

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT APPLICATION FORM

Submit this application **by November 15, 2023** to:

Greenfield Community Preservation Committee

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14 Court Square

Greenfield, MA 01301

Or by email: cpc@greenfield-ma.gov

Date submitted: by email November 15, 2023.

Project Title: Greenfield (MA) Pickleball Expansion
Applicant: Greenfield (MA) Pickleball
Are you an incorporated organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N If not, who is your fiscal sponsor? Greenfield Recreation
Is this project on city-owned land? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, name the department or commission who is co-sponsoring this project. Greenfield Recreation
Project Location/Address: Abercrombie Field, Montague City Road
Contact Name: Amy L. Proietti
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Date of Submission: 11-15-2023

Total Project Cost	CPA Funds Requested
\$ 572,000	\$ 572,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- All of the following must be answered in the space provided
- Include supporting materials as requested or as you believe necessary as attachments

1. Describe the Project

This project entails building a multi-court pickleball facility in the large grassy area near Abercrombie Field. It will consist of six courts with nets, an 8-ft. exterior fence surrounding all six courts, and the courts separated into three pairs, with 4-ft. fencing between the pairs. Additionally, there will be approximately 15 parking spaces, including a wheelchair accessible space. The renovation will also include site amenities such as benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, and a water fountain and bottle fill station, if water service to the location already exists.

2. What are the goals of the proposed project?

The goals are to increase the number of pickleball courts/recreational space available in the City, providing participants of all ages and abilities an opportunity to learn a new sport, and to fulfill one of several objectives, in both the Greenfield Master Plan and the 2021 Open Space and Recreation Plan, by creating new recreational facilities. Additionally, six new courts in the City brings the total to seven, at two different parks, and builds important capacity where demand already exists.

3. Who will benefit from this project and why/how?

Pickleball is a sport that can engage users of all ages and abilities. Players of any experience level can use a facility like this casually for recreation. More serious/competitive players will be able to partake in leagues and/or tournaments. The City as a whole also benefits from having this property redeveloped for recreational purposes, as it is currently a grassy field. These courts will provide another opportunity for residents to participate in active recreation.

4. How will you measure your success?

-Increasing the number of standard pickleball courts available in the City will be the primary measure of success. Currently, the active group of community participants regularly sets up temporary courts to accommodate demand.

-Seeing the courts used for tournaments, leagues, and formal instruction/lessons for the community is another measure. Currently, avid players are traveling to other municipalities to use their facilities. Having a larger facility will be an economic driver with the addition of these more structured activities.

-Community feedback, website analytics from Recreation Department website searches for pickleball facilities, and social media postings will support/confirm success.

5. How does this project fit with the requirements of the Community Preservation Act? (See attached chart)

The CPA allows for funds to be disbursed for the creation and rehabilitation of land for recreational use. This pickleball facility will create a new recreational facility in the City, on underutilized land that is City owned. When developed, courts will be available for the entire community, and beyond. The project aligns with the Community Preservation Committee's goals of enhancing recreation facilities and increasing access to public recreation facilities.

6. If appropriate, how does this project fit with existing City plans? (See GCPC Plan

https://greenfield-ma.gov/government/boards_and_commissions/community_preservation_committee.php)

1. This project aligns with the City Master Plan: Natural, Historic, & Cultural Resources a. Goal #2, Strategy #2 (Page 264):

i. Residents and visitors of all ages in Greenfield will enjoy various recreational opportunities as a vital contribution to their health and wellbeing.

2. This project also aligns with the goals set forth in the 2021 Open Space and Recreation Plan. a. Preserve, Protect, and Enhance Greenfield's Open Space

i. Enhance, maintain, and expand recreation facilities, urban green spaces, and open spaces.

3. This project also aligns with the Greenfield Recreation Capital Master Plan.

7. Have the appropriate city boards and commissions expressed support and/or approved the project? What is the nature and level of community support for this project? Please attach any letters of support to your application.

The Greenfield Recreation Department and the Recreation Commission have been fully supportive of the pursuit of Greenfield CPA funding for pickleball expansion, since the first meeting. We are grateful for the Department's planning, support, and forethought, as Greenfield will forever be known as the first in the region to build a municipally owned pickleball court. Greenfield's pickleball enthusiasts have been actively creating a buzz to build additional courts in the City as well. Our letters of support are included with this application.

8. In the case of partial CPA funding, what would be your next steps?

This project has also been submitted for funding in the City of Greenfield FY25 Capital Budget cycle, and a combination of Capital and CPA funds will assist with meeting total cost. Importantly, this project is scalable. The number of courts can be reduced, and costs can also be reduced by spending less on such items as landscaping/plantings.

9. Budget:

Some definitions:

Personnel: Any paid staffing

Equipment: items with a useful life expectancy of more than one year.

Supplies: items with a useful life of less than one year.

Contractual: any work that is done for a limited period of time by a person/organization with specialized skills, e.g. lawyer, surveyor, etc.

Construction: all work done on a particular property or building including erecting, altering or remodeling.

Please leave any category blank that does not apply to your project.

