

**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: East Springfield Branch Library Outdoor Community Space

Brief Project/Program Summary: The Library Department is applying for an \$85,500 CPA Grant under the Open Space and Recreation Category to create a safe and attractive outdoor community space at the East Springfield Branch Library.

estimated start date: October 1, 2021      estimated completion date: May, 2022

**II. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Type of Applicant - check one:

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

Name of Organization: Springfield City Library

Name of Contact Person: Molly Fogarty

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Website: [www.springfieldlibrary.org](http://www.springfieldlibrary.org)

**III. BUDGET SUMMARY**

Estimated Project Budget: \$107,500

CPA Funding Request: \$85,500

Will you be seeking multi-year funding       Yes       No

CPA Request as Percentage of Total Project/Program Budget: 79%

List Other Secured Funding Sources: City of Springfield: Library Department Budget, Springfield Library Foundation, Mass Board of Library Commissioners, Mass Cultural Council

List Other Prospective Funding Sources:  
Lowe's Foundation

Applicant Signature: Molly Fogarty

Date Submitted: March 31, 2021

**CPA FY22 APPLICATION: EAST SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OUTDOOR PUBLIC SPACE RENOVATION AND UPGRADES:**

**GENERAL INFORMATION: CATEGORY D: OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION (one)**

Parcel ID# **093850106**

The East Springfield Branch Library, located on a 0.4015 parcel of land at 21 Osborne Terrace is owned by the City of Springfield. The property is not on wetland . It is not on Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation owned property.

**NARRATIVE:**

**Project Summary:**

The Library Department is applying for an \$85,500 CPA Grant under the Open Space and Recreation Category to create a safe and attractive public outdoor space at the East Springfield Branch Library. By beautifying, furnishing and upgrading a drab side yard dubbed “The Alley” by neighborhood residents, we will create a place for residents to gather, relax, learn, and be entertained in the outdoors. The project includes landscaping, upgraded electrical, lighting, programmable space, benches and outdoor furniture. Site preparation, landscaping and furniture are included in the budget request.

The multipurpose space will feature interactive community recreation and programming space for all ages, create opportunities for family literacy activities such as storywalks and guided tours of native plantings, and permit access to free Wi-Fi all year round. Libraries are ideal locations for children’s literacy based activities, promoting reading success. Outdoor Reading gardens and story walks promote physical activity, early literacy and family time together in a natural setting. Permanent benches and sturdy but storable outdoor furniture will allow adult crafting and reading groups to meet outdoors in good weather. The Library, neighborhood schools and neighborhood residents will actively use the space for programming, events and spontaneous meet-ups.

**Proposal Description: Describe the proposal and how it will benefit Springfield:**

Today’s public libraries use their outdoor spaces to attract, educate, entertain and engage patrons. The upgraded East Springfield Branch side-yard will draw neighbors on foot or on bikes, rolling in on strollers or chairs, or driving over to visit the Library and enjoy the new amenities. Popular outdoor science and Tai Chi programs will thrive in the new space. Perhaps visitors will pick up a book and relax in the new community space to read it; or they may bring their tablet along, tap into the Wi-Fi, and look up some needed information, or they’ll bring a lawn chair and join their neighbors for an early evening acoustic guitar concert or afternoon magic show. The project will upgrade lighting for safety and spotlighting performers, who will entertain neighbors from a stage made from pavers that can double as a children’s story time setting in earlier hours. Native plantings will inspire home gardeners and will be complemented by an expanded library horticultural collection. The new recreation space afforded by this grant will enhance the desirability of the neighborhood to long-time residents and to families looking to make East Springfield their home.

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

CPA Criteria: Open Space and Recreation: Renovating small neighborhood green space to create programming and opportunities for public engagement of open spaces. Create programming and opportunities for public engagement of open space.

