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To:

- Falmouth Commission on Disabilities

Cc:

- Barbara Schneider <NewsRm7@aol.com>;
- Ed/Caroline Schmitt <eddieschmitt@comcast.net>;
- Doug Brown

I was glad to read in today's paper that the beach committee is taking on the task of improving HP access to bathrooms at town beaches. That's welcome and overdue news but I wonder why improving access at beaches and elsewhere in Falmouth has not been pursued more thoroughly by the disabilities commission? I suggest that even more pressing to start is a need to inventory public areas of town for HP accessibility. And, then move ahead to enforce the federal and state HP access regulations. Has such an inventory been done? As a HP person, I frequently find that public buildings, restaurants, stores, etc have limited/difficult entrance access, limited signage, and limited HP parking.

Regards,

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## Learn about the Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement Grant Program

This Program will support capital improvements specifically dedicated to improving programmatic access and/or removing barriers encountered by persons with disabilities in applicant facilities throughout the Commonwealth.

**Please Note:** The FY22 application submission period has closed. The FY23 application submission period is expected to reopen in early August of 2022.

The Massachusetts Office on Disability, (MOD) is pleased to announce the **Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement Grant Program** application and selection process. Eligible applicants include any Massachusetts city or town. These grants will support capital improvements specifically dedicated to improving programmatic access and/or removing barriers encountered by persons with disabilities in applicant facilities throughout the Commonwealth. Grants will be awarded to successful applicants to remove barriers and create and improve accessible features and programmatic access for persons with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth.

Examples include but are not limited to increasing both physical access and programmatic access through the addition of features such as: ramps, elevators, power lifts and Limited Use/Limited Application (LULAs) signage, communication access devices, curb cuts and/or any other features that are designed to improve architectural access and/or programmatic access. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that demonstrate real and tangible positive impacts to persons with disabilities.

### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include any Massachusetts city or town.

### Grant Types

There are two grant types available:

- **Planning Grant:** These grants are for updating or creating a Self-Evaluation and/or Transition Plan as required under the Administrative Requirements of Title II of the ADA.
  - This grant will require the following supporting documentation at the time of application submission: (Sample forms are available in the "Municipal ADA Improvement Grants Program – Addenda" in the "Downloads" section below.)
    - Designation of a Responsible Employee (ADA Coordinator)
    - Notice of Non-Discrimination and proof of posting, and
    - An ADA Grievance Procedure
- **Project Grant:** These grants are for removal of architectural or communication barriers that are present. **Design plans or Applicant salaries are not eligible project grants.** Project Grants are purposed only to remove barriers or to make physical/communication improvements at municipal properties or municipally owned facilities. Funds awarded cannot be used to make improvements to private businesses, private property, non-profit organizations, private homes, or other non-municipal properties.
  - This grant will require the following supporting documentation at the time of application submission: (Sample forms are available in the "Municipal ADA Improvement Grants Program – Addenda" in the "Downloads" section below.)
    - A completed Self-Evaluation,
    - A completed Transition Plan,
    - An ADA Grievance Procedure,
    - Notice of Non-Discrimination and proof of posting,
    - Designation of a Responsible Employee (ADA Coordinator), and
    - Detailed/Itemized cost estimates are required to be provided within the appropriate application section (Section. 3.1 of the Project Grant - "Cost Estimate").

Please be advised, only capital related expenses will be covered. Items such as, but not limited to, design plans, feasibility studies, and applicant salaries are not eligible expenses to be covered. Those types of expenses can be in-kind services or covered by the the applicant.

**Please note:** Items purchased, architectural changes made, and other grant funded projects must comply with the **Massachusetts Architectural Access Board's rules and regulations (521 CMR)** ([aab-rules-and-regulations](#)) and/or the **2010 ADA Design Standards** (<https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADAstandards.htm#2034>). MOD is



## PIM ADA Transition Plans / Town of Falmouth, MA / Bill East Introduction

Bill East <b.east@precisioninfrastructuremgmt.com>

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To: Falmouth Commission on Disabilities <disabilitiescommission@falmouthma.gov>

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PIM Services 2022.pdf; Update an ADA Transition Plan.pdf;

February 18, 2022

**RE: Creating new ADA Transition Plans and meeting the current ADA requirements for older Transition Plans  
\*\*\*March 9th Commission on Disabilities Meeting / PIM discussion on ADA Transition Plan Strategy\*\*\***

Ms. Haynes,

My name is Bill East with Precision Infrastructure Management (**PIM**). I wanted to introduce PIM and the services we offer in relation to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). PIM is focused on assisting local public entities **develop or update** their ADA Transition Plans, Right of Way Self-Assessments, and Sidewalk Condition Studies, as well as supporting their asset management programs for public right-of-ways.

**\*\*\*If you might possibly allot us a few minutes at your upcoming Commission on Disabilities Meeting, March 9th, 2022, we would be appreciative to introduce the ADA Transition Plan process and how Precision Infrastructure may benefit Fairfield on any upcoming developments.\*\*\***

The ADA requires that all state and local government entities provide *current and actionable* program accessibility for persons with disabilities. Title II of the ADA describes the requirements for program accessibility which includes having an updated ADA Transition Plan. **\*\*\*We would appreciate the opportunity to have a complimentary Zoom or Teams meeting to better explain those requirements.\*\*\*** PIM's experience is an important factor in helping municipalities facilitate the process of an ADA compliant transition plan.

Our proven **cost-saving initiatives allow for 30-50 % savings** while significantly reducing completion time using an implementation process unique to PIM. PIM access specialists will analyze all data received within the ADA Transition Plan surveys and prioritize that data where it will benefit the specific needs of **Falmouth**. This would also apply to Falmouth's Parks and Recreation environments, all public facilities, and the analysis of programs, procedures and services (including website accessibility).

The ADA Title II (state and local governments) and the newer ADA 2010 Standards have established more requirements for municipalities. PIM would like to assist **Falmouth** in satisfying those requirements and supporting any current Plans. We have a service plan to fit almost any budget.

We realize that many municipalities are working on this initiative to different degrees, so we offer a range of services in order to support all stages of the process. Please see the attached brochure or visit our website at [www.precisioninfrastructuremgmt.com](http://www.precisioninfrastructuremgmt.com) .

**\*\*\*Resource/attachment: Update an ADA Transition Plan  
New England ADA Center**

To provide more background on our firm, to date we have:

- Completed over 96,000 Right-of-Way Sidewalk Inventories, Condition Assessments and Surveys

- Logged over 10 million ROW (Right of Way) attributes
- Worked with more than 100 municipal entities across the Mid-Atlantic region
- Completed turnkey ADA plans (Transition Plans) for multiple communities in North Carolina

Because we specialize in the Self-Assessment and Implementation Plan portions of ADA Transition planning, I am confident you will find value in our services to meet all of the Plan requirements because we:

- Significantly reduce the cost of assessments and plan development
- Complete these comprehensive assessments in weeks / months rather than months / years
- Provide turnkey implementation plans using proprietary methods to save up to 70% vs. traditional methods
- Support community engagement and public notice processes
- Offer an equity lens component to implementation planning
- Train City staff on how to implement the ADA Title II requirements
- Develop tools in ArcGIS that we provide to our clients so they can perform on-going updates to their plan

Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or comments. We look forward to working with **The Town of Falmouth** and supporting your ADA Transition Planning or Sidewalk Condition Study needs.

