



Town of Bridgewater **Community Preservation Committee**

March 18, 2024

6:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82106993410>

To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 821 069 934 10

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2020, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, and the March 31, 2025, extension granted by Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance is permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Comment**
- C. Old Business**
 - a) Senior Center Community Gardens - Application *VOTE*
- D. Adjournment of Meeting**



Project Application

Community Preservation Committee

Bridgewater, MA

Cover Sheet

An electronic copy of this application and all supporting materials should be submitted to the CPC Chair at cpc@bridgewaterma.org and the CPC's administrative assistant (McGraw, Joshua <JMCRAW@bridgewaterma.org>). Applications should be submitted **no later than 4:00PM at least two weeks prior to the CPC's meeting (the CPC meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month).**

Complete applications received by this date will be reviewed at the next CPC meeting and considered for recommendation to the Town Council. Applications received after this will be reviewed at the following month's meeting, unless you receive an exception from the CPC chair for cases related to real estate purchase opportunities.¹ Projects may have timelines extending to a maximum of five years.

Projects will be favored by the CPC where:

- The project addresses at least one goal of the current CPC 5-yr. plan <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/DocumentCenter/View/2928/Community-Preservation-Committee-Plan?bidId=>
- the applicant has site control of the proposed project parcel or involvement of the site owner.
- there is demonstrated community support for the project from elected officials, abutters, user groups, civic associations, and community organizations.
- applicants can demonstrate their capacity to implement their project and have a plan for ongoing maintenance and stewardship. projects occur on public space or private space with public access.

- Applicant Signature: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Amended 3/11/24 *MD*

¹ For cases related to real estate purchase opportunities, the CPC may consider emergency requests for funding outside of their regular meeting schedule. If you think you might be eligible for emergency consideration, please contact the CPC Chair. The CPC Chair has the authority to accept exceptions or extensions. They will consider such requests on a case-by-case basis and is under no obligation to grant any requested extensions or exceptions.



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Complete Application Check List

Please submit the application in this order:

- ☐ Project Application Cover Page (signed)
- ☐ Project Narrative and Timeline
- ☐ Budget Narrative and cost breakdown
- ☐ Required Project Attachments including:
 - ☐ Documentation of who has site control on the property (if other than the applicant)
 - ☐ Photographs of project site (at least three (3))
 - ☐ Map of project site showing nearest major roads or intersections
 - ☐ Letters of support from relevant Town departments, officials, and boards/commissions
 - ☐ Letters of commitment (from any organizations or individuals providing funding to the project)
- ☐ Other attachments as applicable and available to your project.

Note: Applicants may be required to submit additional supporting materials and documentation, as requested by the CPC, to aid the committee in their decision-making process.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Name: _____

Project Location (address and neighborhood): _____

Legal Property Owner of Record: _____

CPA Program Area (check all that apply):

☐ Open Space ☐ Historic Preservation ☐ Community Housing ☐ Recreation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Short Project Description: _____

Estimated Start Date: ____ **Estimated Completion Date:** ____

Amount Requested: \$ _____ **Total Project Cost:** \$ _____

PROJECT CONTACT

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Project Sponsor/Organization (check one below):

☐ Town Committee or Department ☐ Public Charity/Non-Profit ☐ Private

Have you or this organization applied for or received CPA funding before? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what project and when? _____

ASSURANCE

I _____ hereby certify under the penalties of perjury the
(Print the name of the fiduciary agent)
following application information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I
am legally able to enter into a contract on behalf of _____ (with the
Town of Bridgewater for Community Preservation Funds.

Signature MDutton _____

Date _____

Title _____

Amended 3/11/24 MD



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Project Narrative

Use as much space as needed and refer to the CPC's Project Application Guidance for requirements

1. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION, TASKS, & ANTICIPATED OUTCOME:**

2. **CPC GOALS AND PRIORITIES:**

3. **COMMUNITY NEEDS:**

4. **COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** List of Letters of Support

Name <i>(committee, department, official, organization, etc.)</i>	Date Requested	Date Submitted

5. **IMPLEMENTATION AND TIMELINE:**

6. **ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CAPACITY:**

7. **MAINTENANCE:**

8. **MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS:**

9. See Attachments Checklist for additional required materials, if applicable and available.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: *MDutton*

DATE SUBMITTED: 2/16/24
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Project Application Attachments (see Application Guidance)

1. **SITE CONTROL**
2. **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**
3. **VISUAL MATERIALS:**
4. **MAPS:**
5. **FUNDING SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS**
 - a. Historic Preservation Proposals
 - b. OPEN SPACE PROPOSALS
 - c. RECREATION PROPOSALS
 - d. COMMUNITY HOUSING PROPOSALS
 - e. Proposals Involving Real Property
 - f. Proposals Involving Design and Construction

Check out the CPC's webpage for more information:

<https://www.bridgewaterma.org/1353/Community-Preservation-Committee>



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Project Budget Narrative

PROJECT COST:

