SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FULL APPLICATION COVER SHEET

I. PROJECT INFORMATION				
CPA program area - check all that apply:				
community housing historic preserv	vation	🗌 open space	recreation	
Project/Program Title: Forest Park Zoo Fence				
Brief Project/Program Summary: The Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management is seeking CPA recreation funding to install new perimeter fencing at the zoo in Forest Park. The project will include removal of the existing chain link fence to be replaced with ornamental iron fencing. This project will improve the functionality, aesthetic and safety conditions of the perimeter fence.				
estimated start date: <u>November 2021</u>	estimate	d completion date	: July 2022	
II. APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Type of Applicant - check one:				
City of Springfield 🗌 Non-Profit Organizat	ion 🗌 I	For-Profit Business	🗌 Individual	
Name of Organization: Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management				
Name of Contact Person: Patrick Sullivan				
Mailing Address: 200 Trafton Road				
Mailing City/State/Zip: Springfield, MA 01108				
Phone: (413) 787-7770	Fax: (41	3) 787-6439		
Email: PSullivan@springfieldcityhall.com				
Website: https://www.springfield-ma.gov/cos/				
III. BUDGET SUMMARY				
Estimated Project Budget: \$249,750				
CPA Funding Request: \$244,750				
Will you be seeking multi-year funding 🗌 Yes 🔳 No				
CPA Request as Percentage of Total Project/Program Budget: 98%				
List Other Secured Funding Sources: Additional funding of \$5,000 is secured from the Barney Trust towards the completion of this project.				
List Other Prospective Funding Sources:				
There is no other prospective funding source for this project at this time.				
Applicant Signature:		Date Subr	mitted: 4/1/21	

I. GENERAL INFORMATION – FOREST PARK ZOO FENCE

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: 1128004600
 - 2. Does the applicant own the property?
 - a. Yes. Forest Park is owned by the City of Springfield and maintained by the Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management (PBRM) as a public park. The Zoo In Forest Park is a separate entity and operates under a lease agreement with the City. The City of Springfield has ownership of the land and infrastructure.
 - 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. No. The Zoo Fence is not located in a wetland.
 - 2. If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed? 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.

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 Forest Park Zoo Fence project will provide new perimeter fencing at the Forest Park Zoo to improve safety and aesthetics of the area. Proposed improvements include removal of existing chain link fence with privacy slats, to be replaced by ornamental iron fencing. The approximately 1800 liner feet of ornamental fence will be eight feet in height (8' ft.) with one inch (1" in.) square pickets spaced two inches off center to prevent objects (hands, sticks, rocks, etc.) from being pushed through the fence to ensure safety for park visitors, Zoo staff and the animals.

This project is best aligned with the recreation category of the CPA, and impact of this project will be immediate, as the fence is highly visible within Forest Park and the current fencing does not does not lend itself to the beauty of Forest Park.

Project costs are anticipated at \$249,750.00 for the removal of the existing fencing and installation of new ornamental fencing. The Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management is requesting \$244,740, from the Community Preservation Act, with an additional \$5,000 from the Barney Trust, to provide new perimeter fencing at the Zoo in Forest Park.

B. Proposal Description

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

Forest Park, the largest park in the City's park system and the region's largest municipal park, has approximately 1,200,000 visitors annually. The Forest Park Zoo is centrally located to main park attractions, such as the Rose Garden, playground, swings, picnic grove, athletic fields, scenic overlooks and concession stand. Improvements to zoo perimeter fencing will reflect the grandeur and beauty of the park to provide all visitors an appealing setting to enjoy outdoor recreation. The new ornamental fencing is similar in style to existing park fencing at the Main Entrance, Swan Pond, the Barney Carriage House and Mausoleum.

The new fence will ensure continued compliance with all regulations set forth by the Zoological Association of America (ZAA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The current fence no longer meets the needs of The Zoo or Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management. Fencing is critical to the safety within Forest Park as it protects both the animals as well as the general public. A new fence will not only enhance the aesthetics of Forest Park, but will provide a valuable service for the multitude of people who visit the park and Zoo each year.

