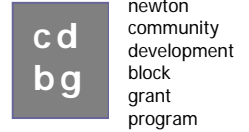




CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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CDBG-R Proposed Projects

The City of Newton is to receive \$603,513 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, known to many as the stimulus bill. The Community Development Block Grant program enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Projects that can quickly stimulate the economy through job retention and creation are given priority under the Recovery Act. The City is proposing to use CDBG-R funds to complete park and accessibility improvements at Stearns Park, Pellegrini Park, Nahanton Park, and Newton Centre Park. The budget and descriptions for these proposed projects is included below:

Projects proposed for stimulus funds	Proposed CDBG-R Funds
Pellegrini Park - entrance area	\$200,000
Stearns Park - playground	\$350,013
Nahanton Park - accessible route	\$30,000
Newton Centre Playground - accessible route	\$23,500
<i>Total Proposed Projects</i>	<i>\$603,513</i>
CDBG Stimulus Funds	\$603,513

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Pellegrini Park

Location: 11 Hawthorn Street Nonantum, MA 02458

The CDBG-R funds would be used to address the entranceway and parking lot at Pellegrini Park. Specific elements include:

- Creation of 18-spot parking lot + 1 handicap spot with drainage (current lot is half paved, half stone dust, no drainage and has a basketball hoop in the middle of the parking lot)
- New pedestrian walkway to building (will no longer have to cross the parking lot to get to the building)
- Creation of several green areas and planting of four trees
- Granite curbing will be installed to clearly define uses and borders
- Ornamental fence atop granite coping along Hawthorn Street border for improved curb appeal. Granite bollards will frame vehicular and pedestrian entrances.
- 5 pathway lights
- Site amenities: 2 benches, bike racks, flagpole (reuse existing), decorative trash receptacle
- Utilities will be buried, updated electrical box for carnival

Stearns Park

Location: Jasset Street Nonantum, MA 02458

The CDBG-R funds would be used to address the playground area of Stearns Park by consolidating several uses and re-organizing them in a more efficient, accessible, and user-friendly manner. Specific elements include:

- New fenced-in tot lot section: play equipment, spring riders, tot swings, and play table and benches
- New adventure play structures for older children
- New accessible swings (currently swings are away from the other play equipment, near the ballfield)
- Both playgrounds will have rubberized safety surfacing, which is the most accessible surface
- Installation of a half basketball court (current park has full-size court but decided to go with a half court since down the street at Forte Park there is a fairly new full size court)
- Centrally-placed shade pavilion

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- Improved curb appeal with ornamental fencing atop granite coping along Jasset Street, and landscaping and trees, new entrance area and accessible walkways
- Site amenities: 4 benches, accessible water fountain, decorative trash receptacle

Nahanton Handicap Parking Space & Pathway

Location: 455 Nahanton Street Newton Centre, MA 02459

CDBG-R funds would be used to construct a van accessible parking space on the circular driveway in Nahanton Park, which park patrons can access from Nahanton Street. The parking space will be located nearby the entrance to the accessible pathway. Currently, the park has an accessible pathway that follows a portion of the Charles River and also diverges to the soccer field. The proposed project will enable the current pathway to be fully accessible, by connecting it to the parking area.

Newton Centre Handicap Parking Space & Pathway

Location: behind Mason Rice (149 Pleasant Street Newton Centre, MA 02459); Park is bordered by Homer Street, Bowen Street, and Tyler Terrace

CDBG-R funds would be used to construct an accessible pathway from Bowen Street to the accessible playground in this park, built in 2008. The construction of this pathway would extend the accessible route from the Mason-Rice parking lot that traverses the school grounds and the park to the accessible playground. The project would remove existing access barriers to the playground and a portion park. Handicap parking on Bowen Street would also be implemented as part of this project.

Please feel free to contact me at kcahill@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1125 with any questions about these projects. A public meeting on these projects will be held Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:30pm in Room 209.