RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT OF FURLONG PARK
CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

APPLICATION SUMMITTED TO:
Division of Conservation Services
 PARC Program

SUBMITTED ON:
July 15, 2008
July 14, 2008

Robert O'Connor  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Division of Conservation Services  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

Re: City of Salem, PARC Program Application – Furlong Park Renovation

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

On behalf of the City of Salem, I am pleased to submit the enclosed PARC Program proposal for Furlong Park in Salem. Furlong Park has served Salem residents' recreational needs since 1926. Its facilities include a tot lot, tennis court, basketball court and a Little League Field, all in need of substantial renovation and in some cases, replacement.

Bordered on one side by the North River, Furlong Park has the potential to become an exciting recreational asset, able to provide all ages with greater access to Salem's waterfront. We seek assistance from the PARC Program to finally realize this important community goal by taking steps to address the park's coastal erosion and by installing water-based recreational facilities now absent from the North River. The City is carrying out this project with Salem Sound Coastwatch, a non-profit watershed organization, in an effort to improve public access to the North River and to promote environmental literacy and watershed awareness.

This letter is to designate Kathleen Winn, Deputy Director of the Planning Department, as the municipal official in connection with this application. Please do not hesitate to contact her if you need any additional information. We look forward to working with you on this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Driscoll  
Mayor

Salem City Hall – 93 Washington Street – Salem, MA 01970-3582 Ph. 978-745-9595 Fax 978-744-9327
OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECT APPLICATION FORM FY2009

1. **Municipality or State Agency Department Name:** City of Salem  

2. **Project Name:** Furlong Park  
   Type of Project:  
   - ☐ Acquisition - acreage  
   - ☐ New Development  
   - ☑ Renovation  
   Has this site received previous assistance:  
   - ☐ Yes  
   - ☑ No

3. **Contact Person** Kathleen M. Winn  
   Agency: Department of Planning and Community Development  
   Address: 120 Washington Street, 3rd Floor  
   City: Salem  
   State: MA  
   Zip: 01970  
   Telephone: 978-619-5685  
   Email: KWinn@Salem.com  
   Fax: 978-740-0404

   Please note: the contact person is the official representative for this project as authorized under item #14(b) of this application, usually not the chief municipal officer.

4. **Briefly describe the project on ONE attached page.** Use the Outdoor Recreation Project or LWCF Rating System as an outline for the description, as well as the items bulleted below, to ensure the maximum score possible for your project.  
   a.) Acquisition Projects:  
   - site location – in an Environmental Justice neighborhood and/or site’s distance to the nearest park  
   - environmental restoration project  
   - acres dedicated as parkland  
   - rare species (include letter from NHESP)  
   - historic or archaeological resource (include letter from MHC)

   b.) Development or Renovation Projects  
   - describe facilities being developed  
   - describe community needs, including park equity/need in this neighborhood, if park is in an Environmental Justice neighborhood  
   - new acres dedicated as parkland  
   - site’s interpretive services, environmental education  
   - brownfield projects must submit 21E evaluation  
   - environmental restoration project

   c.) All Projects:  
   - accessibility for the disabled  
   - water based recreation (include linear footage bordering water resource)  
   - cooperation of any other governmental agency (state, federal, county) or private nonprofit, fiscal or other  
   - located in a high growth area, high density area, Environmental Justice neighborhood, or town/city center, area of the community that lacks park resources  
   - access to a public transportation route and other urban center services  
   - description of enhanced public outreach in Environmental Justice neighborhood  
   - environmental education/interpretive services planned for site  
   - regional or statewide facility (communities applying either category should submit a Usage Report)  
     - serves one or more urban area’s residents living within one-hour driving radius  
     - parking for 100 vehicles for regional status  
     - parking for 200 vehicles for statewide status  
     - provides adequate comfort stations and potable water outlets  
     - serves all age groups (for either regional or statewide status)
5. Proposed Funding:
The Urban Self-Help program is a reimbursement program. Grant recipients are reimbursed after invoices have been paid. The total project cost must be raised or appropriated by the municipality shortly after project approval if it has not already been appropriated. Costs incurred prior to grant approval and contract execution are ineligible, including design costs. Force account labor is also ineligible. Mention any previous, pending, or anticipated financial assistance on this project. Refer to Urban Self-Help regulations (Section 5.07) for eligible cost details.

Total Eligible Project Cost: 781,250

Urban Self-Help Request: 500,000
($2-70% based on Equalized Valuation Per Capita, can be found on DCS web page, maximum of $500,000)

LWCF Request:
(50% of total project cost, maximum of $500,000)

Municipal Share: 281,250
(Community Development Block Grant, Community Preservation Act, etc., please specify in narrative)

Other: (i.e. private donation to community, fund raising, etc.)

Grant Program Preference
Municipal applicants must state if the application is for funding through the Parkland Acquisition and Renovation for Communities program and/or the Land and Water Conservation Fund program; please check off the appropriate box below. Municipal projects may be considered for funding under both the federal LWCF program and the PARC program (indicate this by checking off both boxes below as “yes”), but can only be approved for funding through one of the programs. EOEEA reserves the right to fund a municipal project from the program source it deems most appropriate and most beneficial to the overall needs of the Secretariat should the applicant apply to both state and federal grant programs.