Again, a (**complimentary**) Zoom or MS Teams introductory meeting can be scheduled at your convenience in order to elaborate on the above points. Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

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*Mr. Blake Mills  
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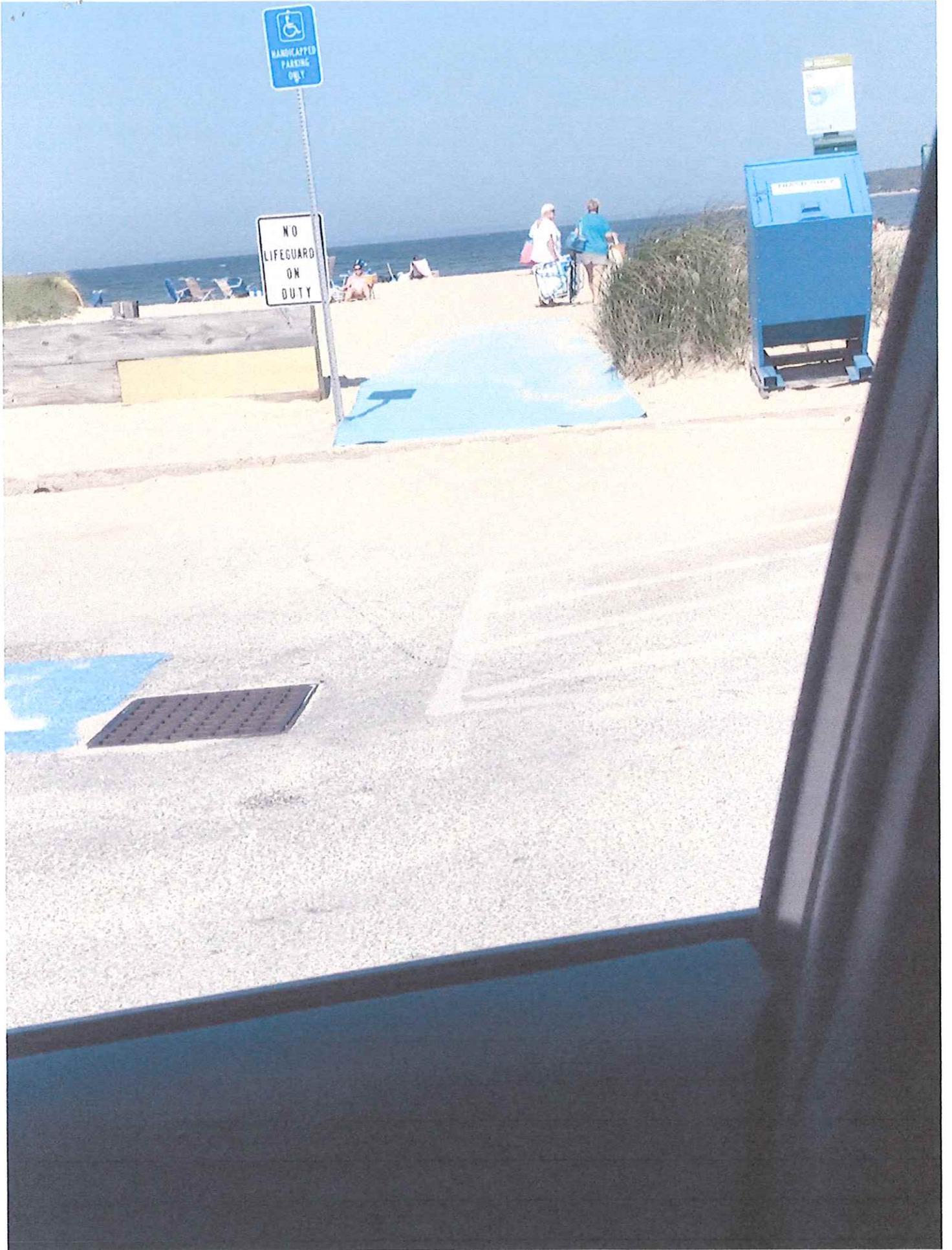
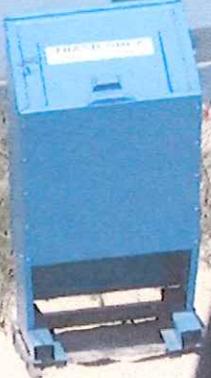
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This specification establishes minimum characteristics for those factors that determine accessibility. This specification applies to all types of materials that can be used under and around playground equipment. Playground surfaces represented as complying with this specification shall meet all applicable requirements regarding accessibility specified herein. Wheelchair work measurement method - straight propulsion and wheelchair work measurement method – turning shall be performed to conform with the requirements specified.

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## Scope

1.1 This specification establishes minimum characteristics for those factors that determine accessibility. This specification applies to all types of materials that can be used as the accessible route through the play area, under and around playground equipment.

1.2 The material used as the accessible route through the play area, under and around playground equipment that meets this specification must also comply with Specification F1292 or Test Method F3351, or both, if the surface is within the fall zone.

1.3 Surface systems in compliance with this specification will not prevent all types of injuries from occurring when the surface is used.

1.4 The SI unit of work is the joule (J), which is defined as the work expended by a force of one newton through a displacement of one meter. The dimensionally equivalent newton-meter (N\*m) shall be used only if it is followed by the term "work" so it is not confused to be a torque value. (1 N\*m = 0.73756215 pound-force-feet).

1.5 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard; see IEEE/ASTM SI 10 for further details.

1.6 The following precautionary statement pertains only to the test method portions of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.7 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## Significance and Use

7.1 The purpose of this specification is to establish quantitative measurements for wheelchair work that are related to the firmness and stability of a surface material or surface system used as the accessible route and clear ground space at components within a playground.

7.2 The specification provides a uniform means of objectively quantifying the performance of different playground surfacing materials.

## Keywords

playground surface accessibility; playground surfacing; wheelchair maneuverability;

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## Top 5 Playground Surface Materials

Posted by Cristen on 19th Jul 2017



When maintaining a playground, it is equally important to ensure the ground or 'safety-surface' is as safe as the equipment. Children need a soft place to land when they jump or

fall. If your playground already has a ground cover, or safety surface material, it's a good idea to get in the habit of checking the safety surface material levels often to ensure pieces have not been kicked away or even thrown out by little hands.

With school starting back up soon, children will on the playground in no time, so now could be the best time to check ensure the playground has adequate levels of safety material on the ground. If material levels are low, now would be a good time to add more safety surface to your playground or perhaps consider an entirely new material.

Here is a list of the Top-5 Best Playground Safety Surface materials to help make your decision a little easier.

### 1.) Solid Rubber Surface

This is first on the list because it's not only the safest, but it requires the least amount of maintenance. Solid rubber surfaces come in two forms. The most well known is "Pour-in-Place" which is poured over a sub-base and the end product is a smooth, cushioned surface that comes in varying color options. The other solid surface option comes in the form of rubber tiles that fit together to make one solid surface.



What is the downside to the solid rubber surface? The solid rubber surface material is one of the most expensive options in playground safety surfacing.

## 2.) Artificial Grass or Turf

Artificial Grass is a slightly less expensive alternative to a solid rubber surface. It's also a low-maintenance and an ADA wheelchair accessible surface. It will require an occasional rinse-off but water drains well from this surface, making cleaning-up a breeze. One benefit of Artificial Grass is new manufacturing techniques have brought with them a higher quality, more-realistic grass texture products. The hard, plastic green turf of past decades has been replaced with softer, real-texture options.

## 3.) Play Sand and Pea Gravel

The affordability of playground sand and pea gravel is why these have been popular playground cover for so long. Yet, these materials do not really provide ADA accessibility. In order to ensure these materials provide any type of fall protection, the recommendation is to have at least twelve inch depth at all times. Also, be warned, some sand can contain harmful materials. In order to avoid this, purchase only sand or pea gravel specifically made for playgrounds.

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## 4.) Rubber Mulch (Nuggets or Shredded)

If you want the flexibility of a rubber surface but not the high price tag, then rubber mulch is the perfect solution. Rubber mulch is made by grinding up recycled tires, providing a soft cushioned surface for children to land. Rubber mulch (nuggets or shredded) comes in at a fraction of the cost of the solid rubber surfaces. Noah's sells playground-approved rubber mulch (nuggets or shredded), which is typically coated or painted with non-toxic material. We do not recommend or sell shredded black tire mulch.

## 5.) Engineered Wood Fiber aka: EWF

Engineered wood fiber is an affordable and durable option for playground covers. It's estimated approximately 50,000 playgrounds in the U.S. and Canada use EWF material. Engineered Wood Fiber is ground more finely than ordinary landscape mulch, is from virgin wood, and has had the saw-dust removed. It provides a safe and natural way to cover the ground while still providing an adequate amount of cushion and protection for children.

