

**SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION  
FULL APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

**I. PROJECT INFORMATION**

CPA program area - check all that apply:

community housing       historic preservation       open space       recreation

Project/Program Title: **Blunt Park Tennis Courts**

Brief Project/Program Summary:

The Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management (PBRM), on behalf of Bay Area neighborhood residents, is requesting CPA recreation funding to renovate the Blunt Park Tennis Courts. This project will improve court drainage, surface materials, tennis equipment, practice wall, and fencing at the Blunt Park Tennis Courts. Project budget includes all design and construction costs necessary for this project.

estimated start date: November 2021

estimated completion date: November 2022

**II. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Type of Applicant - check one:

City of Springfield       Non-Profit Organization       For-Profit Business       Individual

Name of Organization: **Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management**

Name of Contact Person: **Patrick J. Sullivan**

Mailing Address: **200 Trafton Road**

Mailing City/State/Zip: **Springfield, MA 01108**

Phone: **(413) 787-7770**

Fax: **(413) 787-6439**

Email: **PSullivan@springfieldcityhall.com**

Website: **<https://www.springfield-ma.gov/cos/>**

**III. BUDGET SUMMARY**

Estimated Project Budget: **\$350,000**

CPA Funding Request: **\$250,000**

Will you be seeking multi-year funding       Yes       No

CPA Request as Percentage of Total Project/Program Budget: **72%**

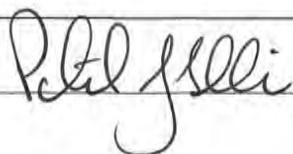
List Other Secured Funding Sources:

**PBRM will be seeking a Community Development Block Grant of \$100,000 to support completion of this project.**

List Other Prospective Funding Sources:

**At this time there are no other prospective funding sources for this project.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

4/1/21

City of Springfield – Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management  
Blunt Park Tennis Courts – CPA 2021 Application

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION – BLUNT PARK**

Community Preservation Funds are available in four categories. There are some questions that are only relevant to certain categories. Please only answer the questions in this section that relate to the category(s) that are being applied for.

- A. All Categories that involve property (land and/or buildings)
  - 1. Provide the parcel ID number(s) for property included in the project
    - a. Parcel Id: 10360-023
  - 2. Does the applicant own the property?
    - a. Yes. Blunt Park is owned by the City of Springfield and maintained by the Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management (PBRM) as a public park.
  - 3. If the applicant does not own the property, attach a purchase & sale agreement to purchase the property.
    - a. Not applicable.
- B. Community Housing Questions – Not applicable to this project.
- C. Historic Preservation Questions – Not applicable to this project.
- D. Open Space & Recreation Questions
  - 1. Is this project in a wetland or does it abut a wetland?
    - a. Yes there is a wetland in Blunt Park.
  - 2. If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed?
    - a. Yes. Renovation of the Blunt Park Tennis Courts does not require a permit from the Conservation Commission.
  - 3. If the project is on municipal park or conservation land, attached a letter of support from the Park Commission or Conservation Commission.
    - a. The Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management, is the main applicant for this project and is in full support of the project. Please see attached letter from the Board of Park Commissioners.

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**I. NARRATIVE**

The narrative is an opportunity to explain the proposal to the CPC and how the proposal achieves one or more of the CPA criteria. In a separate document, answer the following questions. Keep responses in the same order they are presented here and include the headings for each section.

A. Project Summary

Introduce the project with a summary which notes the CPA category, goals, project scope, and budget. (200 words or less)

The Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management (PBRM), on behalf of Bay Area neighborhood residents, proposes to improve the condition of the Blunt Park Tennis Courts through this CPA recreation application. Specifically, the project will address court drainage, surfacing, equipment and fencing.

Improvements through this grant will renovate a popular recreation element within Springfield’s second largest park. The project budget is estimated at \$350,000 for all design and construction work to enhance the Tennis Courts at Blunt Park. Enhancement of the Blunt Park Tennis Courts will increase the recreational value of Blunt Park and will improve the court conditions for residents of all ages to participate in this life-long sport and recreation activity.

B. Proposal Description

1. Describe the proposal and how it will benefit Springfield. (200 words or less)

Renovations to Blunt Park Tennis Courts will benefit Springfield residents citywide by providing accessible and inclusive recreational elements in this well-used neighborhood park. Blunt Park, at 162 acres, is the second largest park in the City’s park system. The increased offerings at Blunt Park will provide park users of all age ranges the opportunity to enjoy the park.

The project scope is to renovate the existing Tennis Court to a playable condition. Currently the court surface does not drain adequately, which results in puddling that limits playability of the courts after rain events. Additionally, the court surfacing shows evidence of cracking that causes uneven surface conditions and present possible trip hazards. The project proposes to remove the existing asphalt court, regrade the court to improve drainage, install new asphalt court surfacing, paint court lines, and install new tennis equipment and practice wall.

Include in the budget are design and construction costs to implement renovation of the Blunt Park Tennis Courts.