This outdoor space will include benches, seating, and tables for residents of all ages to use and be available to the public year round even when the library is closed. The Library will enhance its Wi-Fi capacity so it is accessible outdoors. To appeal to residents of all ages, programs and events will include outdoor exhibits, story walks, story hours, book discussions, temporary public art installations, lawn games, and an outdoor reading room stocked with books. To allow for overlapping and changing uses, moveable tables and chairs will be provided. The Library will create gardening related programming. We envision frequent library, school, and community programming in the renovated space. This outdoor space is designed to spark creativity and be used in different and unique ways by library visitors throughout the course of the days, weeks, and years to come.

The landscape will be designed as an open air meeting and recreation area to be used for a variety of activities such as community celebrations, performances, studying, and reading. The plantings will be chosen for aesthetic attributes-four-season interest, color, texture and variety, and native plants will be chosen for hardiness and ease of maintenance.

**Describe the need that this proposal will address:** The need for this project is substantial. The East Springfield Branch is a popular meeting space and benefits the neighborhood as a whole. One of the City's oldest library branches, it is busy but limited in size. The Branch was designed as a 3500 square foot building by a local Architect, M. H. Westford in 1931 and opened in 1932. The Library is well used by neighborhood residents. In FY19, there were 26,499 visitors. Branch staff provided 4,036 programs with program attendance of 11,654. Adding programmable, well-furnished outdoor space would respond to neighborhood residents' requests to expand room for gathering, learning, relaxing, and connecting. The best libraries don't stop at the front door. Outdoor spaces are inspiring for communities and successful public outdoor spaces not only improve the physical and mental health of residents; they have been shown to aid the environment, create a stronger sense of community cohesiveness, and even boost the economy by enhancing the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood.

The renovated green space can have an impact on children's literacy acquisition. Early literacy skill development is critical for reading success by fourth grade, an important benchmark that currently only 44% of Springfield students achieve, a statistic that likely will not be sustained given the pandemic's interruption of schooling. We will build in activities like story walks and environmental activities that families can experience together; frequent fun activities will strengthen affinity to the Library encouraging more visits and more reading.

The East Springfield Branch Library sits on a rather densely populated residential street, abutting homes to the north and east and a commercial parking lot to the south. The other side of the parking lot has frontage on busy Page Boulevard, with the CRRC manufacturing plant across the street. This project will provide welcome open space by creating an aesthetically and functional pleasing space that connects residents both to nature and to one another. Enhancing the outdoor space will help fulfill the neighborhood's vision to create a safe, attractive space where residents of all ages can come together to learn, relax, and engage with each other.

The design will address accessibility, with wheelchair and stroller accessible paths and Braille-printed flower identification signage, for example. In recognition of community concerns that it be a safe place, foliage will not be so dense as to obscure visibility.

## **What is the expected outcome of this proposal?**

The outdoor renovated green space will provide increased available square footage for more programs for residents of all ages, and its highly visible location will attract higher program attendance. We will see higher levels of Wi-Fi use when people can comfortably access the Library's wireless network regardless of whether the Library is open or not. The library experience for children of all ages and their caregivers and teachers will be improved by staff creatively using the new recreation spaces to offer literacy, science, craft, gardening, and musical programming. Families will explore seasonal changes in the curated, native plantings and feel closer to nature. Independent use by the public of the former "Alley" will indicate it is now a thriving community space. With outdoor lighting upgrades, a greater sense of security will enhance expanded evening programming.

Data on the improvement of library facilities and their outdoor spaces indicate that they spark additional private sector investment in housing, raise existing property values, and create vital hubs for community interaction and activity.

With respect to the East Springfield neighborhood, we expect that the library project will increase neighborhood vitality and cohesiveness. Our vision for this project is inspired by grassroots outreach with partners such as the East Springfield Neighborhood Council and other residents seeking upgrades for their treasured neighborhood library. This project will contribute to the ongoing revitalization of Springfield.