Having a good material to cover your playground ensures that children have a safe place to play, while also offering protection from the ground itself. If you have any questions about these or any other playground cover materials, please contact us today.



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## Surfacing

Every day, thousands of children head outside to exercise and explore the world through play on a playground in a residential or commercial space. While the playground is meant to be a place to play and have fun, countless dangers can present themselves to children.

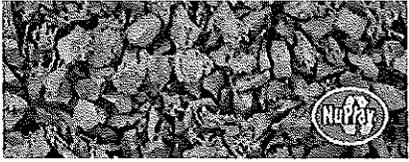
Falling, bruising, and abrasions are all potential threats to children who are out playing on jungle gyms and other playground equipment. For this and many other reasons, having the proper playground flooring in place is of the utmost importance. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) estimates that more than 220,000 kids younger than 14 are treated for playground injuries in emergency rooms each year. Thankfully, many of those injuries can be easily avoided by using playground bedding options such as durable, pourable rubber playground surfaces or mulch to cushion falls and protect children from injury.

Playground safety is important to us at Noah's Park & Playgrounds, so we offer a wide variety of options to keep kids safe, from outdoor rubber mats to a poured rubber playground surface to rubber mulch or artificial grass. Choose the solution that best meets your needs and we'll give you a great price, whether you need engineered wood fiber carpet, rubber playground mats, foam tiles, or playground-safe mulch. We have affordable playground surfaces and equipment for every budget!

Noah's offers different kind of surfacing based on the fall height of your play equipment, budget, size of your site area, equipment layout and if you want the play site to be ADA accessible. If your not sure what you need for your play area, just [contact us](#) and we will be happy to help you a long the way!

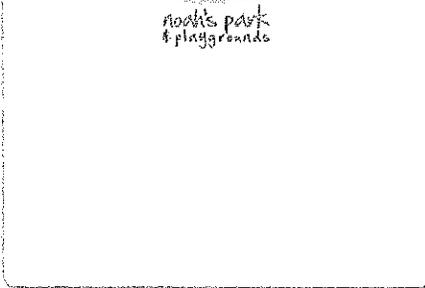
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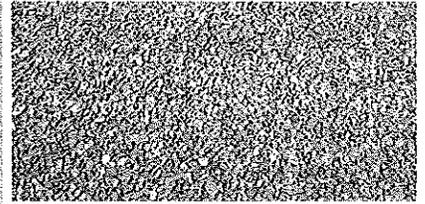
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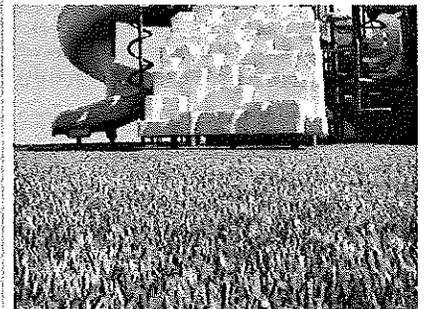
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# Playground safety fact sheet

## Information about Massachusetts school and community goals for playground safety

Playgrounds provide important opportunities for children learning to explore their environments, develop skills for play and gain confidence. Yet playgrounds may present unnecessary hazards that could have a devastating impact on a child. Playgrounds are the setting for most of the injuries sustained by children aged 5 to 14 in the school environment. A special study of playground injuries and deaths conducted in 2001 for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission found that each year emergency departments treat more than 200,000 children, ages 14 and younger, for playground-related injuries. Approximately 45% of those injuries are severe. Falls from playground equipment result in a higher proportion of severe injuries than either bicycle or motor vehicle crashes (Phelan, 2001).

## School and community goals

The most critical areas to address are:

- **Surface:** Make sure surfaces around playground equipment have at least 12 inches of impact-absorbing material such as wood chips, mulch or safety-tested rubber. Protective ground surfacing should span 6 feet in all directions.
- **Maintenance:** Follow manufacturer's instructions and recommended inspection schedule. Make sure spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs, measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.
- **Supervision:** Remove visual barriers, position adults for optimum view, consider rules and policies regarding clothing, restrictions and safe play to be shared with students and parents.
- **Spacing:** Children should be able to move safely from one activity to another through proper spacing between equipment and other structures.
- Schools, parents and other organizations (e.g.; town's Parks and Recreation Department) should work collaboratively to address playground improvements utilizing U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines.

## Suggested activities

Although replacing playground equipment can be costly, not replacing unsafe equipment can be very expensive in terms of liability. One recommendation is to arrange a purchasing and replacement schedule that weighs equipment durability and safety with available funds. School personnel should record playground injuries including the equipment involved. This will allow for assessing equipment or play behavior that is frequently associated with injuries, and develop a system for regular maintenance as well as a plan for equipment repair, replacement and/or removal.

## Special note

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that any new or renovated playground should provide access for children with disabilities.