Would you like to use this application to apply for a PARC program grant? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Municipal applicants applying for a federal LWCF grant: Please note that the federal grant program has a 50% reimbursement rate. This is a separate source of funding and your community, if successful, can only receive a PARC grant or a LWCF grant, not both. Would you like to use this application to apply for a LWCF grant? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Note: to be eligible for LWCF assistance applicants must complete and submit Attachment B.

Attach a one page description of the proposed project budget including:
- The source of all local funding including donations and Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds.
- Description of the details of any donation, if applicable (be sure these funds are gifted to the community and earmarked for the project).
- Description of any other sources of funding including federal, state, municipal, or nonprofit organizations. List these partners and describe their contribution. Not all sources of state and federal funds are compatible with every DCS grant program.

6. Project Type: Please indicate type of project, refer to the program’s regulations for definitions (Sec 5:03) and to the list of required attachments found at the end of this application form to substantiate any “yes” answers. Indicate here whether:

(a) ☑ Your municipality is an urban population center
(b) ☐ Your project qualifies as a regional or statewide project (submit a Usage Report)
(c) ☐ Your project qualifies as a “small town” project

7. Commonwealth Capital Application
Communities may apply for a FY09 Commonwealth Capital Score. If the community does not submit an application by July 15, 2008, they will forfeit 30 points in the project rating. For more information, see
Have you applied for a Commonwealth Capital Score?  □ Yes  □ No

Date of submittal:

8. Describe outstanding leases, restrictions or other rights or interests held by others in the project site and enclosed copy of the same (for file records only).

As shown on the boundary plan, a small portion of the park is presently occupied by an auto salvage yard with the permission of the City at an annual rate equal to the property taxes that would be generated if the parcel were privately owned.

9. Is the property permanently dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes? If not, please submit draft dedication language for DCS review as all PARC and LWCF projects must be dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes.

□ Yes  □ No

Total acres of dedicated park land 5.5

10. Are fees currently charged or proposed for this facility? If yes, please attach a copy of the fee system. Charging fees is allowed subject to DCS approval. If applicant is awarded a grant, the site cannot be restricted to municipal residents only. If fees are charged based on residency, fees for nonresidents are subject to Section 5.08(3) of the PARC regulations (for file records only).

□ Yes (copy attached)  □ No

II. Municipal Open Space and Recreation Plan and Massachusetts Outdoors 2006

Describe how your project meets the recommendations in your current Open Space and Recreation Plan and cite the page number references to your plan. If we already have a copy of your plan, there is no need to submit another copy. If working on a new or updated plan, please note that the OSRP Planner's Workbook has been updated with new requirements. This can be found online at http://www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/pdf/osrp_workbook.pdf. Comment on how the project meets the regional demand for recreation based on Massachusetts Outdoors 2006: Inferred Need for New Recreational Areas under Chapter 5: The Regional Perspective. This document can be found online at http://www.mass.gov/envir/dcs/global/publications.htm.

See attached sheets

12. Check the following if applicable to project (for file records only):

□ Yes  □ No  Prime agricultural lands (see Ex. Order #193)
□ Yes  □ No  Cultural, historic, archeological site: Contact MA Historical Commission (617) 727-8470
□ Yes  □ No  Endangered species habitat: Contact MA Natural Heritage Program (508) 792-7270
□ Yes  □ No  Scenic River designation
□ Yes  □ No  Wetland designation
□ Yes  □ No  100 year floodplain
□ Yes  □ No  Environmental intrusion, i.e. overhead power lines (must be buried), safety hazards
□ Yes  □ No  Brownfield – 21E evaluation
□ Yes  □ No  Environmental Justice community/neighborhood
□ Yes  □ No  Acquisition involving relocation of residents, tenants, or businesses
□ Yes  □ No  Negotiated sale

Do you have a Purchase and Sales Agreement or Agreed Price?
□ Yes  □ No

If yes, Amount:

Is Clear Title available?
□ Yes  □ No

If no, is an eminent domain taking anticipated?
□ Yes  □ No

If yes, proposed pro tanto award amount:
Note that if clear title is not available, the community may decide to acquire the property by a friendly taking (eminent domain) process to clear the title. It is best to know if there is a potential title problem as soon as possible since this can complicate the acquisition process.

**Appraisal Report #1**

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**Review Appraisal Report #2 - if land valued at over $750,000**

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*Please note: if your community is applying for federal funding, the appraisal must be submitted using federal appraisal standards ("Yellow Book") found at [www.usdoj.gov/tenndfland-acklyb2001.pdf](http://www.usdoj.gov/tenndfland-acklyb2001.pdf)*

13. Check if the following permits are required (for file records only):

- [x] Yes [ ] No U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (404 or Rivers and Waterways)
- [x] Yes [ ] No MA DEP Division of Wetlands & Waterways (617) 292-5518
- [ ] Yes [x] No U.S. Coast Guard
- [ ] Yes [x] No U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Zoos)
- [x] Yes [ ] No C. 131 s. 40 Wetlands (municipal conservation commission)
- [x] Yes [ ] No MEPA Review (301 CMR 11.00: MEPA Regulations) (617) 626-1020

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

If any of the above permits are required, the permit or application for the permit must be submitted. Should the project be selected for funding, the permit will be required as part of the final application.