## **Feasibility and Sustainability:**

### **What other funding sources have been secured or are being pursued?**

Additional Funding Sources include the Library Department Budget, the Springfield Library Foundation, Lowes Foundation, Mass Cultural Council and the Mass Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC)

- The Library Department budget includes funding for Branch Building Maintenance which will be used for improvements to the sprinkler system, a new trash receptacle and the installation of an outdoor security camera.
- The Springfield Library Foundation provides a grant to the Library Department for programming. In FY22, \$3500 will be used for outdoor programming at the East Springfield Branch.
- The Mass Board of Library Commissioners funds the State Aid to Public Libraries Program. Funding from that Program will be used to fund the outdoor Lighting.
- The Mass Cultural Council (MCC) provides operating support for the Library Department on an annual basis. MCC Funding will be used to purchase an outdoor projection system.
- The Library will apply for funding from other sources including the Lowes Foundation.

### **Once the proposal is complete how will it be sustained/maintained?**

The City of Springfield recognizes the critical role the Library plays in the revitalization of the City and continues to demonstrate an ongoing financial commitment. Municipal support for library operations continues to increase to support our current hours, staffing and services.

Library personnel includes two full-time Maintenance Supervisors who are responsible for ongoing maintenance and grounds for all library locations. Our Municipal appropriation is supplemented by the City Parks, Buildings and Recreation

Management Department which provides funding for building maintenance, landscaping maintenance and plowing. In FY20, City Facilities provided \$214,540 for landscaping, plowing, and maintenance for the Library Department.

**Is there an operating pro forma for when the proposal is complete and what is the basis?**

**OPERATING PRO FORMA:**

- Maintain the lawn /mow/reseed if needed
- Check irrigation systems, adjust seasonally
- Seasonal cleanup
- Prune dead wood as needed
- Replace dead plants
- Brick pavers may need adjusting
- Stone dust refresh
- Weed whacking
- Fertilize each year, organic fertilizer for lawns and plants
- Check plants for diseases

This is routine maintenance that is provided at all of our locations by the Library Maintenance Supervisors and City Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management Department.

**Applicant Experience:** The Springfield City Library has been a vital part of the community for more than one hundred years providing access to resources and creative programs that inspire and enrich the lives of Springfield residents.

All aspects of this project will be coordinated by the Library Department with assistance from the City of Springfield Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management Department.

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

**Project Team:**

Molly Fogarty, Library Director: Ms. Fogarty will represent the Library and will be responsible for the overall coordination of the project. Ms. Fogarty has had extensive experience with Library building projects, planning and overseeing major building renovations at the Brightwood, East Forest Park, Forest Park, Indian Orchard, Mason Square, Pine Point and Sixteen Acres Branch Libraries, as well as the Central Library.

Jean Canosa Albano, Assistant Director for Public Services: Ms. Canosa Albano has extensive project management experience and will assist Ms. Fogarty, particularly in the areas of staff and community outreach, coordination and communication.

Other key members of the project team include Laura Walsh and Pat Sullivan from the City Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management. The Library Department will work with the Springfield Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management to develop a landscape design that will incorporate all of the project objectives.

## **PROJECT TIMELINE:**

- Project Bids Issued: September , 2021
- Landscape Firm Selected: October, 2021.
- Site Preparation: October and November , 2021
- Plantings: March/April , 2022
- Furniture etc. ordered March, 2022
- Project Completion: May, 2022
- Estimated Grand Opening: June, 2022

**THE CPA GRANT APPLICATION BUDGET WAS REVIEWED TO REFLECT CURRENT COSTS FOR THE BUDGET LINE ITEMS AND APPROVED BY THE SPRINGFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT**