2. Identify what CPA criteria this proposal achieves and how they are accomplished.

Blunt Park addresses the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of recreation land as outlined in the Springfield Community Preservation Plan. The improvements aim to renovate the existing conditions at Blunt Park in order to restore the park to its full potential as a neighborhood park. Specifically the project addresses the open space and recreation priority of renovating neighborhood playgrounds and green spaces.

The project is consistent with the priorities identified in the Community Preservation Plan. The renovation of the Blunt Park Tennis Courts addresses the following plan criteria: to preserve and enhance the essential character of Springfield, to protect open space and recreational resources that may otherwise deteriorate, and to demonstrate a practical and feasible project that can be implemented within its proposed budget and schedule. The project will be advantageous to the community, as its completion will prove Springfield residents with a park the meets the needs of the neighborhood.

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3. Describe the need that this proposal will address.

The Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management (PBRM) has identified the continued renovation of neighborhood parks, the continued goal to make all parks universal accessible and the renovation of Tennis Courts city-wide as goals of its Open Space and Recovery Plan (2017). Improvements to Blunt Park will address these goals specifically. The Open Space plan is developed with community and resident input and the PBRM continually strives to address the recreational needs of the city when completing park renovation projects. Additionally, improvements to Blunt Park are listed in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan, to be completed as funding is available. Furthermore, the Bay Area neighborhood residents have requested that PBRM make improvements to the Blunt Park Tennis Courts, which has been delayed due to funding resources.

4. What is the expected outcome of this proposal?

Completion of this renovation project will restore the Blunt Park Tennis Courts to its full recreational value to actively engage the neighborhood in positively utilizing the park. Improvements to Blunt Park will be highly visible and make an improvement to the visual aesthetics of the neighborhood.

Improvements to the Tennis Courts will provide Springfield residents of all ages and abilities the opportunity to participate in the sport of tennis, a recreational activity that helps encourage and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

C. Feasibility & Sustainability

1. What other funding sources have been secured or are being pursued?
  - a. At this time, no additional funding other than this CPA grant request are anticipated.
2. Once the proposal is complete how will it be sustained/maintained?
  - a. Blunt Park will continue to be maintained by the PBRM, under the direction of Board of Park Commissioners.
3. Is there an operating pro forma for when the proposal is complete and what is the basis?
  - a. No, there is no operating pro forma for this project.

D. Applicant Experience

1. What similar projects/programs has the applicant successfully completed?

The Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management will coordinate and oversee all aspects of the Blunt Park Tennis Court renovation project. The PBRM has a long history of successfully completing park improvements and renovation projects. The PBRM plans to work with its on-call design firms and contractors to procure necessary engineering plans and materials to successfully complete the improvements to Blunt Park. This project would complete the necessary work to return this park to its full potential.

2. Describe the professional experience of the applicant/project team.

All projects of the PBRM are overseen by its Executive Director, Patrick Sullivan, who has over 30 years of experience in park renovations and improvements. The Department will work with its on-call design firms to complete the necessary court construction plans, as well as, the City’s on-call paving, fencing and site amenities vendors for the purchase of materials. In the past five years, the PBRM has completed twenty similar projects, resulting in approximately \$14,000,000 in park improvements.

Should the project receive funding, the construction work to renovate the Blunt Park Tennis Courts may be subject to a public bid process to select a construction vendor. The PBRM will collaborate with the Office of Procurement to implement procurement regulations to ensure a successful completion of this project.

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## II. TIMELINE

- Spring 2021: April – June
  - CPA application due
  - CPC presentations
- Summer 2021: July – August
  - CPC deliberations
- Fall 2021: September - October
  - CPC Recommendations to City Council
  - City Council Review and Recommendation
  - Contracting with CPC and PBRM
- Winter 2021: November – December
  - CPC and PBRM Contract Period
- Winter 2022: January – March
  - Design Development and Construction Plans
  - PBRM to solicit quote/prepare bids as necessary for project implementation
  - Obtain any necessary permits for construction
- Spring 2022: April-June
  - Construction contract awarded through City’s Procurement Procedures
  - Order tennis equipment
  - Pre-Construction meeting with PBRM, selected vendor and compliance
  - Construction begins on Tennis Court restoration project
- Summer 2022: July
  - Construction Complete

## III. BUDGET - Please see Attachment - Proposed Project Budget

The Blunt Park Tennis Court budget includes design and engineering services, tennis equipment, and construction costs. Please see the attached itemized budget for an overview of anticipated costs, with a total project budget of \$350,000. Through this grant application \$250,000 is requested from the Community Preservation Committee and PBRM will be seeking the remaining \$100,000 from a Community Development Block Grant to support this project.

