

**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: Long Pond Feasibility Study

Brief Project/Program Summary: Determine feasibility of creating swimming spaces in Indian Orchard.

estimated start date: 4/1/2021

estimated completion date: 9/1/2021

II. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Type of Applicant - check one:

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

Name of Organization: Indian Orchard Citizens Council

Name of Contact Person: Zaida Govan

Mailing Address: 117 Main St.

Mailing City/State/Zip: Indian Orchard, MA 01151

Phone: 413-306-2533

Fax:

Email: iocc.council@gmail.com

Website:

III. BUDGET SUMMARY

Estimated Project Budget: \$104,000

CPA Funding Request: \$100,000

Will you be seeking multi-year funding Yes No

CPA Request as Percentage of Total Project/Program Budget:

List Other Secured Funding Sources: Eastfield Mall, Eastman Chemicals, Ricks Auto Body

List Other Prospective Funding Sources: other community businesses

Applicant Signature: Zaida Govan

Date Submitted: 4/29/2020

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

In collaboration with the Springfield City and Parks Department we will ensure all permits are obtained for the work being done.

The Indian Orchard neighborhood consists of almost 10,000 residents including children. The income levels vary from extreme poverty to upper middle class. From the Hometown Locator website: The median household income is \$35,862 with average household income is \$48,118. Over 2,000 people are living below the poverty level and almost 8,000 are living above the poverty level. These lakes and ponds have been in existence for centuries (see pics)

Marketing:

Throughout this project we will use social media as well as print media to gather input from the community and inform them of the progress being made. We have already discussed it at our monthly neighborhood Council meeting and will continue to use this forum to inform our residents of the progress of this project.

3. Will the owner agree to a preservation restriction or local historic district designation? n/a

D. Open Space & Recreation Questions

1. Is this project in a wetland or does it about a wetland?

Yes

2. If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed?

Yes

3. If the project is on municipal park or conservation land, attached a letter of support from the Park Commission or Conservation Commission.

Submitted Request

A. Project Summary:

The Indian Orchard Citizens Council is seeking a CPA grant for the purpose of initially opening up swimming spots for the residents of Indian Orchard. As of today, we do not have a place to go swimming even though we have a few lakes in our area to include a Massachusetts Great Pond which is called Long Pond. In this proposal we are seeking to restore Long Pond for swimming and fishing in Indian Orchard. These are the lakes in our neighborhood. 12 Pictures attached

Lake Lorraine

Long Pond (MA Great Lake)

Loon Pond

Dimmock Pond

Mona Lake

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B. Proposal Description 1.

The restoration of Long Pond and eventually the other “watering holes” in Indian Orchard is a wish that many residents have had for years. We want to dredge out the pond and have the water tested for safety. We recently had a water test done on Loon Pond and the results were hopeful in that the water was deemed safe for swimming and fishing. The restoration of these waterways for public use will benefit the entire city of Springfield as it will give residents the option of visiting other places to swim besides Five Mile pond and the limited amount of pools we have. This project will be done in phases as stated below.

The CPA criteria for Open Spaces and Recreation is achieved with this grant by making the current open spaces in our community accessible to residents for recreation.

The need the proposal addresses is the lack of swimming areas in Indian Orchard. This lack causes overcrowding at other swimming places like our pools. The pool at Forest Park will have a line around the corner of people waiting to get in to swim. Restoring Long Pond would alleviate the need for these long lines and leaving families waiting for an opportunity to have fun in the water.

The expected outcome of this proposal is to provide families in Indian Orchard a place to have fun in the water that is closer to home. We understand that this is a long-term project that we plan on doing in phases. The first phase will be the restoring a part of Long Pond to swimming for families in Indian Orchard and the rest of the city of Springfield.

C. Feasibility & Sustainability:

We will reach out to our business partners including Eastman Chemical and other businesses in Indian Orchard who are very supportive of any efforts that the Indian Orchard Citizens Council makes. It is also hoped that the city of Springfield will provide additional support needed.

The Parks Department in the city of Springfield as well as Brett Richards of “Make MA Fishing Spots Great Again” who are determined to keep the lakes and ponds in the area clean of all debris and trash. We have obtained a letter of support from them.

The operating pro forma would be when the pond is open for swimming and fishing.

D. Applicant Experience:

The IOCC has successfully applied for and received grants for the renovation of the Godfrey Triangle in Indian Orchard which is a WWI memorial to veterans. The city is still in the process of completing this project. We have also acquired grants from the Springfield Cultural Council and Peoples Bank for our upcoming annual Food Truck Festival. We have also received grants from the Grass Roots Environmental Fund for a community garden.