14. Attach certification of:

   a. Applicant community’s legal authority to apply for the grant and to finance and construct the proposed facilities (see Sample Municipal Vote), and the **Chief Executive Officer’s legal authorization to execute contracts**. This is a resolution, motion, or similar action that has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the community’s governing body which authorizes the filing of the applications, including all understandings and assurances contained therein; and

   b. Authorization from chief municipal officer identifying individual named on the first page of this application who acts as official of municipality in connection with the application and who will provide such additional information as may be required (See Urban Self-Help Regulations 5.04:(6)).

**Date** July 14, 2008

**Signature of Chief Municipal Officer**

Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor
Name and Title (Typed)

2006-2009
Duration of Term

Mailing Address: 120 Washington Street 3rd fl.
City: Salem
State: MA
Zip: 01970
Telephone: 978-619-5685
Furlong Park, Salem, MA        PARC Grant Program

Furlong Park has served Salem residents’ recreational needs since 1926. The 5.5-acre park is bordered to the west and north by a residential neighborhood and to the south by a junkyard. Along the eastern border flows the North River, one of the oldest industrial rivers in North America. McGlew Park, the only other park in the vicinity, is located more than a mile away and its location requires residents to cross Rte. 114, a heavily trafficked entrance corridor. As a result of this lack of nearby recreational opportunities, most of Furlong’s facilities have seen heavy use. However, most residents agree that Furlong Park’s potential as a unique waterfront recreational resource has never been truly realized. It is with this goal in mind that the City of Salem seeks PARC grant funding and agrees to provide a local match using municipal funds.

Furlong Park offers the only public access point on the North River, yet it has no boat launch or other water-based activity. Furlong’s key waterfront location and its potential for water-based recreation have attracted the attention of Salem Sound Coastwatch, a non-profit coastal watershed organization. Salem Sound has raised concerns regarding the steady erosion occurring along the length of the Park’s shoreline and has been instrumental in involving the neighborhood in efforts to save Furlong from further deterioration.

Following a series of neighborhood meetings, a plan to restore and enhance Furlong Park has taken shape: Replace the outdated wooden play structure with modern, safe equipment including handicapped accessible equipment; replace a severely deteriorated, unusable tennis court, particularly important since Furlong Park is currently one of only two locations in the entire City that has a public tennis facility; renovate the existing ball field and basketball court – two heavily used facilities; address the serious erosion occurring along Furlong’s shoreline by installing a protective edge that is acceptable to environmental permitting agencies; construct a small boat launch for canoes and kayaks to provide recreational access to the North River that presently does not exist; construct needed parking to support the users of the Little League ball field and the proposed boat launch and to provide greater handicapped access to all of Furlong’s facilities; improve amenities and landscaping including installation of new fencing, benches, picnic tables and planting of more shade trees, a measure that will also help to stem erosion.

Salem Sound Coastwatch has the expertise to provide an interpretive signage program to educate park users about the significance of the tidal area they are enjoying; the non-profit organization has offered to contribute $5,000 of in-kind services toward development of this unique feature.

Furlong Park has been identified as a site for mitigation required as part of the Salem Port Expansion project planned for Salem’s waterfront. The mitigation will involve restoration of inter tidal area along Furlong Park’s shoreline which has, through the years, been filled in by bank erosion. Our proposed interpretive signage program will include information about this project to further enhance park users’ understanding of the changing environment.

Finally, an important component of the planned renovation is construction of a path or trail along the water’s edge at Furlong Park. Clearly visible across the North River from Furlong Park, is the MBTA Commuter Rail Station and downtown Salem. The goal is to eventually continue this path along the waterfront through adjoining parcels and ultimately to connect the newly renovated park to mass transit and to an emerging downtown neighborhood which now has very limited open space and recreational facilities.
Open Space Plan Recommendations

The project to redevelopment Furlong Park fulfills multiple goals and objectives included in the City of Salem’s Open Space and Recreation Plan 2007-2012. Goal #1 is to Maintain Public Spaces and Recreational Facilities. The objective to accomplish this goal is to prioritize park maintenance and focus on neglected areas (p.85). Furlong Park is a heavily used park but unfortunately has fallen into disrepair over the years. Two specific action items listed under Goal #1 would be implemented through this proposed project, address Furlong Park erosion and encroachment and improve tennis courts at parks throughout the City of Salem (p.85-86).

A second objective under Goal #1 is to update equipment and surfacing to comply with current safety and ADA standards (p.89). The proposed project would satisfy this objective by installing ADA compliant play equipment as well as creating a parking area that would include a handicapped parking space. Furlong Park was given an ADA accessibility rating of Fair in Appendix A of the Open Space and Recreation Plan because although the park is mostly flat and provides access to the various play equipment and tennis and basketball courts, the play equipment is not ADA accessible and the park lacks handicapped parking.