## IV. ATTACHMENTS

### For all proposals

- A. Commitment letters for revenue sources identified in the budget
  - a. PBRM will be seeking the additional funding from a Community Development Block Grant to support this project.
- B. Letters of Support
  - a. Board of Park Commissioners Support Letter

### For projects that involve property (land/buildings)

- C. Letters of Support from Neighborhood Council/Association where project is located
  - a. The PBRM has prepared this application on behalf of Bay Area neighborhood residents. A letter of support from the Bay Area Neighborhood Council is attached, as well as a letter received by residents requesting renovation of the tennis courts. The PBRM will continue to work with the neighborhood council as the project moves forward with renovations.
- D. Maps

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1. Project location on citywide map
    - a. City of Springfield Open Space Map with Project Location
  2. Plot map (from City GIS) with the project parcel outlined and showing all abutting property parcels and the closest major intersection with streets labeled
    - a. Blunt Park GIS Aerial Map
- E. Architectural/Engineer Plans/Elevations/Site Plans
- a. Design and Engineering Plans will be developed through is grant application.
- F. Photographs
- a. Site Photos – Blunt Park Tennis Courts Conditions
- G. Operating Pro Forma (for project after it is complete)
- a. Blunt Park is and will continue to be maintained and operated by the City of Springfield under the direction of the Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management.
- H. Proof of ownership/control of property such as deed(s), executed purchase & sale agreement, option, lease agreement, etc.
- a. Blunt Park Deed



## Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management

*Administrative Office, Forest Park*

### BLUNT PARK TENNIS COURTS CPA APPLICATION 2021 – PROPOSED BUDGET

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Design &amp; Construction Documents</b>	Development of site construction plans and specification to renovate court conditions (i.e., demolition plan, erosion controls, drainage plan, layout, surface and materials installation details)	\$35,000.00
<b>Site Amenities</b>	Purchase of tennis equipment: nets, posts, practice wall etc.	\$30,000.00
<b>Fencing</b>	Removal of existing fence and installation of new fence and gates	\$75,000.00
<b>Construction Costs</b>	Contractor to demolish existing court surface, regrade and pave courts, install equipment	\$200,000.00
<b>Contingency</b>	Funds to allow for fluctuations in design and construction costs.	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>All design and construction costs</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>



City of Springfield  
***Parks, Buildings, and Recreation Management***

March 22, 2021

Community Preservation Committee  
36 Court Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Committee Members,

The Board of Park Commissioners convened a meeting on March 18, 2021 to hear requests from citizens and community organizations relating to Community Preservation Act 2021 park and recreation grant applications.

The Springfield Park Commission enthusiastically supports the request from Bay Area neighborhood residents for the Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management to prepare a recreation and open space application to renovate the tennis courts at Blunt Park.

The Park Commission feels this project is aligned not only with Park Department priorities and needs for enhanced recreational offerings city-wide, but with the Community Preservation Act priority of improving recreational opportunities for Springfield residents.

We are available to answer any questions and look forward to working with the Community Preservation Committee and the DPBRM to implement this project.

Sincerely,

*Milagros Rodriguez (cmc)*  
Milagros Terry Rodriguez  
Board of Park Commissioners, Chairwoman

cc: Patrick Sullivan, Executive Director DPBRM  
Andrew Cade, Bay Area Neighborhood Resident



## Bay Area Neighborhood Council

*"Invest in BANC, and gain interest in our community"*

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March 23, 2021

Patrick J. Sullivan  
Executive Director  
Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management  
200 Trafton Road  
Springfield, MA 01108

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

It is our pleasure to write this letter of support for the Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant application to improve the conditions of the Blunt Park tennis courts.

As the neighborhood council that represents Blunt Park we appreciate and support your efforts to improve this popular recreational activity.

Improvements to the tennis courts will have an immediate visual impact on the aesthetic of Blunt Park while also providing access for City residents to participate in this life-long sport. The Blunt Park tennis courts provide recreation for people of all ages and we support this application to make necessary improvements to their condition.

We welcome the opportunity to partner with the City on this project and we appreciate your efforts to enhance the park experience for all park patrons.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Smith, President  
Bay Area Neighborhood Council

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P.O. Box 91066 / 437 Bay Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01109  
Phone: 413.209-2014 / Email: [gwendolynsmith5074@gmail.com](mailto:gwendolynsmith5074@gmail.com) /  
[bayareaneighborhoodcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:bayareaneighborhoodcouncil@yahoo.com)

## Calvanese, Kathy

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**From:** andrew6503@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 4:01 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Pat  
**Cc:** budl3@comcast.net  
**Subject:** [External]

Hi Mr. Sullivan:

At the urging of State Representative Williams, this email is intended to begin conversation regarding resurfacing the Tennis Courts at Blunt park and the revitalization of the Tennis Courts on Acorn Street adjacent to the Girls' Club Family Center.

Representative Bud L. Williams and I would like to be included on your committee to offer any assistance to ensure that this resurfacing and revitalization is accomplished.

Please let us know next steps. State Representative Bud L. Williams' number is (413) 413-537-5130 and my number is (413) 262-1429. Our email addresses are attached to this email.

We look forward in speaking with you soon.

Best regards,

State Rep. Bud L. Williams and Andrew Cade

CAUTION: This email originated outside our organization; please use caution.

September 30, 2019

Mayor Dominic J. Sarno  
36 Court Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

Re: Blunt Park Tennis Courts

Dear Mayor Sarno,

At the insistence of tennis players and citizens located in and around Blunt Park, I am tasked with bringing the poor state and disrepair of tennis courts to your attention. As it currently stands the courts are at the stage of not being playable, depriving players the enjoyment of their neighborhood.

