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1. **Municipality:** Town of Weymouth
Population: 53,743

2. **Project Name:** King Oak Hill Park
Type of Project:
☐ Acquisition – acreage _____ ☒ New development ☐ Renovation of existing park
Project address: 790 Commercial Street, Weymouth, MA 02189
Project acreage: 23.73

3. **Contact Person:** Nicholas Bulens, Administrative Service Coordinator
Agency: Mayor's Office
Address: 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA

Zip: 02189
Telephone: (781) 682-3636 Fax: (781) 335-8184
Email: nbulens@weymouth.ma.us

Please note: the contact person is the official representative for this project as authorized under item #15(b) of this application, usually not the chief municipal officer.

4. **Briefly describe the project on TWO attached pages.** Use the PARC Rating System as an outline for the description, as well as the items bulleted below, to ensure the maximum score possible for your project.

a.) Acquisition Projects:

- site location – directly serves Environmental Justice population and/or site's distance to the nearest park
- rare species (include letter from NHESP) (to determine if NHESP must approve site plans)
- historic or archaeological resource (include letter from MHC) (to determine if MHC must approve site plans)

b.) Development or Renovation Projects:

- describe facilities being developed (please note projects that require a significant amount of tree removal will not be looked at favorably)
- describe community needs, including park equity/need in this neighborhood
- new acres dedicated as parkland

c.) All Projects:

- directly serves an Environmental Justice population or area of the community that lacks park resources (show on map)
- how many seasons the site is available, the number of age groups that are able to use site
- how the needs of people with disabilities have been incorporated into the project's design (projects that have gone above and beyond to incorporate these needs will be reviewed most favorably)
- water-based recreation (include linear footage of bordering water resource)
- how the project's design incorporates climate resiliency, including the number of trees that will be planted at the park
- fiscal or future maintenance cooperation with any other governmental agency (state, federal, county), private nonprofit, local business, etc.
- consistency with any nearby State Priority Development or Preservation Areas as shown on the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan, Merrimack Valley Land Use Priority Plan, 495/ MetroWest Development Compact Plan, Metro North Plan, or CMRPC Plan
- environmental education/interpretive services planned for site
- regional or statewide facility (communities applying in these categories should submit a Usage Report)
 - accessible via public transportation (within a 1/2-mile walk)
 - parking for 100 (or more) vehicles

5. Proposed Funding:

The PARC program is a **reimbursement** program. Grant recipients are reimbursed after invoices have been paid. **The total project cost must be raised or appropriated by the municipality shortly after project approval if it has not already been appropriated.** Costs incurred prior to grant approval and contract execution are ineligible, **including design costs.** Force account labor, volunteer hours, and donations are also ineligible. Refer to PARC regulations (Section 5.07) for eligible cost details. Sample budget can be found in Attachment E.

Total Eligible Project Cost:	\$ <u>1,673,045.00</u>
PARC Request: (52-70% of total project cost based on Equalized Valuation Per Capita, can be found on DCS web page, maximum of \$400,000)	\$ <u>400,000.00</u>
Municipal Share: (Community Development Block Grant via federal or local government sources, Community Preservation Act, etc., please specify in narrative)	\$ <u>1,273,045.00</u>
Other: (i.e. private donation to community, fund raising, etc. Note that any donations for the project must be put into a municipal account earmarked for the project as EEA can only reimburse on a canceled municipal check.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
(PARC Request + Municipal Share + Other = Total Eligible Project Cost)	

Attach a one page description of the proposed project budget including:

The source of all local funding including donations and Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds.

- Description of the details of any donation, if applicable (be sure these funds are gifted to the community and earmarked for the project).
- Description of any other sources of funding including federal, state, municipal, or nonprofit organizations. List these partners and describe their contribution. Not all sources of state and federal funds are compatible with every DCS grant program.
- Budget should be broken into two distinct fiscal years for renovation and development projects – FY 17 costs associated with design, FY 18 costs associated with construction. Please note that PARC grants cannot reimburse municipalities for design costs only.

