



CPA Funding Application Form

City of Worcester

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Project Name	Green Hill Park Preservation
Project Location and/or Address	50 Officer Manny Familia Way
Project Lead Organization (or Individual if Applicable)	Green Hill Park Coalition
Legal Status of the Organization	501(c)3
Current Property Owner (if Different from the Applicant)	City of Worcester, Massachusetts
Brief Project Description	We want to improve park access by adding stairs where only a slope exists, continue our support of the North American Chestnut tree, design and install two informational kiosks, maintain the maintenance of the hiking trails and install litter station
Project Contact Information	Brian McCarthy [REDACTED]
What CPA category does this project fall under? (Check All that Apply)	Open Space and Recreation
What activity are you proposing to do in this category? (Check All that Apply)	Preserve
What is the project budget?	\$6500.00
How much are you requesting in CPA funding?	\$6500.00
Historical Resource Projects: Have you received a Positive Determination of Local Historic Significance from the Worcester Historical Commission?	This project does not require a Determination of Local Historic Significance
Are you requesting an expedited review process for your project? The CPC shall consider an expedited timeline for review (i.e., a Special Application) only under certain circumstances. See the Application Guidance document (linked below) for more	No

information.	
Please briefly describe your project.	Install steps to improve neighborhood access. Plant hybrid North American Chestnut trees. Open and expand the trail network. Install two informational kiosks. Install dog litter stations.
What permissions, permits and plans will be necessary to carry out this project, and what is the status of their acquisition?	The city owns the park. We hold a conservation restriction on the park in partnership with the Greater Worcester Land Trust and the city. Commissioner Antonelli is aware and has approved these initiatives.
Do you foresee any delays in acquiring these permissions within the next 6 months? If yes, please explain, otherwise, type N/A.	No permissions required.
What is the desired start and end date of this project?	July 2025 thru July 2026
Please attach a Timeline for the project.	CPA Project List, April 2025.xlsx
Please upload a complete project budget (.xlsx or .pdf) that includes the source of the funding for each line item. CPA funds can ONLY be used on CPA eligible project elements. Please make sure to be specific about the use of all CPA monies requested.	CPA Project Costs List, April 2025.xlsx
What is the status of the match funding identified in the budget?	Funds are available in our budget.
Please upload commitment letters and/or funding agreements demonstrating that match funding is in place.	GHPC March 2025 Budget Report.pdf
Please explain why CPA funding is needed for this project. If CPA is the only proposed funding source for this project, please explain why.	We feel that this park, as the largest and most used park in the city with the most varied selection of outdoor recreation opportunities found anywhere in the city. The city should be happy to provide the necessary funds to a all volunteer, citizen based organization.
Please describe the experience of the project manager or project management team in completing a project like this one. Please include examples of similar projects pursued in the past, and why they are	Brian McCarthy has a life time of experience in the maintenance and construction fields. His career included 25 years at The University of Massachusetts Medical School as the Director of Facilities Maintenance, managing a work force of over 100 tradespeople and support staff.

relevant.	
Please describe the financial position of the organization and its ability to cover the upfront costs of this project. CPA funding is provided on a reimbursement basis.	We currently have almost \$34,000.00 in our budget to support these initiatives.
Please upload any reports that may be helpful in establishing a capable financial position.	GHPC March 2025 Budget Report.pdf
How will this resource/property/building be maintained in the future?	The Coalition has been incorporated for over 25 years and we intend to stay active in this community.
Please describe how this project/program will benefit Worcester residents in general, as well as specific groups that will benefit from the project.	We endeavor to improve the park for the citizens of Worcester in any way that we can. We wish to improve access from the Kendrick Street neighborhood by constructing steps. Improvement of the hiking trails is very important to the passive recreation users of the park. The planting of endangered trees will benefit the environment.
Please identify which of the Community Priorities identified in the Community Preservation Plan align with this project (check all that apply).	PRIORITY 1: Increase accessibility to historic resources, open space, parks, and in community housing.
Please describe how this project aligns with the above Community Priorities.	Green Hill park is surrounded by underserved communities who value this park. Our projects will improve access to the park as well as explaining the recreational opportunities within the park.
Historic Resource Category Goals	This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.
Open Space and Recreation Category Goals	GOAL 2: Refurbish existing park amenities to meet the city's changing needs. GOAL 4: Increase native species populations and grow the urban forest.
Community Housing Category Goals	This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.
Please describe how this project aligns with the above Category Goals.	The reintroduction of the North American Chestnut tree will support an increase in the native tree population, a species that was decimated by a blight over 100 years ago. Our work on the hiking trails will insure an ever growing populace that passive recreation opportunities continues to exist.
Does your project align with any other City or Regional Plans? Please be specific. See the City of Worcester website to view local plans.	I know of no other city or regional plans.
Does your project have	

community support? Please describe outreach efforts for this project.	The Greater Worcester Land Trust and the City Parks Commission fully support our activities.
Is there anything else you want the CPC to know about your project?	We are a community based, volunteer organization competing for funds with much larger and organized governmental and semi-governmental groups. We are asking for a very small piece of the pie. Our 25 years to the service of Green Hill Park and the citizens of Worcester needs your support to continue.