Project Budget Overview

Total Project Cost	CPA Amount Requested	Other Funding Sources	CPA Funds: % of Total
\$	\$	\$	%

LEVERAGING FUNDING:

Sources of Funding Overview

Source <i>(private, federal, state, or local government)</i>	Amount	Status <i>(received, pending, will apply)</i>
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

ANTICIPATED PROJECT EXPENSES:

PROJECT COST ASSUMPTIONS:

ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE:

BONDING AGAINST CPA FUNDS:



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Project Budget Attachment

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Project Cost	CPA Amount Requested	Other Funding Sources	CPA Funds: % of Total
\$	\$	\$	%

INCOME – OTHER SOURCES OF PROJECT FUNDING

Source (private, federal, state, or local government)	Amount	Status (received, pending, will apply)
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

SUMMARY OF PROJECT EXPENSES²

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Personnel	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	\$	\$	\$
Supplies	\$	\$	\$
Design and Contracts	\$	\$	\$
Construction	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

² Equipment is generally defined as an item with a useful life expectancy of more than one year. Supplies are defined as an item with a useful life of less than one year. Construction means all types of work done on a particular property or building including erecting, altering or remodeling.



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DETAILED PROJECT EXPENSES

Personnel

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex: Project Manager	\$5,000	\$50,000	\$55,000
Ex. Inspectional Services	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Equipment³

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex: Furniture	\$	\$5,000	\$50,000
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Supplies⁴

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex:	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Design and Contracts

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
Ex: Deed Restriction	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Ex: Appraisal	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

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Building and Construction⁵

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
<i>Ex: Picnic Pavilion</i>	\$	\$50,000	\$50,000
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Other

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
<i>Ex: Land Acquisition</i>	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$1,500,000
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Task based task (scope) costs identifying funding source

	CPA Funds	Other Funding	Total
<i>Ex: Accessible Entrance</i>	\$100,000	\$15,000	\$115,000
<i>Ex: Accessible Elevator</i>	\$75,000	\$0	\$ 75,000
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	

Attach Letters of support and other key documents.

⁵ Construction means all types of work done on a particular property or building including erecting, altering or remodeling.

Supplemental Attachment to the CPC Project Application

February 2024

Project Name: Senior Center Accessible Community Gardens

Short Description:

Intergenerational Community Gardens at the Senior Center/Pickleball Courts

Project Narrative

Project Description

The Senior Center Community Garden project is thoughtfully designed to improve the health of Bridgewater older adults and people of all ages. It will foster connections, economic development, combat social isolation, relieve food insecurity, improve public safety and health of our residents, encourage inclusion of all abilities, and community connectedness. The design and master plan were completed in 2023. Remaining project tasks include contracting with local providers, construction, planting, and helping people grow the food and plants they need. The project outcome includes the creation of an intergenerational community garden.

CPA Category: Recreation

Goal #2 Preserve existing natural open space and passive recreation facilities—specifically enhancing safety and public access. The 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update (OSRP) noted that Bridgewater already has relatively abundant open space and recreation resources for its residents when looking at its “acreage level of service” which compares the amount of open space and recreation acreage to its population. During the outreach for this plan, participants expressed a desire to focus more resources on managing and maintaining its existing facilities and resources to better optimize their use—rather than acquiring more conservation land. With the July 2012 amendments to the CPA statute, rehabilitation of existing parks and playgrounds are eligible CPA activities. Further, as the community’s population ages, accessibility improvements that accommodate people of all ages and abilities will only grow in importance. The CPC supports accessibility improvements to expand public enjoyment and access to public resources or private historic resources that are open to the public for public enjoyment and use. According to the 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update, roughly 8 percent of Bridgewater’s total civilian noninstitutionalized population has some level of disabilities—ranging from vision or 26 This can include properties with prime farmland soils not be currently actively farmed for scenic, economic, and local food production value. 27 Chapter 61 programs offer tax breaks to landowners who maintain their property as open space for timber production, agriculture, or recreation. Chapter 61 addresses land maintained for forestry; Chapter 61A for agriculture; and Chapter 61B for open space and recreation.

Community Goal Compatibility

Goal #1 in Bridgewater's 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update, "Provide and enhance balanced recreational opportunities for active and passive recreation that meet the sports-oriented and nature-oriented needs of the community's age demographics."

Goal #7 in Bridgewater's 2015 Recreation Needs Assessment, Identify and implement opportunities for additional public walkways providing connectivity between neighborhoods and the various recreation facilities."

Goal #4 Create, preserve, and acquire neighborhood-level open spaces for pocket parks, community gardens, and other outdoor gathering spaces. As communities grow, open space is under increasing pressure to perform important ecosystem services, such as providing urban habitats, mitigating stormwater runoff, and offering additional health benefits. Public natural areas and open space, often protected by community land trusts in other Massachusetts's communities, typically provide these critical ecological functions. Although small in size, green spaces on private property make up large parts of the urban land base and provide important roles for habitat and ecosystem services. The CPC will prioritize apartment-oriented projects which explore opportunities to improve vacant or underutilized spaces, such as lots or greenspaces shared by an apartment complexes and community gardens, through greening infrastructure. Open space should help tie areas of Bridgewater together, provide buffers against incompatible uses, enable growth of local food sources, and add value to surrounding properties.