I want to thank Councilor Melvin Edwards who has been diligent in contacting Patrick Sullivan for a resolution. I have also received a confirmation from Patrick, and he has reached out to Palmer Paving. The next step in the process is to secure an "action plan" and timeframe for the courts to be refurbished and or replaced all together.

We are providing you the City Council, Patrick Sullivan and State Representative Bud Williams photos that show the utter disrepair and unplayability of courts. Such disrepair and dangerousness would surly place the city at high liability in case of injury.

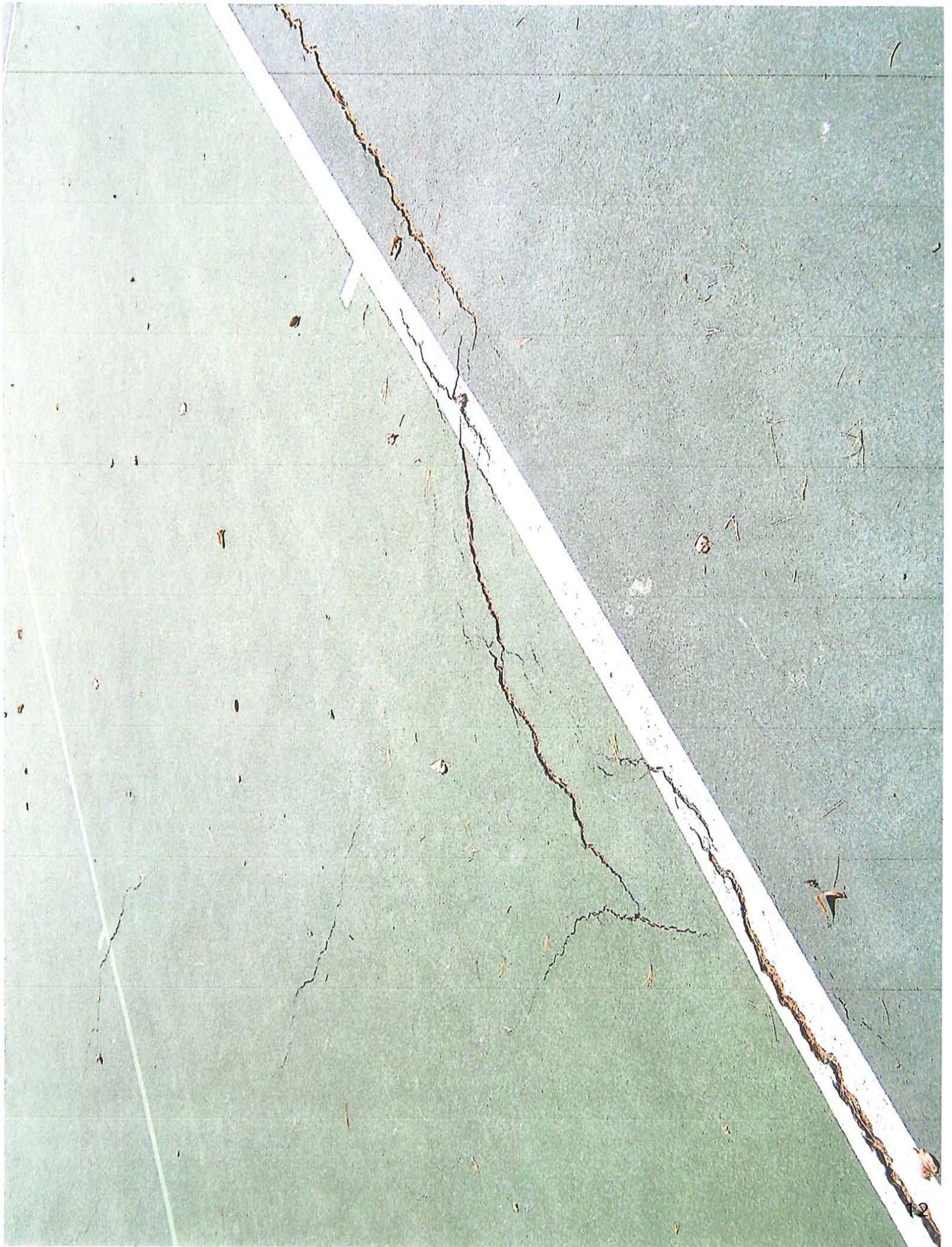
This much needed tennis initiative would place the courts in Blunt Park on a par with Forest Park and Nathan Bill.

As a team, we can get this done and completed together!