## Resources

- [Consumer Product Safety Commission, Handbook for Public Playground Safety](https://www.cpsc.gov/safety-education/safety-guides/playgrounds/playground-safety)  
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- [National Program for Playground Safety](https://www.playgroundsafety.org/) (<https://www.playgroundsafety.org/>)
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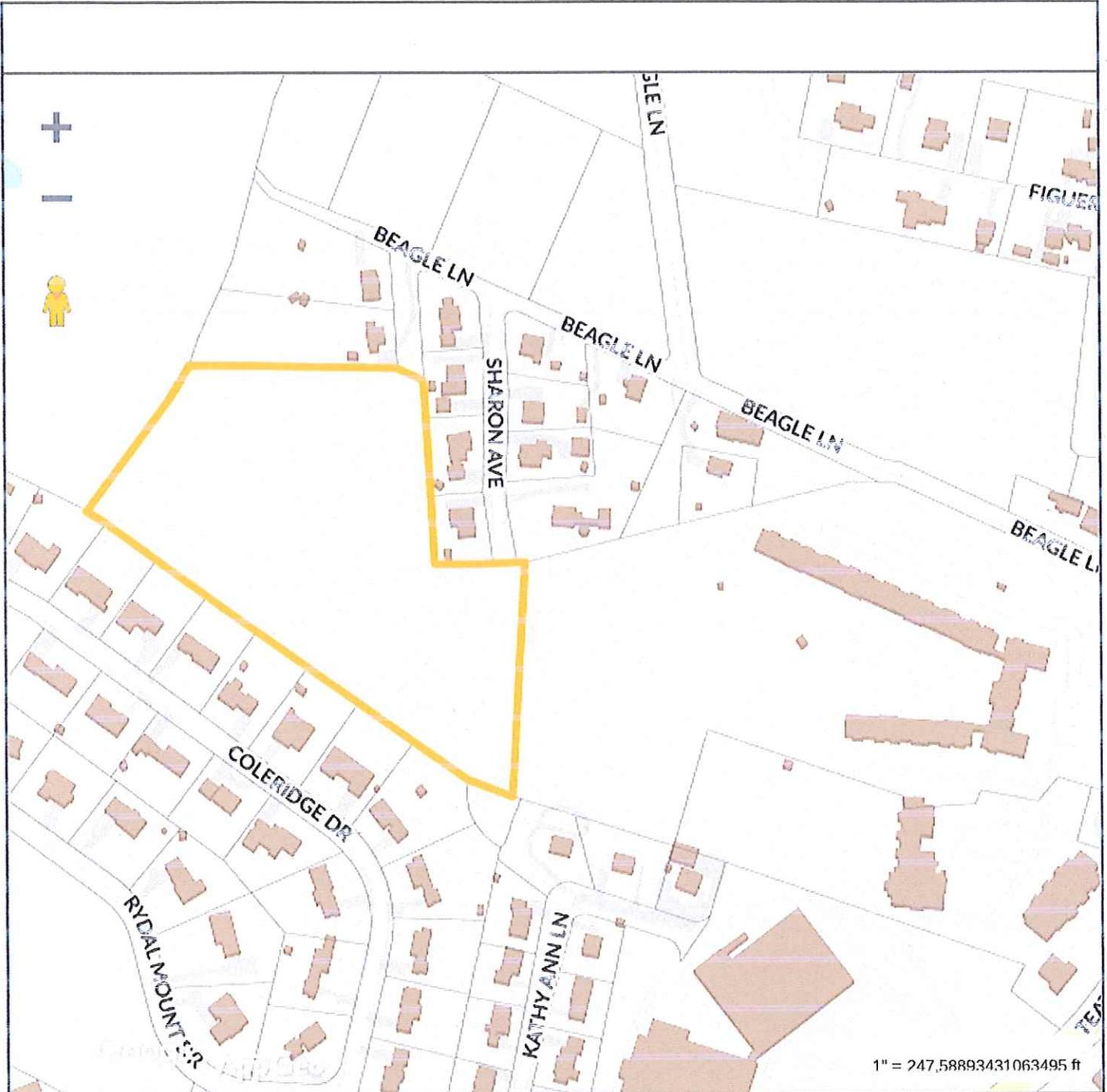
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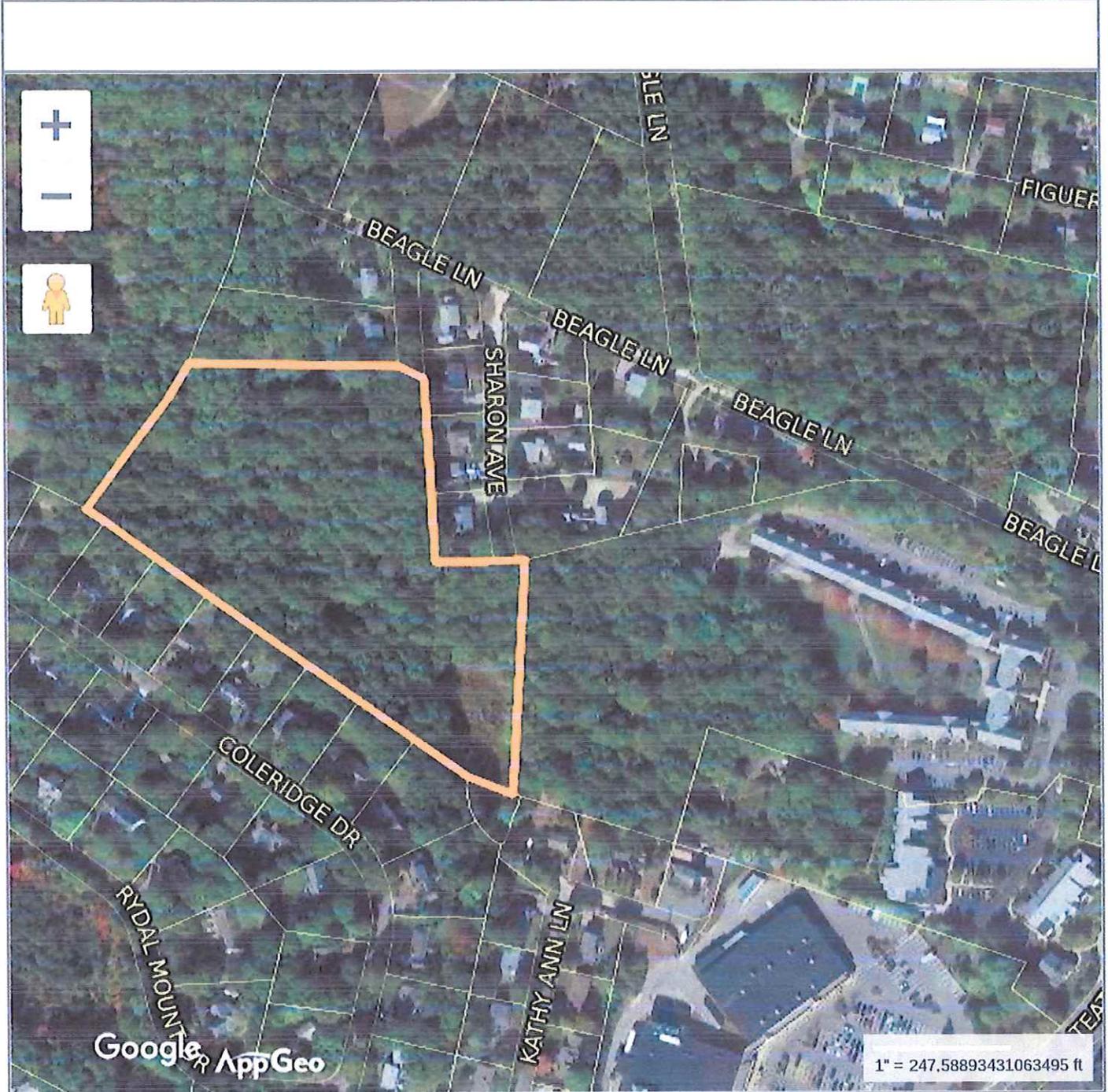


