

## 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](mailto:cpc@greenfield-ma.gov)

Date submitted: by U.S. mail \_\_\_\_\_, email 11/15/2023, or in person \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title:	Hillside Park Improvements
Applicant:	Greenfield Recreation Department
Are you an incorporated organization?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
If not, who is your fiscal sponsor?	
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 Department
Project Location/Address:	Hillside Park, Conway Street, Greenfield, MA 01301
Contact Name:	Christy Moore
Mailing Address:	20 Sanderson Street, Greenfield, MA 01301
Daytime Phone #:	413-772-1553
Email Address:	christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov
Date of Submission:	11/15/2023

Total Project Cost	CPA Funds Requested
\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000

## 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

Hillside Park is a widely used neighborhood park with playground, splash pad, picnic tables, basketball court, and softball field. The splash pad at Hillside Park is a huge asset to the community, providing free water relief from the summer heat, but it lacks shade for the benches that parents and caregivers frequently use. This request includes the installation of shade structures over the splash pad benches to provide heat relief for those utilizing the space.

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### 2. What are the goals of the proposed project?

- Protect individuals from the damaging effects of continuous sun exposure.
- Provide relief from the heat for children, parents, and caregivers.
- Provide active recreational opportunities with a new walking path.
- Increase intergenerational recreation.
- Create a safe place for neighborhood kids to safely learn to bike.
- Increase accessible recreation opportunities.
- Reinforce Greenfield's reputation as a great place to live, work, and play.

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

The entire community could benefit from this project in multiple ways. Having a shade structure will provide parents and caregivers relief from the heat, which will allow them to stay at the park and utilize its resources longer. An extension of the paved walking path will create a safe and accessible 1/4 mile loop that the community can utilize to walk, run, jog, bike, roller skate, etc.

### 4. How will you measure your success?

Success will be measured by the number of users at the facility and that are utilizing the new park features. The Recreation Department also gauges success by feedback from citizens and social media.

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

The CPA allows for funds to be spent for the creation and rehabilitation of land for recreational use. The addition of a shade structure and extension of the paved pathways will support active recreation within this widely used community park. The project aligns with the Community Preservation Committee's goals of enhancing and expanding 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](https://greenfield-ma.gov/government/boards_and_commissions/community_preservation_committee.php))

This project aligns with goals set forth in the Master Plan including:  
MP Natural, Historic & Cultural Resources Goal 2, Strategy 2 (Page 264) that states:  
Goal 2: Residents and visitors of all ages in Greenfield will enjoy various recreational activities as a vital contribution to their health and well being.  
Strategy 2: Identify existing and create new year round recreational facilities that are accessible to all generations in Greenfield.  
The 2021 Open Space and Recreation Plan also supports the enhancement of recreational facilities:  
Goal A: Preserve, protect, and enhance Greenfield's open spaces.  
Goal B: Increase municipal and public awareness, understanding, and enjoyment of Greenfield's Open Space and Recreational facilities and programs.

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 Commission is in full support of this project. We have also received letters of support from park neighbor Melissa Webb and Greenfield Citizens Patricia Auchard and Joseph Sabella.

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

Without full funding, the Recreation Department would need to scale back the project to only include one element of the proposal or additional funding would need to be solicited.

## 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				
Equipment	\$20,000			\$20,000
Supplies				
Contractual				
Construction	\$105,000			\$105,000
Other				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>			<b>\$125,000</b>

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

Budget is based on a quote from Site Specifics for the Shade Structure and installation. The pathway budget is estimated by the average cost of asphalt paving.

### 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)

**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
Order Shade Structure	12/1/24	12/1/24
Paving Project Bid	1/1/25	1/30/25
Install Shade Structure	4/1/25	4/30/25
Paving Construction	4/15/25	6/30/25

**11. Implementation:**

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

Project Manager (Paid or volunteer)	Phone	Email
Christy Moore	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?

Like all parks and playgrounds, the Recreation Department and DPW Parks Division oversee routine care and maintenance. Routine maintenance is funded under the DPW Parks Department Operating Budget. Limited maintenance would be needed for both aspects of this project.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this application are true and correct. This document has been duly authorized by the individual or governing body of the applicant.	
Name of authorized representative:	Christy Moore
Title, if appropriate	Recreation Director
Email	christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov
Phone number	413-772-1553
Signature of Authorized Representative	<i>Christy Moore</i>
Date Signed	11/15/2023

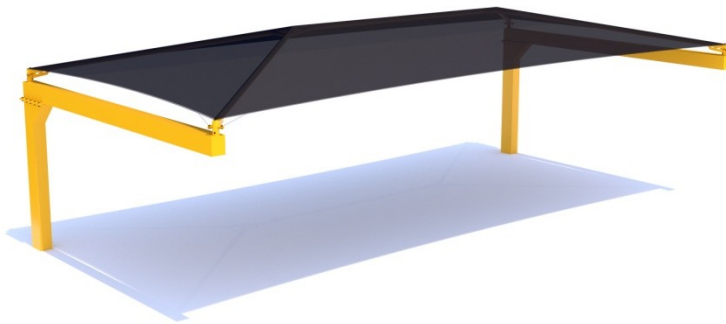
# Recreation Project Proposal

## Hillside Park Improvements

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### Splash Pad Shade Structure