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The Springfield Parks Department and the Indian Orchard Citizens Council have a great track record of completing projects. The IOCC has been incorporated since 1976 and have been hosting an annual Food Truck Festival for the last 4 years. We have monthly council meetings and encourage residents to join us regularly. We have requested Charlie Arment Trucking to help us realize this proposal. They have a great track record of working on other city projects.

III. TIMELINE:

This project will be completed in phases. The first phase will be to restore a “beach” at Long Pond. Brett Richards and Charlie Arment Trucking will work together to realize this phase by Summer 2022.

IV. BUDGET:

Attached

V. ATTACHMENTS For all proposals A. Commitment letters for revenue sources identified in the budget B. Letters of Support Letters of support are encouraged from the following for the category(s) being applied in. Applicants may provide additional letters of support beyond this list if they feel it will help their application. Letter(s) should contain the date on which the board/commission voted to support the proposal. • Community Housing Springfield Housing Authority Office of Housing • Historic Preservation Springfield Historical Commission Springfield Preservation Trust • Open Space Springfield Conservation Commission

Letters of Support

Brett Richards

Sheriff's Department

Conservation Commission – email

Parks Department

Wellspring Harvest

- Recreation Springfield Park Commission For projects that involve property (land/buildings)

Received

C. Letters of Support from Neighborhood Council/Association where project is located

Received

D. Maps 1. Project location on citywide map

Included

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

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Attached

E. Architectural/Engineer Plans/Elevations/Site Plans

Charlie Arment Trucking

F. Photographs

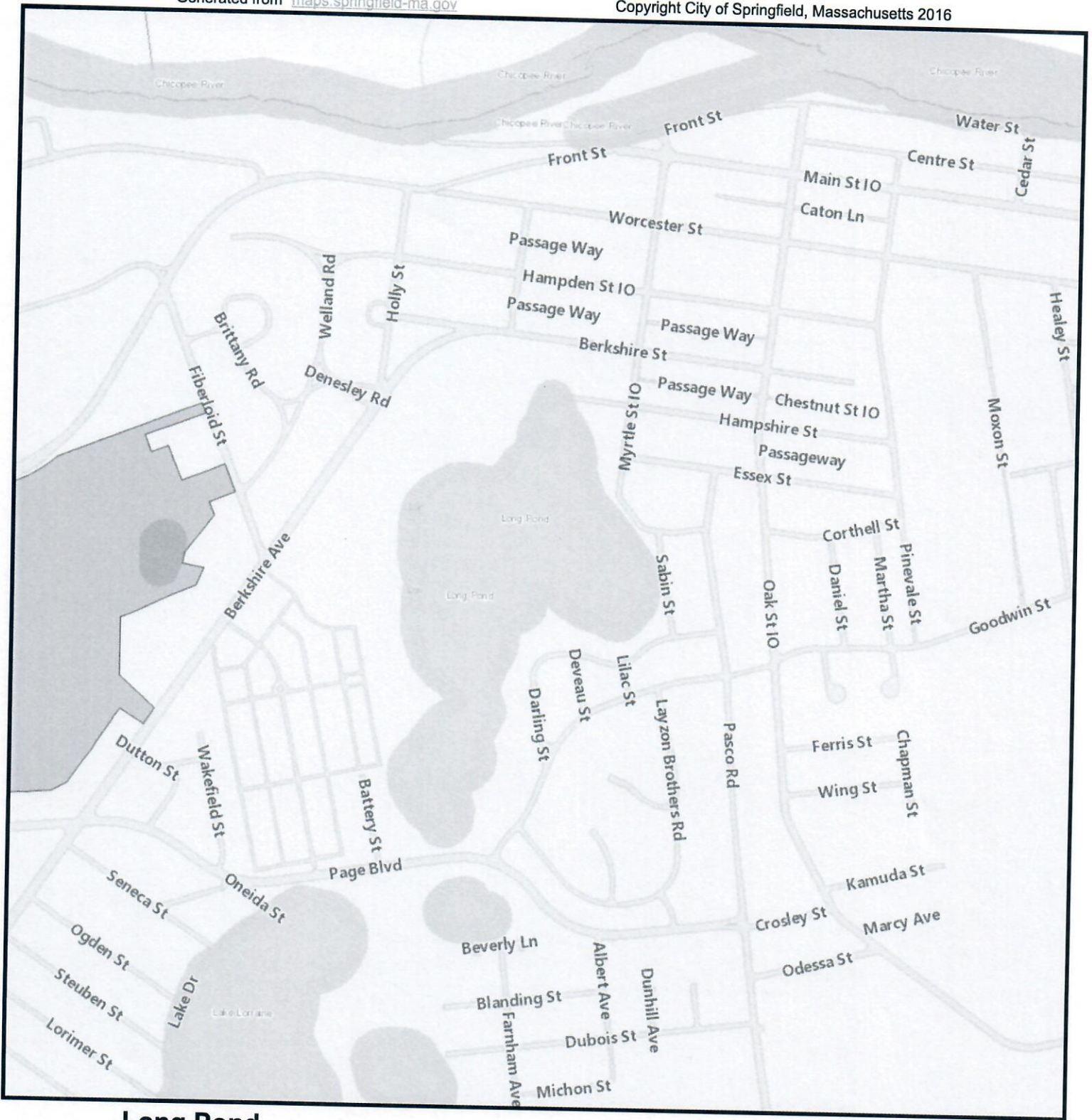
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G. Operating Pro Forma (for project after it is complete)