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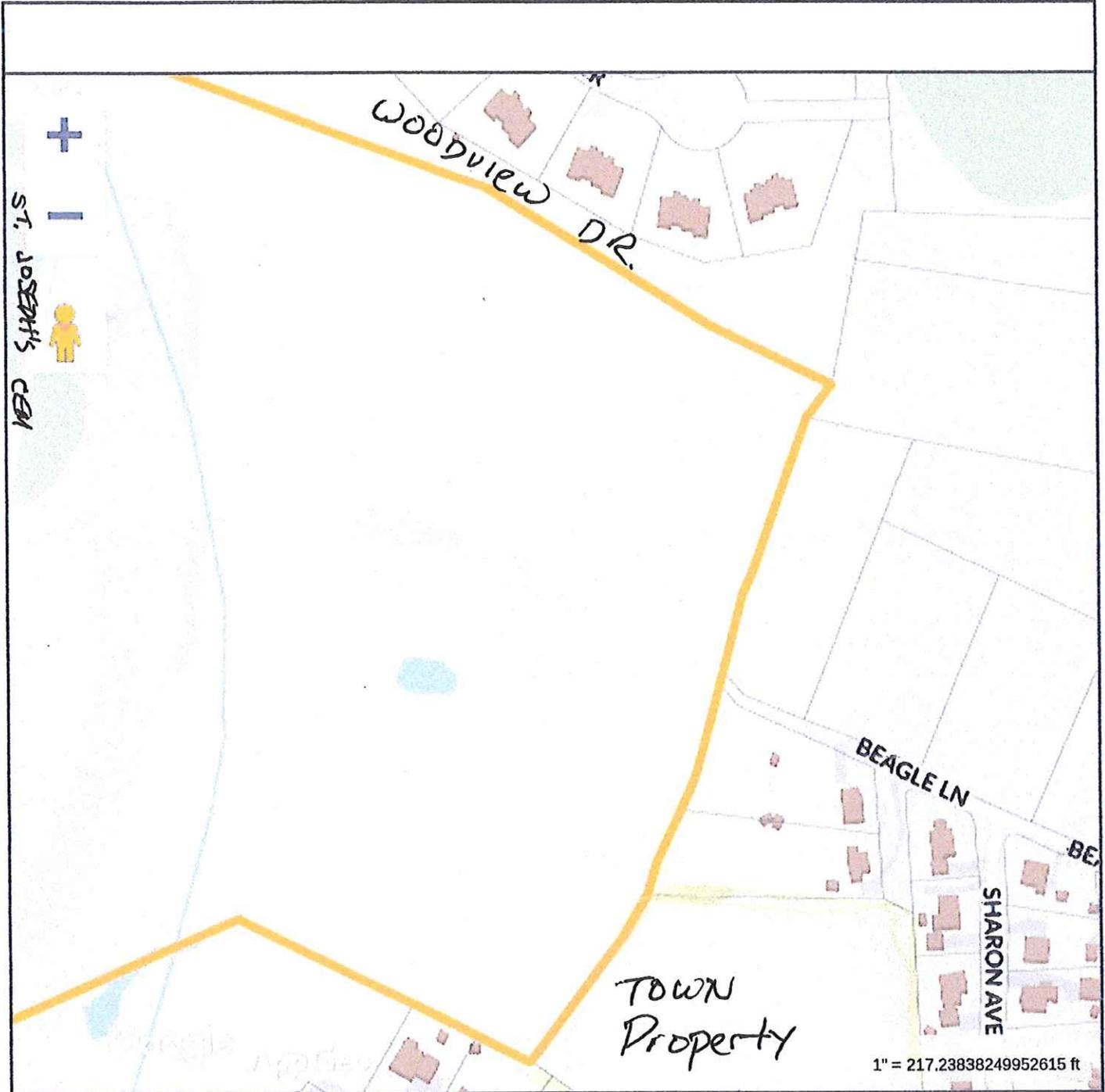
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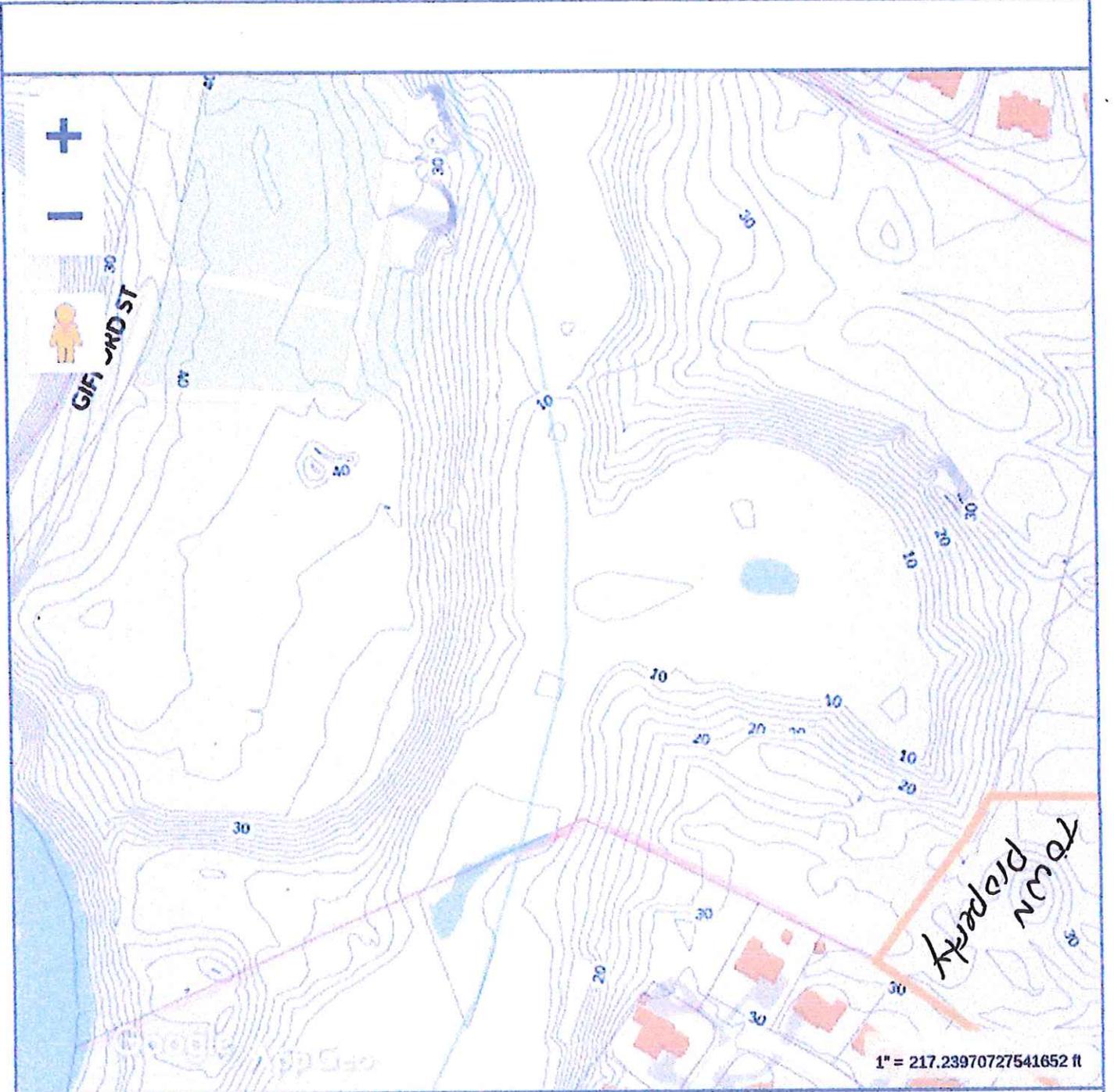


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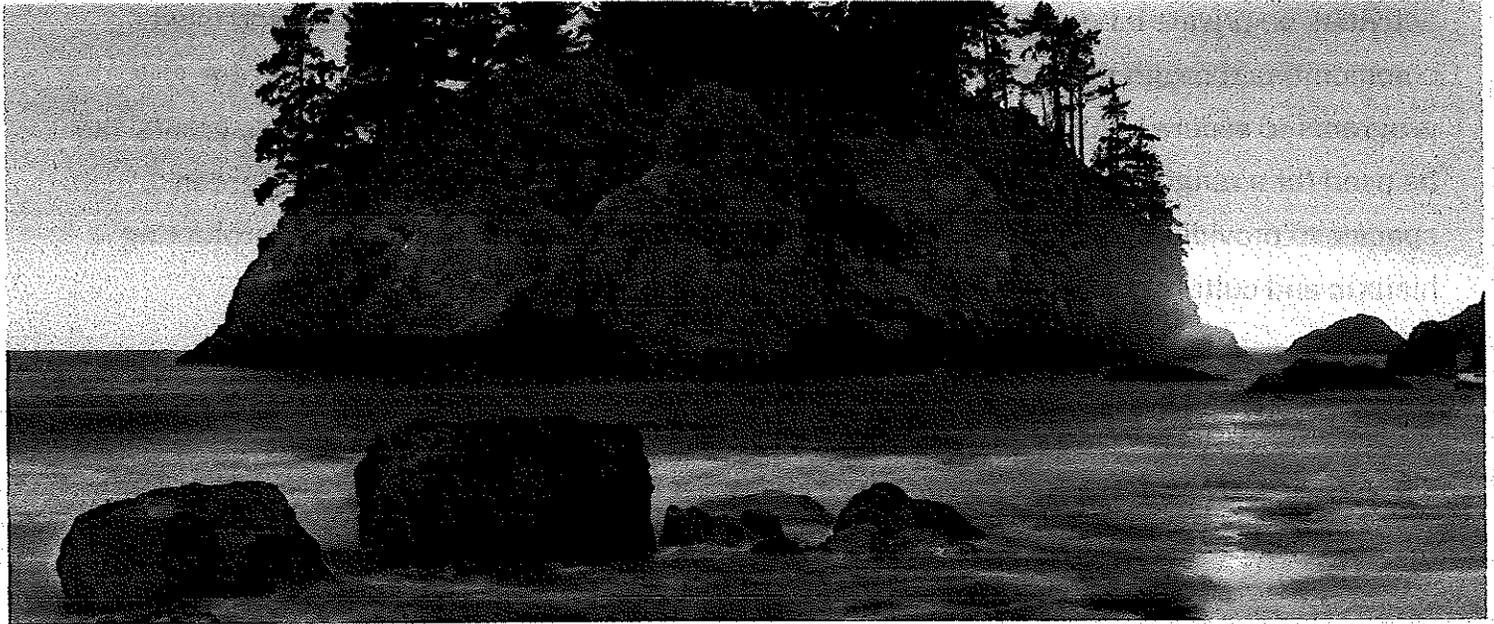


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## Land and Water Conservation Fund

### **What is the Land and Water Conservation Fund?**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. The fund invests earnings from offshore oil and gas leasing to help strengthen communities, preserve history and protect the national endowment of lands and waters. On August 4, 2020, the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) was signed into law, authorizing \$900 million annually in permanent funding for LWCF. Prior to the passage of GAOA, funding for LWCF relied on annual Congressional appropriations.

