

TOWN OF WESTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Project Submission Form – FY22
Summary Form

Submission Date: January 19, 2021

Project Name: Ash Street Walkway Construction

Project Address: n/a

Brief Project Description: Construction of a 5' wide asphalt walkway approx. 2,850' long beginning on the east side of Ash Street at the Weston Reservoir then crossing to the west side and proceeding northerly along Ash St to connect with the existing Legacy Trail at Case Estates.

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Sponsoring Organization (e.g., Conservation Commission): Traffic & Sidewalk Committee
Eligibility - Only activities designated in "Yes" boxes, below, are eligible uses of CPA Funds. Please mark the box, or boxes, that apply:

	Open Space	Historic Resources	Recreational Land	Community Housing
Acquire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Create	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Preserve	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Support	No	No	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Rehabilitate and/or Restore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, if acquired or created with CPA funds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, if acquired or created with CPA funds
Administrative Fund Request	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

Projected Cost (Please add information for additional fiscal years as necessary):

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount and source)
2017 (prior)	\$30,000	\$30,000 (feasibility)	
2019 (prior)	\$75,000	\$75,000 (design)	
2022	\$400,000	\$400,000* (construction)	*Engineer's Estimate
2023			
2024			
Total:	\$505,000	\$505,000	

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Please address the following questions/categories using additional sheets as necessary.

- 1. Goals/Community Need:** What are the goals of the proposed project? Who will benefit and why? Does the project address needs identified in existing Town plans?

The goal of the project is to provide a safe and accessible means of walking between the Weston Reservoir and the recently completed Legacy Trail at the Cases Estates property adjacent to Ash Street. The project would be the fourth walkway project funded by CPA and included as one of the six walkway sections described in the Town's 2010 Sidewalk Master Plan. The project is centrally located in Weston and will benefit any resident who wishes to enjoy two of the Town's existing recreational spaces via the new paths. The project addresses needs identified in the Town's approved/updated Open Space and Recreation Plan.

- 2. Project Timeline:** Describe project milestones and when they will be completed.

Prior phases of the project were the feasibility study completed with CPA FY17 funding, and the final design, which was advanced using CPA FY19 funding and recently completed by the DPW in FY21. If funded, the construction of the Ash Street walkway would proceed over approximately 4-6 months beginning in July 2021. The project would be constructed during the second half of the calendar 2021 construction season.

- 3. Community and Municipal Support:** Describe the nature and level of support for and/or opposition to this project. Additionally, ***all applicants must submit the attached acknowledgement executed by the Town Manager.***

*During the design process the DPW and the Traffic & Sidewalk Committee worked to inform abutters and other stakeholders throughout development of the plans through email, committee meetings, and site walks. On January 12, 2018 the **Recreation Commission** voted to unanimously support the project. We have also invited abutters and the **Weston Affordable Housing Trust** to our site walks (July and December 2017). We coordinated with **Michael Harrity** for the purposes of coordinating with the Legacy Trail project on Case Estates, north of Wellesley St., and a site walk was held with key stakeholders in 2019 to help inform the best alignment for this walkway. Revisions to the design are being made to incorporate input from the Department of Public Works.*

- 4. Budget:** Provide a line item budget and an explanation of how the budget was prepared. Include back up documentation including any proposals for services, professional cost estimates, etc. For community housing development projects, provide a phased sources and uses of funds.

Since final design is still ongoing and being conducted in house, bids have not been advertised and opened prior to this application submission, the current cost estimate is created from the engineer's estimate of quantities and past unit prices for walkway construction in Weston, accounting for differences in scope and the passage of time. Conservation and Planning approvals have not yet been sought but are planned. Bids are anticipated to be advertised in March with a bid opening in April, prior to the CPC

vote to recommend projects for consideration at May Town Meeting. At that point, the request will be revised to match the lowest responsible bid, while maintaining project management funds and appropriate contingency %. The budget includes the following three categories which amount to the following appropriation request:

- *Construction cost* \$310,000
- *Project Management* \$ 31,000
- *Contingency (20%)* \$ 62,000
- *TOTAL* \$403,000

- 5. Other Funding Sources:** In addition to CPA Funds, what other funding sources are available, committed, or under consideration? Include commitment letters, and describe any other attempts to secure public or private funding for this project.

None

- 6. Implementation:** Identify the person/persons responsible for project implementation and describe his/her/their relevant experience.

The Weston Department of Public Works will oversee design and construction phases. They regularly oversee the Town's major horizontal construction projects, including roadway and sidewalk reconstruction completed in public ways.

- 7. Comparable Projects:** List and describe any comparable projects.

- *Brown/Winter walkway (construction completed in 2016)*
- *Merriam St walkway (construction completed in 2020)*
- *Legacy Trail at Case Estates (construction completed in 2020)*
- *Warren Ave walkway (final design on hold)*

- 8. Operations/Maintenance:** If the project is revenue generating, provide a 5 year operating budget. If the project will not generate revenue but ongoing maintenance will be required, provide a 5 year budget with funding sources identified. (CPA funds cannot be used for maintenance). Identify the person(s)/entity responsible for operations/maintenance.

The new walkway will require ongoing maintenance to include Spring clean-up, Fall clean-up, and snow plowing. The Weston Department of Public Works has indicated that a modest increase of walkway miles as proposed by the Sidewalk Master Plan (~4.0 miles) over several years can be accommodated by existing equipment and staff resources. Tom Cullen, Director of Weston Department of Public Works, is responsible for operations/maintenance of Town-owned roadway and walkways.

- 9. Multiple Projects:** Sponsors with multiple proposals should prioritize them here.

*Ash St (this application) is the Committee's # 1 Priority
Warren Ave (\$340K design+construction funded in FY15)is the Committee's # 2 Priority*

- 10. Provide Supporting Documentation as Applicable:**

- a. Evidence of Site Control (e.g., purchase and sale agreement);**
The project is located entirely within Town-owned right of ways (Ash Street) and Town-owned properties (Case Estates). The possibility of siting some of the walkway on commonwealth of Mass land (MWRA) is being discussed with MWRA and they are receptive, however this is not required for the project.
- b. Feasibility Studies;**
A feasibility study, including a land survey to establish the boundaries of the Town-owned right of way, was completed under a previous CPA appropriation.
- c. Appraisal;**
NA
- d. Letters of Support;**
Can be provided upon request
- e. Maps;**
*Ash St walkway concept plans are located on the Town website:
<https://www.weston.org/1331/Legacy-Trail-and-Connector>
Additional figures describing the project to be provided at CPC public meetings.*
- f. Statistics; and**
NA
- g. Other Relevant Information.**
NA

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Community Preservation Committee, P. O. Box 378, Weston, MA 02493

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSULTATION WITH THE TOWN
MANAGER AND OTHER RELEVANT GROUPS

Please indicate the date(s) of each consultation with Town boards, committees, and/or departments undertaken at the Town Manager's direction:

Board/Committee/Department

Date(s) of Consultation

1)

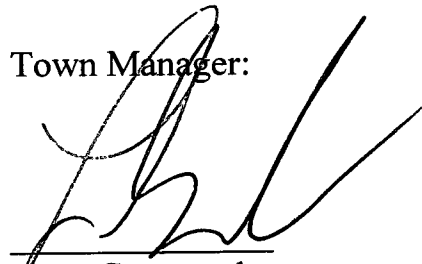
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Town Manager:

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Leon Gaumond

Date: 1/19/2021