

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing a confirmation/correction to a previous vote for the City Manager to apply for, accept, and expend a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in the amount of \$978,120.00 for design, engineering, and community engagement services for the Saint Louis Sponge Park Phase 2 project in Lowell, MA.

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2024, the City of Lowell voted apply for, accept, and expend a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

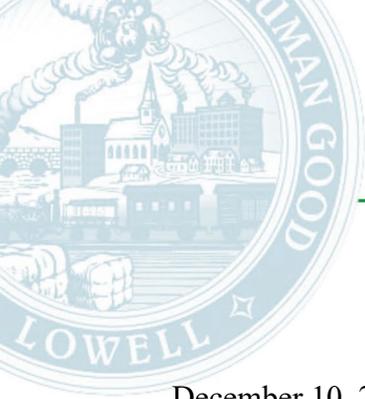
WHEREAS, due to a scrivener's error on the original vote pertaining to the monetary amount of the grant, a confirmation of the vote is necessary to correct the error.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to apply for, accept, and expend a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in the amount of \$978,120.00 for design, engineering, and community engagement services for the Saint Louis Sponge Park Phase 2 project in Lowell, MA.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and herby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs grant.



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

December 10, 2024

Mayor Daniel Rourke
and
Members of City Council

REFERENCE: MVP grant for St. Louis Sponge Park

Dear Mayor Rourke and Members of The City Council,

DPD requests a vote to authorize application, acceptance, and expenditure of the \$978,120 FY25-FY26 Municipal Vulnerabilities Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant awarded to the Saint Louis Sponge Park Phase 2 project by the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA).

The Saint Louis Sponge Park Phase 2 project includes design, engineering, and community engagement to transform the under-utilized 6-acre park into a regional destination and model of climate resilience. The design will explore green infrastructure and nature-based solutions such as bioretention ponds, bioswales, urban reforestation, and pollinator habitat to help mitigate the impacts of climate change including inland flooding, air and water pollution, and urban heat island effect. Phase 2 will also include an outdoor classroom, multilingual educational signage, and climate-themed public art. This project is being coordinated with the Wastewater Department to maximize the benefits of the Centralville sewer separation project.

If you have additional questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant City Manager/DPD Director Yovani Baez-Rose at 978-674-4252.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden Jr.
City Manager