

CITY OF NORWICH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT • APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
NON-PUBLIC SERVICE

PROGRAM YEAR 2022 (PY 48) • SEPTEMBER 1, 2022– AUGUST 31, 2023

DUE: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2022 AT 4 PM AT 23 UNION STREET, NORWICH, 2ND FLOOR

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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

AGENCY: City of Norwich Recreation Dept.

LEGAL NAME
(If different from Agency) _____

ADDRESS: 75 Mohegan Rd
Norwich CT 06360

E-MAIL: chancinpreston@cityofnorwich.org

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Tara Booker

CONTACT NAME & TITLE: Cheryl Hancin-Preston, Recreation Director

TELEPHONE: 860-823-3791

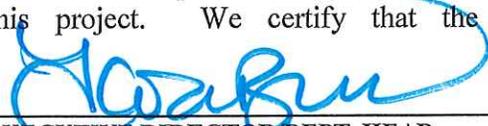
AGENCY FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/2022 6/30/2023
Begin End

PROJECT NAME: Lake Street Park- Basketball court, parking lot.

CDBG REQUEST & AWARD AMOUNTS:

	REQUEST	AWARD
UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR (This Request) (September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023)	<u>\$219,932</u>	\$ _____
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (Prior Year Award) (September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022)	<u>\$236,60</u>	<u>\$66,998</u>

The information contained herein and attached as exhibits hereto is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete and that the City of Norwich can rely upon these statements in determining whether to fund this project. We certify that the Agency Board of Directors has approved this application.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/DEPT. HEAD

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tara Booker

Printed Name

Printed Name

2/9/22

Date

Date

PART II: PROJECT INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION/AGENCY INFORMATION

A1: Brief History

The mission of the City of Norwich Recreation Department is to provide opportunities and facilities that will promote health and fitness, and enrich the quality of life of Norwich residents. The Norwich Recreation Department strives to provide exceptional facilities, programs, and services that will be enjoyed by all Norwich residents. The Department oversees 166 acres of parks, sports fields, a beach, and other facilities in Norwich. The Department offers programs, sports, enrichment, fitness, and events for youth and adults throughout the city and in the different neighborhoods parks. Historically, the City's parks have been underfunded as the City has tightened its fiscal belt over the last several years influencing the ability to make necessary improvements to neighborhood parks. The Recreation Director has now been with the department for four years and has identified many urgent facility needs and projects.

A2: Agency Hours of Operation

The office is open weekdays from 8 AM to 4 PM. The Recreation Department's programs and parks are open 7 days a week and are heavily utilized throughout the weekend.

A3: Total Number of FTEs Employed by the Agency

There are six permanent employees of the Recreation Department: a Department Head of Human Services, the Recreation Director, a Program Coordinator, and three Facility Maintainers.

A4: If there are 15 or more employees at your agency, please provide the name of the person responsible for compliance with Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Nondiscrimination under Federal Programs.

Not Applicable.

A5: Do you receive more than \$500,000 of Federal Funding through any means, including grants and loans?

Yes, American Rescue Plan funding for the next 3 years yet work at Lake Street Park was not included.

STATEMENT OF NEED

B1: Define the need to be addressed through your project and how it will address that need of the community. Please comment on how your industry measures success and discuss how you will measure success for this program.

The Norwich Recreation Department proposes to create many upgrades to Lake Street Park on 17 Lake St. in Norwich, CT. The Lake Street neighborhood qualifies as a 22-23 CDBG concentration area as it is home to a diverse population, many of whom are low-to-moderate income residents. Norwich residents would benefit from improvements offered at this park as they address quality of life issues, improve infrastructure, encourage collaboration, and foster a sense of community that expands past the neighborhood to the larger city. Without a YMCA or

Community Center, the neighborhood is in desperate need of usable positive spaces for youth to recreate.

By adding new elements and upgrades, we can improve the park substantially. Lake St currently has one (1) basketball court, one (1) multi use field, one (1) playground, and lacks a parking lot. The park acts as a family-friendly recreation area for the neighboring community. In recent years, many residents play soccer on the field, the neighborhood children play on the basketball court, and families use the new playground. In the last year, the city obtained property adjacent to the park from a blighted building. The building has since been torn down and could be resurfaced into a parking lot. Currently residents can only utilize street parking to access the park, which limits access to this facility.

The Recreation Department has maintained the park since its inception, routinely attending to the grass field, picking up garbage, attending to necessary repairs, and maintaining the addition of the new playground area. Additionally, the Department runs programs and activities at the park. Enhancing the park through a resurfaced lot will allow those with transportation barriers a safe place to take children. Increasing access to Lake Street park would directly address the urgent health and obesity crisis effecting youth, a public health crisis that has been exasperated by the Covid-19 pandemic, in this neighborhood and would benefit this the City of Norwich collectively. For residents in this area, housing is tightly packed on small blocks without room for backyards or private recreation space. As there are no other parks in walking distance, residents of this community are severely limited in terms of space for youth and adults to move and recreate.