**CPA FUNDING APPLICATION BUDGET**

<b>EAST SPRINGFIELD BRANCH LIBRARY/OPEN SPACE CATEGORY</b>	<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>CPA REQUEST</b>	<b>MBLC</b>	<b>Mass Cultural Council</b>	<b>Springfield Library Foundation</b>	<b>Library Department</b>
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Program Supplies/Story Walks	\$2,500			\$2,500		
Programming	\$3,500				\$3,500	
<b>Landscaping</b>						
Landscape Design	\$10,000	\$10,000				
Lawn Repair	\$3,500	\$3,500				
Irrigation System Repair	\$1,000					\$1,000
Decorative Fencing	\$8,500	\$8,500				
Plants and Bushes,flowers, bulbs	\$20,000	\$20,000				
<b>Other</b>						
Trash receptacles(recycling)	\$500					\$500
Security Cameras	\$3,500					\$3,500
Kiosk for books and information	\$3,500			\$3,500		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107,500</b>	<b>\$85,500</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>



## Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management

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*Administrative Office, Forest Park*

March 24, 2021

Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Room 412  
36 Court Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Committee Members:


The Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management is pleased to provide this letter of support for the project proposed by the Springfield City Library to beautify and enliven the grounds of the East Springfield Branch Library, located at 21 Osborne Terrace.

Under the Open Space and Recreation priority established by the CPC, the Library plans to increase usability of an outdoor area that currently does not offer seating and has limited plantings. Through this grant application, the project will create an inviting outdoor component to the Library to be a source of pride for the neighborhood; where residents can sit, read or use library WiFi, and explore outdoor activities with family members.

PBRM is pleased to assist on this project and should funding be awarded, will collaborate with the Library to ensure all aspects of the proposal are covered both in the program design and in the budget. We will also assist in the programmatic development of the green space.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick J. Sullivan  
Executive Director

*cc: Molly Fogarty, Director, Springfield City Library*



**East Springfield Neighborhood Council**  
**1437 Carew Street**  
**Springfield, MA 01104**  
**[www.myesnc.com](http://www.myesnc.com)**


March 24, 2021

To The Community Preservation Act Selection Committee:

The East Springfield Neighborhood Council is pleased to support this exciting Community Preservation Act project presented by the Springfield Library for the East Springfield Branch on Osborne Terrace in East Springfield. This outdoor public space has been a wish of the residents of East Springfield for many years. This creative area, where residents of all ages can come together outdoors, will expand the opportunities to learn and enjoy.

The East Springfield Library and the East Springfield Neighborhood Council have consistently collaborated on programming, listened to the people and worked to satisfy the needs of the community. The development of the outdoor area will enhance our gem of a library and open up amazing programming opportunities. We hope you will look favorably on this important project. On behalf of the residents of East Springfield we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Brown, President  
East Springfield Neighborhood Council

Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Room 412  
36 Court Street  
Springfield MA 01103

Stephen Nolan Cary  
*Chair, Springfield Library Commission*  
87 Pineywood Avenue  
Springfield MA 01108

Greetings Committee Members:

As Chair of the Springfield Board of Library Commissioners, I have witnessed how recreational space surrounding a library contributes greatly to the value that residents firmly place on their neighborhood branch. It has also been instrumental in adding to the myriad types of educational and recreational opportunities and services the library can offer in the city. I'm grateful for the CPA funding in 2019 which helped create the popular recreational space outside the new East Forest Park Branch Library, one of the most attractive aspects of the incredible site and one that has been used increasingly during the pandemic shutdown. The gazebo, story gardens, attractive plantings and grass field all draw residents to gather on benches to read, to tap into the Library's free WiFi, to play tag on the grounds, or simply to sit, watch the birds and enjoy the beautiful space.

We intend to learn from this successful project and adapt it to the East Springfield Branch Library. It is a smaller space but offers residents great potential in another densely populated neighborhood lacking public spaces for outdoor recreation, learning and simply for many East Springfield neighbors to gather with each other. The East Springfield Branch is home to popular events such as the Fall Open House, small concerts, and puppet shows. But perhaps the best events are the spontaneous simple ones a welcoming public can enjoy alone, or with a small circle of family, friends and neighbors.

