

Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

<http://www.sudbury.ma.us>

PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

Submitter: Sudbury Park & Recreation Commission (due to Park & Rec having no Director)

Submission Date: 11/02/2015

Group or Committee Affiliation (if any):

Submitter's address and phone number:

44 Fairbank Rd
Sudbury, MA 01776
978-443-1092

Purpose (please select all that apply):

- Open Space
- Community Housing
- Historic
- Recreation

Submitter's email address: prc@sudbury.ma.us

Project Name: Davis Field Athletic Field Re-Development

Project Description:

This project is redevelop the existing Multi-Purpose Rectangular (MPR) fields while maintaining the ability for current users to enjoy their recreation activities (i.e. radio controlled planes, rocket launching, walking, dog walking, Ultimate Frisbee, etc.).

Why is this project necessary?

1. High demand for MPR field space. Increasing scheduling conflicts among user groups.
2. Over-usage of our current fields which is leading to worsening conditions – dirt patches, weed growth, compacted soil, etc.

Additional Benefits

1. Provide the ability to rest and rehabilitate other recreational fields, such as Haskell, so that the quality of those fields is preserved. Haskell Field is a perfect example of this as the field has started to show signs of heavy usage with compacted soil, areas of dirt and weeds, etc.

An Athletic Fields Needs Assessment and updated Recreation Master Plan were completed in December of 2012 by Gale Associates. The assessment and plan supported what was already being seen by Park & Recreation – scheduling conflicts due to high demand, over-usage of fields leading to poor field quality, etc. This proposed project addresses the needs concluded in the Assessment/Master Plan:

- An additional Four (4) natural turf, multi-purpose rectangular fields are required to meet current demand.

As determined by the Park and Recreation commission, the redevelopment of Davis was determined to be the best solution to the field demands experienced by the Park & Recreation department and documented by the Gale Assessment.

Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount and source)
2017	\$1,200,000	\$1,000,000	\$200,000 of private funding and possibly \$400K from PARC Grant
2018			
2019			
2020			
Total	\$1,200,00	\$1,000,000	

How Project Meets General and Category Specific Criteria for CPC Projects

This project meets the following **General Criteria:**

1. This project is eligible for CPA funding as a rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreation use.
2. This project is consistent with the town’s Master Plan and Open and Recreation Plan.
3. This project has received endorsement from the following municipal boards and departments:
 - a. Work in progress.
4. This project preserves the essential character of the town as described in the Master Plan. Specifically, we have considered a few different field layouts for Davis Field and the Commission has chosen one that will maintain Davis Field’s natural resources, beauty while having no negative impact on surrounding forests and wetlands.
5. This project is practical and feasible because we are using existing Park & Recreation land of which a section is already used as recreational fields. The cost of the project will be reduced as little, if any, fill needs to be brought to the site. There is a definite urgency for this project to be completed as has been determined by the scheduling conflicts, high demand, over-usage.
6. Please see the attached cost and time estimates.
7. We are exploring all funding avenues. We are working with the user groups to help them figure out ways to raise private money for the project. We will be asking the town for some portion of money as a debt exclusion. We are also going to be applying for a PARC grant.
8. We have considered various alternatives while coming up with this plan at Davis Field. We will be redeveloping an existing Park & Recreation area such as Davis Field is our least expensive and fastest way of making progress in meeting our user demands and providing the opportunity to rest other fields.

We meet the following specific criteria for Recreation proposals:

1. The redevelopment of Davis Field provides new and better fields for lacrosse, soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and others while maintaining an open piece of recreational land as currently exists in order to

allow for radio flyers, rocket launching, walking/running dogs, kite flying, etc. This will provide activities for a large number of our residents.

2. This project will allow the Park & Recreation Department to better manage its fields and provide an enhanced sense of community for field users and their families.

We meet the following specific criteria for Open Space:

1. The design we have chosen will provided for numerous user groups while preserving the character and beauty of Davis Field.
2. The project's design provides for the continuation of passive recreation at Davis Field.

Presentations and Meetings with other Town Boards, Committees and Departments

As part of the project planning the Park & Recreation Commission will be presenting the plan to a number of municipal committees and employees in order to obtain feedback and suggestions

For Community Preservation Committee Use:

Form received on: _____

Project presented to CPC on: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Determination: _____