In order to fulfill the goal to maintain the city’s public spaces and recreational facilities, another objective is to explore alternative means for funding park maintenance and improvements (p.89). The submittal of this PARC application is one way the city is seeking funding support for the proposed project. The city is also working closely with Salem Sound Coast Watch, a non-profit coastal watershed organization, developing a public/private partnership to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of Furlong Park. This public/private relationship satisfies another action item included under the exploration of funding park maintenance and improvements (p.89). Salem Sound Coast Watch works closely with the city to sponsor several cleanups at city parks and invaluable resource areas such as the North River throughout the year.

The fourth goal included in the city’s five year action plan is to Improve Public Access and Awareness (p.94). The plan’s action item is to expand bike paths and designated routes to connect to downtown and surrounding communities would be accomplished by this project and the proposed development of a new waterfront trail or pathway.

The project also fulfills the objectives to 1) increase opportunities for waterfront access and to improve signage to waterfront access and 2) improve signage to direct people to the parks and to help orient them within the parks, as listed under Goal #4 (p.95). The city would complete another action item through the identification of an access point specifically for a public boat launch. Once installed the location would contain appropriate signage to identify the resources available to the public. Upon completion of this project the city would install a sign identifying the park as well as the use of PARC funds that made the project possible.
SCORP Recommendations

The Furlong Park Project also responds to the recreational needs of the Northeast Region of the state, as outlined in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). It meets six out of the top nine funding preferences Northeast residents identified: Maintain existing facilities; improve access for people with disabilities; restore and improve existing outdoor recreational areas; provide interpretive information; expand environmental education programs and; improve access by public transportation.

In terms of facility needs, northeast residents identified the need for more playgrounds, neighborhood parks, better access to rivers and streams and bikeways and trails, all elements of the Furlong Park Plan.
Attachments

1. Project Description and Site Development Plans

2. Site Photographs

3. Boundary Plan and Locus Maps

4. Evidence of Public Meetings

5. Municipal Votes
   a. Draft Council Resolutions
   b. Chief Executive Officer legal authorization
   c. Conservation Commission acceptance and appointments
   d. Parks Commission acceptance and appointments

6. Property Deed

7. Regulatory Review
   a. National Heritage and Endangered Species Program cover letter
   b. Wetlands Protection Act Notice of Intent draft

8. Letters of Support
**Furlong Park – Project Description**

Furlong Park is located on the waterfront along the North River in Salem, MA. Situated in a densely developed urban area, site improvements at Furlong Park are necessary to both improve safety and to improve the quality of the aging park amenities. Main features include a little league field, tot lot play area, basketball court, and tennis court. Currently, these features are in severe need of renovation while the tennis court is not in use due to its deteriorating state. Limited parking currently exists. Additionally, shoreline stabilization is needed to ensure the future long-term use of the property itself and safety of those utilizing the park features. The proposed project aims to address the following site improvements:

*Little League Field*

The current little league field will be reoriented in order to address disruption stemming from fly balls and appeal to a wider age range of children (currently the field is limited to younger children). The new field will be situated so the solar orientation is as recommended by Little League standards and sized for players aged 5-12. The field will be regraded and surfaced to correct the current drainage and over-compaction problems at the existing field. The ballfield will be renovated with a new backstop, infield and warning track, pitching mound, bases, bleachers and fencing.

*Tot Lot*

One of the more heavily used facilities at the park, the tot lot will be rebuilt with new edging, a new wood fiber safety surfacing, a new play structure, seesaw and benches. This area will also be fenced in and replace the outdated wooden equipment currently there. The playground will be positioned so that a future construction phase could expand it and add additional play equipment.

*Replace Tennis Court*

The tennis court is severely deteriorated and is not currently in use. Since Salem has very few tennis courts, this court will be replaced in its current location and will include new pavement, striping, nets and posts, and a 10' tall black vinyl clad chain link fence with gates.

*Basketball Court*

The basketball court will remain in place with no improvements at this time.

*Parking*

Finally, due to lack of parking, vehicles are often parked on the grass along the edge of the road. Because of its draw as a community destination spot for Little League baseball, this condition has led to substantial deterioration of the park edge, and poses a potential public safety hazard. The proposed park improvements include a minor widening of the roadway pavement to include a formal parallel parking aisle bounded by a granite curb. On the park side of the road, the travel lane will be striped to 11’ wide with a 4’ wide bike lane, and a 9’ wide parallel parking aisle. New crosswalks will connect the neighborhood to the park with bumpouts on the park side, and a new sidewalk will parallel the road to allow people access to all park amenities.

*North River Access Improvements*

Passive park improvements include a new stonedust walkway that will extend the length of the shoreline, connect to the street edge, and in the future could connect with a continuous waterfront walkway to the train station. A boat ramp will be constructed to facilitate use of small car-top boats such as canoes or kayaks. Additional loam and new grass seed will be installed, as will benches and trash receptacles. An interpretive sign will also be developed to showcase the area’s natural features and important habitat.