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

The Forest Park Zoo Fence project addresses the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of an open space and recreation amenity as outlined in the Springfield Community Preservation Plan. The improvements aim to restore the existing conditions at the Forest Park Zoo Fence in order to increase functionality and to beautify and restore the park to its full potential as a regional park and asset to Springfield's open space inventory.

The Project is consistent with the priorities identified in the Community Preservation Plan. The rehabilitation of the fence addresses the following plan criteria: to preserve and enhance the essential character of Springfield, to protect open space and recreational resources that may otherwise be threatened, serves more than one CPA purpose, to demonstrate a practical and feasible project that can be implemented within its proposed budget and schedule, to leverage public and/or private funds or voluntary contributions of goods and services, and to utilize Springfield based resources. The project has received endorsements from municipal boards and departments, as well as neighborhood support.

3. Describe the need that this proposal will address.

PBRM has identified the continued development of the Forest Park masterplan and the Forest Park buildings and structures as goals of its Open Space and Recovery Plan (2017). Rehabilitation of the Forest Park Zoo Fence will address these goals specifically. The Open Space plan is developed with community and resident input and PBRM continually strives to address the recreational needs of the city when completing park renovation projects. Additionally, the Forest Park Zoo Fence is listed in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, to be completed once funding is available.

There is community and neighborhood support and interest in restoring this park feature, which has been delayed due to lack of funding. Please see attached letters of support from the Forest Park Civic Association and The Zoo in Forest Park & Education Center.

1. What is the expected outcome of this proposal?

Completion of this project will enable PBRM to remove the existing fence to be replaced with an ornamental fence that not only enhances the natural setting for Forest Park but will provide safety for park patrons, zoo visitors and the animal exhibits alike. As Forest Park is the City's largest open space, with 736 acres of park and recreation land, the new fence will have an immediate and highly visible impact that will increase Forest Park's draw as a regional destination and restore the picturesque atmosphere in this section of the park.

Through this proposal, the current fence will be removed and new ornamental iron fencing will be furnished and installed. The project budget covers all costs needed for this project.

C. Feasibility & Sustainability

- 1. What other funding sources have been secured or are being pursued?
 - a. The development of the Forest Park Zoo Fence has been previously supported by the Barney Trust. The project's anticipated budget is \$249,750. At this time, the Trust is able to support this project with up to \$5,000; the remaining project cost is being requested from the Community Preservation Act, budgeted at \$244,750, through this grant application.
- 2. Once the proposal is complete how will it be sustained/maintained?
 - a. The Forest Park Zoo Fence will be maintained and operated by the Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management 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 Zoo Fence restoration project. PBRM has a long history of successfully completing park improvements and renovation projects.

Furthermore, PBRM plans to work with its on-fence contractor to perform the removal of existing fencing and installation of new ornamental fence. The Parks Department has successful history of implementing project of this type, and most recently completed the renovation of Forest Park's Swan Pond culvert, a \$3.5 million project.

The PBRM and Brodeur Campbell Fencing have collaborated on multiple successful projects similar to this fencing renovation project. Similar projects are the installation of fencing at Mary Troy Park, Kenefick Park, and Forest Park Tennis Courts.

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

All projects of PBRM are overseen by its Executive Director, Patrick Sullivan, who has more than 30 years of experience in park renovations and improvements. The PBRM will work with the City's Office of Procurement to ensure the project complies with all public works requirements. In the past five years, PBRM has completed twenty similar projects, resulting in approximately \$14,000,000 in park improvements.

Working through the City's procurement regulations, the renovation of the Forest Park Zoo Fence will be follow all procurement regulations to ensure the fencing is furnished and installed by a qualified vendor. The City currently has an existing on-call fence work vendor, Brodeur Campbell, who is capable of performing a project of this scope.