CPA Category: Recreation

Goal #2 Rehabilitate existing or create new facilities to improve safety and public access to active outdoor recreational facilities, such as Stiles and Hart. The CPC encourages project proposals to rehabilitate aging or create new recreation facilities to make them accessible to persons of all abilities, including those with special needs, such as additional lighting, fencing, ramps, and other design features. According to the 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update, roughly 8 percent of Bridgewater's total civilian noninstitutionalized population has some level of disabilities—ranging from vision or hearing limitations to reliance on wheelchairs or crutches.

Community Goal Compatibility

Goal #1 in Bridgewater's 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update, "Provide and enhance balanced recreational opportunities for active and passive recreation that meet the sports-oriented and nature-oriented needs of the community's age demographics." Goal #1 in Bridgewater's 2015 Recreation Needs Assessment, "Improve uniform signage and clearly established entrances to clearly brand Town conservation areas and recreation facilities and direct the public to them." Goal #6 in Bridgewater's 2015 Recreation Needs Assessment, "Improve safety at passive recreation areas including highly visible and safe vehicular and

pedestrian entrances, improved parking areas, bike storage facilities, ADA-accessible pathways, benches and picnic tables, interpretive signage, expanded trail networks, trail markings and opening up of viewing areas.”

Goal #5 Create outdoor recreational facilities that cater to older residents and individuals with special needs, such as pickleball courts and ADA-accessible facilities. With the segment of residents aged 55 years and older growing to almost a third of all residents, the recreational needs of the community will also change.³¹ During this plan’s community outreach process, community stakeholders expressed a desire for a facility oriented towards older adults. There are many health benefits from daily moderate physical activity, including lower blood pressure and healthy bones and joints. ³² This allows many to maintain the ability to live independently for longer. Some older residents may have physical disabilities—making it difficult to use existing facilities. Active outdoor recreation facilities should accommodate all of Bridgewater’s users.

- Develop community garden plots, particularly near concentrations of elderly persons.
- Continue enhancing Senior Center service and programs
- Extend Senior Shuttle service to increase access to local programs and recourses.
- Add more shaded tables, sitting areas and low-stress activity opportunities such as exercise circuit, neighborhood parks, bocce court, etc.

Community Needs

- Improve public space.
- Develop infrastructure and facilities to support residents of all ages and abilities in outdoor recreation.



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(774)284-1171 | info@gardeninangels.com | http://www.gardeninangels.com/

Landscape Management & Construction

RECIPIENT:

Melissa Desjardins

33 Father Carney Drive
Milton, Massachusetts 02186

Quote #12943

Sent on 03/23/2023

Total \$87,974.56

SERVICE ADDRESS:

10 Wally Krueger Way
Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324

PRODUCT / SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Dining Patio and Community Gardens Bridgewater Senior Center Landscape Improvements				
Item 1	Strip existing lawn & loam 2,000 SF Sod	1	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00
Item 2	Remove existing asphalt path from parking lot to door	1	\$400.00	\$400.00
Item 3	Mobilize	1	\$700.00	\$700.00
Item 4	Hardscape Concrete pavers - Unilock Beacon Hill (color, finish and sizes to match existing): dry set: 3/8" grey poly sand joints, 1" stone dust setting bed and 8"D, 3/4" compacted dense pack gravel base 2000 Sq. Feet	2000	\$28.00	\$56,000.00
Site Improvements				
Item 5	Arbor: 2 Achla Monet II Extra Wide Garden Arbor from Gardener's Supply Cost of Material 1,029.56 Labor to Install 1,040.00	1	\$2,069.56	\$2,069.56
Item 6	2 Covered pedestal grill www.wabashvalley.com/product/covered-grill/ Cost of 2 grills With tax and deliver 5,535.00 Cost to Install 600.00	1	\$6,135.00	\$6,135.00
Item 7	8 Raised planters - 4'Wx8'Lx15"H with organic potting soil for vegetables	8	\$0.00	\$0.00
	By Owner			
Item 8	8 ADA accessilbe Planters - 4'Wx2'Lx42"H with organic potting soil for vegetables	8	\$0.00	\$0.00
	By Owner			

