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INITIAL ELIGIBILITY PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

DUE BY DECEMBER 1

TOWN OF NEEDHAM
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
 c/o Park & Recreation Department
 Public Services Administration Building
 500 Dedham Avenue, Needham, MA 02492
www.needhamma.gov/CPC

- 1. Applicant:** Town Manager
Director of Public Works
- Submission Date:** 12/1/13
- 2. Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email:**
- 500 Dedham Avenue
Needham, MA 02492

Contact Name: Ed Olsen, Superintendent of
 Parks and Forestry
- 3. Purpose:**
(Please select all that apply)
- Open Space**
 - Community Housing
 - Historic Preservation**
 - Recreation
- 4. Project Name:** Town Common Historic Re-Design
- 5. Project Location/Address/Ownership (Control):**
Town Common – 1471 Highland Avenue – Board of Selectmen
- 6. Amount Requested:** \$ 20,000
- 7. Estimated Total Project Cost (If Different):** \$ 200,000
- 8. Critical Dates: (If Applicable)**
Coordinate with Downtown Streetscape improvements and replacement of Blue Tree

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9. Project Summary: In 100 words or less provide a brief summary of the project:

The chosen consultant would review the current conditions of the trees, hardscape and landscape and work with Town officials to re-design the Town Common to reflect its historic nature, provide opportunities for community gatherings, and provide a landscape that enhances its uses as well as providing an aesthetically pleasing vista. The project would likely include the stripping of grass, amendments to soil, redesign of irrigation, sod, selective tree removals and the addition of new trees, improvements to hardscape, lighting and seating.

10. Community Need: In 100 words or less provide a brief statement of the need for and the benefits to the community.

The Town Hall and Town Common are a Needham historic district, listed on the National Register. For many of the Town's 300 years, it has also been the gathering place for the community, whether it is for organized events or for individual residents enjoying a park in the Town center. A Town committee has been developing recommendations for improvements in the downtown business district, so this project would reflect some of the appropriate recommendations from that plan. In addition, the "Blue Tree" is coming to the end of its life and plans are moving forward for the replacement of that tree. This project would encourage the continued use of the Town Common, as well as increase its beauty.

Note: This application enables the Community Preservation Committee to review the request to assess eligibility. You shall be notified by January 1 of your eligibility. If eligible you will be requested to supply additional information by February 1.