2- Cantilever design shade over splash pad benches

Estimate includes equipment, installation & Engineering Plans

**Cost Estimate: \$50,000**



### Walking Path

Approximately 1000ft Paved walking trail around Hillside Park (5ft wide)

Estimated \$15 Per Square Foot (Includes Site Prep)

**Cost Estimate: \$75,000**

**Estimated Total Cost: \$125,000**



Roxann Wedegartner  
Mayor

City of  
**GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION**

**CHRISTY MOORE**

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**Recreation Commission:**

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

Greenfield Recreation Commission  
20 Sanderson Street  
Greenfield, MA 0131

November 10, 2023

**Re: CPA Grant Application for Hillside Park Improvements**

Dear CPA Committee,

We, the below listed members of the Greenfield Recreation Commission, write to express our support the application The Greenfield Recreation Department to fund improvements at Hillside Park. This project is in-line with CPA criteria of recreation.

As visitors to Hillside Park can attest, when parents want to be close to children playing on the splash pad or playground, they better expect to be in the sun. This project would provide shelter for the benches that are used by parents and caregivers.

Additionally, this project seeks to extend the current accessible walking path to create a loop around the park. This request is based on community requests to the recreation commission to establish such a path at this park.

We believe this project will be of great benefit to the citizens of Greenfield, especially those in the Elm/Conway Street neighborhoods. 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*





Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

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## Hillside park

1 message

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**Melissa Girard** <macsalad132@yahoo.com>

Sun, Nov 12, 2023 at 7:44 PM

Reply-To: Melissa Girard <macsalad132@yahoo.com>

To: "Christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov" <Christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

To whom it may concern,

Hillside park is a neighborhood playground in the downtown residential area of Greenfield, ma. It is the closest park to us as a family of 5 with 3 young children. We frequent Hillside Park almost daily. We love that it is a site for the summer eats program. We enjoy the splash pad and use it as a safe space for our children to ride their bikes around.

It still has some area of improvement. it lacks shade in both the playground and splash pad. As the area is very wet the trees that have been planted have died or are not fast growing trees. This creates hot temperatures for going down the slide or people not staying to enjoy their summer eats program.

It also lacks a continuous trail to the back gate and around the park. The back gate located on the west side does not have a proper entrance. There are many people who walk their dogs around the whole park. It would be enjoyed by many to finish the walking path. As the roads near Hillside Park are very busy another thing is a proper ada compliant crosswalk at either of the entrances on grove or conway st. The elms st side has a crosswalk but not a way to access the park safely. The park is used by many residents and non residents for a multitude of things, from dog walking, riding bikes, playing basketball, splash pad, softball, gatherings for birthday parties.

I look forward to the improvements of hillside park in the future.

Thank you

Melissa Webb

Greenfield ma

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Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

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**Re: Hillside Park Improvements CPA Grant Application**

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**Joseph Sabella** <j1sabella@yahoo.com>

Thu, Nov 9, 2023 at 12:27 PM

To: "christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov" <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

Greenfield Recreation Commission  
[20 Sanderson Street](#)  
Greenfield, MA 0131

November 9, 2023

**Re: Hillside Park Improvements CPA Grant Application**

Dear Community Preservation Committee Chair Travis Drury,

Over the years, there have been many fine improvements to Hillside Park, most notably the playground and water park. One project that could complement those improvements is completion of the asphalt walking path within the park. A complete walking path would add another dimension of enjoyment to this green space within our community.

Thanks for Your Consideration,

Joseph A. Sabella  
[562 Leyden Road](#)  
[Greenfield, MA 01301](#)



Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

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**Re: Greenfield Recreation**

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**Patricia Auchard** <patauchard@hotmail.com>  
To: Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

Thu, Nov 9, 2023 at 3:10 PM

Greenfield Recreation Commission  
[20 Sanderson Street](#)  
Greenfield, MA 0131

November 9, 2023

**Re: Hillside Park Improvements CPA Grant Application**

Dear Community Preservation Committee Chair Travis Drury,

Several years ago, I would stop by Hillside Park on my way home from work for a walk around its outer perimeter. The upper, outer rim of the park is beautiful with its rock formations and beautiful trees and the walk had a calming effect. I enjoyed passing by others using the park and thought about how the energy there could be brought more alive if there was a full walking path. I imagined how a walking path would add another level of usage to that of the playgrounds and basketball court.

In a conversation with a Greenfield Recreation Commission member, I was encouraged to bring my suggestion to a meeting. It has been years since my husband and I attended that meeting and I was so pleasantly surprised when Christy Moore called to let me know the walking path idea would be considered as a use of CPA funds. There isn't much in the way of downtown green walking paths so I enthusiastically support this idea and appreciate that it is under consideration.

Thanks very much,

Patricia Auchard  
[562 Leyden Road](#)  
[Greenfield, MA 01301](#)



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**Patricia Auchard** <patauchard@hotmail.com>  
To: Christy Moore <christy.moore@greenfield-ma.gov>

Thu, Nov 9, 2023 at 3:16 PM

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