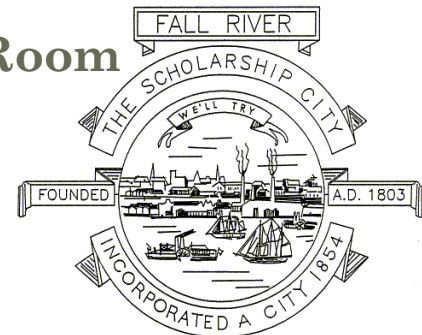


FY '23 Parkland Acquisition & Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Information

Government Center Council Hearing Room
July 6, 2022



INFO BEING PRESENTED

- PARC Grant Overview
- PARC Grant Timetable
- Fall River's Previous & Proposed PARC Projects
- Questions and Comments



PARC GRANT OVERVIEW

- Financial assistance to develop new parks, renovate existing parks or acquire recreation land
- Energy & Environmental Affairs Secretary's priorities for FY '23 PARC grants
 - Projects in Environmental Justice neighborhoods (next slide)
 - Development of new parks
 - Designs that incorporate climate resilience
 - Access to recreation for all residents
- Eligible renovation/development project costs
 - Engineering & design (during year 1)
 - Construction & construction supervision (during year 2)



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ)

- EJ, a goal of the EPA, is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. It will be achieved when everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.
- Based on 2015-2019 ACS Census data and according to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Fall River contains one or more neighborhoods meeting the following EJ policy criteria: income, community of color, and English language isolation.
- Income – at least 25% of households have a median household income 65% or less than the state median household income; minority – 25% or more of residents belong to a minority group; English language isolation – 25% or more of households do not include anyone over 14 who speaks English very well.



FY '23 PARC GRANT TIMETABLE

- Applications due: July 14, 2022
- Letters of support: postmarked by July 21, 2022
- Estimated award announcement: November 2022
- *Successful applications must have city council vote by December 31, 2022*
- Project start date: upon contract execution
- Project completion date: June 1, 2024, for renovation projects



PARC GRANT RATING SYSTEM

- Is the park in an Environmental Justice neighborhood?
- Does the project increase access to recreational amenities to residents, including people with disabilities?
- Will there be environmental education on site?
- Is water-based recreation offered at the park?
- Is the park located in an area mapped as an Urban Heat Island?
- Does the project design incorporate climate resiliency?
- Did we publicize/provide outreach in EJ neighborhoods?
- Do we have a partner for future stewardship of the park?
- How does the project address our Open Space & Recreation Plan's goals, objectives, or action plan items?
- How many goals & objectives from the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan will be advanced?



SOME OF FALL RIVER'S PAST PARC GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

- North Park – Renovate North Main Street Entrance
- North Park – Renovate Bleachers & Walkway
- Britland Park – Synthetic Turf Field, Entrance & Parking Areas, & Paths & Picnic Areas
- Maplewood Park – Acquire 2 parcels of land adjacent to the park to be designated as open space
- Basketball Courts (Kennedy, Ruggles, Maplewood, Abbott Court, and North Park)
- Ball Fields (Maplewood, Kennedy, and Abbott Court)
- Spray Parks (Maplewood and Chew)
- Cathy Assad Tot Lot, Playground, & Splash Pad
- Kennedy Park Tennis & Pickle Ball Courts



FALL RIVER'S PARC PROJECTS (CONT.)

- Potential Park Renovation Project FY '23
 - Renovate the skate park at Abbott Court Playground. Remove existing skate ramps, jumps, rails, etc. & replace with new precast concrete skate ramps & jumps. Remove & replace existing 10' high fence. Remove & replace existing asphalt paving (approximately 50' x 100' or 5,000 square feet). New trees would also be planted.



PARC GRANT PRESENTATION

- Questions or Comments?
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