*Address Erosion Control*

Finally, the park is experiencing significant erosion along the length of its shoreline. Shoreline stabilization will be completed to ensure the long-term use of the park and safety of park visitors.
Site Improvements for Furlong Park
Salem, Massachusetts
PROGRAM ESTIMATE
July 2008
Shadley Associates, P.C.

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# Site Improvements for Furlong Park

Salem, Massachusetts  
PROGRAM ESTIMATE  
July 2008  
Shadley Associates, P.C.

## Tennis and Basketball

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Program Subtotal: $596,694.00  
Design Contingency (10%)  
Subtotal - Construction: $656,363.40  
Soft Costs (15% for Administration, Design, Construction Documents, Bidding & Construction Management): $98,454.51  
Additional Budget for Environmental Permitting (4%): $26,254.54  
ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PROJECT COST: $781,072.45

Possible Additional Park Improvements for future Phases:  
1. New basketball court  
2. Expanded playground  
3. Additional benches, trash receptacles and planting  
4. Park lighting and/or Little League Field lighting

Estimate assumes 2008 prices  
The southern limit of this estimate is the existing fence line south of the Little League Field.
View of park benches along North River, looking toward Downtown Salem and the MBTA Commuter Rail Station.

View of park benches along North River, looking in opposite direction toward North Salem Neighborhood.
View of play equipment and playground, looking north

View of baseball field, looking southeast toward North River
View of basketball court, looking north toward the tennis court

View of tennis court, looking north
View of eroded shoreline at low tide, looking south toward Downtown Salem and the MBTA Commuter Rail Station.

View of eroded shoreline at high tide, looking north toward North Salem Neighborhood.
Locus Map
Furlong Park, Salem, MA
Resolved

A RESOLUTION TO FILE AND ACCEPT GRANTS WITH AND FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PARC PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FURLONG PARK

Whereas: The Furlong Park is by and far a community wide asset and the preservation and improvements to this facility are a City priority as evidenced in the most recent Open Space and Recreation Plan; and

Whereas: The Furlong Park redevelopment will greatly enhance this facility with improved infrastructure, path systems, site lighting, universal access, etc.; and

Whereas: This overall cost and fiscal budget constraints prevented the City from proceeding forward with implementation as one project; and

Whereas: The project was instead viewed as a series of phases, to be implemented over time, by priority as fiscal resources were available, with the intention of securing grant funding, when and if available, to assist in this effort; and

Whereas: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the PARC Program, Chapter 933 Acts of 1977, as amended; and

Whereas: Phase I of the Furlong Park Project will cost a total of $781,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and

2. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to expend from available funds an amount equal to the total project cost to be reimbursed up to a maximum amount of $500,000 by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

3. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Department of Planning and Community Development; and

4. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.
July 10, 2008

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Kimberley Driscoll is the duly elected Mayor of the City of Salem.

This is to further certify, that the Mayor is the highest ranking executive officer in the City of Salem, and as such, is authorized and empowered to sign contracts and agreements on behalf of the City of Salem.

This is to further certify that, I Cheryl A. LaPointe, City Clerk of the City of Salem, by the powers vested in me by Massachusetts General Laws, have the duty and authority to certify and affix the City of Salem corporate seal to documents signed by the Mayor of the City of Salem.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CHERYL A. LAPOINTE
CITY CLERK
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A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Cheryl A. Lutgens
CITY CLERK
SALEM, MASS.
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Chrysler, Clerk

City Clerk, Salem, Mass.
Ordered:

That the provisions of Chapter 40
relative to the establishment of a Committee
Commission be accepted by the Salem City
Council.

Michael J. Harrington

Adopted. Councillor Marquis recorded opposed.

Approved by the Mayor on Oct. 13, 1961.

ATTEST:

Augustine J. Flaherty
CITY CLERK

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Cheryl A. Bateman
CITY CLERK
SALEM, MASS
Ordered:

That there is established a Committee Commission under the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter XX of the General Laws, the members of which shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of said other Section, with the power and duties of the Committee to be those enumerated in that same Section.

[Signature]
Michael J. Harrington


Adopted - Councillor Marquis recorded opposed.

Approved by the Mayor on Oct. 13, 1961.

[Signature]
Augustine J. Foye
CITY CLERK

ATTEND:

