2024 Community Preservation Groveland Community Garden Design Phase

Groveland Community Preservation CommitteeDecember 29, 2023

Community Preservation Proposal Requirements and Guidelines

A. Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: Jan Dempsey

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B. Location of Project

Name of Project: Groveland Community Garden Design Phase Address of Project (or assessor's parcel id): The Pines Recreation area (specifically the old dog park)

C. Funding Information

CPA Category: (Include all that apply):

Open space

Historic preservation

Recreation X

Community housing

D. Project Cost

CPA Funding Requested: \$4,950. Total Cost of Proposed Project: \$4,950.

E. Project Information

1. Description

Phase I will create a plan to convert the old dog park into a community garden space including costs for raised beds, infrastructure, and permaculture. The Groveland Community Garden will promote gardening as a recreational activity, enhance sustainability through growing food, promote community educational and intergenerational opportunities, and beautify the Pines.

2. Goals

a. What are the goals of the proposed project?

The goals of the proposed project are to provide gardening space for citizens who do not currently have space. The community garden would be located where it benefits a population that lives in apartments within walking distance and where many citizens already gather. A garden provides exercise, opportunities to learn about growing skills, pollinators and plants, a place for gardeners to work together and meet, and a place for growing fresh food. The Pines Recreation area meets many intergenerational and recreational needs, and a community garden would be a further enhancement.

b. Who will benefit and why?

Individuals and families who receive a plot will benefit through the opportunity to grow fresh food. Others who use the Pines Recreation Area will benefit by seeing the aesthetically improved space.

3. Community Need

a. Why is this project needed?

Currently the only community garden in Groveland is at Nichols Village and is open only to residents of Nichols Village. While many Groveland residents have sufficient yard space for gardening, those who live at the Pines, the apartment building behind the fire station and at the Groveland Manor do not.

b. How does it address needs identified in existing Town plans?

The project will enhance open space and provide recreational activities as needs identified in the 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

4. Community Support

a. What is the nature and level of support and/or opposition for this project?

Conversations with townspeople have been positive. The site is well-situated for a community garden. It has a water source, plentiful sunshine, is within walking distance of residences that lack garden space and has an existing chain link fence for protection. A community garden will enhance the Pines Recreation Area with another form of recreation. It is also close to the Langley-Adams Library, so can be a site for STEM programming and educational opportunities. We all need food and creating a space for gardens and perennial edible plants is a step toward greater sustainability. The project is a perfect example of "using what we already have to create what we need."

5. Timeline

- a. What is the schedule for project implementation? The Design Phase will take place in 2024.
- b. Include a timeline for all critical milestones.

During 2024, we will expand leadership, perform outreach, and organize interested participants. We will also devise guidelines for garden use.

6. Implementation

- a. Who will be responsible for implementing the project? Jan Dempsey
- b. Who will be the project manager? Jan Dempsey
- c. What relevant experience does the project manager have? Groveland resident, lifelong gardener, volunteer at King Tree Farm in Boxford and volunteer for raised bed maintenance at Veasey Park.

7. Success Factors

a. How will the success of this project be measured?

Success of Phase One will be measured by the completion of soil testing through

UMass, notice of intent submitted with the Conservation Commission, meetings with

Groveland DPW regarding water connections, contacting DigSafe, and a

comprehensive written plan with location of raised beds, types of perennial plantings,
and cost estimates.

8. Budget

a. What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent?

Design community garden plot	\$ 4,500.
Contingency	<u>\$ 450.</u>
Total	\$ 4,950.

See attached vendor estimate

9. Other Funding / Matching

- a. What additional funding sources are available, committed, or under consideration? None currently.
- b. How will CPA funds be used to leverage or match other grants and donations? During phase 2 matching grants will be pursued from local open space foundations.

10. Maintenance

a. If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how much will it cost? No maintenance will be required for this phase of the project.

11. Additional Information

a. Ownership

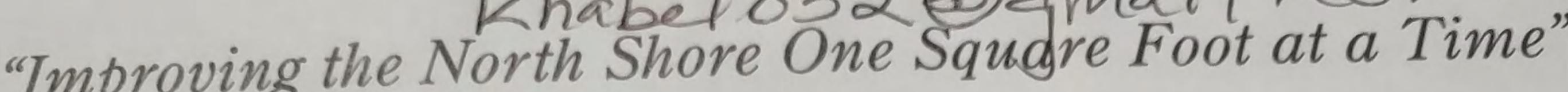
The project is proposed to be placed within the town-owned Pines Recreation Area.



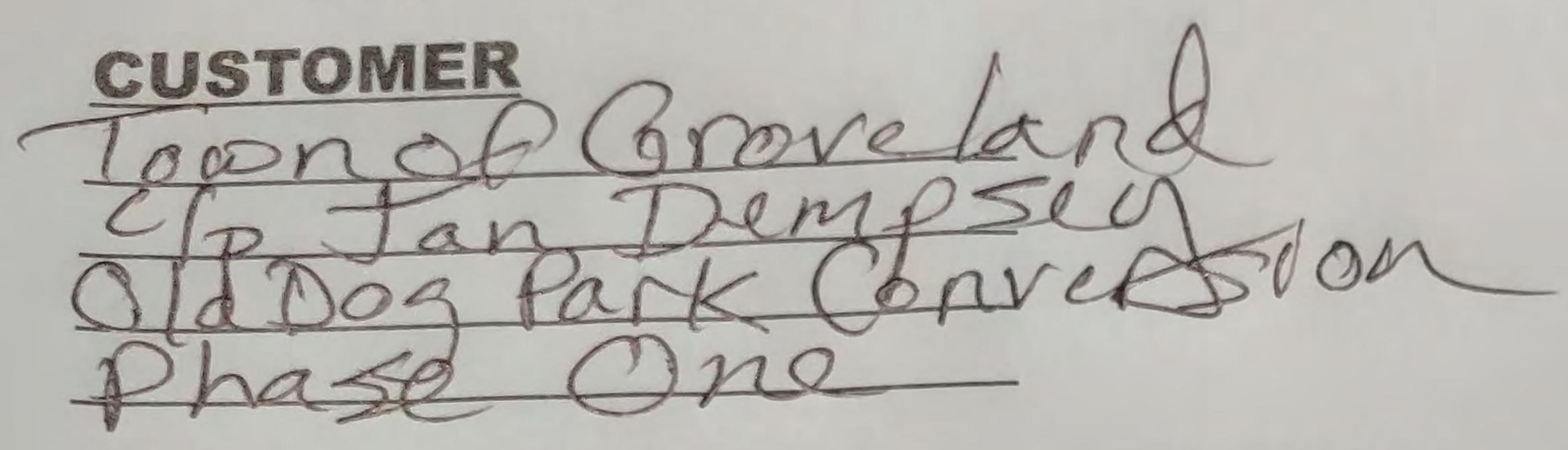
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