With CPA funding, I am certain the Springfield City Library will replicate many of these success stories at the East Springfield Branch, and truly transform them to happen in this open space at 21 Osborne Terrace. With your continued support, a Children's Story Garden will be enjoyed actively and passively, whether for quiet family times, student visits from nearby Bowles School, or lively outdoor concerts offered on an enduring stage made of long-lasting pavers. The grounds will be thoughtfully landscaped with local plantings which will include educational components in the hopes that residents might also introduce native fauna in their own backyards.

Beyond your efforts to fund projects that preserve the character of our community, I envision with this project the Community Preservation Act can be the force that genuinely helps create character in our East Springfield neighborhood. As we hopefully emerge from this pandemic, I can't think of a better gift for a neighborhood that often remains quietly under the radar for endeavors such as this.

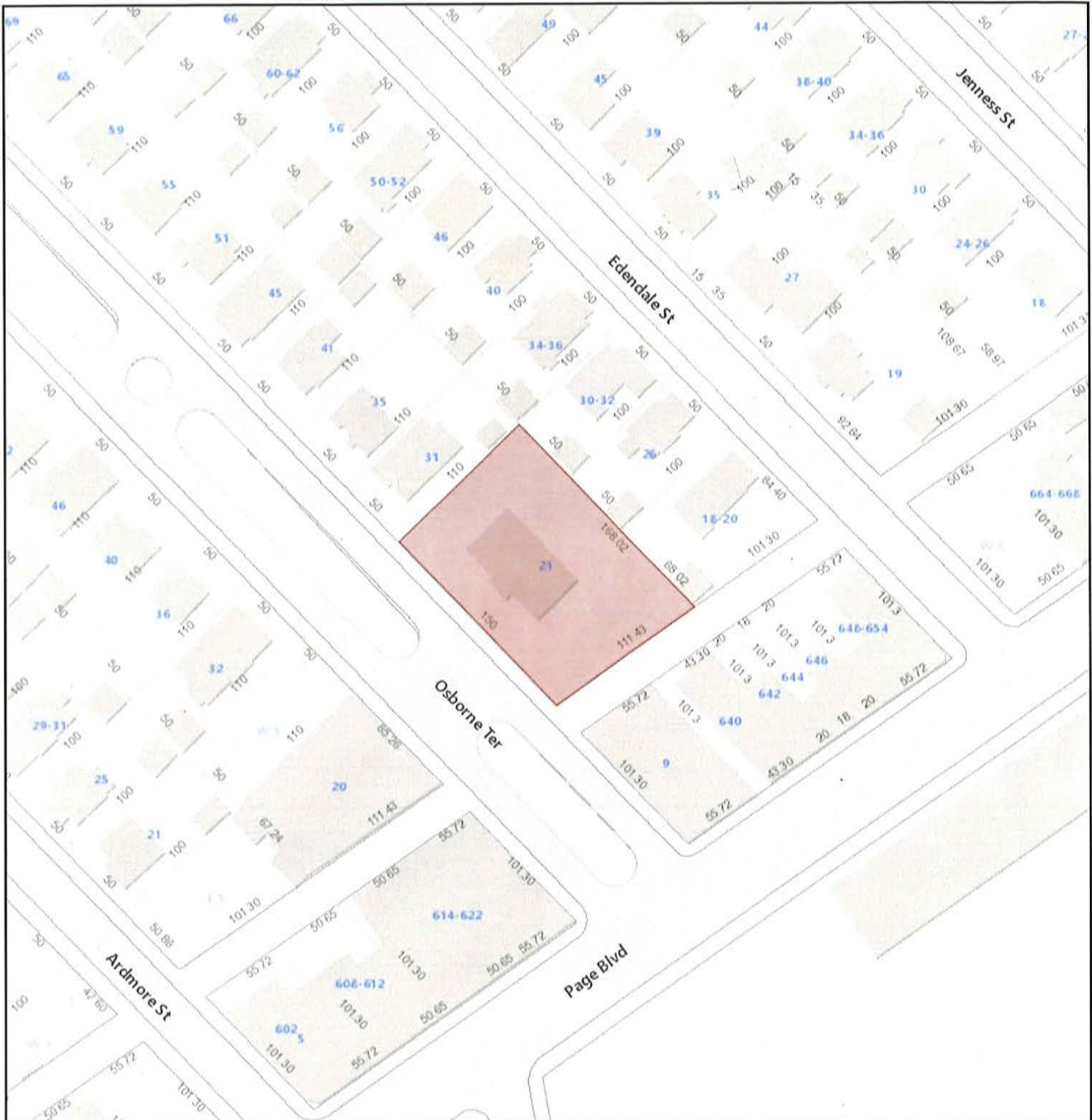
Thank you for your consideration of the Library's application.