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PRODUCT / SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Item 9	7 Tables by Owner	7	\$0.00	\$0.00
Item 10	4 Benches (4' long) By Owner	4	\$0.00	\$0.00
Planting (see plant list on plan)				
Item 11	Trees 2 Acer palmatum 'Trombly's Red' (AP) Columnar Japanese Maple 1.5 to 2.5" @ 300.00 = 600.00 2 Amelanchier 'Rainbow Pillar' 6' to 8' @ 250.00 = 500.00	1	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Item 12	Shrubs and vines 4 Purple Clematis @ 30.00 = 120.00 10 Clethera 'Pink Spires' -Summersweet 3 Gal. @ 35.00 = 350.00 10 Columnar Japanese Holly 5 Gallons @ 55.00 = 550.00 7 Dwarf Mountain Laurel 5 Gal. @ 90.00= 630.00	1	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
Item 13	Pernennials 12 Coral Bells 1 Gal. @ 15.00 = 180.00 15 Beacon Silver Spotted dead needles 1 Gal @ 18.00 = 270.00 17 Lilly turf 1 gal. @ 15.00 = 255.00	1	\$705.00	\$705.00
Item 14	Mulch surfacing 1200 Sq feet 7 Yards	7	\$45.00	\$315.00
Landscape	Labor for Planting and Mulch	1	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00*
Item 15	Tree Downlight: VOLT® Woodsman Single Source Integrated LED Downlight with Detachable, offset quick-connect brass tri-pod mount to protect the tree	8	\$250.00	\$2,000.00
Item 16	Uplights at arbor and trees: VOLT® G4 Infiniti™ 30 Integrated LED Brass Spotlight (Bronze)	4	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
Item 17	Cafe lights (www.ledbistolights.com) with 2 posts / attachment to arbors and buildings 255 Lf * Needs Material Pricing (11) 24FT string	1	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00



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Landscape Management & Construction

PRODUCT / SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Item 18	Low voltage wire, tranformers, etc (TBD by electrician)	1	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00

Total **\$87,974.56**

* Non-taxable

This quote is valid for the next 30 days, after which values may be subject to change.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL / Yard & Outdoors / Yard & Garden Decor / Trellises & Obelisks / Bird Cafe + Akoris Garden Tuteur Jr.



Bird Cafe + Akoris Garden Tuteur Jr.

1 Review [Write a Review](#)

✓ 100% of respondents would recommend this to a friend

Item#: 8600528

\$429.00

Select Color : LEAF GREEN



Quantity In Stock

ADD TO CART

Add to Wishlist

Special Shipping Information

Additional Handling Charge Applies



- Expert Gardening Advice
- Our Guarantee
- Certified B-Corp

Description	—
How To	+
Shipping	+

Modern Bird Feeder Adorns a Trellis

- No current seasonal shipping restrictions
- This item is made-to-order and currently ships within 3 to 4 weeks

The sculptural Bird Cafe is a modern feeder for feathered friends who call your garden their home. The Bird Cafe together with the Akoris Garden Tuteur provides a stunning garden ecosystem for flora and avians. The Bird Cafe has a natural steel oxide finish and the steel trellis is finished in brilliant water-resistant powder-coated colors or a natural oxide patina. Designed and crafted in the U.S.A this modern, rustic habitat is something that even the hippest of birds will tweet about!!

Product Details

- Oxidized steel, powder-coated steel, stainless steel cable
- 18" square x 62" H
- Weatherproof-frost proof
- Weights 40 lbs
- Made in USA
- California residents see [Prop 65 warnings](#)

FREE SHIPPING OVER \$125

[ALL](#) / [Planters & Raised Beds](#) / [Raised Beds](#) / [Raised Garden Beds](#) / [Deep Root Raised Beds, 4' Wide](#)

Deep Root Raised Beds, 4' Wide

DESIGNED BY GSC

223 Reviews [Write a Review](#)

✓ 97% of respondents would recommend this to a friend

Item#: 8587812

\$319.99 *x2*

Select Options

Cedar 4' x 8'

Quantity

1

In Stock

ADD TO CART

[Add to Wishlist](#)[Special Shipping Information](#)[Additional Handling Charge Applies](#)

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FOR RAISED BEDS

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Other Available Sizes

Deep Root Raised
Beds, 3' WideDeep Root Raised
Beds, 2' Wide

Description

How To

Shipping

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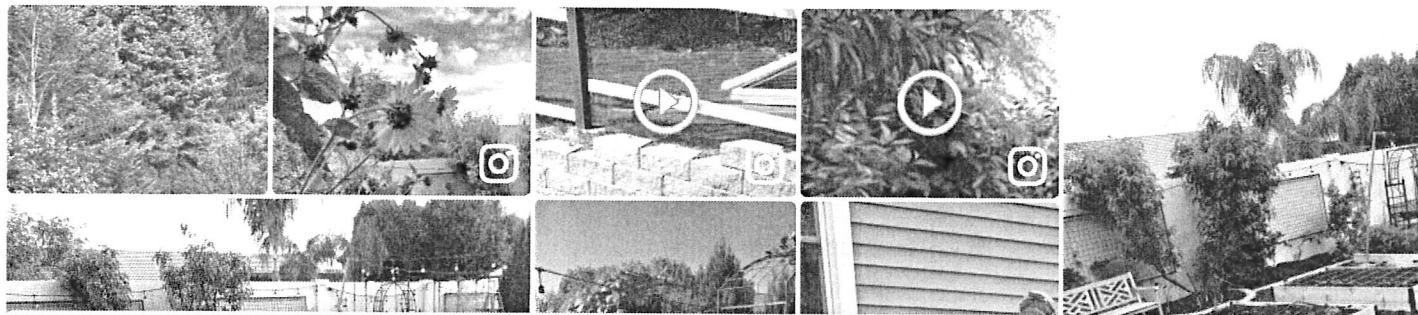
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4' Wide, Extra-Deep Raised Garden Beds with Lifetime Aluminum Corners

