



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

October 7, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from the United States Department of the Interior under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897), to be administered by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, for purposes of making capital improvements to the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway in East Boston. The Order also confirms that the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), the grantor's agent.

The Parks and Recreation Department will use the funds to make improvements to the Greenway, including newly paved pathways, enhanced entrances, new site furnishings, and drainage improvements to address chronic site flooding.

I urge your honorable body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may accept and expend these funds expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) PROGRAM GRANT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MARY ELLEN WELCH GREENWAY

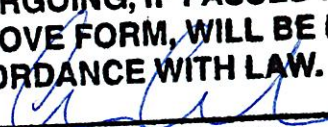
WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior has awarded funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897) to the City of Boston through its Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be utilized to provide capital improvements to the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway in East Boston; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of obtaining the grant, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), the grantor's agent, requires that the City dedicate the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway for park purposes; therefore, be it

ORDERED: That the Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Department, acting on behalf of the City of Boston, be, and hereby is, authorized pursuant to Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend financial assistance from the United States Department of the Interior under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 88-578) in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000); and

FURTHER ORDERED: That the City of Boston, in accord with Article 97 of the Amendments of the Massachusetts Constitution and Section 3 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, hereby confirms that the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by EOEEA, the administrative agent for the LWCF program in Massachusetts, for parks receiving LWCF grant assistance.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY 
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CORPORATION COUNSEL** TJB