Sincerely,



Stephen Nolan Cary





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### Property Information

<b>Parcel ID</b>	09385-0106
<b>Owner Name</b>	SPRINGFIELD CITY OF
<b>Owner Address1</b>	36 COURT ST
<b>Owner Address2</b>	SPRINGFIELD, MA
<b>Land Area In Square Feet</b>	17,491
<b>Assessed Value</b>	184,900
<b>Historic</b>	
<b>Zoning Name</b>	Residence A

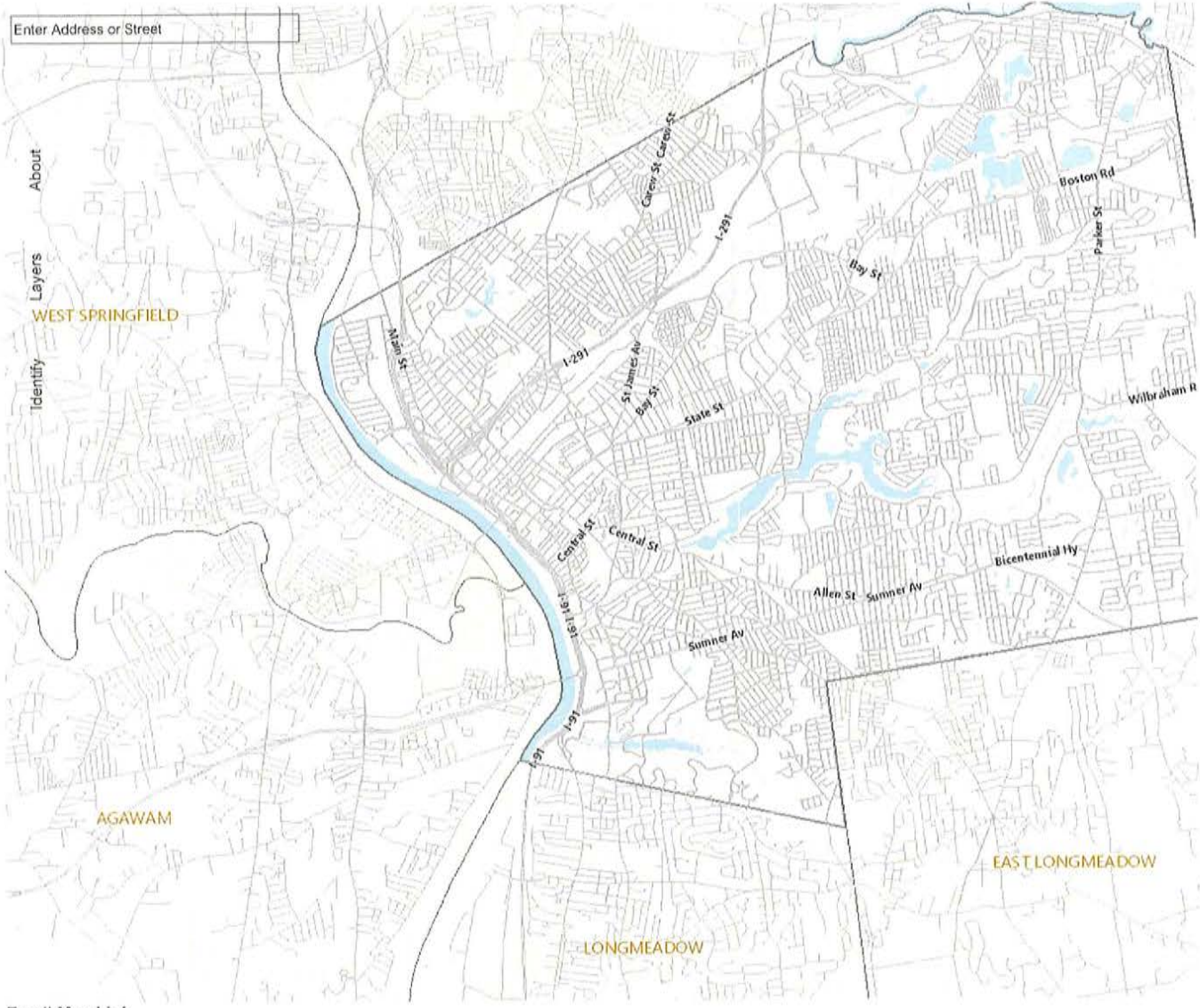


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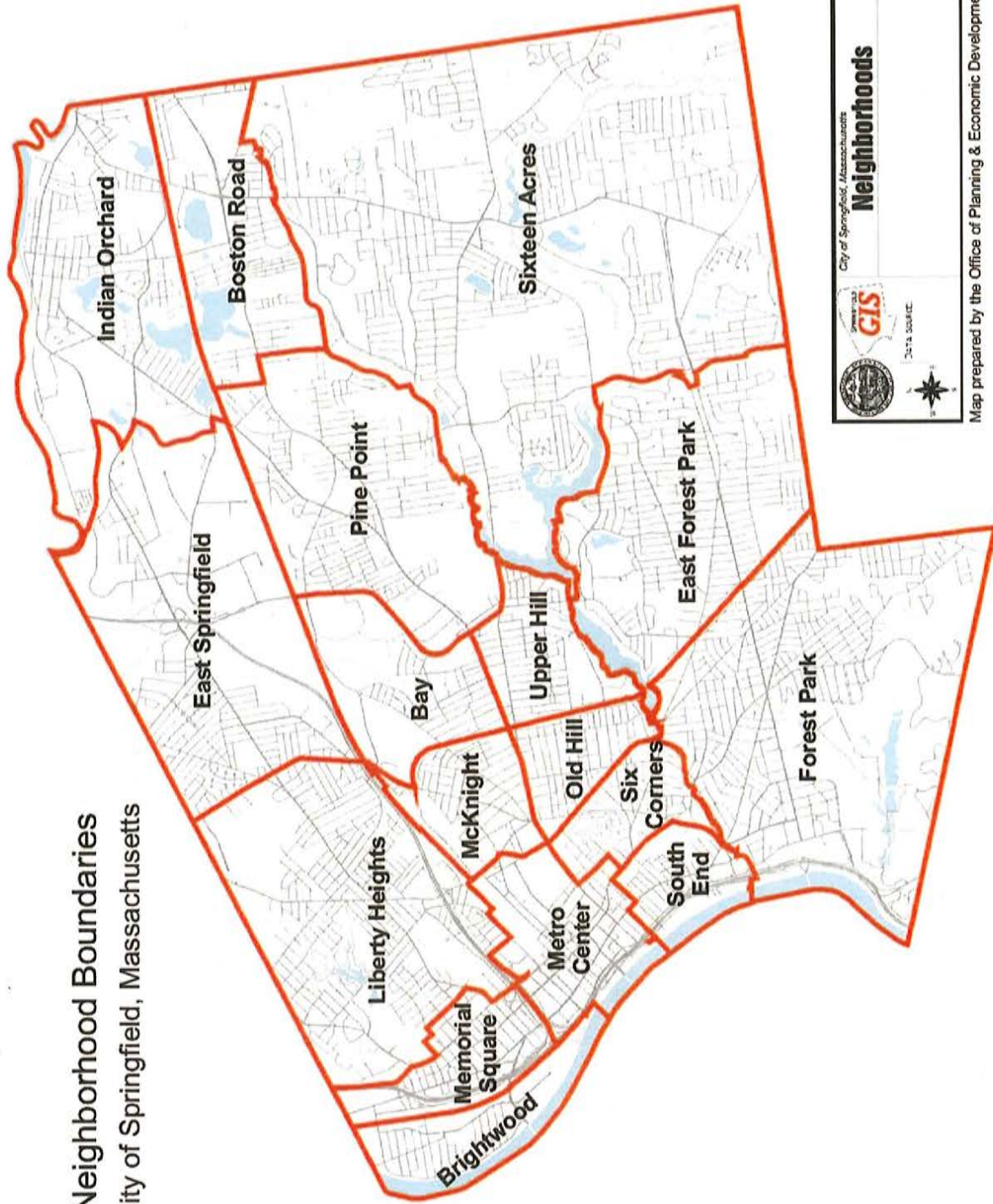
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# Neighborhood Boundaries City of Springfield, Massachusetts