### **Where does the money come from?**

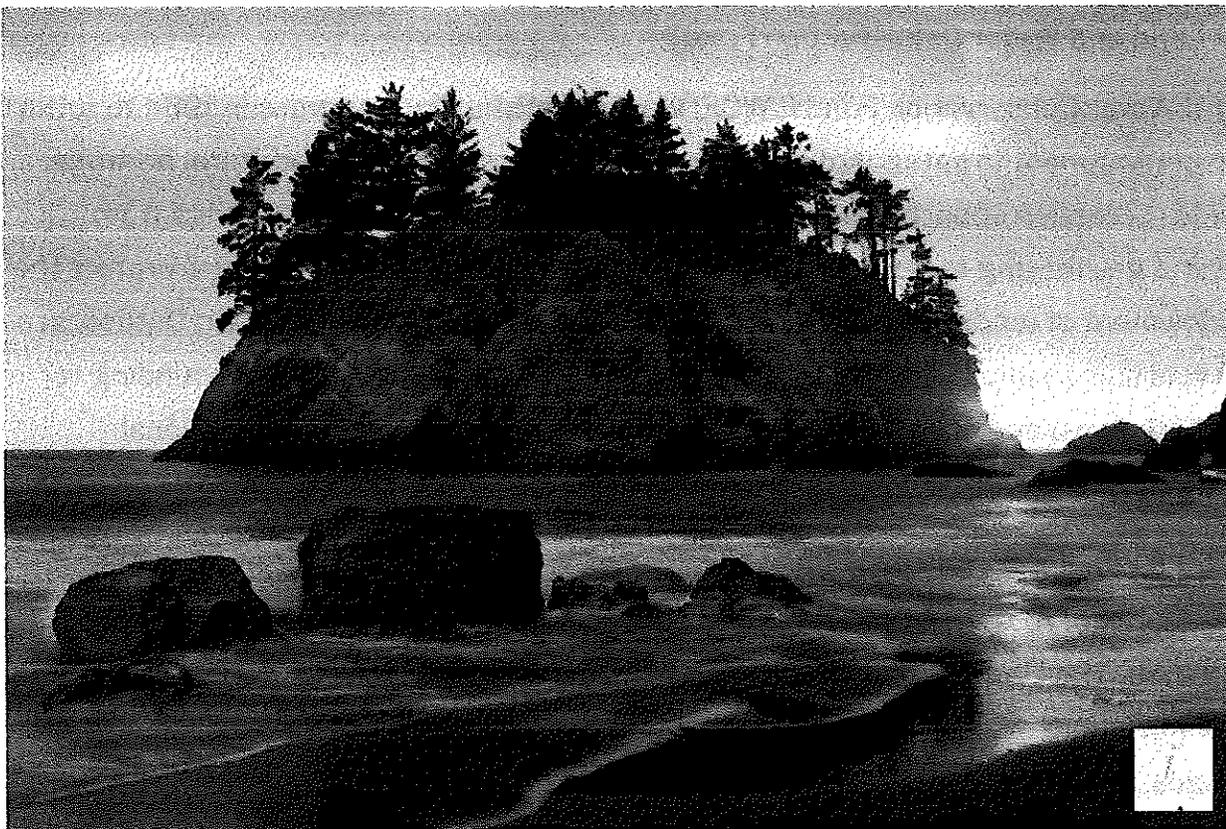
The primary source of revenue for the LWCF is from Federal oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf. The LWCF is based on a simple concept: take revenues from the depletion of resources – offshore oil and gas – and use them to conserve other resources: parks, wildlife refuges, forests, open spaces, trails and wildlife habitat.

### **Where does the money go?**

Money from the LWCF goes to a variety of programs that support a nationwide legacy of high-quality recreation and conservation areas. Some of the funds are invested by agencies to protect Federal lands for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment – including National

Parks, National Forests, National Recreation Areas and National Wildlife Refuges and Conservation Areas. Agencies also partner with landowners to support voluntary conservation activities on private lands. Some of the funds are distributed directly to States and local communities through grant programs. Tribes can work with States through the grant programs to secure LWCF funding for recreation and conservation projects. These grants can be used for a range of projects from establishing baseball fields and community green spaces; to providing public access to rivers, lakes and other water resources; to protecting historic and cultural sites; and conserving natural landscapes.

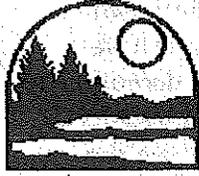
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## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Kathleen A. Theoharides, Secretary  
Grant Announcement

**BID ENV 22 DCS 10**

**Dated: October 19, 2021**

**Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program  
FY 22**

### I. GRANT OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY:

**A. PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR:** The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Kathleen A. Theoharides announces the availability of grant funds for municipalities and certain state agencies through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program.

**B. OVERVIEW AND GOALS:** The LWCF is administered by Massachusetts on behalf of the National Park Service (NPS), an agency of the Department of the Interior. The LWCF program provides grants to states and local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high-quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States.

**C. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** Eligible projects are those for the acquisition of parkland, development of a new park, renovation of an existing park, development of trails in an existing conservation or recreation area, or the acquisition of conservation land. (See further detail on eligible projects in section 2B.)

**D. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Applications will be accepted from municipalities that have Open Space and Recreation Plans that are approved or currently under review (see further detail on eligible applicants in section 2A). Also eligible are the Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Fish and Game, as well as federally recognized Indian tribes.

**E. APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Monday, January 24, 2022 at 3:00 pm. New this year: applications will be submitted via online form. (See further detail on deadlines and grant program calendar in section 4.)

**F. FUNDING AVAILABILITY:** LWCF funding is provided to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the NPS and is administered by EEA's Division of Conservation Services (DCS). For projects that will have a significant impact on climate resiliency, the maximum grant award is \$1,000,000. The maximum grant award for all other project is \$750,000. The minimum grant award is \$50,000 (see further detail on Funding Availability in section 2C). EEA reserves the right to fund projects through sources other than LWCF should it so choose.

**G. BUDGET REQUIREMENT:** Since the LWCF is a reimbursement program, municipal applicants selected to receive grant funding must have a successful City Council or Town Meeting vote that appropriates 100% of the total project cost. DCR and DFG must have capital budget approval from EEA for 100% of the project. Tribal applicants must demonstrate their ability to pay for the project upfront. While reimbursements to municipal applicants can be used for whatever purpose the municipality authorizes, the Departments must use the reimbursements for projects that would qualify for LWCF. The land must **not** be purchased, or park development or renovation must **not** be started, until the selected Applicant has executed a contract with the Commonwealth or Interagency Service Agreement (ISA) with EEA in the case of state agencies. All projects must provide appropriate public access. (See further detail on budget requirement in section 2D.)

**H. TOTAL ANTICIPATED DURATION OF CONTRACT(S):** The contract period will begin on the date that the Secretary signs the contract or the ISA is signed by EEA. Contracts issued pursuant to this BID must expend 100% of costs associated with the approved project on or before December 31, 2024 in order to be eligible for reimbursement (see further detail on anticipated duration of contract(s) in section 2F).

**I. REGULATIONS, STATUTES, OR AUTHORIZATION GOVERNING THIS GRANT PROGRAM:**

This BID is issued according to legislation referenced as the Land and Water Conservation Fund, P.L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897. All applicants are responsible for compliance with all applicable LWCF rules and regulations. More information on the grant's procedures can be found at [www.nps.gov/lwcf](http://www.nps.gov/lwcf). All properties for which grant assistance is provided must be open to the general public (not local residents only) for appropriate passive or active recreational use and will become protected open space under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dedicated to conservation use in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, §8C or recreation use in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 45, §3 or 14.

