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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Yovani Baez-Rose, Design Planner, Shannon Cohan, Superintendent of Parks

DATE: May 6, 2021

SUBJECT: MOTION OF 4/13/21 BY COUNCILOR CHAU
REQUEST CITY MANAGER JOIN WITH LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION
AND MA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION TO ENHANCE THE GREEN
LANDSCAPE AT ARMORY PARK IN THE LOWER HIGHLANDS WITH TREE
PLANTINGS THIS SUMMER

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) Parks Division have been working closely on the Greening the Gateway Cities Program this year. Armory Park is within the planting zone of this grant program and has been identified as a location for new trees. The state's arborists from the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) Urban & Community Forestry Program have visited Armory Park and have identified locations for 4 new trees within the park. DCR crews will be planting 1 of each of the following tree species at the park: Ginko, Serbian Spruce, Pin Oak, and Scholar Tree.

The new addition of a community garden at Armory Park this season will also ensure a lot of new activity at the park. Mill City Grows community gardens have always been a great addition to our parks, bringing a lot of activity and visitors to their garden plots. The city is also planning to install a small splash area at Armory Park and will include some enhanced landscaping around that area within the park.

In the fall, DPW will plant bulbs for additional spring blooms next year.

YBR/crt

cc: Christine Clancy, P.E., Commissioner of Public Works