II. 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.

- <u>Spring 2021 April -June</u>
 - CPA grant application due
 - CPC meetings and presentations
- <u>Summer 2021 (July-August)</u>
 - CPC Review & recommendations
 - Fall 2021 (September-December)
 - City Council Recommendation
 - CPA Award
 - Contracting with CPC and DPBRM
 - Winter 2021-2022 (once contract executed)
 - Solicit Quote from Brodeur Campbell for fencing project
- <u>Spring 2022 (April June)</u>
 - On-site work to remove existing fence and install new ornamental fencing
- <u>Summer 2022 (July)</u>
 - Project Completed

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

The Forest Park Zoo Fence budget includes removal of existing chain link fence and gates, and the installation of new ornamental iron fence with gates. The Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management received a quote proposal for fencing work on this project from its on-call fence contract, Brodeur Campbell Fence Company. Please see the attached itemized quote budget prepared by Brodeur Campbell for an estimated budget to furnish and install fence materials. The proposal is for budgeting purposes only and will be finalized prior to installation as the project will need to be bid for construction work.

At this time, PBRM is requesting funding of \$244,750, with \$5,000 anticipated from the Barney Trust, for the Forest Park Zoo Fence project from the Community Preservation Committee. The total budget of \$249,750 includes all fence work, materials and prevailing wages for construction to ensure a fair and accurate budget to support this project.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

For all proposals

A. Commitment letters for revenue sources identified in the budget

- a. Letter of Commitment from the Barney Trust.
- 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. Please see attached letter of support from the:
 - i. The Zoo In Forest Park & Education Center
 - ii. Forest Park Civic Association
- D. Maps
 - 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. Forest Park Property Map GIS Aerial Map
- E. Architectural/Engineer Plans/Elevations/Site Plans
 - a. Proposed schematic plans from Brodeur Campbell Fence Company are enclosed. All plans and quotes will be reviewed and finalized prior to project implementation.
- F. Photographs
 - a. Forest Park Zoo Perimeter Fence Existing Conditions Photographs
- G. Operating Pro Forma (for project after it is complete)
 - a. Forest 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. Forest Park Deed

BRODEUR-CAMPBELL FENCE CO., INC.

1075 PAGE BOULEVARD TEL 413-787-2656 or TEL 413-783-6141 SPRINGFIELD MA 01104-1634 FAX 413-783-6165

www.brodeurcampbellfence.com

March 9, 2021

Attn: Patrick Sullivan & Peter Krupczak City of Springfield Dept. of Parks, Bldg & Recreation Mgmt. 200 Trafton Rd. Springfield, MA 01108

TEL: 886-5183 FAX: 787-6439

Re: Forest Park Zoo

Take down and dispose of approximately 1800' of existing fence

Furnish and Install: Approximately 1800' of 8' high black iron fencing Style: Aberdeen (No Rings) Pickets are 1" square and are spaced 2 15/32" O.C. (Air Gap 1 15/32"+-) Includes four 42" wide gates One 12' wide double gate, arched, with 4" square posts One 14' wide double gate, arched, with 4" square posts One 18' wide double gate, arched, with 6" square posts All other posts are 2 ¹/₂" square

Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and 00/100\$249,750.00

Notes:

Panels with rings are not rackable. Will not follow grade smoothly. Would need to step panels to accommodate grades.

Metal prices are increasing weekly due to Covid-19. This price is good for 14 Days.

Richard Martin



Board of Park Commissioners, City of Springfield, MA

Administrative Office, Forest Park

March 31, 2021

Community Preservation Committee City of Springfield 36 Court Street Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Committee Members:

It is our sincere pleasure to submit this letter of support for the City of Springfield's Community Preservation Act grant funding application for improvements to the Forest Park Zoo Perimeter Fence. At this time we would like to offer the assistance and support of the Park Trust Accounts for this endeavor.

