



CPA Funding Application Form

City of Worcester

Submitted On:

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Project Name	Great Brook Valley
Project Location and/or Address	Great Brook Valley (Roberto Clemente) Park Improvement Project
Project Lead Organization (or Individual if Applicable)	City of Worcester Parks, Recreation & Cemetery
Legal Status of the Organization	Government Entity
Current Property Owner (if Different from the Applicant)	
Brief Project Description	This improvement program to Great Brook Valley (Roberto Clemente Field) which will include the first phase of construction including softball field upgrades with new sports lighting, accessible walkways, & facility security.
Project Contact Information	Robert Antonelli Jr [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)	Rehabilitate / Restore
What is the project budget?	\$5,150,000.00
How much are you requesting in CPA funding?	\$1,250,000.00
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	Yes

information.

Please briefly describe the conditions under which you are requesting an expedited timeline for review. Additionally, please ensure to email CPP staff at burmeisterj@worcesterma.gov before or shortly after submitting this application.

This funding will allow for an expanded project, but Parks is under a timeline crunch due to a deadline set by the LWCF Grant received from the National Park Service for a completion date of June 1, 2026. Parks is looking to start construction in July 2025.

Please briefly describe your project.

Parks, Recreation and Cemetery has identified Great Brook Valley (Roberto Clemente) Park as an improvement project for funding through the CPA. The city has received feedback from the community regarding the need for these improvements through the 2018 Master Planning process. This improvement program will provide additional funding for the renovations to Great Brook Valley (Roberto Clemente Field) which will include the first phase of construction including softball field upgrades with new sports lighting, accessible walkways, facility security (wood guardrail and fence), informational kiosks on Poor Farm Brook, climate resilience upgrades, tree planting, parking upgrades with lighting (as identified in the approved Master Plan), and other site improvements to allow better overall operation of the facility located in this Environmental Justice Neighborhood next to the Great Brook Valley Garden Apartments a Worcester Housing Authority Complex.

What permissions, permits and plans will be necessary to carry out this project, and what is the status of their acquisition?

Parks already has the Conservation Commission approval for this project.

Please attach any related permissions or permits related to the project.

CC-2024-084 - Great Brook Valley Park - DOA - Signed - 2024.11.22.pdf

Do you foresee any delays in acquiring these permissions within the next 6 months? If yes, please explain, otherwise, type N/A.

NA

What is the desired start and end date of this project?

July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Please attach a Timeline for the project.

City Council Resolution - Great Brook Valley - Approved.pdf

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

2025-01-27 Great Brook Valley Phase 1 - CPA.pdf

<p>eligible project elements. Please make sure to be specific about the use of all CPA monies requested.</p>	
<p>Please upload any renderings and/or estimates for this project.</p>	<p>Worcester - Great Brook Valley - LWCF 23 Great Brook Valley.pdf</p>
<p>What is the status of the match funding identified in the budget?</p>	<p>Funding is allocated in the FY26 City of Worcester Capital Improvement Plan and a LWCF Grant.</p>
<p>Please upload commitment letters and/or funding agreements demonstrating that match funding is in place.</p>	<p>Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant Award Letter (GBV).pdf Capital Budget FY26 20250506ccm.pdf</p>
<p>Please explain why CPA funding is needed for this project. If CPA is the only proposed funding source for this project, please explain why.</p>	<p>The CPA Funding will allow for this project to be expanded to include new stormwater management system, increased accessibility and parking upgrades to the park.</p>
<p>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 relevant.</p>	<p>Parks has completed over \$150,000,000.00 in capital projects throughout the City of Worcester Parks System.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>The City of Worcester financial position is strong</p>
<p>How will this resource/property/building be maintained in the future?</p>	<p>This property has been and will continue to be managed and maintained by the City of Worcester Parks, Recreation and Cemetery.</p>
<p>Please describe how this project/program will benefit Worcester residents in general, as well as specific groups that will benefit from the project.</p>	<p>This improvement project will focus on a number of basic themes including; reducing inconveniences and disruptions to local abutters and neighborhoods, improvement of environmental conditions, improvement of aesthetics, improvements to park conditions, installation of a state of the art equipment, providing new recreational opportunities (passive and active), providing new support facilities, renovating current support facilities, increase ADA accessibility and programming options.</p>
<p>Please identify which of the</p>	<p>PRIORITY 1: Increase accessibility to historic resources, open space, parks, and in community housing.</p>

Community Priorities identified in the Community Preservation Plan align with this project (check all that apply).	<p>PRIORITY 2: Advance the city's sustainability and climate resilience goals.</p> <p>PRIORITY 3: Prioritizing investments into projects that address a demonstrated need in a geographic area.</p>
Please describe how this project aligns with the above Community Priorities.	<p>The park is located in an EJ neighborhood next to the Great Brook Valley Garden Apartments which are a Worcester Housing Authority property. The work includes new stormwater management systems which will assist in increasing sustainability in the Poor Farm Brook area. This facility has been a home to many residents of Great Brook Valley and is used daily by a wide range of residents.</p>
Historic Resource Category Goals	<p>This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.</p>
Open Space and Recreation Category Goals	<p>GOAL 1: Maintain high quality drinking water resources and protect wetlands and floodplains.</p> <p>GOAL 2: Refurbish existing park amenities to meet the city's changing needs.</p> <p>GOAL 4: Increase native species populations and grow the urban forest.</p>
Community Housing Category Goals	<p>This project does not align with any of these Category Goals.</p>
Please describe how this project aligns with the above Category Goals.	<p>This Park will assist on the housing side by supporting the needs of the Great Brook Valley Garden Apartments. It furthermore develops a high-quality park in an area that has not been improved over the last 20+ years.</p>
Does your project align with any other City or Regional Plans? Please be specific. See the City of Worcester website to view local plans.	<p>Yes, this project aligns with the 2018 Master Plan for the park and the City of Worcester Open Space and Recreation Plan.</p>
Does your project have community support? Please describe outreach efforts for this project.	<p>Yes, there is an approved Great Brook Valley Master Plan available on the city web site @ https://www.worcesterma.gov/city-parks</p>
Please upload any letters of support.	<p>Tacoma GBV Master Plan - Final 7-24-18.pdf</p>
Is there anything else you want the CPC to know about your project?	<p>This is an important project for this neighborhood</p>