

**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: **Stone Soul Remembrance Garden**

Brief Project/Program Summary:

The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Stone Soul Committee, as well as the Bay Area Neighborhood Council plan to create a remembrance garden located in the wooded picnic grove of Blunt Park. The garden project will provide renovations to the picnic and play areas and will include new accessible pathways and improvements to the existing pavilion.

estimated start date: Spring 2021

estimated completion date: Fall 2022

II. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Type of Applicant - check one:

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

Name of Organization: The department of Parks Buildings and Recreation Management

Name of Contact Person: Patrick Sullivan

Mailing Address: 200 Trafton Rd.

Mailing City/State/Zip: Springfield, MA 01108

Phone: (413)787-7770

Fax: (413)787-6439

Email: Psullivan@springfieldcityhall.com

Website: Springfieldcityhall.com

III. BUDGET SUMMARY

Estimated Project Budget: \$398,700

CPA Funding Request: \$248,000

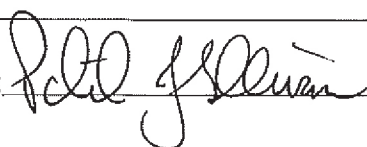
Will you be seeking multi-year funding Yes No

CPA Request as Percentage of Total Project/Program Budget: 100%

List Other Secured Funding Sources:

List Other Prospective Funding Sources: PARC & CDBG

Applicant Signature: _____



Date Submitted: _____

4/6/21

I. GENERAL INFORMATION – STONE SOUL REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

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: 103600230
 - 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 (DPBRM) as open space.
 - 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. Blunt Park does have wetland, but the proposed project is not located near it.
 - 2. If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed?
 - a. N/A
 - 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.

II. 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)

Stone Soul is a non-profit organization which began in 1989 as a community reunion picnic aimed at gathering together the Mason Square Community. Since then it has evolved into a three-day festival, providing family orientated activities, entertainment, cultural enrichment and many other community services. With approximately of 16,000 people attending in 2019, the goal is to create a space that is a visual representation of the event that celebrates African American heritage.

The Remembrance Garden at Blunt Park will feature a contemplative seating area created from custom-crafted sculptural concrete benches and natural stone paving. Plantings, and educational signage will surround a lighted mast featuring the U.S. and African American flags. Located in the wooded picnic grove of Blunt Park, the Cultural Garden project will provide renovations to the picnic and play areas and will include new accessible pathways and improvements to the existing pavilion.

Project costs are anticipated at \$398,700 for completion of this project. The Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management is requesting the amount of \$248,700. The remaining \$150,000 will be sought after through a combination of PARC and CDBG grant funding.

B. Proposal Description

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

The Remembrance Garden's sculptural form and inclusive design will invite the park visitor to enter the space, have a seat, and engage in conversation or meditation. Peaceful, playful and accessible, it will be a destination for both children and parents in the neighborhood.

The improvements aim to protect the neighborhood as well as restore the parks usability and recreational resources. The design of the garden will symbolize the richness of Akan culture and serves as a shorthand for communicating deep truths in visual form. The Adinkra symbols are used extensively in fabrics, pottery, and woodcarvings and they will present an opportunity to understand their history and their use in African American culture. The Remembrance Garden will also feature sculptural objects with imprinted historical information to be developed by local historians and members of the African American community.

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

The Blunt Park Remembrance Garden addresses the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of recreation land as outlined in the Springfield Community Preservation Plan. The improvements aim to protect the neighborhood while restoring the park's open scape and recreational resources to their full potential.

This Project is consistent with the priorities identified in the Community Preservation Plan. The renovation of the Remembrance Garden 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; to demonstrate a practical and feasible project that can be implemented within its proposed budget and schedule; and to utilize Springfield based resources. The project has received endorsements from municipal boards and departments. Additional community support has been sought at the neighborhood level and the project is supported by the Springfield Parks, Buildings, and Recreation Management Department and the Park Commission.

3. Describe the need that this proposal will address.

Since Blunt Park is the only natural resource for the Bay neighborhood, it is essential that they are provided a versatile recreational space that allows for the community to take full advantage of the park. Restoring the park and encouraging healthy activity of the Bay Area improves the quality of life of its inhabitants. With the help of local historians and community involvement, the Remembrance Garden also looks to pass on traditions of the language and symbolism of the Adinkra to a new generation of youthful and creative minds.