[Signature]
Cheryl A. Pimentel
CITY CLERK
SALEM, MASS.
City of Salem

Description of flats in the North River, in Salem, in the County
of Essex, taken by the City of Salem. The following is a descrip-
tion of flats taken by him of certain flats situated in Salem, in the County of Essex,
in the North River, as called, 'Texture of North Street and North-
town and Northwestern of the Location of the Eastern Railroad, taken
by said City of Salem for the purpose of abating the nuisance in
that part of the said North River lying between North Bridge
and North Street, as called; said flats having been taken by said
City of Salem at a cost of the City Clerk of said Salem, appro-
ved June 25th, 1854, in pursuance of the provisions of an
Act passed by the General Court of Massachusetts in the year
1854, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An
Act to authorize the City of Salem to take Bridge and fill
a certain land of flats in the North River in said City," adopted
April 29th, 1854: said flats are bounded and described
as follows: beginning upon said North Street at the Southeas-
tern corner of said North Bridge and at the Northeastern corner
of a building occupied by Peterson and others and at a point
which is marked "B" on the plan hereafter referred to, then
running easterly by the Northwestern side of said building and
by land of Symonds eighty five feet to a point which is
marked "C" on said plan: thence turning and running
southeasterly bounded westerly by said land of Symonds and
by land of Brown; about one hundred fifty feet to the Western
corner of a sea wall at a point which is marked "D" on said
plan: thence turning at a right angle and running
easterly, then southeasterly, then easterly then Northeastern
along all said courses following said sea wall to an open
point, then Northeasternly across said culvert to the South-
western corner of another sea wall there still Northeasternly
following said sea wall to the Northeastern terminus and
then still Northeasternly by high water line of said river to
a point marked "E" on said plan: the distance between said
points marked "D," "E," and "C," being about 85.10 feet; thence running
Northeasternly, Northerly and again Northeasternly following the high
water line of said river to a point on the north of Nutter's Street
where the Northeastern line of location of said street intersects
the high water line of said river, which point is marked "F"
on said plan: thence turning and running in a Northeasterly
direction about four hundred and seventy feet to a point
nearly in the center of the channel of said river which point
marked "G" on said plan: then turning and running in said
by a Westerly direction about five hundred feet to the high water line of said river at land of Charles A. Reeds at a point marked "K" on said plan; then turning and running Southeasterly by land of Reeds and land now or late of Bertram and following the high water line of said river on all said course about fifteen hundred and eighty feet to the Southeasterly side of Dearborn Street at a point marked "K" on said plan; then turning and running Southeasterly by said Dearborn Street about one hundred and ninety feet to high water line of said river at land now or late of Bertram at a point marked "K." on said plan; then turning and running Southerly by said land now or late of Bertram following the high water line of said river; thence Southerly still by land now or late of Bertram following high water line then continuing in a Southerly and Southeasterly direction by land of Lyndons by Dearborn Street by land of Hattle and again by land of Lyndons to the Southerly side of the wharf now or late of T. P. Lyndons at a point marked "K" on said plan; the distance between the points marked "K" and "H" measured upon the high water line of said river being about fifteen hundred and seventy feet then running Southeasterly by said wharf of T. P. Lyndons fifty feet to the Southeasterly corner thereof; thence Southeasterly by said wharf thirty feet and thirty feet to the Southerly corner thereof; thence Southwesterly by said wharf eighty feet to a corner thence Southwesterly by land of Lyndons by high water line of said river, about one hundred and eighty feet; thence Southwesterly by said wharf eighty feet to a corner thence Southwesterly by land of Lyndons fifty-five feet to the Southerly end of a wall at a point marked "K" on said plan; thence running Southerly by said wall by land now or late of Richards and Hattle one hundred and sixty-four feet to a corner; thence Southwesterly thirty-five feet to the Northerly corner of another wall at land of Halls of Carlton; thence Southerly and Southeasterly by land of said heirs of Carlton following said wall about two hundred and eighty-four feet to a corner of which is marked "M" on said plan; thence turning at nearly a right angle and running nearly Westerly by land of said heirs of Carlton one hundred and thirty-five feet to land of Stone and Parshley thence Southwesterly by said land of Stone and Parshley seventy-one feet; thence Westerly fifty-two feet and forty feet; thence Northerly by land
of said Stone and Parshley seventy feet. Thence turning and running Westerly by high water line of said river and by land and wharf of said Stone and Parshley by land of Brown and by land of heirs of Knight one hundred and eighty six feet to land of Lyman A. Smith and another. Thence turning and running about Southwesterly by land of said Smith and another one hundred and nine feet to the channel of said river and thence Westerly by the channel of said river and by land and wharf of said Smith and another ninety feet thence Northerly by land and wharf of said Smith and another one hundred and thirty feet thence Southwesterly by land of said Smith thirty four feet thence Southwesterly by land of heirs of Lyons and others fifty one feet thence Westerly by land owned by heirs of Stearns, Reed, Chase, Knight and others, one hundred and eight and one fourth feet to said North Street at a point marked "A" on said plan thence Southwesterly by said North Street one hundred and seventy two feet to the point begun at. The lots above described being shown upon a plan recorded hereof, entitled "Portion of the North River from North Street to Marsh Street and Ropes Point Charles A. Putnam, Surveyor, May 1884" to which reference may be had. Which plan is made part of the above description. Intending to include all land and lots within the above boundaries; the lots above described lying Southwesterly and Southwesterly of the channel of said river are supposed to belong to or to be appurtenant to land owned or occupied by Charles C. Lyons, Geo. F. Brown and Samuel Brown. Eastern Railroad Company, Joseph Peters, Emma E. Wilson, Isaac B. Noble, Florence Bailey, Salem Lead Company, heirs of George F. Berry, Moses C. Abbott, Charles B. Leon, city of Salem, heirs of Daniel Nevin, James Arden and John Anderson and those above described lying Northerly and Northwestern of said channel are supposed to belong to or to be appurtenant to land owned or occupied by heirs of Sarah W. Stearns, heirs of John Reed, heirs of Philip Chase, heirs of Mary Foster, Robin Lyons, Ephraim Lyons, Samuel C. Lyons, Lavinia Lyons, heirs of Nathaniel D. Lyons, Lyman A. Smith, Abiah Smith, heirs of R. Foster Knight, George F. Brown and Samuel Brown, William F. Stone and David E. Parshley heirs of Francis Carleton, Eliza Inman, T. Putnam Lyons, Cornelia F. Haste, estate of John Bertram, and Charles A.
Know all men by these presents that I, Margaret G. Turbush, of Lynn in the county of Essex, assignee of a certain mortgage given by David Turbush of said Lynn to Charles B. Lord of said Lynn dated June twentieth A.D. 1874, and recorded with Essex, 5o District Deeds, libra 97, folio 200 do hereby acknowledge that I have received from the heirs of said David Turbush the mortgagee named in said mortgage, full payment and satisfaction of the same; and in consideration thereof I do hereby cancel and discharge said mortgage, and release and quit-claim unto the said heirs of David Turbush and to their heirs and assigns forever, the premises hereby conveyed. I do witness whereof I have unto set my hand and seal this twenty-ninth day of April A.D. 1884.

