upload Project Description (200 words or less)

Tree Top Park_Project Narrative_Description_Timeline_CPA 2024.pdf

Or type Project Description

Treetop Park Improvements includes design and construction activities to install a 5 ft. wide stone dust walking path and accessible swing set at Treetop Park. The proposed walking path will connect around the soccer field to the swing set and playground area. Treetop Park does not currently have a walking path. Many neighborhood residents incorporate the park in their daily walks, and the addition of a walking path will allow them to use more of the park. The Park does not have swings for people to enjoy. The proposed swing set will complement the existing playground to offer both traditional and accessible swings for all to utilize. The OBCA will work with the Park Department to implement the project and determine what style amenities are best suited at the site. Design development, beginning when CPC & Parks contract is complete, will advance the concept plan into permitting, construction plans and documents. Construction activities will include all necessary tasks to install proposed site amenities. The Construction timeline is anticipated as fourteen months to accommodate unforeseen delays, weather and/or product availability impacts. The proposed project included both design and construction elements to improve the site conditions, with a proposed budget of \$250,000.

Upload Applicant Experience

Or type Applicant Experience

The project will be implemented by the City of Springfield Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management. The Parks Department has the experienced personnel to implement park renovation projects. The Department will engage the services of landscape designer/engineering firm to produce construction documents for this project. The construction contractor will be selected through a bid for public construction issued by the City of Springfield Office of Procurement on behalf of the DPBRM.

Recently the DPBRM has completed renovation of Blunt Park, Venture Pond (Phase 1), Westminster Street Children's' Park, Angelina Park and other similar CPA projects.

Comments or additional information

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

Upload any additional files or attachments.

Treetop_Park Commission Letter_CPA24.pdf

Treetop Park_Outer Belt Civic Association_LOS_CPA 2024.pdf

Tree Top Park_CPA 2024_Swing Set Example.pdf

Treetop Park_Photos_CPA 2024.pdf

Treetop Park_Conceptual Master Plan_CPA 2024.pdf

Provide a list of all attachments included in this application.

1. Treetop Park - Budget/Cost Estimate
2. Treetop Park - Maps (Open Space, Aerial & Wetland Maps)
3. Treetop Park - Project Narrative, Description, Experience & Timeline
4. Treetop Park - Letters of Support (OBCA, Park Commission)
5. Treetop Park - Conceptual Master Plan
6. Treetop Park - Swing Set example
7. Treetop Park - 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.

Walter Gould,
Outer Belt Civic Association