- No current seasonal shipping restrictions
- Designed By GSC
- 14" deep to accommodate large, deep-rooted plants
- Raised beds produce higher yields and are easier to tend than in-ground beds
- Choice of sizes to suit any garden or landscape

FREE SHIPPING OVER \$125

Customer Reviews



SHOW MORE PHOTOS

Review Snapshot by PowerReviews

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223 Reviews

Write a Review

97%
of respondents would
recommend this to a friend

5 Stars	185
4 Stars	25
3 Stars	8
2 Stars	4
1 Star	1

Reviewed by 223 customers

Most Recent

No more weeding

Very easy to put together.

Bottom Line Yes, I would recommend to a friend

Was this review helpful to you?

1 0

FLAG THIS REVIEW

Submitted 2 months ago

By Ruthie
From Michigan

Verified Buyer

My second raised bed in a month

I recently replaced my old plastic raised bed with a new one from Gardners and was so impressed that I added a new one. Love the quality of materials and ease of assembly.

MORE DETAILS

Submitted 3 months ago

By Monge
From Hobe Sound, FL

Verified Buyer

Love my beds!

Bottom Line Yes, I would recommend to a friend

Was this review helpful to you?

1 0

FLAG THIS REVIEW

Bridgewater-Raynham School District

George H. Mitchell Elementary School
500 South Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324
508-964-7500

Dennis S. Bray, Principal
Michelle Zachary, Assistant Principal

November 21, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

It is an honor and privilege to write this letter in support of the Bridgewater Senior Center on-site community gardens project. The approval of this project would allow for the students at Mitchell Elementary School (Grades PreK-2) the opportunity to visit the Senior Center and complete gardening projects and other activities with the town's senior population. This would allow for multigenerational programming where younger students would be able to develop positive relationships with our seniors. I truly believe that this project would be more than about completing projects. It would be about building relationships and partnerships. I can't think of a better way for our students to make connections and learn from our seniors in town.

On behalf of the entire Mitchell School staff and community, I thank you for your consideration in the approval of this project for the Bridgewater Senior Center. It will lead to many years of interaction, partnerships, and community building in the town of Bridgewater.

Sincerely,
Dennis S. Bray, Principal

December 13, 2021

Emily Williams, Director,
Elder Affairs, Town of Bridgewater
10 Wally Krueger Way
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am pleased to inform you that on December 12, 2023 the Bridgewater Tree Committee unanimously voted \$6,000 for the planting of trees and scrubs at the side of the Senior Center.