6. Project Type: Please indicate type of project, refer to the program's regulations for definitions (Sec 5:03) and to the list of required attachments found at the end of this application form to substantiate any "yes" answers. Indicate here whether:

- ☒ Your municipality is an urban population center (city of any size or town with 35,000 or more residents)
- ☐ Your project qualifies as a regional or statewide project (town with 35,000 or less residents whose proposed project has public transportation access and/or over 100 car parking) (submit a Usage Report)
- ☐ Your project qualifies as a "small town" project (town with 35,000 or less residents) – please note that these applications will be competing amongst themselves in a separate pool for \$250,000
- ☐ Your municipality is on Cape Cod or the Islands (eligible for \$400,000 grant award maximum)

7. Community Preservation Act

Has your community passed the Community Preservation Act?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "yes", please note that successful grant applicants that have purchased real property interests for open space or recreational purposes using money from the Community Preservation Fund must have all conservation restrictions required by Section 12 of Chapter 44B approved by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and recorded prior to receipt of final project reimbursement from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Also, any communities that have acquired land through the Cape Cod Land Bank must show CRs as well (for file records only).

8. Describe **outstanding leases, restrictions or other rights or interests** held by others in the project site and enclosed copy of the same (for file records only).

There are no outstanding leases, restrictions, or other rights or interests held by others in the project site at this time. The lot was acquired with CPA funds in 2011, which will require a conservation restriction to be added. This would be completed by the end of the PARC grant's performance period (FY18).

9. Is the property **permanently dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes** (MGL Chapter 45, Section 3 or 14)? If not, please submit draft dedication language for DCS review as all PARC projects must be dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes.

☐ Yes

☒ No

10. Are **fees currently charged or proposed** for this facility? If yes, please attach a copy of the fee system. Charging fees is allowed subject to DCS approval. If applicant is awarded a grant, the site cannot be restricted to municipal residents only. If fees are charged based on residency, fees for nonresidents are subject to Section 5.08(3) of the PARC regulations (for file records only).

☒ Yes (copy attached)

☐ No

11. Municipal Open Space and Recreation Plan

Describe how your project meets the recommendations in your current Open Space and Recreation Plan. To receive points in this category, you must cite specific goals, objectives, and/or actions from the Action Plan and the associated page number references. If we already have a copy of your plan, there is no need to submit another copy.

	Goal, objective, or action plan item from current OSRP	Page #
1	Take advantage of hilltop views by designing, enhancing, and maintaining hilltop park sites including Great Hill and the recently acquired King Oak Hill property.	8-1
2	Provide safe and secure pedestrian and bicycle connections to major open space and recreation opportunities, transit, and Weymouth's schools.	8-5
3	Encourage walking and hiking for transportation and fitness.	8-5
4	Provide adequate parking facilities at major facilities.	8-5
5	Incorporate Weymouth's historic resources, including the Abigail Adams House and the Old North Cemetery and Emery Estate, into the open space system.	8-6
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12. Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Describe how your project advances the Goals and Objectives (Chapter 5) in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. It can be found online at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/dcs/scorp-2012-final.pdf>.

The King Oak Hill Park project would advance at least two of the four goals of the 2012 Massachusetts SCORP. In particular, the project would increase the availability of recreational trails (Goal 1) within walking distance to where people live and where they can jump on/off public transit (Goal 3). Weymouth is classified by Walk Score as a "car-dependent city", meaning there is a strong need for more care-free recreation options (see Attachment I). This is particularly true for East Weymouth, which Walk Score identifies as having the second largest number of residents (about 18,000) among Weymouth's four villages (see Attachment I). In addition, the new parkland would have walking loops connecting to a broader village trail system. This means people could (A) enjoy the area with the mode of transportation they use to access the site (SCORP, pg 22) and (B) do so in a shorter amount of time (SCORP, pg 17). It should also be noted that Weymouth has an aging population (one in five is over age 60), and the SCORP reports that hiking/walking trails are the most popular resources and activities for adults and seniors. Furthermore, the King Oak Hill Park would border a federal CDBG low-moderate income target area (see Attachment B), which is consistent with investment in economically diverse neighborhoods under the SCORP (Goal 4).

13. Enhanced Outreach to Environmental Justice Populations

Describe how Environmental Justice populations in your community (or neighboring communities) were able to participate in the public design process. Please include any flyers, mailings, etc. that were distributed to the community and list here where they were distributed.