City of Springfield, Massachusetts  
**Neighborhoods**

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Map prepared by the Office of Planning & Economic Development

Note: Data is subject to sampling variability and margins of error. Please see the opening page of this booklet for further details.



**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY RECORD  
CARD**

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**

Situs: 21 OSBORNE TE

Map ID: 093850106

Class:

Card: 1 of 1

**Assessed Owner**

**General Information**

SPRINGFIELD CITY OF  
36 COURT ST  
SPRINGFIELD MA 01103

Living Units:  
Neighborhood: 103  
Alternate:  
Zoning: R1  
Class: EXEMPT

**Photo**

**Diagram**

No photo available

No diagram available

**Land Information**

Type	Size	Influence Factors	Influence %	Value
PRIMARY	SF 17,491			33,470

Total Acres: 0.4015

**Assessment Information**

	Assessed	Appraised	Cost	Income	Market
Land	33,500	33,500	33,500	33,500	0
Building	151,400	151,400	151,400	-33,500	0
Total	184,900	184,900	184,900	0	

Value Flag: COST APPROACH

Manual Override Reason:

**Entrance Information**

**Permit Information**

Date	ID	Entry Code	Source	Date Issued	Number	Price	Purpose	% Complete
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**Sales/Ownership History**

Transfer Date	Price	Type	Validity	Deed Ref.	Deed Type	Grantee
2008-12-01	0	LAND + BLDG	TO/FROM GOVERNMENT	17562 / 0488	QUIT CLAIM	SPRINGFIELD CITY OF



**Income Detail (Includes all Buildings on Parcel)**

Use Grp	Mod Type	Inc Mod	Model Description	Units	Net Area	Income Rate	Econ Adjust	Potential Gross Income
23	S		MULTI-USE SALES	0	2,546			0
24	S		MULTI USE STORAGE	0	636			0

Vac Model	Vac Adj	Additional Income	Effective Gross Income	Expense Model %	Expense Adj %	Expense Adj	Other Expenses	Total Expenses	Net Operating Income
		0	0				0	0	0
		0	0				0	0	0

**Building Cost Detail - Building 1 of 1**

**Income Summary (Includes all Buildings on Parcel)**

Total Gross Bldg Area	3,182	Total Net Income	0
Replace Cost New Less	151,380	Capitalization Rate	0.0000
Depr		Sub Total	0
% Complete	100	Residual Land Value	0
# Identical Units	1	Final Income Value	0
Econ Conditions		Total Net Rent Area	3,182
Factor		Total Gross Building	3,182
Final Building Value	151,380	Area	
Value per SF	47.57		

FY 2021 data: property descriptions as of June 30, 2020, and values as of Jan 1, 2020



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