Swimming in Indian Orchard

H. Proof of ownership/control of property such as deed(s), executed purchase & sale agreement, option, lease agreement, etc.

City-owned and conservation commission owned



Long Pond

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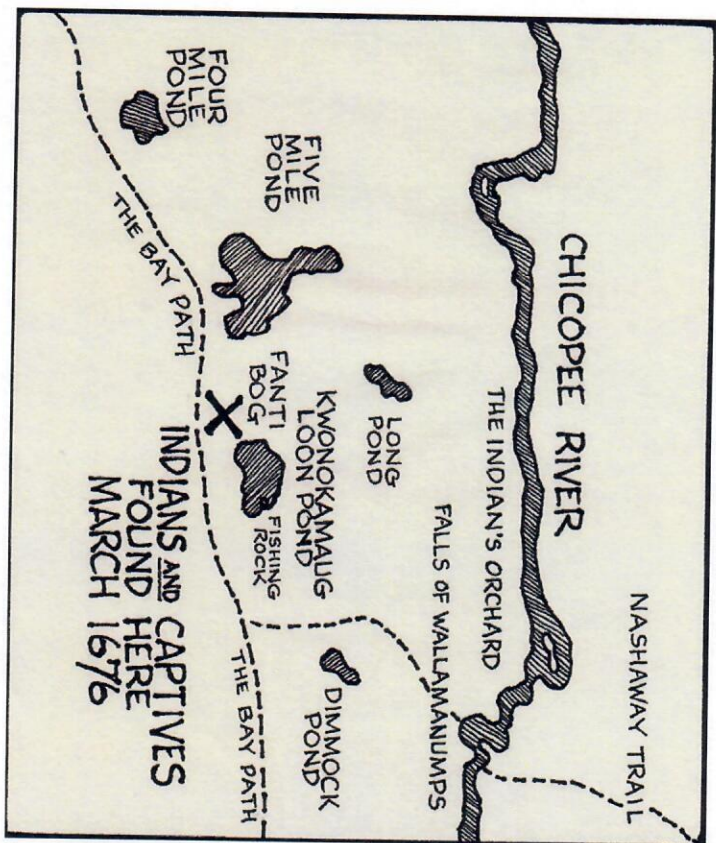
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Stories - The history of the ponds in Indian Orchard is remembered on Facebook by a group called "You know you're from Indian Orchard" and I have taken some of their nostalgic quotes and comments (with their permission) to highlight how much joy and recreation there was when these ponds and lakes were open.

- **Martin Marotte** wrote "After numerous meeting's with then Parks and Rec commission at the time Romeo Cyr, my father was the key holder to a light that the Spfld DPW had installed on the pond side of the Kennedy tennis courts, for illuminating a skating rink that was plowed for us..little 1970's history for Long Pond. As a child, I spent alot of time there in the 60's and 70's..my step mom still lives in the same house my parents have had for over 60 years."
- "The lake was at the end of my street (I lived on Lorimer St.) when I got of school I'd get my skates and go. I was playing hockey w/ my friend when I accidentally broke her tooth." – Cathy Rossi
- "One more slide, Ma!" The giant slide at Joyland Beach at Loon Pond. – Patrick Duquette
- "If you played pond hockey on Lake Lorraine" – Ben Fish
- "Dimock pond froze quick also and it was clear see through, we skated on 2 to 3 inches. Crackling under us and thought it was cool" – Mike Partynski
- Grew up on it! Always fun times! I had the best years of my life there growing up with so many Kevin Hughes, Keith Hughes ...loved that beach and the friends I met along the way" – Jason Douglas
- "So many days on Lake Lorraine's playing hockey I can't even remember how many times it was a lot had a lot of fun" – Jim Merkel
- "The lake was at the end of my street (I lived on Lorimer St.) when I got of school I'd get my skates and go. I was playing hockey w/ my friend when I accidentally broke her tooth." – Cathy Ross