4. What is the expected outcome of this proposal?

Accessible curb ramp

- Protect existing walkway, repair as needed. Remove timber bench guard rail except opposite play area
- New all-ages, all-abilities play area with rubberized safety surfacing
- Landscaped Stone Soul Remembrance Garden featuring cut stone boulders with commemorative plaques and informational messaging
- New swing set with new surround and safety surfacing
- Restored Pavilion

C. Feasibility & Sustainability

1. What other funding sources have been secured or are being pursued?
 - a. We will be seeking a combination of PARC and CDBG grant funding in 2021.
2. Once the proposal is complete how will it be sustained/maintained?
 - a. The Blunt Park Remembrance Garden will continue to be maintained by the DPBRM, 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. The Parks Department will maintain the new area as part of Blunt Park.

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 Remembrance Garden. The DPBRM has a long history of successfully completing park improvements and renovation projects. The DPBRM plans to work with its on-call design firms to procure necessary engineering plans and materials to successfully complete the improvements to the 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 DPBRM 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 firm to complete the necessary construction and landscaping plans for the Remembrance Garden. In the past five years, the DPBRM has completed twenty similar projects, resulting in approximately \$10,000,000 in park improvements. The department has been successful success in receiving up to 80% in grant funding on these projects.

Working through the City’s procurement regulations, the installation of park amenities and other park improvements will be publicly bid for construction by a qualified vendor.

III. TIMELINE

The timeline should identify the estimated start date and estimated completion date along with the completion of phases or important milestones of the project/program. Please provide the timeline in a list format.

Preliminary Project Schedule:

- Spring 2021 – April - June
- CPA grant application due
- CPC Presentations
- Summer 2021 – July-August
- CPC Deliberations and & recommendations
- Fall 2021 – September - October
- City Council Recommendation & Approval
- Fall 2021 – November-December
- Project Contract Finalized - CPC and DPBRM
- Winter 2022 (once contract executed) – January - February
- Request for Qualifications/Proposal for potential design firms issued
- Design firms interviewed and selected
- Contract with selected designer awarded through City’s Procurement Procedures
- Spring 2022 – March - May
- Development of Construction documents and specification
- Summer 2022 – June - August
- Remembrance Gardens renovations begin on site
- Fall 2022 – September - November
- Renovations Completed

IV. BUDGET - Please see Attachment #1 – Proposed Project Budget

V. ATTACHMENTS

For all proposals

- A. Commitment letters for revenue sources identified in the budget
 - a. -----
- B. Letters of Support
 - a. Board of Park Commissioners

For projects that involve property (land/buildings)

- C. Letters of Support from Neighborhood Council/Association where project is located
 - a. Please see the attached letter from Bay Area Neighborhood Council. As always, the DPBRM will work with the neighborhood council as the project moves forward with renovations.
- D. Maps
 - 1. Project location on citywide map
 - a. Blunt Park Property Card from Springfield GIS
 - 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. S GIS Aerial Map
- E. Architectural/Engineer Plans/Elevations/Site Plans
 - b. A sketch of the proposed plan is attached. This project moving forward will be updated to reflect current cost estimating and project scope.
- F. Photographs
 - a. Site Photos
- G. Operating Pro Forma (for project after it is complete)
 - a. Blunt Park will 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.