Category	CPA Funds	Other Funding Source	In-Kind Value	Total
Personnel	0	0	0	0
Equipment	\$28,000	0	0	\$28,000
Supplies	0	0	0	0
Contractual	0	0	0	0
Construction	\$544,000	0	0	\$544,000
Other	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$572,000	0	0	\$572,000

Describe the basis for your budget and the sources of information you used.

These figures were developed in reviewing the development and construction costs for similar facilities at another small Western Massachusetts city that recently undertook a similar project.

Other Funds:

- Please identify the other sources of funding including federal, state, or local government or any other sources.
- Cash means that the source is providing funds.
- In kind means that the source is going to give labor or goods, but no cash. In kind support still has value. How much would it cost if you were to pay for the labor or goods?
- Confirmed means that the organization or business has made a commitment to supply the items, labor or funds.

Organization	Item	Amount or value	Cash (Please check)	In kind (Please check)	Confirmed (Y or N)
City of Greenfield	Construction	\$300,000			N

10. Timeline:

Please provide a schedule for project implementation. Please include major tasks, e.g. survey, acquisition of historic documents, etc.

Task	Estimated Start	Estimated completion
<i>Request for Proposals/Bid Process</i>	<i>September/October 2024</i>	<i>November 2024</i>
<i>Bid Awarded for Construction</i>	<i>November 2024</i>	<i>November 2024</i>
<i>Construction</i>	<i>Spring 2025</i>	<i>Spring/Summer 2025</i>
<i>Dedication/Facility Inauguration</i>	<i>Summer 2025</i>	<i>Summer 2025</i>

11. Implementation:

Please provide the project manager's contact information if different from applicant.

Project Manager (Paid or volunteer)	Phone	Email
Christy Moore, Recreation Director	413-772-1553	Christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov

12. Maintenance (Leave blank if not applicable to your project)

If your project requires ongoing maintenance, who will be responsible for that for the 5 years after completion? How will that maintenance be funded?

As this project will meet goals of the City Master Plan and the Open Space and Recreation Plan, and because it will be constructed on city-owned land, like any other recreational facility in the City, any ongoing maintenance will be provided by the appropriate City department (DPW/Rec). Courts will not be plowable, and the hard surface, particularly in the first five years, is intended to be very low maintenance. Greenfield (MA) Pickleball will work directly with Greenfield Recreation on developing a volunteer group to assist with upkeep as needed. As reference, the current City pickleball court at Green River Park has needed little maintenance.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this application is true and correct. This document has been duly authorized by the individual or governing body of the applicant.

Name of authorized representative: **Amy L. Proietti**

Title, if appropriate:

Email: **amy.proietti@gmail.com**

Phone number: **(413) 244-4402**

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date Signed: **November 15, 2023**



Roxann Wedegartner
Mayor

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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
CHRISTY MOORE

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Recreation Commission:
DuSell, Donna (2026)
Hochstetler, Danica (2024)
Jaquay, Myrt (2024)
Phillips, Mary (2024)
Piasecki, Daniel (2026)
Valenta, Heather (2025)
Zaccheo, Barbara (2025)

November 9, 2023

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

The Recreation Department is in full support of Amy Proietti’s application for the creation of 6 additional pickleball courts with parking and sidewalk within Abercrombie Park that currently exists as open, grassy field area. Last year the Committee was generous enough to allocate \$50,000 towards the feasibility study and design plans for new courts which will be moving forward shortly. The Recreation Department has also submitted a FY25 Capital Request for the project.

Packed with health and social benefits, pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. The pandemic only helped to fuel pickleball’s growth in the area. While pickleball used to be viewed as a sport for older populations, its popularity has expanded cross-generationally. Greenfield is proud to be one of the first municipalities in our region to offer a dedicated outdoor pickleball court at Green River Park, but with the dramatic surge in popularity, the single court no longer meets the needs of the large pickleball community. The creation of this community court complex will better serve the pickleball community and accommodate league and tournament play.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and all the projects that have been submitted in the effort to enhance Greenfield’s recreational facilities.

Sincerely,

Christy Moore
Recreation Director



Roxann Wedegartner
Mayor

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Greenfield Recreation Commission
20 Sanderson Street
Greenfield, MA 0131

November 10, 2023

Re: Greenfield Pickleball CPA Grant Application

Dear CPA Committee,

We, the below listed members of the Greenfield Recreation Commission, write to express our support for Local Pickleball Enthusiasts' Community Preservation Grant request to expand options for playing Pickleball by providing additional courts on land currently owned by Greenfield and overseen by Greenfield Recreation. This project is in-line with CPA criteria of recreation.

Pickleball has become very popular in Greenfield. Local enthusiasts have outgrown the one court at Green River Park, resulting in competition for use and parking at the park, which currently contains the very popular dog park, basketball courts, and use of Greenfield Touch Football league.

We understand that the Greenfield Recreation Department will collaborate with the Pickleball enthusiasts to identify space and source materials and plans to establish said court.

We appreciate the Pickleballers recognizing this value of this project to the citizens of Greenfield. The Recreation Commission and Department stand ready to assist.

Sincerely,

Donna DuSell, Barbara Zaccheo, Myrt Jaquay, Danica Hochstetler, Heather Valenta, Daniel Piasecki, and Mary Phillips