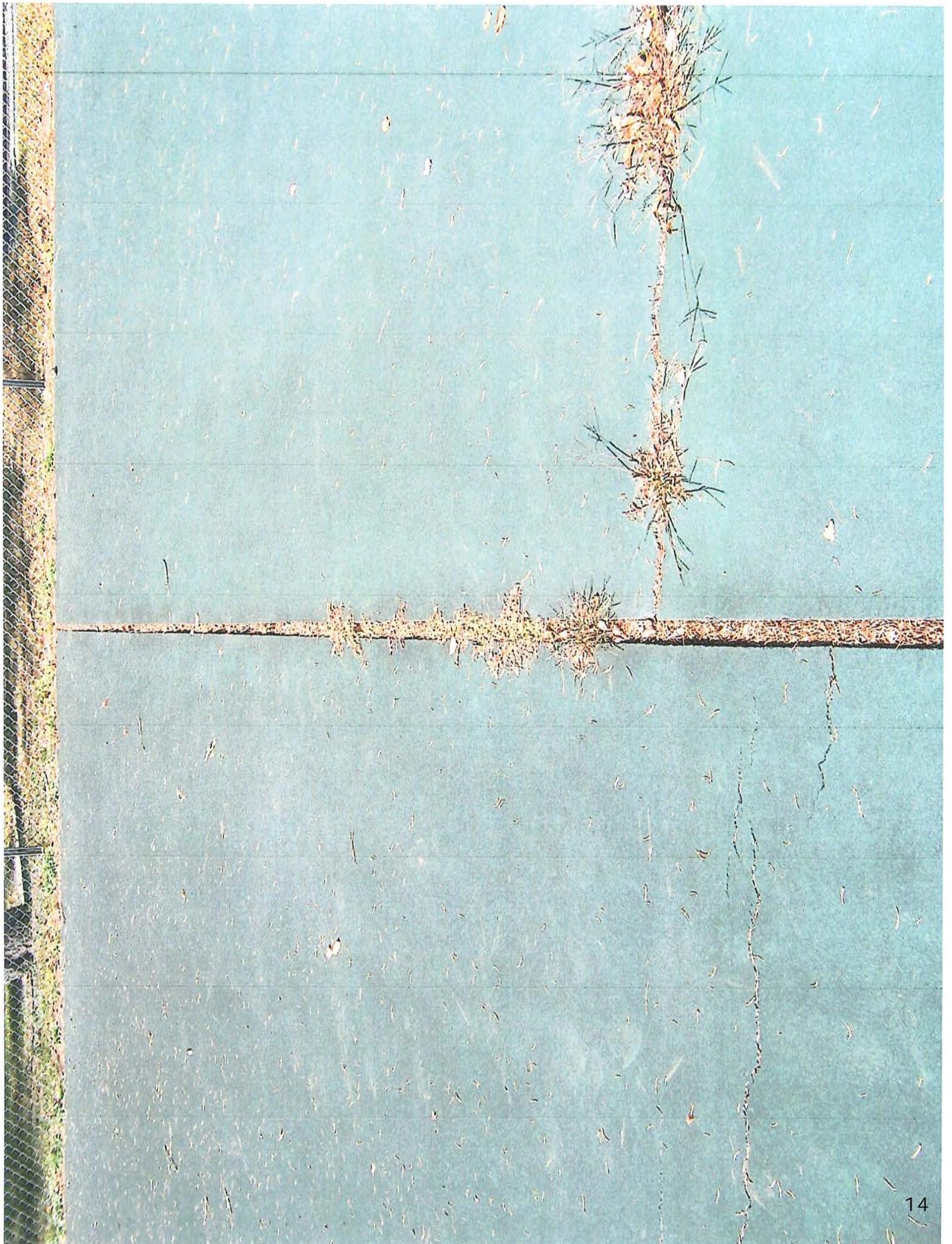
Thank you.