The Park Trust was established in the 1920's as a funding source to be used at the Park Commission's discretion for projects that will enhance and preserve the legacy of Forest Park. With approximately 736 acres of open space, it is the aim of the Trust to ensure preservation and proper use of the park areas for city residents. As Forest Park draws local, regional and statewide patrons to our park, we value the aim of the administration to increase recreational offerings for all visitors; therefore, the Trust is able to up to \$5,000 towards the completion of this project.

The Park Commission understands the vital role parks and open spaces play within the urban environment, and their ability to provide city residents with the spaces to recreate in an accessible natural environment. For this reason, we are in support of this grant application for the Forest Park Zoo Perimeter Fence as a means to increase recreational opportunities within our park system.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

xecutive Director

Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management

Park Commissioners: Terry Rodriguez, Chair William Christofori Jay Griffin Clinton Harris Jennifer McQuade



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 Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management recreation and open space application to replace the perimeter fencing at the Zoo in Forest 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 Terry Rodriguez

Board of Park Commissioners, Chairwoman

Patrick Sullivan, Executive Director DPBRM cc: Sarah Tsitso, Executive Director, The Zoo in Forest Park & Education Center



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IN FOREST PARK & EDUCATION CENTER March 16, 2021

Community Preservation Committee 36 Court St. Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Committee Members,

Post Office Box 80295 Springfield, MA 01138-0295

Zoological Society

Forest Park

On behalf of The Zoo in Forest Park (and Forest Park Zoological Society), I am writing today to offer my enthusiastic support for the City of Springfield's Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management's application for funding through the Community Preservation Act for replacement of The Zoo's perimeter fence.

The new fence would ensure continued compliance with all regulations set forth by the Zoological Association of America (ZAA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The current fence no longer meets the needs of The Zoo or the City of Springfield's Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management, and has become an eyesore in the middle of this beautiful park.

Fencing for a zoo is of critical importance. It protects both the animals that call the zoo their home, as well as the general public. A new fence would not just enhance the aesthetics of Forest Park, but would provide a valuable service for the tens of thousands of people who visit The Zoo each year.

I am available to answer any questions, and look forward to working with the Community Preservation Committee and the City of Springfield to implement this project.

With gratitude,

Sarah Isitso

Sarah Tsitso Executive Director

Forest Park Civic Association



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

March 19, 2021

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 Florentine Gardens Terrace, the Forest Park Zoo Fence and the Forest Park Picnic Pavilion.

We appreciate your attendance at out March 9, 2021 meeting to provide an overview of these Park Department proposed CPA grant applications. As the neighborhood council that represents Forest Park, we support efforts to preserve, protect and enhance the historic and park characteristics of the Forest Park Heights Historic District and Forest Park.

The Florentine Gardens Terrace, once known as Floral Park, serves as a neighborhood open space that is often the site of neighborhood gatherings and celebrations, such as our annual Illumination Night event. Many of our members use Florentine Gardens as a means to access Forest Park while walking and/or biking. Improvements to this terrace to honor its historical role in our neighborhood are greatly appreciated.