We commend you on your effort to beautify the Senior Center

Sincerely,

Raymond Ajemian, Chair, Bridgewater Tree Committee

Accessible Open Space and Recreation Projects

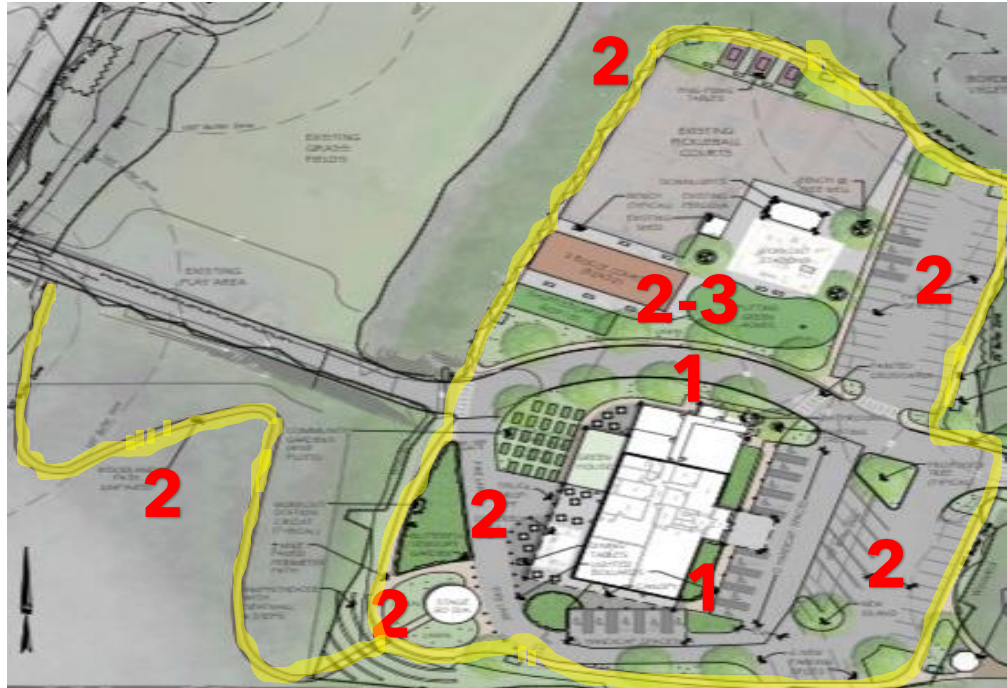
Bridgewater Senior Center

Emily Williams, MSG
Director
November 2023



Project Goals

- Execute a comprehensive Master Plan to increase accessibility and connectivity through phased improvements that accommodate people of all ages and abilities. (completed Sept. 2023)
- Increase use of outdoor space and create amenity destinations for all types of users at all times of year.
- Provide learning opportunities for all ages.
- Encourage physical activity.
- Improve site accessibility and equity.
- Help seniors stay social.
- Open new sources of support.



Phased Improvements

Phase 1 - FY24-5

- Community Gardens and Patio (CPC \$112,500)
- Generator (\$82,000) completed November 2023
- Grounds landscape work (\$21,000 capital request)
- Engineering Design Plan/Surveying Services (\$24,000 capital request)

Phase 2 - FY25-26

- Public Walkways and senior fitness equipment (\$85,000)
- Accessible trail head and hiking trails at the Senior Center woodlands and stream. (\$250,000)
- Parking Lot Reconfiguration and Circulation (\$100,000+)
- Bocce courts, putting green, shuffleboard. (\$50,000)

Phase 3 - FY27+

- Building Expansion and Greenhouse.



Benefits

- The demand for outdoor services, recreation, and supports for older adults has increased tremendously in recent years. This is due not only to the influx of “baby boomers” turning 60, as nearly 25% of the Commonwealth’s population is now over the age of 60, but also to the impact of COVID-19 on older adults.

- Population 60+

2020	2025	2030	2035
1,721,462	1,925,411	2,049,347	2,098,125



Bridgewater Population Counts & Projections

	2010	2020	2030
All Ages	26,563	26,688	25,741
Age 60+	4,086	5,725	7,280
% Age 60+	15	21.5	28.3
Growth		40	72.2

Center for Social & Demographic Research, Gerontology Institute, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy & Global Studies, UMass Boston
Population Counts (2010) and Projections (2020, 2030) by Massachusetts Town; All Ages and Age 60+