The Applicant must also be aware of the LWCF Post-Completion Compliance and Stewardship rules. Post-completion compliance responsibilities apply to each area or facility for which LWCF assistance is obtained, regardless of the extent of program participation in the assisted area or facility and consistent with the contractual agreement between the NPS and the state. The state is responsible for compliance and enforcement of these provisions for all projects. Responsibilities cited in Title 36, Part 59 in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations apply to the area described on the Section 6(f)(3) boundary map and/or as described in other project documentation submitted by the Applicant and approved by the Department of the Interior.

Pursuant to Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance shall be open to entry and use by all persons regardless of race, color, or national origin, who are otherwise eligible. Section 6(f)(8) of the LWCF Act provides, with respect to property acquired and/or developed with LWCF assistance, discrimination on the basis of residence, including preferential reservation, membership, or annual permit systems is prohibited except to the extent reasonable differences in admission and other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires no qualified person shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that

existing conservation and recreation areas, or the acquisition of conservation land.

In addition to other benefits that open space provides, it can help contribute to climate resilient communities through a well-planned design. This grant round will focus on projects that are in areas of the Commonwealth that are considered to be urban heat islands with a high percentage of impervious surface or contribute to the conservation of resilient undeveloped land. Conservation project parcels of which 76-100% are designated as "Most Resilient" or "More Resilient" according to The Nature Conservancy's Resilience Mapping Tool or Recreation Project parcels that are mapped as being in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quartile of Summer Heat Island are eligible for a maximum of \$1,000,000. All other applications will be eligible for a grant maximum of \$750,000. Sample project ideas include turning vacant lots into community gardens and urban forests, planting many trees, removing significant amounts of pavement, or installing pergolas as a part of the park's renovation or development to provide more shade, and incorporating water spray parks as cooling features. For more information on climate resilient park design, see Attachment G.

*Eligibility* – applicants must:

1. Municipal Applicants must have an approved OSRP on file with DCS by the application deadline. A draft plan is also acceptable provided that it was submitted to DCS no more than 12 months prior to the grant application deadline and the Applicant has completed a rigorous public participation process. During the COVID pandemic, flexibility is allowed in what is acceptable for the public participation process. For more information on this, please be in touch with Melissa Cryan. A condition of final payment will be to obtain DCS approval on the final OSRP.
2. Submit an application prior to acquisition of the subject property (land already owned by the Applicant is not eligible). Property that is purchased before receiving an executed contract or ISA from DCS **will not** be eligible for reimbursement. However, land purchased by a non-profit organization no earlier than October 19, 2021 with the sole intention of pre-purchasing the land until the Applicant receives a potential LWCF grant may be eligible for funding. Any exercise of this exemption is at the risk of the non-profit organization and Applicant. Development or renovation on a site before receiving an executed contract or ISA from DCS **will not** be eligible for reimbursement.
3. Have no unresolved protected open space conversion issues with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.
4. Acquisition Projects – All applicants applying for an acquisition project must be in touch with Melissa Cryan no later than December 17, 2021 in order to coordinate the appraisal process. Prior to the Applicant hiring an appraiser, a review appraiser will be hired by the Commonwealth who will work in tandem with the Applicant to complete the required Statement of Work under which the appraiser hired by the Applicant will complete its work. All LWCF applications must include an appraisal done to Yellow Book standards. The completed appraisal must be emailed to [melissa.cryan@mass.gov](mailto:melissa.cryan@mass.gov) no later than February 28, 2022. See Attachment F for a Statement of Work template.
5. Development & Renovation Projects – site development plans and cost estimates. The site plans must be detailed enough so that an accurate cost estimate may be developed. Services of a professional design firm are recommended for renovation and

receives or benefits from federal financial assistance. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (P.L. 100-336) references and reinforces these requirements for federally-assisted programs.

**J. CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**2. Performance and Contract Specifications**

**A. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** This BID is open to

- **Municipalities**  
**Community requirements:** Communities must have an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) on file with DCS by the application deadline. A draft OSRP may be filed with the application by the deadline as well, provided that it was submitted to DCS no more than 12 months prior to the grant application deadline and the applicant has completed a rigorous public participation process. See the attached application packet for details. A community's OSRP status can be found on the [OSRP website](#).

- **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Departments**  
Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Fish and Game

- **Federally recognized Indian tribes**

**Multiple Applications:** Multiple applications will be accepted from the same entity. Projects involving renovations of the same theme in multiple parks, such as dedicating multiple vacant municipally-owned parcels of land to park purposes and creating new spray parks to act as cooling centers, may be packaged into one application. Unrelated renovations must be submitted as individual applications. Landholdings that are in a single, contiguous tract may be packaged in the same application. Unrelated, separate landholdings must be submitted as individual applications. EEA reserves the right to limit awards to one per applicant; however, each applicant is welcome to submit multiple applications.

**B. ELIGIBLE PROJECT(S)/SCOPE(S) OF WORK:** EEA seeks to provide recreational opportunities and further the protection of suitable conservation and recreation land within the Commonwealth. The LVCF Grant Program contributes to this goal through the acquisition of parkland, development of new parks, renovations of existing parks, development of trails in

## PIM ADA Transition Plans / Town of Falmouth, MA / Bill East Introduction

Bill East <b.east@precisioninfrastructuremgmt.com>

Fri 2/18/2022 10:54 AM

To: Falmouth Commission on Disabilities <disabilitiescommission@falmouthma.gov>

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PIM Services 2022.pdf; Update an ADA Transition Plan.pdf;

February 18, 2022

**RE: Creating new ADA Transition Plans and meeting the current ADA requirements for older Transition Plans  
\*\*\*March 9th Commission on Disabilities Meeting / PIM discussion on ADA Transition Plan Strategy\*\*\***

Ms. Haynes,

My name is Bill East with Precision Infrastructure Management (**PIM**). I wanted to introduce PIM and the services we offer in relation to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). PIM is focused on assisting local public entities **develop or update** their ADA Transition Plans, Right of Way Self-Assessments, and Sidewalk Condition Studies, as well as supporting their asset management programs for public right-of-ways.

**\*\*\*If you might possibly allot us a few minutes at your upcoming Commission on Disabilities Meeting, March 9th, 2022, we would be appreciative to introduce the ADA Transition Plan process and how Precision Infrastructure may benefit Fairfield on any upcoming developments.\*\*\***

The ADA requires that all state and local government entities provide *current and actionable* program accessibility for persons with disabilities. Title II of the ADA describes the requirements for program accessibility which includes having an updated ADA Transition Plan. **\*\*\*We would appreciate the opportunity to have a complimentary Zoom or Teams meeting to better explain those requirements.\*\*\*** PIM's experience is an important factor in helping municipalities facilitate the process of an ADA compliant transition plan.

Our proven **cost-saving initiatives allow for 30-50 % savings** while significantly reducing completion time using an implementation process unique to PIM. PIM access specialists will analyze all data received within the ADA Transition Plan surveys and prioritize that data where it will benefit the specific needs of **Falmouth**. This would also apply to Falmouth's Parks and Recreation environments, all public facilities, and the analysis of programs, procedures and services (including website accessibility).

The ADA Title II (state and local governments) and the newer ADA 2010 Standards have established more requirements for municipalities. PIM would like to assist **Falmouth** in satisfying those requirements and supporting any current Plans. We have a service plan to fit almost any budget.

We realize that many municipalities are working on this initiative to different degrees, so we offer a range of services in order to support all stages of the process. Please see the attached brochure or visit our website at [www.precisioninfrastructuremgmt.com](http://www.precisioninfrastructuremgmt.com).

**\*\*\*Resource/attachment: Update an ADA Transition Plan  
New England ADA Center**

To provide more background on our firm, to date we have:

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- Logged over 10 million ROW (Right of Way) attributes
- Worked with more than 100 municipal entities across the Mid-Atlantic region
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- Significantly reduce the cost of assessments and plan development
- Complete these comprehensive assessments in weeks / months rather than months / years
- Provide turnkey implementation plans using proprietary methods to save up to 70% vs. traditional methods
- Support community engagement and public notice processes
- Offer an equity lens component to implementation planning
- Train City staff on how to implement the ADA Title II requirements
- Develop tools in ArcGIS that we provide to our clients so they can perform on-going updates to their plan

Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or comments. We look forward to working with **The Town of Falmouth** and supporting your ADA Transition Planning or Sidewalk Condition Study needs.