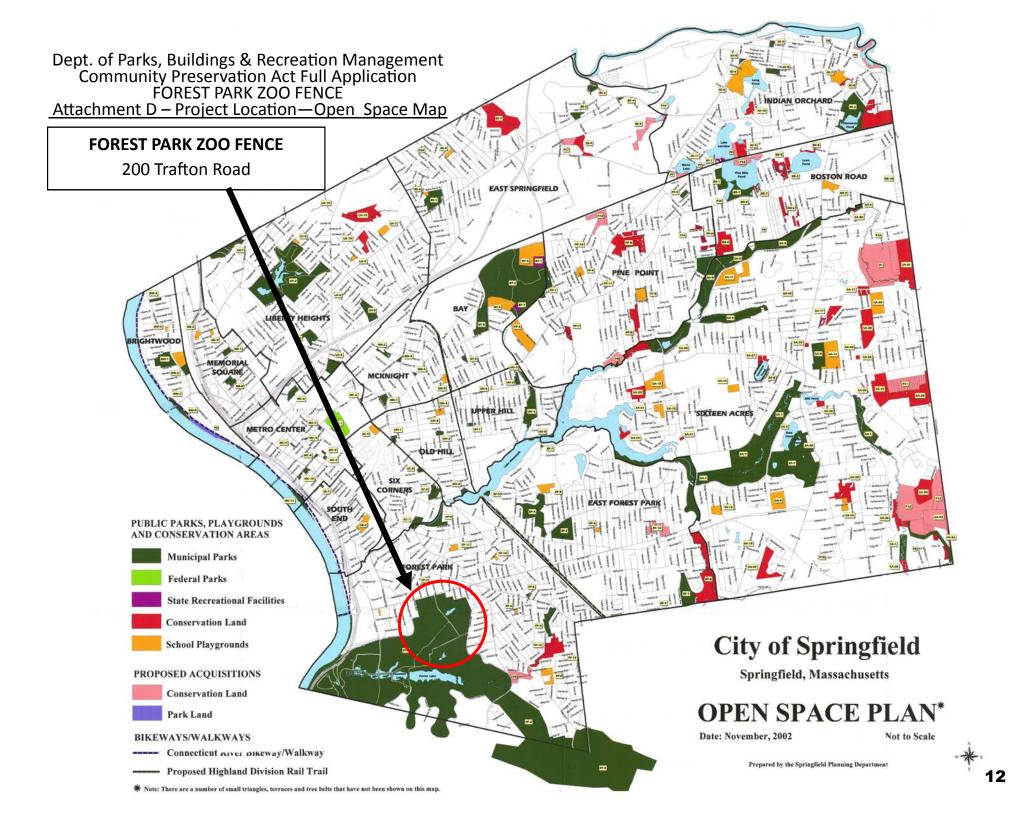
Improvements to the Forest Park Zoo Fence will have an immediate visual impact on the beauty of Forest Park, while also improving safety measures for park and zoo visitors alike.

Many residents enjoy visiting Forest Park for family picnics and celebrations throughout the spring, summer and fall. Improvements to the picnic grove across from the Forest Park Rose Garden will provide park visitors a covered picnic pavilion to enjoy their time in the park.

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

Sincerely,

Beate Bolen, Forest Park Civic Association, Vice President





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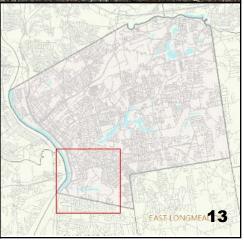
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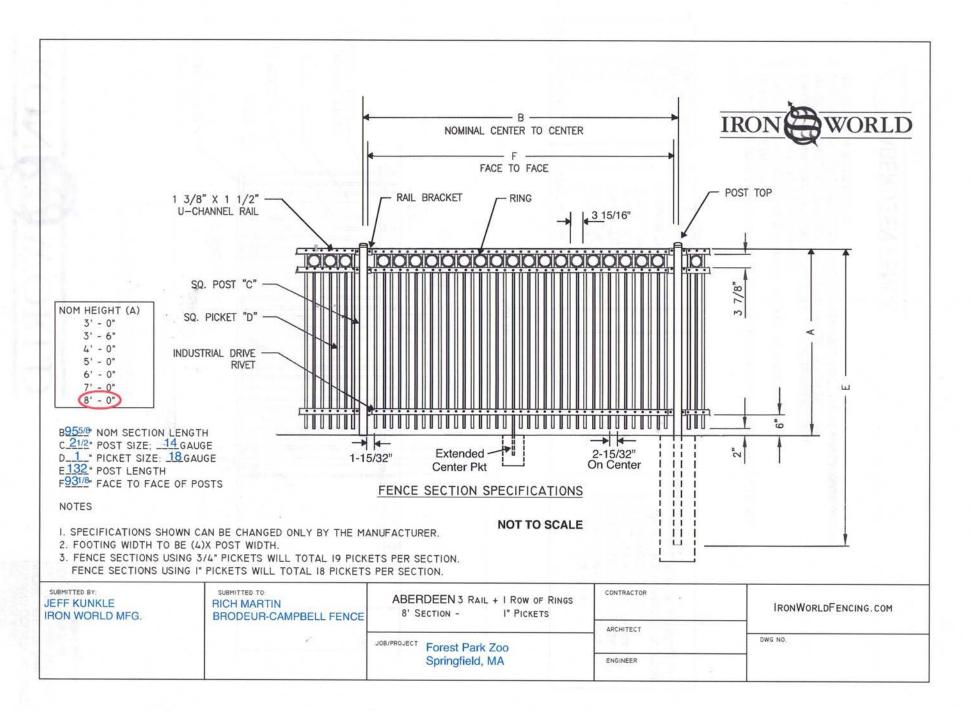
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Owner Name	SPRINGFIELD CITY OF
Owner Address1	
Owner Address2	SPRINGFIELD, MA
Land Area In Square Feet	29,403,000
Assessed Value	13,005,700
Historic	
Zoning Name	Open Space