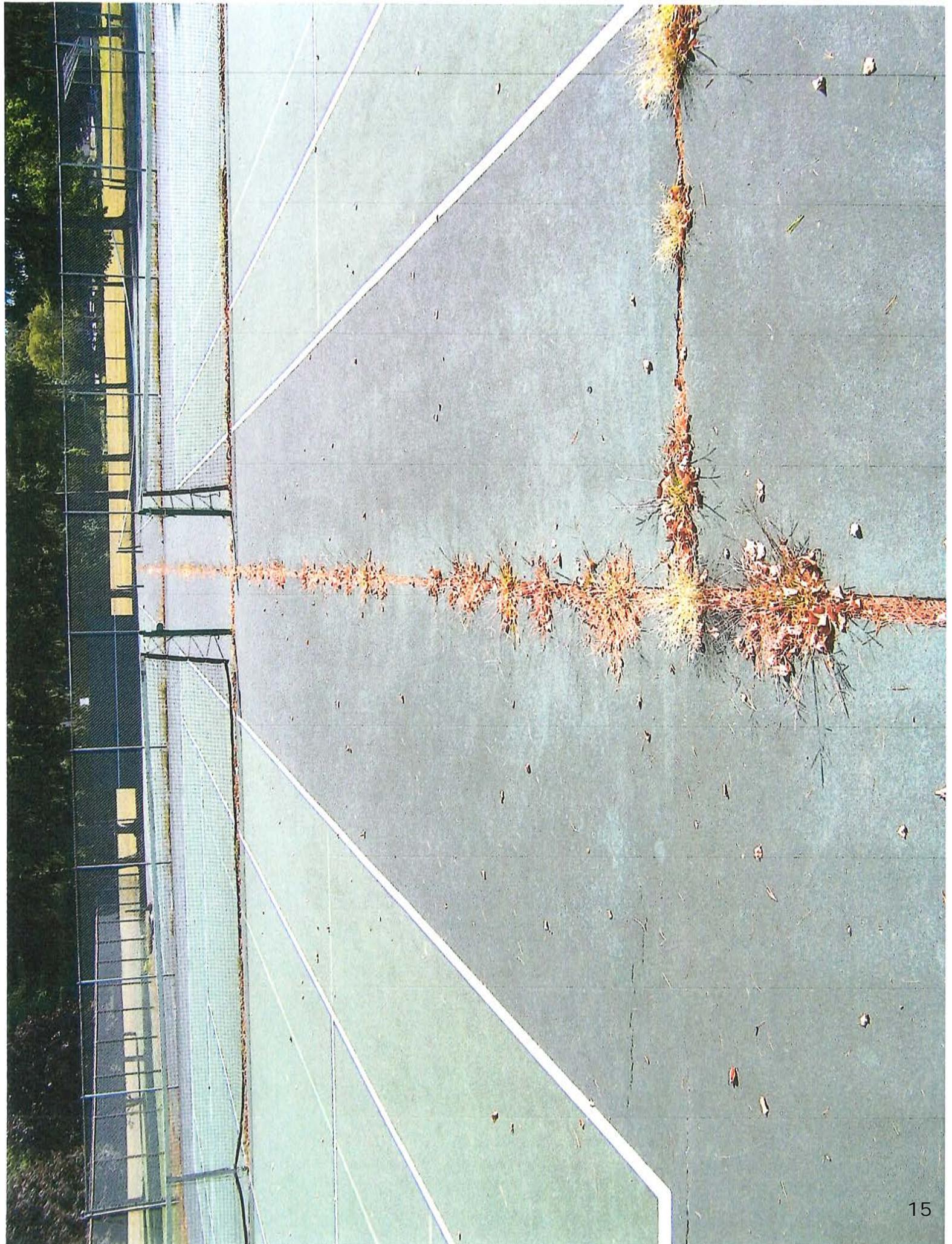
Sincerely;  
  
Ron Davis

cc: City Council  
State Representative Bud Williams  
Patrick Sullivan, Parks Director