Signed and sealed in the presence of Abijah G. Blood, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Essex, April 29th 1884. Then personally appeared the above-named Margaret G. Turbush and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed.

before me, A. W. Blood, Justice of the Peace.

Know all men by these presents that I, Abram G. Pau, of Lynn, in the county of Essex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of one thousand dollars to me paid by Charles B. Ransdell of said Lynn the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Ransdell his heirs and assigns forever, a certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Lynn, bounded and described as follows, namely: Northwesterly by land of the heirs of the late John Gaffney fifty-five feet and one third feet; Northwesterly by land of C. P. Adams fifty-five feet thirty-three feet, measured to the meadow; Southwesterly by said meadow one hundred sixty-eight feet; and easterly by land of Zachariah G. Blase, six hundred feet, more or less, it being the same land conveyed by Jas. P. Rhodes to the said John Gaffney as shown by a deed and plan recorded with Essex, South District deeds.
July 10, 2008

Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Route 135 North Drive
Westborough, MA 01581

RE: PARC Grant – Furlong Park, Salem, MA

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed please find a copy of the City of Salem's PARC Grant proposal to renovate Furlong Park located on Franklin St. in Salem, Massachusetts and the Project Notification Form. Historical records indicate that there has been a park at this location since 1926.

PARC Grant funding available under the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs is critically needed to turn this underutilized, dilapidated facility into a unique waterfront recreational resource and preserve needed public open space in a densely populated community.

Thank you for your assistance with this project. Please feel free to contact me at 978-619-5685 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Kathleen M. Winn
Deputy Director
July 10, 2008

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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Kathleen M. Winn
Deputy Director
Mr. Robert O’Connor, Director  
Division of Conservation Services  
100 Cambridge St., Suite 900  
Boston, Ma 02114

July 10, 2008

Dear Mr. O’Connor,

I am writing to express Salem Sound Coastwatch’s support for the City of Salem’s Furlong Park Renovation Project and urge P.A.R.C. funding for this project.

Salem Sound Coastwatch (SSCW) is a non-profit watershed organization with the mission to protect and improve the environmental quality of the Salem Sound and its watershed. The North River is the largest source of fresh water to Salem Sound and therefore, plays an important part in a clean and healthy Sound. To accomplish its mission, SSCW’s works to improve public access to the water and promote environmental literacy and watershed awareness. For the past six years, SSCW has held an annual North River Awareness Week, which includes a public event at the Rainbow Smelt spawning site, cleanups along the river, and shoreline surveys (Riverways Adopt-a-Stream). Furlong Park has been identified as an underutilized resource.

SSCW has held three public meetings (May 07, May and June 08) with Furlong Park neighbors. Many of the City’s ideas for the park renovation have come from these meetings. Besides the need to renovate the aging, heavily used recreational facilities, the park has two major problems that need to be addressed. First, the steady shoreline erosion needs to be controlled in an environmentally friendly way, and secondly, the lack of water access at this riverfront park calls out for correction.

SSCW will partner with the City of Salem providing an in-kind match $5,000. We will work with the City and residents to make the Park renovations a reality, will provide environmental interpretative services, and will work with the City to develop interpretive signage about the significance of the intertidal area along this section of the North River for the education of park users.

This is an important river park renovation that cannot be taken on by the City without P.A.R.C. assistance. We urge you to support the Furlong Park Renovation Project.

Sincerely,

Barbara Warren, Executive Director
Mr. Robert O’Connor, Director
Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge Street, suite 900
Boston, Ma 02114

Dear Mr. O’Connor:

I am writing this letter in strong support for the proposed plan for Furlong Park.
As the Director of Park, Recreation and Community Services, I see first hand the potential for Furlong Park to become one of the most attractive areas in Salem.