The conceptual designs were presented to the public in a special meeting organized by the Mayor's Emery Estate Advisory Committee on June 21. Great strides were taken to reach the Town's two EJ neighborhoods (2010 Census), both located in the East Weymouth village. Weymouth's largest minority population speaks Portuguese. We know this from the schools' English language learners program (80% speak Portuguese), and from Manet Community Health Center, Weymouth's dominant federally qualified health center. A public meeting announcement was created in both English and Portuguese. On June 14, Town staff provided the announcement to management offices at Queen Anne's Gate and Weymouth Commons located within the EJ neighborhoods. Also on June 14, Town staff posted both translations on the community bulletin board at Shaw's Supermarket and on the window at Terra Nossa Center Market, a large Brazilian super market and eatery where Manet Community Health Center has done outreach. The following actions were also taken: (1) the Mayor released an announcement to the local papers on June 14; (2) the Mayor posted the press release to his web page on June 15; (3) a public announcement was published on the Town's website on June 16 (included both translations); (4) the Weymouth News published an online article on June 16; (5) the Boston Globe South published an article on June 21; and (6) the public meeting was recorded and began airing on local television on June 22. Please see Attachment D for all documentation.

14. Check the following if applicable to project (for file records only):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Prime agricultural lands (see Ex. Order #193) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Cultural, historic, archeological site: Contact MA Historical Commission (617) 727-8470 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Endangered species habitat: Contact MA Natural Heritage Program (508) 389-6300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Environmental intrusion, i.e. overhead power lines (must be buried), safety hazards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Brownfield – 21E evaluation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Located in the State Priority Preservation Area as shown on the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan, Merrimack Valley Land Use Priority Plan, or the 495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, Metro North Plan, or CMRPC Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Environmental Justice population (see EJ data viewer at http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map_ol/ej.php) |

Acquisition projects only

- ☐ Yes ☒ No Acquisition involving relocation of residents, tenants, or businesses

Do you have a Purchase and Sales Agreement or Agreed Price?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, amount:

\$ _____

Is Clear Title available?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, is an eminent domain taking anticipated?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, proposed pro tanto award amount:

\$ _____

Note that if clear title is not available, the community may decide to acquire the property by a friendly taking (eminent domain) process to clear the title. It is best to know if there is a potential title problem as soon as possible since this can complicate the acquisition process.

Appraisal Report #1

Valuation: \$ _____

Appraiser: _____

Valuation Date: _____

Appraisal Report #2 (if needed) (see section 2B for details)

Valuation: \$ _____

Appraiser: _____

Valuation Date: _____

15. Check if the following permits are required (for file records only):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (404 or Rivers and Waterways) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | MA DEP Division of Wetlands & Waterways (617) 292-5518 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Zoos) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | C. 131 s. 40 Wetlands (municipal conservation commission) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | MEPA Review (301 CMR 11.00: MEPA Regulations) (617) 626-1020 |

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If any of the above permits are required, the permit or application for the permit must be submitted. Should the project be selected for funding, the permit will be required as part of the final application.

16. Attach certification of:

- a. The **Chief Executive Officer's legal authorization to execute contracts**. This is a resolution, motion, or similar action that has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the community's governing body that authorizes the filing of the applications, including all understandings and assurances contained therein by the signatory, usually a page from the town/city charter will satisfy this requirement (this is not a DCS form to be completed); and
- b. Authorization from chief municipal officer identifying individual named on the first page of this application who acts as official of municipality in connection with the application and who will provide such additional information as may be required (See Urban Self-Help Regulations 5.04:(6)).

07/11/16
Date


Signature of Chief Municipal Officer

Robert L. Hedlund, Mayor

Name and Title (Typed)

2016-2020

Duration of Term

Mailing Address: 75 Middle St

Weymouth, MA 02189

Telephone: 781-340-5012

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BUDGET DETAILS (ITEM #5)

Project Element	Cost
Emery Lane Access & Parking	\$ 337,415
Commercial Street Pedestrian Access	\$ 120,000
Drainage & Utilities	\$ 221,190
Comfort Building	\$ 240,000
Pavilion	\$ 240,000
Lighting	\$ 288,000
Walking Paths & Park Furniture	\$ 130,440
Tree Planting & General Landscaping	\$ 96,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$1,673,045

FY17 PARC Request (Construction Only)	\$400,000
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\$1,273,045 Town of Weymouth Share Breakdown:

\$1,273,045 from Bond

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