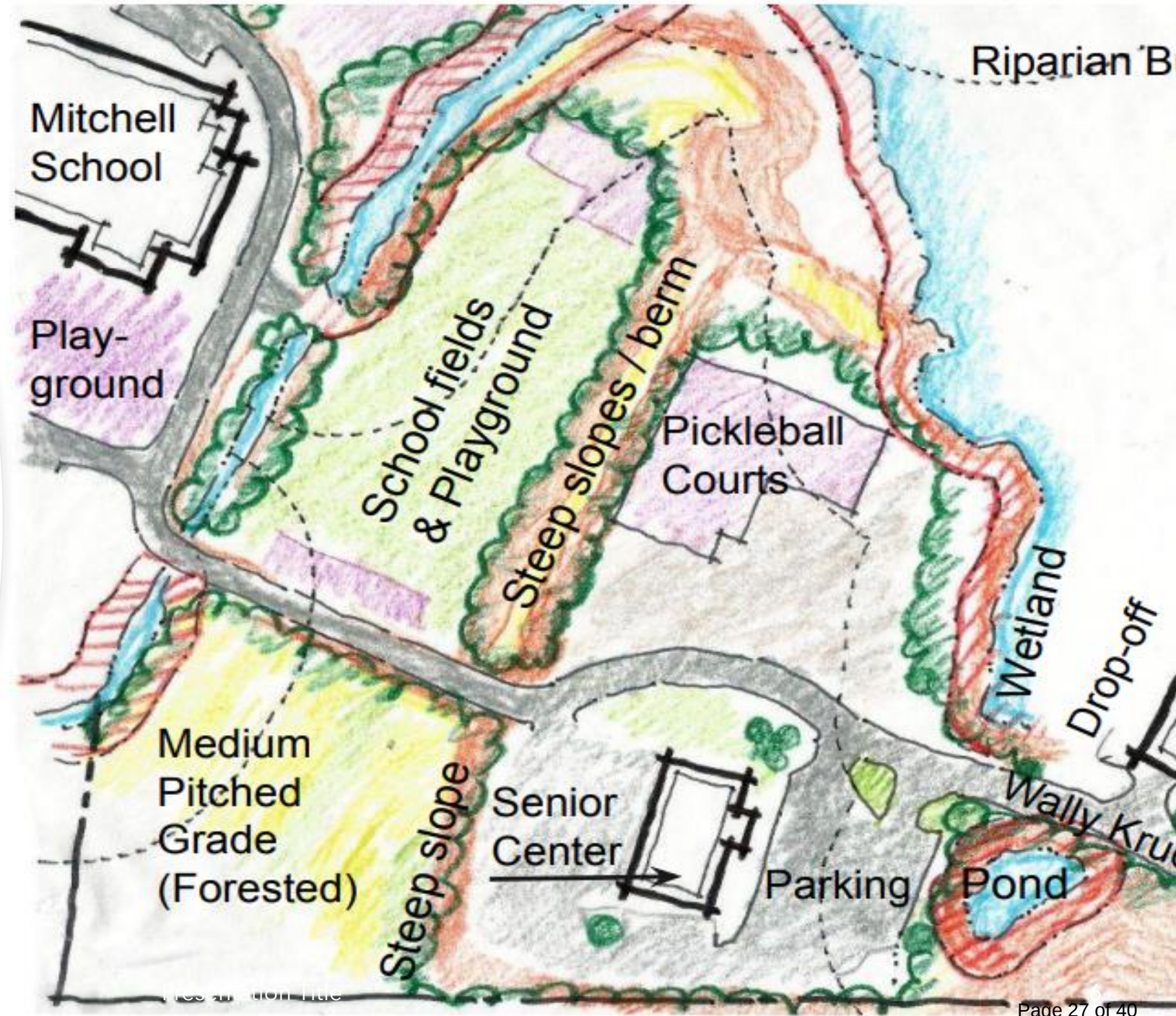
Site Analysis

Areas More Difficult to Develop:

- Orange: steep slopes (>20%)
- Blue: Edge of wetland, pond or stream
- Red: 25' no-touch setback distance
- Dark Green: Trees

Areas Less Difficult to Develop:

- Yellow: medium grade(5-15%)
- Green: Gentle slopes Purple: Recreation
- Grey: Pavement





