



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** David Gill, Parks & Recreation Director  
Mary Miller, Chair of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

**DATE:** December 29, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Recreation and Parks Advisory Committees recommended Capital Improvements for FY21 and FY22

### **Recommendation**

Accept this report and recommendation from the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee.

### **Discussion**

Annually the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee reviews the CIP's for the Parks and Recreation Department. At their December 2020 meeting the committee reviewed park CIP plans and unanimously approved projects for FY21 and FY22. The committee has asked staff to confirm estimated expenses and request funding for the projects listed below.

### **FY21 Budget**

*CIP51: White Park.* There was a \$230,000 project approved but was not funded as part of the FY21 budget. This project was for needed repairs for the maintenance facility on the first floor of the building. Improvements included: adding lift for equipment repairs, LED lighting, air ventilation. RPAC recommends staff request funding at a future City Council meeting and set for public hearing.

## FY22 Budget Request

*CIP51: White Park.* The Trolley Stop needs to be repaired and repointed to keep the structure standing for years to come. Estimated cost of repairs is \$70,000. This was listed as a FY24 project.



*Trolley Stop at White Park*



*Rolfe Park Old Tennis Court Area. Park still has 2 tennis courts.*

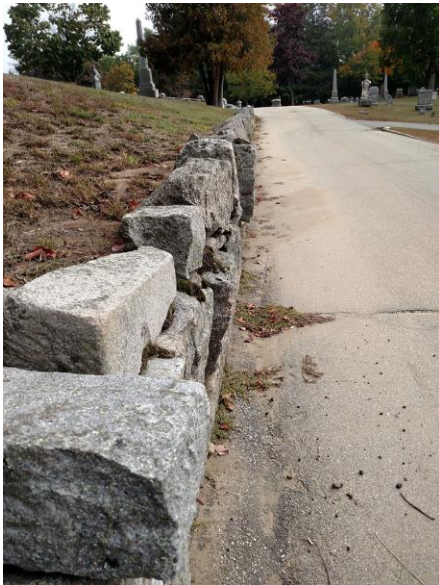
*CIP55: Rolfe Park.* Add standalone pickleball courts at the location of the former two tennis courts. There area is already fenced and has a good base. Cost to repave surface, add pickleball courts and upgrade existing lighting to LED is \$85,000. This was listed as a FY24 project.

*CIP56: Rollins Park.* Replace and upgrade the existing basketball/tennis courts. As part of the project several trees will be removed that are directly next to the court, new pavement, new tennis posts, basketball backboards and fencing will be replaced. Cost for the project is estimated to be \$175,000. This was listed as a FY22 project in this year approved capitol plan.

*CIP63: City Wide Recreation Improvements.* Swimming Pools. There is no pool renovations scheduled until FY23. RPAC would like to review with the community in FY22 (summer 2021) the possibility of converting one or two of the remaining pools into Splash Pads. RPAC recommends hiring a vendor to review options and design of the replacements. In the current CIP White Park Pool is scheduled in FY23 and then Garrison Pool in FY24.

*CIP 543: Merrimack River Greenway Trail.* City staff recently applied for a \$550,000 Land and Water Conservation Grant to help fund Phase 2. If selected the grant will pay 50% of cost, the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail indicated they will be willing to help fundraise the other half however due to COVID19 we are unsure if they will be able to raise the full 50% share,

*CIP587: Cemetery. Blossom Holl Retaining Wall Repairs.* Several years ago, an emergency wall repair was needed on an existing stone wall. Committee members asked for more information on repairing the wall sooner than currently scheduled. Several members suggested selecting a vendor to review and create a design in FY22 with repairs be completed by end of calendar year 2022. This is currently listed as a \$350,000 project in FY23.



Other projects the committee would like City Council to follow and consider are:

*CIP51: White Park: Monkey Around Playground Replacement.* Committee members are supportive of the new design and understand the Friends of White Park are getting organized and are planning on presenting an update and a fundraising campaign to City Council by this spring.

*CIP557: Memorial Field.* The committee recommends talking with Concord School District to see if they would be able to help with the cost of the football light repairs and agree on next steps for bleacher replacement.

In addition, if funding becomes available from the federal government for infrastructure projects the committee would like to remind City Administration and City Council there will be two “shovel ready” projects ready within the next few months. Currently Terrill Park’s new Park Master Plan is fully designed and permitted and by next spring we will have the next section of the Merrimack River Greenway designed and permitted.