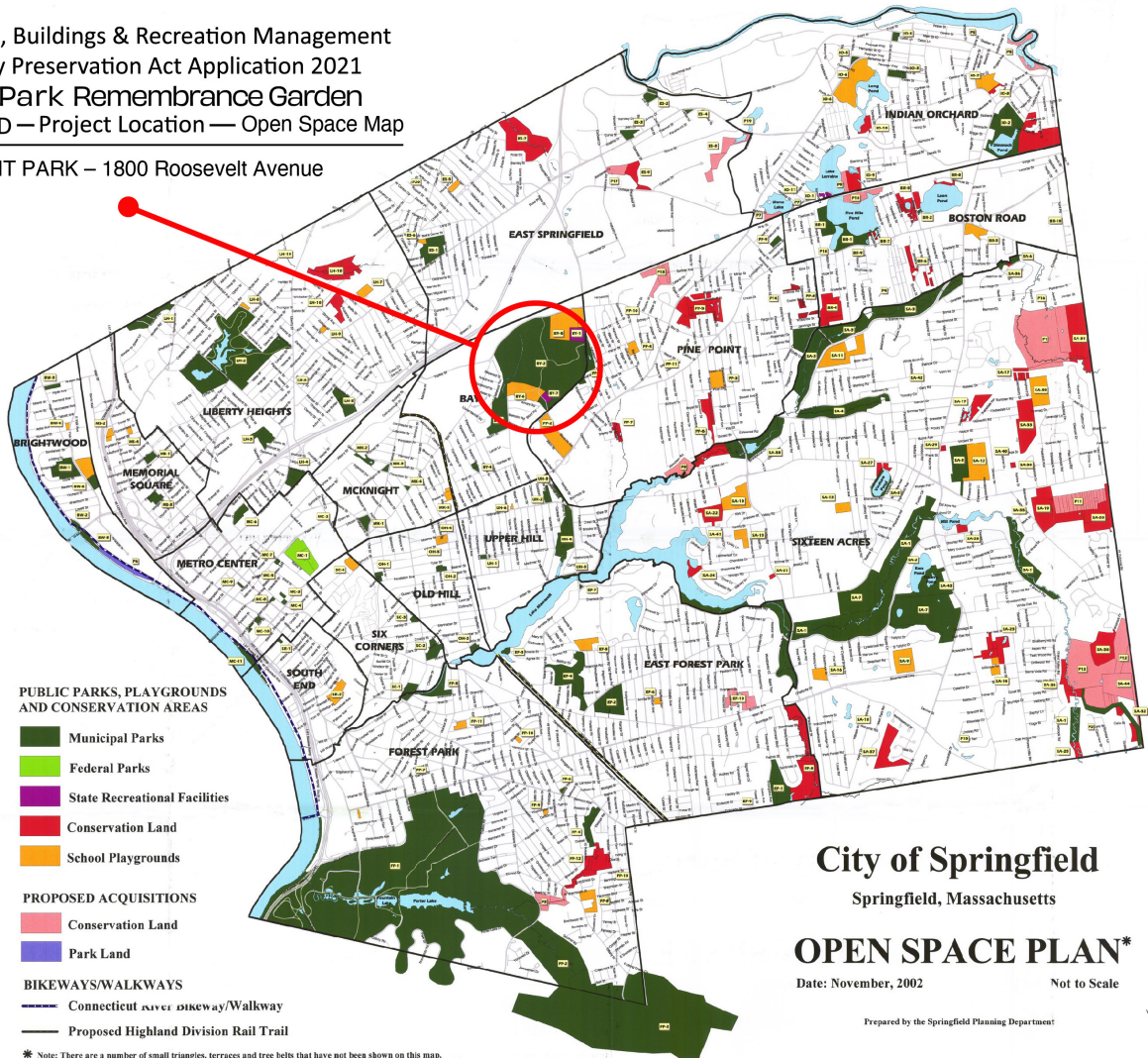
- a. Blunt Park Deed





Dept. of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management
 Community Preservation Act Application 2021
 Blunt Park Remembrance Garden
 Attachment D — Project Location — Open Space Map

BLUNT PARK – 1800 Roosevelt Avenue



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



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, 2020 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 Stone Soul, Inc., application for a remembrance garden to be located in Blunt Park.

The Park Commission feels this project is aligned not only with Park Department priorities and needs for enhanced recreational offering city-wide, but with the Community Preservation Act priorities to renovate neighborhood playgrounds and green spaces.

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

Sincerely,

Milagros Terry Rodriguez
Board of Park Commissioners, Chairwoman

cc: Patrick Sullivan, Executive Director DPBRM
Stone Soul, Inc.

**OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COSTS
 BASED ON "STONE SOUL REMEMBERANCE GARDEN- CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN" (2/16/2021)**

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION	TASK TOTAL
MOBILIZATION / DEMOBILIZATION / ENG. LAYOUT					\$15,000
MOBILIZATION / DEMOBILIZATION / ENG. LAYOUT	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000	
SITE PREPARATION & SITE DEMOLITION					\$27,500
SED. & EROSION CONTROL ALLOWANCE	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000	
TREE PROTECTION ALLOWANCE	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000	
TREE PRUNING & STUMP REMOVAL ALLOWANCE	1	LS	\$7,500	\$7,500	
R&D EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT (CDBG FUNDING 2021)	1	LS	\$7,500		
R&D MISC. SITE AMENITIES	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000	
R&D EXISTING PAVEMENT	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000	
EARTHWORK (Associated earthwork is included in cost of site improvements & utility work below)					\$10,750
CUT TO REMOVE OFF SITE	20	CY	\$50	\$1,000	
TOPSOIL BORROW	20	CY	\$50	\$1,000	
ROUGH GRADE / FINE GRADE	35,000	SF	\$0.25	\$8,750	
SITE AMENITIES					\$40,200
REMEMBRANCE GARDEN CUT STONE BOULDERS WITH PLAQUES ALLOWANCE	1	LS	\$75,000	\$3,500	
F&I NEW ACCESSIBLE ALL AGES PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE (CDBG FUNDING 2021)	1	LS	\$150,000		
TRASH RECEPTACLES ON CEM. CONC. PAD	4	EA	\$1,800	\$7,200	
PICNIC TABLES ON CEM. CONC. PAD	6	EA	\$2,500	\$15,000	
RESTORE EXISTING PICNIC TABLES	6	EA	\$500	\$3,000	
RESTORE EXISTING PAVILION ALLOWANCE	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000	
CPA/PARKS/ MISC. SIGNAGE ALLOWANCE	1	LS	\$1,500	\$1,500	
PAVING & SURFACING (Associated base materials are included)					\$82,000
BITUMINOUS CONCRETE WALKWAYS	2,000	SF	\$10.00	\$20,000	

**OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COSTS
 BASED ON "STONE SOUL REMEMBERANCE GARDEN- CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN" (2/16/2021)**

STONE DUST WALKWAY	3,500	SF	\$4.00	\$14,000	
PAVERS AT MEMORIAL	350	SF	\$30.00	\$10,500	
PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING	1,500	SF	\$25.00	\$37,500	

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ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER PLAYGROUND SAFTEY SURFACING	2,500	SF	\$3.00	\$7,500	
CEM. CONC. CURB	400	LF	\$40.00	\$16,000	
LANDSCAPE WORK					\$13,250
REFURBISH LAWN AREAS	25,000	SF	\$0.22	\$5,500	
PLANTING BED ALLOWANCE W. EDGING	1	EA	\$7,500	\$7,500	
MULCH BED	5	CY	\$50	\$250	
			SUB-TOTAL =	\$188,700	
			DESIGN CONTINGENCY** & CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY (20%±)	\$25,000	
			TOTAL CONSTRUCTION=	\$213,700	
			DESIGN, ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES (12%±)	\$35,000	
			ESCALATION PER YEAR (5%±)		
			TOTAL =	\$248,700	
			TOTAL (2022 DOLLARS), SAY		

ALL CONSTRUCTION COSTS INCLUDE LABOR AT PREVAILING WAGE RATES, OVERHEAD & PROFIT

** The Design Contingency is intended to provide for minor Project elements that are undefined at the current level of design yet typically become evident as the design progresses and that may be recommended by the design team and agreed upon by the Owner during the design phase.



CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN

to New Senior Center

BLUNT PARK DRIVE

New all ages, all abilities play area with rubberized safety surfacing

Protect existing walkway, repair has needed. Remove timber bench guard except opposite play area

New swingset with new surround and safety surfacing

Restored Pavilion

Landscaped Stone Soul Remembrance Garden featuring cut stone boulders with commemorative plaques and informational messaging

Accessible curb ramp

Remove and reinstall existing picnic tables on new cement concrete pads

to Central H.S. →

to Roosevelt Ave



STONE SOUL REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

in BLUNT PARK

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

PREPARED FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT
PREPARED BY GZA GEOTECHNICAL, INC.
FEBRUARY 16, 2021

BLUNT PARK

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From Adoniram Bradley and e. to the City of Springfield

From Adoniram Bradley, married, Patrick Fitzgerald, Ellen A. Fitzgerald, Agnes E. 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 Trust 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.

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*Taken and Bound and Conveyed to the City of Springfield
A. Bradley 1920000 7 1927*