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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
Trustees of Memorial Park, 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:** Memorial Park Improvements
- 5. Project Location/Address/Ownership (Control):**
Memorial Park – 92 Rosemary Street – under jurisdiction of Trustees of Memorial Park
- 6. Amount Requested:** \$ **257,000**
- 7. Estimated Total Project Cost (If Different):** \$
- 8. Critical Dates: (If Applicable)**
Work to be done in late summer and fall

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

This project would address two concerns at Memorial Park. Sitting at the base of a large hill, Memorial Park captures water flow from the High School. Though the current drainage is able to handle typical storms, it is not sufficient to capture all of the rain during heavy storms, so the intended project would increase capacity for capturing the run-off. The second project would improve the quality of soil, creating a better root zone. The current conditions encourage grubs to thrive, decreasing the safety for athletes using the diamond. The top surfaces would be stripped, the soil would receive amendments and the diamond would be re-sodded.

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

Improved safety conditions would be the result of both of these projects being completed. The so-called "100 year storms" appear to be more frequent. Capturing more water within Memorial Park will decrease the amount of run-off flowing onto Highland Avenue, and give the street's drainage system a greater ability to control the amount of water on a major thoroughfare. The drainage system would also capture the surface water, so that there is less impact on the use of the baseball diamond.

Grubs continue to be an issue at Memorial Park. The grubs eat on the root system of the plant, destroying the grass, which is the playing surface and what protects the movement of the athlete's feet. Unless the soil system is changed, the environment will continue to encourage grubs to thrive.

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.