Furlong Park has long been an underutilized park located on the North River. With the potential upgrade of existing recreation facilities and enhancement of the water area as a premier spot for fishing and small boating such as canoes and kayaks, I believe the park would become a destination not only for the neighborhood but also for residents throughout the city.

The existing facilities which include a ballpark for younger children, tennis courts, a playground tot lot and basketball court are all in need of repair and renovations. With this grant, we could enhance the area and make this into one of the more attractive local parks. The city of Salem currently has only three tennis courts in usable condition, which are located at the Salem Willows. We recently lost usage of five at the high school due to construction, and the need for courts and upgraded facilities is vital for the city and neighborhood.

Salem has a very active Recreation Department, serving thousands of residents. The need for renovated facilities is at a premium in this financially tough time. I consider the top priorities to be: making waterfront area available for boating, renovating the tennis court, adding parking and construction of a new playground. The existing playground is approximately 18 years old, made of wood and is starting to splinter.

I truly feel Furlong Park is long overdue to be developed and would become one of the premier parks in the city with the assistance of the P.A.R.C grant.

Sincerely,

Doug Bollen
Director
Park, Recreation & Community Services
July 14, 2008

Mr. Robert O'Connor, Director
Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge St., Suite 900
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

On behalf of the Salem Bike Path, I am writing to express our wholehearted support for the City of Salem's Urban Self Help Grant Application to restore and enhance Furlong Park. As part of the Salem Bike Path Committee's mission to expand the existing bike path throughout Salem and to our surrounding communities and to promote alternative forms of transportation, the Committee strongly supports the restoration and enhancement of Furlong Park.

A major component of the proposed Furlong Park Restoration Project is to stabilize the eroding embankment and to create a public accessway along the North River that will eventually continue along the water's edge through abutting parcels and connect to the MBTA Commuter Rail Station. The City of Salem and the Salem Bike Path Committee are currently planning to extend the existing Bike Path 1.5 miles into downtown Salem and to the nearby Commuter Rail Station. The creation of this public accessway along the North River provides an opportunity for the City and the Salem Bike Path Committee to offer an alternative route for resident in North Salem to directly access the MBTA Commuter Rail Station and Downtown Salem and would extent the Salem Bike Path further throughout the City, allowing more people access to the City's off-road multi-use trial.

The Salem Bike Path Committee strongly supports this application and is looking forward to collaborating with the City in the planning and design of the project. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Frank Taormina
Planner/Harbor Coordinator
July 10, 2008

Robert O’Connor, Director
Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Self-Help Grant
Furlong Park Salem

Dear Mr. O’Connor:

The City of Salem Department of Planning is applying for an Urban Self Help Grant to make much needed improvements at Furlong Park. I am writing to express my strong support for the application.

Furlong Park is an oceanfront neighborhood playground that was long considered the jewel of North Salem. It is heavily used by the community. It has been in disrepair for quite some time. It is the only point of water access along the North River and is experiencing serious erosion problems along the entire length of its shoreline and in need of some type of environmentally friendly barrier or edging. A launch for canoes/kayaks would provide a much needed water-based recreational facility for the area and a wooden boardwalk has been suggested by the community.

Connecting the Park to our downtown and our mass transit system would greatly enhance the area. Grant funding will allow for construction of a trail or path along the water’s edge and will eventually continue along the waterfront through adjoining parcels and connect to the train station. The park is in need of fencing, trees, new benches and picnic tables. Recommendations regarding appropriate lighting would be required to make the Park user friendly.

The Park features one of Salem’s few tennis courts which is severely deteriorated and is not in useable condition. As the City has very few courts, this is an asset we would like to replace. In addition, the Park’s basketball court, Tot Lot and Little League field are in need of replacement or renovation.
Our community has a strong interest in our park system and revitalizing Furlong Park. I strongly request that Division of Conservation Services look favorably upon the City of Salem’s Planning Department’s application for Furlong Park so that the Park will once again be a source of pride for our community.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-722-2396 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John D. Keenan
State Representative
July 17, 2008

Mr. Robert O'Connor, Director
Division of Conservation Services
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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

I am pleased to support the City of Salem’s application for funding through the PARC Grant Program. This funding would help the City of Salem restore and enhance Furlong Park.

Furlong Park has been a recreation location in the City of Salem for eighty-two years. The 5.5 acre park is situated between neighborhoods, industry and the North River. The location of Furlong Park is ideal for recreation use as it is with walking distance for many residents and workers. The next closest recreational park is more than a mile away via a congested interstate, Rte 114.

Funding from the PARC Grant would allow the City of Salem to re-establish the park as a waterfront recreational destination. The funds will be dedicated to the construction of a boat ramp, updates to the park facilities, and needed landscaping. Furlong Park is truly underutilized and has aged a great deal, but with the help of a PARC Grant I am sure this site could reach it’s full potential.

I strongly support this project and hope you will look favorably upon the City of Salem’s PARC grant application. If you have any further questions or comments feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Frederick E. Berry
Senate Majority Leader