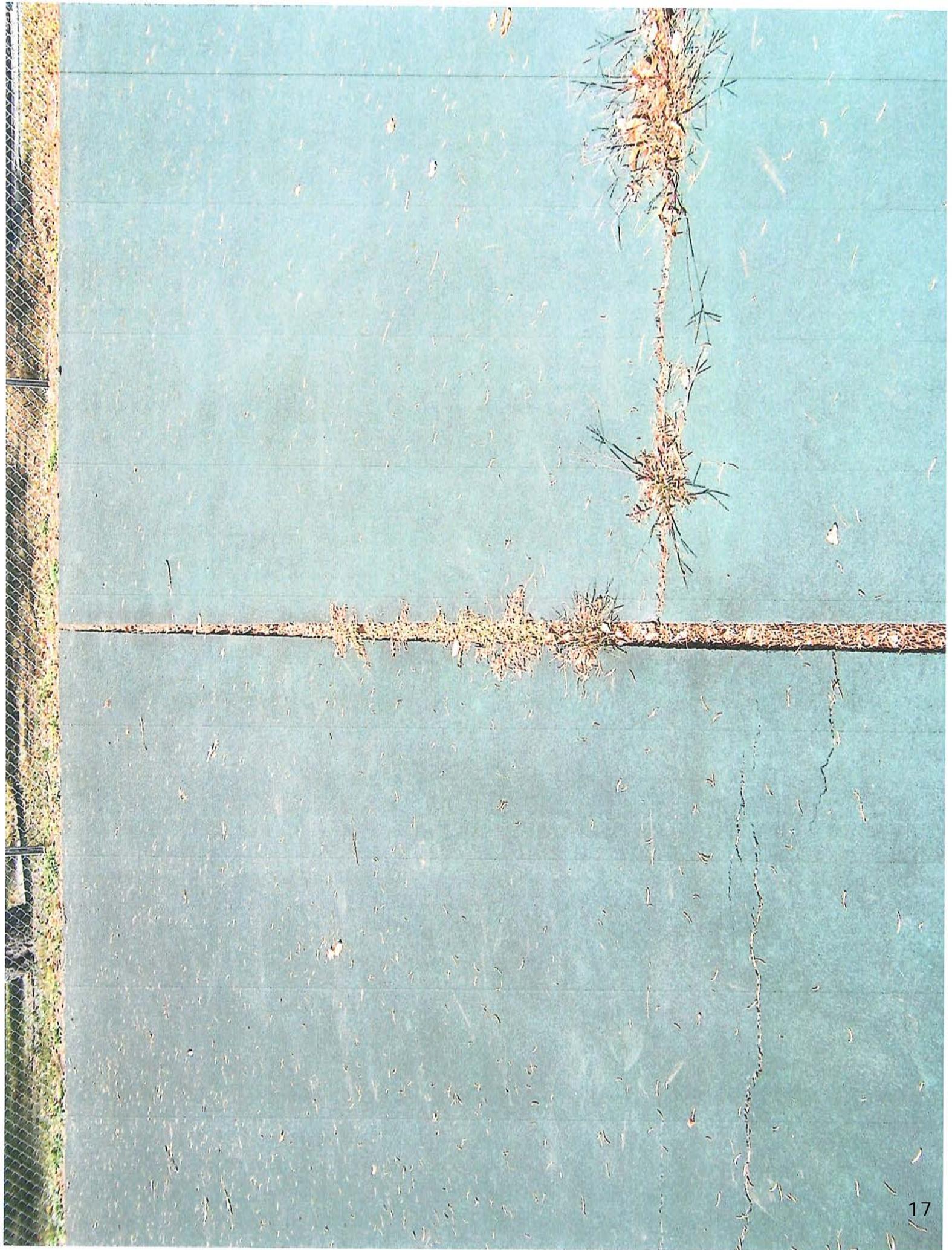




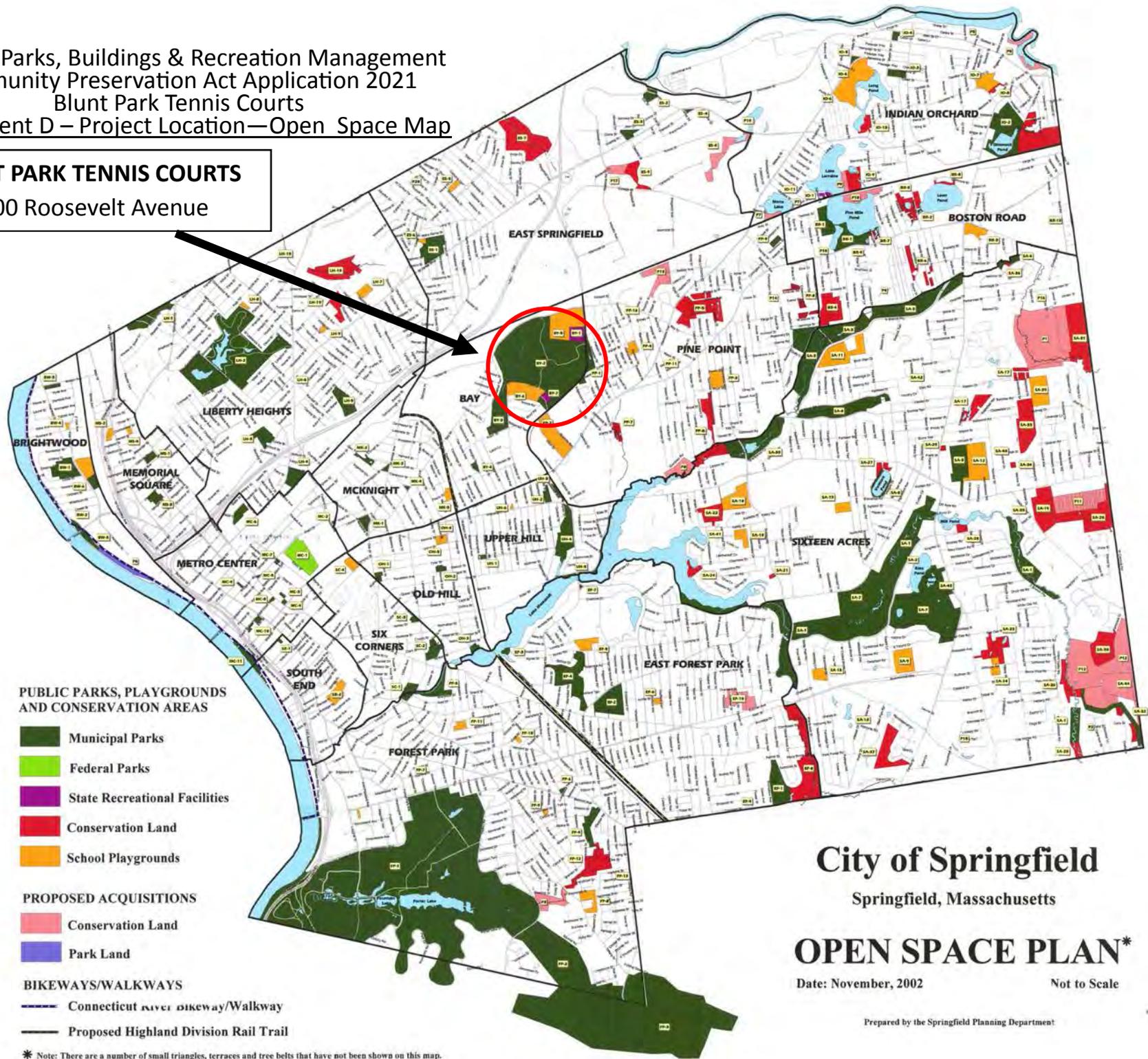








**BLUNT PARK TENNIS COURTS**  
 1800 Roosevelt Avenue



**City of Springfield**  
 Springfield, Massachusetts

**OPEN SPACE PLAN\***

Date: November, 2002 Not to Scale

Prepared by the Springfield Planning Department



\* Note: There are a number of small triangles, terraces and tree belts that have not been shown on this map.