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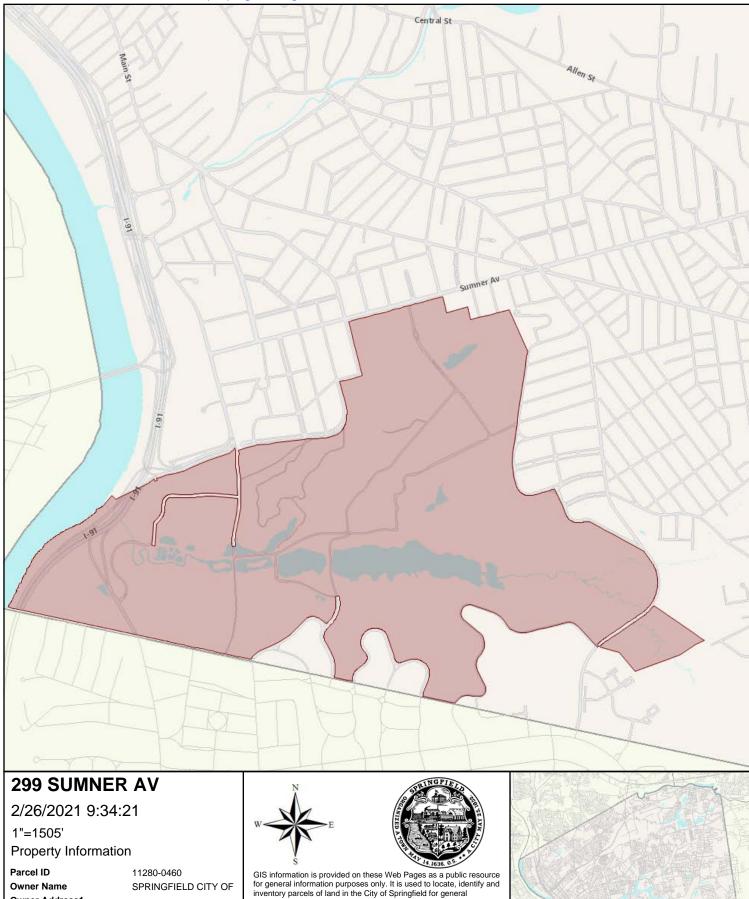
Real estate situated in said Springfield to wit:a tract of land bounded Easterly by Forest Park; Northerly by Forest Park; Westerly by land of one Field; and Southerly by the line between the city of Springfield and the Town of Longmeadow as recently established; intending hereby to convey all the real estate described in a deed to us from Nancy Cooley dated May 27, 1890, recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, lib. 462 fol. 203 which lies within the present limits of the said City.

Containing about forty acres.

Land must be devoted to public park purposes.

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Owner Address1 Owner Address2 Land Area In Square Feet 29,403,000 Assessed Value 13,005,700 Historic

Zoning Name

SPRINGFIELD, MA

Open Space

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