City of Springfield
Parks, Buildings, and Recreation Management

April 6, 2020

Community Preservation Committee
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Committee Members,

The Board of Park Commissioners convened a meeting on March 5, 2020 to hear requests from citizens and community organizations relating to Community Preservation Act grant applications.

The Springfield Park Commission enthusiastically supports the Indian Orchard Citizens Council's recreation and open space application master plan development for improvements at Long Pond.

The Park Commission feels this project is aligned not only with Park Department priorities and needs for enhanced recreational offering city-wide, but also with the Community Preservation Act priority of improving access to Springfield's water bodies for water-based recreation and enjoyment.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Santaniello (kmc)

Brian Santaniello,
Board of Park Commissioners, Chairman

cc: Patrick Sullivan, Executive Director DPBRM
Zaida Govan, Indian Orchard Citizen Council



April 15th, 2020

Dear Zaida,

We here at the Eastfield Mall have learned about the IOCC plans in applying for a CPA grant to restore Loon Pond. We are very excited in regards to this endeavor. Our community, families and friends will benefit greatly from these efforts. Please know that the Eastfield Mall supports you 100%. If we can help in any way please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you

Dave

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April 7, 2020

Robert McCarroll
Community Preservation Project
Springfield City Hall
36 Court St.
Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Mr. McCarroll,

Wellspring Cooperative, Wellspring Harvest and the Wellspring Harvest Community Group are pleased to write this letter of support for the Indian Orchard Citizens Council's application for Community Preservation Act funding to restore Loon Pond.

Wellspring Cooperative is a non-profit that is building a network of worker-owned cooperatives to provide good jobs and wealth building opportunities in Springfield's under-served communities. Wellspring Harvest, a quarter acre hydroponic greenhouse, is one of the cooperative businesses that we launched. Wellspring Harvest Community Group is a collaboration that involves all of these organizations plus the IO Library and community residents.

It has been our pleasure to work in partnership with the Indian Orchard Citizen Council (IOCC). Together, we are working to increase food access, food security/self sufficiency, and sustainability. We have held community meetings and workshops on urban agriculture, community gardening, container gardening, hydroponics, vermiculture and sustainable energy. We built raised bed planters that are located in front of the IOCC building at Myrtle Park, to produce herbs, cherry tomatoes and greens that will be free for the taking to highlight the value of community sharing and nature's abundance. In light of COVID 19, we are working together with a local restaurant to distribute free salads with grilled chicken for people in the community who are in need.

We know that the IOCC plays a critical role in a wide range of activities to make Indian Orchard a better place to live. It is involved in activities that build community such as the Food Truck Festival; it supports

those in need such as a Food Bank distribution program; and improves the environment as demonstrated by their application to restore Loon Pond.

We hope that you will approve funding for the IOCC's project. We can attest to their commitment to the community and their capacity for great work.

Please feel free to reach out if I can provide any further information.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Kawano". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Emily Kawano

Co-director Wellspring Cooperative

Indian Orchard Citizen's Council
Proposed Budget for Long Pond 2020

Type of funding/marketing	Amount projected	Purpose
Donations from community businesses – Ricks Auto Body, Eastman Chemical	\$4,000	Clean up pond area on a monthly basis
CPA grant request	\$50,000	Design Development
CPA Grant request	\$50,000	Clearing trees; dredge part of the pond, create beach area
Total Proposed	\$104,000	



April 15, 2020

Shawn Pace
Indian Orchard Site Manager
730 Worcester Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

PO Box 51593
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

Dear Grant Committee

Please accept this letter as an expression of our support for the Indian Orchard Citizens Council grant application to restore Long Pond. We have had a great supportive relationship with the IOCC and will continue to work with them to improve the quality of life for the residents in Indian Orchard and beyond.

Sincerely,
Shawn Pace
Indian Orchard Site Manager