### Blunt Park Tennis Courts

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Scale: 1"=94'

Scale is approximate



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## BLUNT PARK

From Adoniram Bradley and e. to the City of Springfield

From Adoniram Bradley, married, Patrick Fitzgerald, Ellen A. Fitzgerald, Agnes L. McIntyre, married, and Bessie I. Fitzgerald, all of Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, and Ellen A. Dunn, married, of Chicopee in said County.

A Quit Claim deed for one dollar and other valuable considerations.

Parcel of land:-

Beginning on Bay Road at the northwest corner of the parcel described herein, it being the northwest corner of land of Adoniram Bradley on the south side of Bay Road, and running thence along land now or formerly of the trustees of Reed Realty Trusts south twenty four degrees, twelve minutes, ten seconds east (S. 24° 12' 10" E.) seven hundred forty seven and sixty four one hundredths (747.64) feet; running thence along said last named land south nine degrees, twelve minutes, ten seconds east (S. 9° 12' 10" E.) two hundred sixty four (264) feet, running thence along said last named land south nineteen degrees, eleven minutes, fifty seconds west (S. 19° 11' 50" W.) six hundred fifty four and sixty five one hundredths (654.65) feet to a corner at land now or formerly of trustees of Reed Realty Trust; running thence along said last named land north seventy five degrees, fifty seven minutes, thirty three minutes east (N. 75° 57' 33" E.) ten hundred twenty eight and twenty one one hundredths (1028.21) feet to a corner; running thence along said last named land south seven degrees, thirty minutes, twenty five seconds east (S. 7° 30' 25" E.) five hundred eighteen and five one hundredths (518.05) feet to a corner said land now or formerly of said trustees of Reed Realty Trust; running thence along said last named land north seventy three degrees, fifty two minutes, thirty eight seconds east (N. 73° 52' 38" E.) four hundred sixty

four and thirteen one hundredths (464.13) feet to land of the City of Springfield; running thence along said last named land north forty two degrees, thirteen minutes, nineteen seconds west (N.  $42^{\circ} 13' 19''$  W.) two hundred eighty seven and ninety three one Hundredths (287.93) feet to a corner, running thence along said last named land by an included angle to the right of sixty three degrees five minutes ( $63^{\circ} 5'$ ) six hundred seventy eight and fifty seven one hundredths (678.57) feet to a point; running thence along said last named land by an included angle to the right of one hundred seventy nine degrees, forty nine minutes, forty seconds ( $179^{\circ} 49' 40''$ ) two hundred nine (209) feet to a corner; running thence along said last named land by an included angle to the right of seventy degrees, fifty eight minutes, fifty three seconds ( $70^{\circ} 58' 53''$ ) five hundred fifteen (515) feet to a corner at said land of said city of Springfield; running thence along said last named land by an included angle to the left of sixty six degrees, fifty eight minutes, fifty three seconds ( $66^{\circ} 58' 53''$ ) four hundred (400) feet to a corner; running thence along said last named land by an included angle to the left of one hundred twenty eight degrees, forty eight minutes, fifteen seconds ( $128^{\circ} 48' 15''$ ) five hundred fifty nine (559) feet to a point said point being the north west corner of land now or formerly of one Alden Warner; running along said land now or formerly of said Alden Warner by an included angle to the right of one hundred twenty four degrees, forty two minutes, thirty seconds ( $124^{\circ} 42' 30''$ ) five hundred ten and two tenths (510.2) feet to a corner at land now or formerly of said Alden Warner, running thence along said last named land by an included angle to the left of eighty three degrees, thirty five minutes ( $83^{\circ} 35'$ ) three hundred fifteen (315)

feet more or less to a corner; running thence along said last named land by an included angle to the right of ninety six degrees forty five minutes ( $96^{\circ} 45'$ ) five hundred seven (507) feet more or less to a corner at land now or formerly of said Alden Warner; running thence along said last named land by an included angle to the left of one hundred two degrees, fifteen minutes, ( $102^{\circ} 15'$ ) twelve hundred nine and forty one hundredths (1209.40) feet to a stone bound at the south west corner of land now or formerly of one French, being also now or formerly of one Merritt; running thence along land of Patrick Fitzgerald, et al. north eight six degrees, forty six minutes, six seconds west (N.  $86^{\circ} 46' 06''$  W.) thirteen hundred sixty nine and eighty one hundredths (1369.80) feet to a stone bound at land of Adoniram Bradley, said land also being a portion of the parcel herein described; running thence along said land of said Patrick Fitzgerald, et al. north three degrees, twelve minutes, fifty five seconds east (N.  $3^{\circ} 12' 55''$  E.) five hundred eighty and fifty three one hundredths (580.53) feet to Bay Road; running thence along said Bay Road to the place of beginning; all as shown within the shaded lines on a plan entitled "Springfield, Mass. Department of Streets and Engineering, Land to be Acquired for Park Purposes on Bay Road, March, 1927" now on file in the office of the Department of Streets and Engineering.

Signed May 11, 1927.

Book 1366 Page 91 May 13, 1927.

*To be used for the purpose of the Park Purposes  
A. Bradley, 1210000 7 1927*