Phase I: Connecting to Nature

Space for all
ages & abilities



Building a Community Garden



Creating a sense of place & community



Support Economic Development



Improve individual & community health



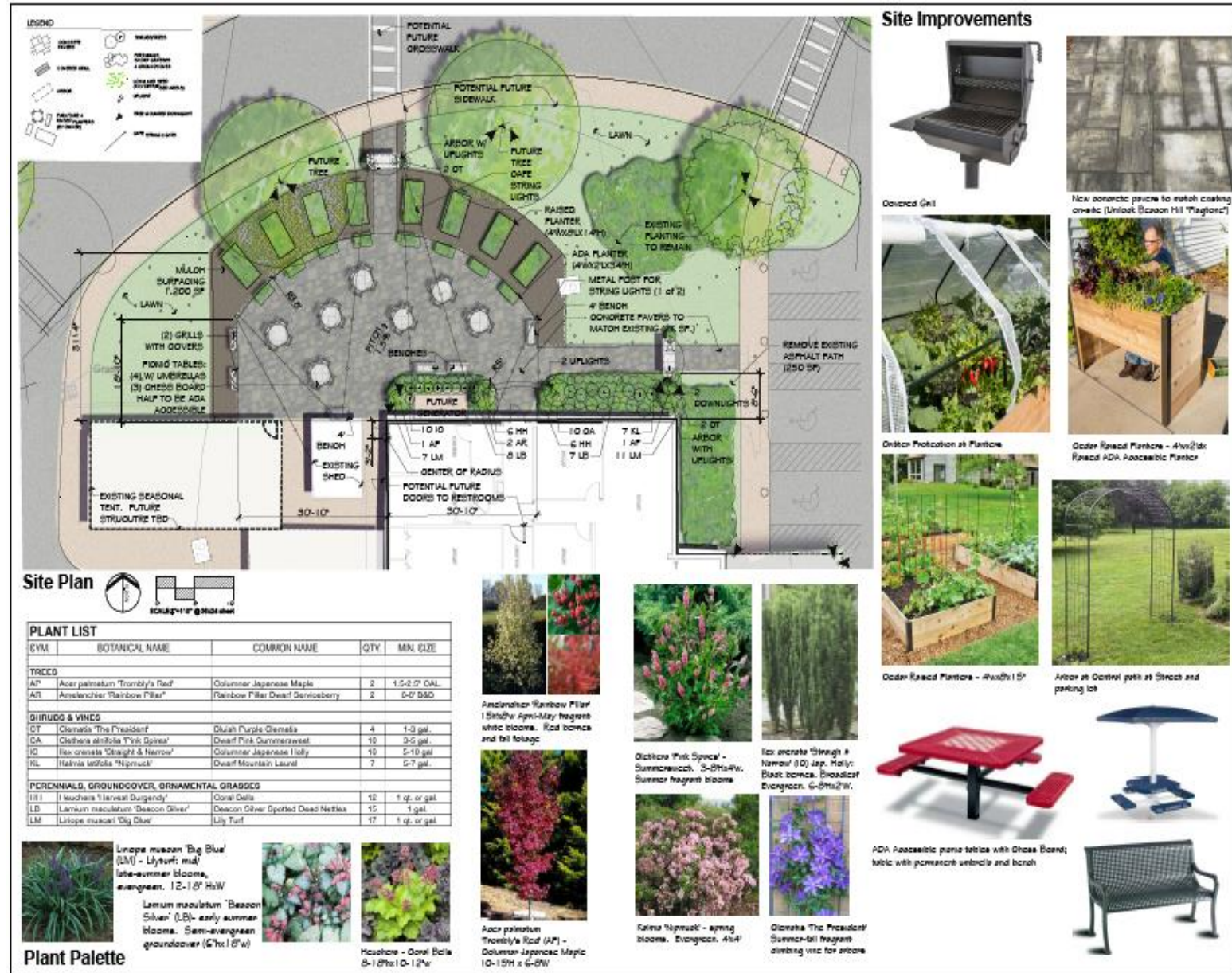
Advance Equity & Inclusion



Improve community resilience

Schematic Plan & Cost

- Strip existing lawn & loam, remove existing asphalt path from parking lot to door \$7,000
- Hardscape 2000 Sq. Feet Concrete Pavers \$56,000
- Arbor: 2 Achla Monet II Extra Wide Garden Arbor from Gardener's Supply \$2,069
- 2 Covered pedestal grills \$6,130
- 4 benches \$3,000
- Tables, chairs, bird cafes \$10,000
- 8 Raised planters, 8 ADA accessible Planters with organic potting soil for vegetables \$5,120
- Trees, Shrubs, Perennials, Mulch, Labor \$6,570
- Tree Lighting \$2,250
- Cafe lights \$6,200
- **Project Estimate \$115,000 (less \$2,500 AARP Community Challenge grant received July 2023)**





Senior Center Landscaping

**New Plantings,
edging, loam, etc.**



**Capital Improvement
\$20,240**



Color



Phase II: Creating a Sense of Place and Community for All

Accessible Trail Restoration, Public Walkway, Reconfigured Parking Lot

Accessible Recreational Trail System

- Construct a shared use accessible trailhead. \$25,000+
- Improve visitor safety by replacing the existing surface in the trail to create the first accessible ADA compliant walking trail. MassTrails Grant \$100,000-\$500,000.
- **Weela Horticulture, Ed Gianni Principal, clear the area at no cost.**





Parking Lot Reconfiguration & Circulation FY25

Estimated Cost \$100,000+ (Capital
Improvement)



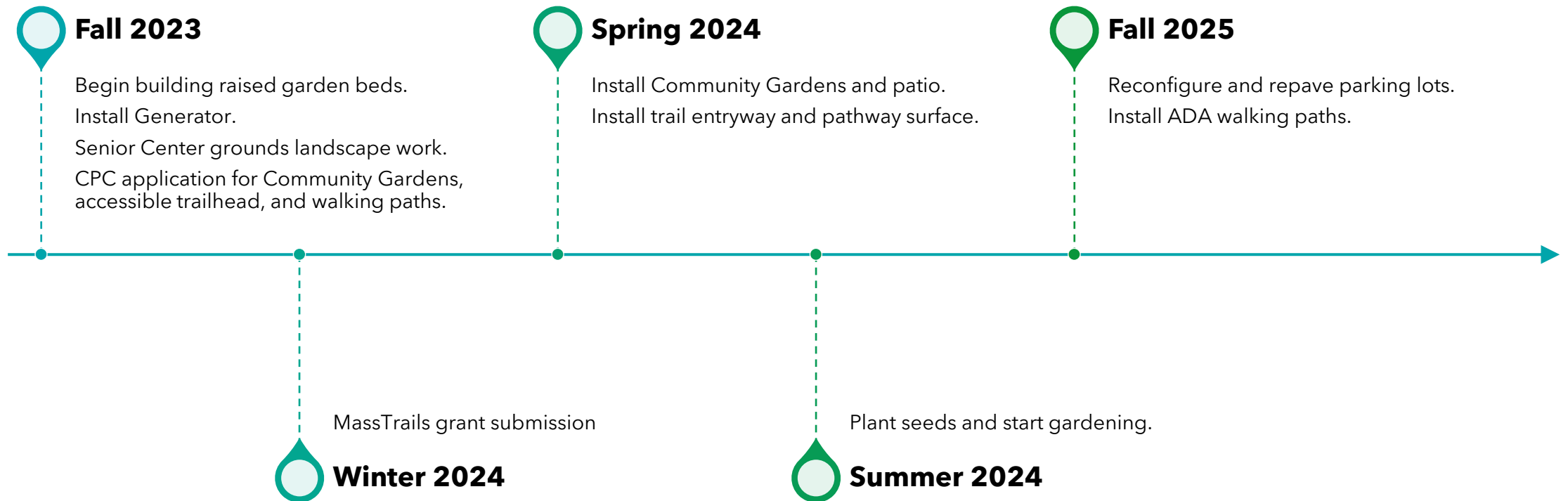


ADA Accessible Walking Paths

Phase III: **Creating Parks & Public Spaces** for People of All Ages

Building expansion, Greenhouse, Senior fitness equipment, bocce courts, putting green, shuffleboard.

Timeline



Thank you!



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