Again, a **(complimentary)** Zoom or MS Teams introductory meeting can be scheduled at your convenience in order to elaborate on the above points. Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill East

Business Development Manager

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*Mr. Blake Mills  
Dept. of Public Works, Clayton, NC*

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# ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities

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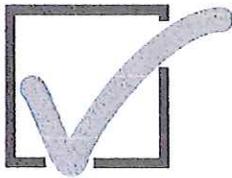
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- For Educational Purposes
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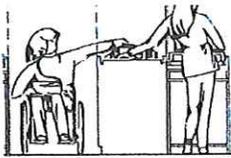
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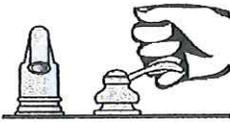
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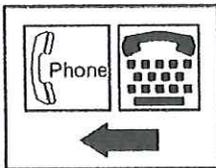
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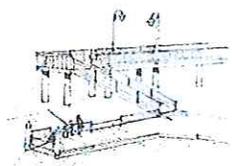
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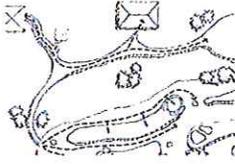
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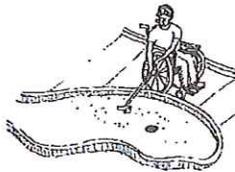
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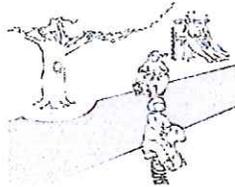
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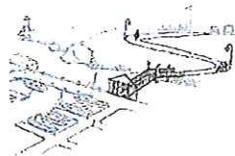
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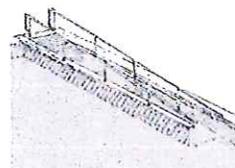
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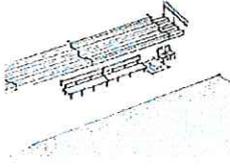
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# STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

- LWCF grants will be used to implement the findings of SCORP
- Four SCORP goals are:
  1. Access for Underserved Populations
  2. Support the Statewide Trails Initiative
  3. Increase the Availability of Water-based Recreation
  4. Support the Creation and Renovation of Neighborhood Parks

# REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROJECTS

- Municipal applicants must have a current Open Space and Recreation Plan (if one is already on file at DCS, don't send another)
  - It is possible to submit it at the same time as the grant application, please submit under separate cover
- Acquisition projects must have an appraisal done to Yellow Book standards
- Applications are due by January 24, 2022 at 3:00 pm **via online form AND mail (note the change this grant round)**

# APPRAISALS

- Applicants submitting an acquisition project must be in touch with Melissa by December 17, 2021 to coordinate the appraisal process
- Appraisals must be done to Yellow Book standards
- Review appraiser will be hired by EEA to work in tandem with the applicant to complete a Statement of Work under which the appraiser hired by the applicant will complete its work
- Appraisal deadline is February 28, 2022 – **email to Melissa**
- Appraisal must be no older than one year old at the time of the grant submission (dated between January 25, 2021 and January 24, 2022)
- Statement of Work is Attachment F of the BID

# ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

- Trails projects:
  - Development of trails on existing municipally- or state-owned conservation or recreation land
  - Projects on state land must be submitted by DCR or DFG, not by the municipality in which they are located
- Federal definition of trail: A trail is a pedestrian route developed primarily for outdoor recreational hiking purposes. A pedestrian route provided primarily to connect elements, spaces, or facilities within a site is not a trail.

# ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

- Conservation projects:
  - Purchase land in fee simple or conservation restriction
  - Land will be under the care and control of the Conservation Commission
- Recreation projects:
  - Purchase recreation land
  - Develop new recreational facilities
  - Renovate existing parks
  - Land must be dedicated as parkland

# ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

- For trail projects:
  - Development and marking of trails
- We cannot reimburse for donations or in-kind services
- Must have 100% appropriated from municipal budget (for municipalities), 100% from state budget (for state agencies), 100% from tribal budget (for tribes)

# ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

- For acquisition projects:
  - Reimbursement is based on purchase price or appraised value, whichever is less
  - Only acquisition cost is eligible for reimbursement
- For renovation/development projects:
  - Engineering
  - Design (grants solely for design are not eligible)
  - Construction
  - Construction supervision

# CLIMATE RESILIENT PARKS IDEAS

- Climate resiliency should be incorporated into park design
- Some ideas:
  - Redeveloping vacant lots into community gardens and urban forests
  - Dramatically increasing tree canopy in any park design
  - Removing significant amounts of pavement
  - Installing pergolas as shade structures
  - Incorporating water spray parks into design as cooling feature

# GRANT MAXIMUM/MINIMUM

- Minimum grant request: \$50,000
- Maximum for projects with a significant impact on climate resiliency: \$1,000,000
  - Conservation projects: 76-100% mapped within TNC Resilience Mapping Tool as being “more” or “most” resilient
  - Recreation projects: 76-100% mapped within an area designated as a “3” or “4” on the UMass I-CARES Urban Heat Island Map
- Maximum for all other projects: \$750,000

# REIMBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

- LWCF grants have a maximum 50% reimbursement rate
- The specific reimbursement rate for a successful project is based on what percent the grant award amount is of the total eligible project cost and remains the same for each reimbursement
- Example:
  - \$4,000,000 project with a \$1,000,000 grant award
  - \$1,000,000 is 25% of \$4,000,000
  - Grantee will be reimbursed 25% of eligible project costs for each reimbursement request submitted
  - A grantee submitting \$1,000,000 worth of invoices will be reimbursed \$250,000 (25% of \$1,000,000 is \$250,000)
- Plan your project budget accordingly

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Become familiar with the rating system and make sure that your project description hits on all of the areas where your project can receive points (2 pages max, 11 pt font, 3/4" margins)
  - **Climate resiliency – focus of this year's grant round**
  - Relevance to statewide and local plans, including SCORP
  - Accessibility
  - Environmental Justice
  - Expansion of recreational resources, including hunting and wildlife viewing
  - Environmental education
  - Stewardship

# MUNICIPAL VOTES

- All municipal projects must have a town meeting or city council vote
- The vote will:
  - Authorize the submission of the grant application
  - Approve appropriation of 100% of the total project cost
  - Dedicate the land to recreation (Chapter 45, Section 3 or 14) or conservation purposes (Chapter 40, Section 8C)
- Sample vote language is in application package
- **Send all draft vote language to me for approval**
- Vote can occur after application deadline, but must occur before the contract is signed with the grantee

# SELECTION PROCESS

- All projects are visited by DCS staff, then rated and ranked (rating system is included in the application package)
- Recommendations are approved by EEA
- Recommendations are approved by the National Park Service
- Anticipated state grant decision announcement date is late spring 2022 (this is an estimate)
- Anticipated federal grant award announcement date is TBD
- Project completion date will be December 2024 (this is an estimate)

# IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- LWCF is funded through the National Park Service and is subject to its approval, as well as federal rules and regs
- Division of Conservation Services administers the program for NPS
- Any work completed prior to receiving a signed state contract is ineligible for reimbursement
- Make sure to use the **Land and Water Conservation Fund application package**, not the LAND or PARC applications

# POST-COMPLETION RESPONSIBILITIES

- All sites that receive LWCF funding are protected by both Article 97 of the Amendments to Massachusetts Constitution and Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act, which means the land must remain as conservation or recreation land in perpetuity
- Site must be open to all – this includes both non-residents and people with disabilities
- Fair fee policy
- Sign requirements

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# OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Use the online application form – note this change!
- Mail one hard copy (double-sided, if possible)
- Clearly mark all attachments and use the application form as an attachment checklist
- Focus on the big picture – if one thing is filled in incorrectly, the application will (most likely) still be eligible