Due to past funding issues, necessary improvements have not occurred in spite of being needed and requested by the growing diverse neighborhood.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

C1: Provide a general description of the project for which you are requesting funding, including the list/description of the activities to be performed.

Below is a list of items, in order of importance, we would like to add to the park to improve it. *See addendum for cost details.*

- Remove and Replace the Existing Basketball Court- The basketball court is in very poor shape with large cracks. The lines are non-existent and some areas are uneven causing puddles to develop. These cracks are so significant that they are beyond repair and currently pose significant safety issues. Impactors such as, winter weather, popularity of use, and the age of facilities have caused deterioration throughout the years. Many youth, teens, and adult in the neighborhood use this court on a daily basis. *See addendum for more info.*
- Parking Lot- The City acquired adjacent property to the park in 2019 when a blighted building was torn down. We would like to pave it and make it into a parking lot. It would offer four spots including a handicap space. Currently the park lacks legal street parking. *See addendum for more info.*
- Fence- The current fence around the park is broken and falling apart as it is over 30 years old. Various wear and tear reasons have damaged the fence, in addition to significant damage from fallen trees, and improper use from patrons. We would like to replace it with a fence that creates more entry ways to avoid damage in the future.

- Tree Removal- We would like to remove the dead trees adjacent to basketball court, along the fence line, and in the prospective parking lot area. They continue to fall and cause damage to the existing fence and often fall into park creating safety hazards.
- Field Improvements and Amenities- This field has served as a soccer and multi-purpose field for the local neighborhood. The surface poses challenges for play and upkeep as the field is full of weeds, crab grass, and bare spots. Instead, we would create a multi-purpose field with a durable playing surface for soccer and football games. A significant amount of seed and topdressing are needed for this field in order to get it into safe shape. Currently, there are bare spots creating safety concerns during play. Increasing the City's field capacity would, in turn, help out the entire community. We also intend to add amenities to improve the park such as soccer goals, safety mats under the swings, garbage cans, and a welcome sign displaying community rules.
- Basketball court lighting - We are requesting to add LED lights to the courts. The field currently has outdated halide lights that are not energy efficient and difficult to acquire replacement parts. Many youth and adults utilize the courts to play basketball at night as a healthy outlet.

These additions and improvements made to this park will have a great impact on the low-to-moderate residents of this neighborhood and will ultimately improve the area for the general community. We will measure success by tracking attendance rates at this park, field reservation rates, and overall satisfaction of attendees by sending out surveys to the neighborhood. We can also track the rental rates and sale of homes in this area to see if these improvements have helped increase the gross value of the neighborhood and its families.

C2: Explain any temporary or permanent relocation of persons or businesses that may result from this project.

No one will be relocated.

C3: Please specify the percentage of requested grant funds that will be used for salaries and the total number of employees hired and/or retained as a result.

None, we will contract out this job.

TARGET POPULATION/AREA OF BENEFIT

D1: Identify and describe the target population *or* area of benefit (if it serves a low-income census tract.)

This project will primarily serve residents in the Lake Street and adjacent neighborhoods who are in low-to-moderate census tracts. One hundred percent of Norwich's children attending nearby Norwich Public Schools qualify for free or reduced lunch as they are a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school system. The Community Eligibility Provision is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. The families of this area will have a local park within walking distance that they can attend freely with their children and extended families. Options for utilizing the park space are innumerable. For example, residents could organize a picnic, play sports, or roam the playground. Residents in other villages of Norwich would also have the option to enjoy the Lake Street Park space, as the parking lot would allow options for families that choose to drive. The Lake Street Park has the potential to

be a safe, free resource for Norwich residence who deserve a more attractive, safe place to live, play, and recreate.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

E1: Please submit the anticipated implementation schedule that includes, but is not limited to, spec completion, bidding, starting, and project completion dates.

The project will need to start in warmer weather when the ground is thawed enough to pave. The basketball court will take 30-60 days to complete. The project will go out to bid in January/February of 2023. Estimates and specifics have already been acquired for this grant. Our target start month to begin work is May/June of 2023. Work will be completed by the grant deadline. *See addendum for more project specifications and details.*

REDUCED FUNDING QUESTIONS

F1: If the CDBG funding that you are requesting will leverage funding from another source, please note the amount and source and use of leveraged funding. Have these additional funds been secured at the time the application is made, if not, what actions are you taking to apply for them?

No action has been taken.

F2: If you do not receive the amount of funds requested from CDBG, how do you propose to administer and/or complete the project in the manner presented?

The items are listed in section C1 in order of priority. Consequently, if granted fewer dollars than needed we would complete the first items on the list only and the other items would not occur. If funding is not awarded then this project will not be started.

F3: What items would you reduce/eliminate from your budget if the City wanted to (only) partially fund your application?

The items are listed in section C1 in order of priority. Consequently, if granted fewer dollars than needed we would complete the first items on the list only and the other items would not occur. If funding is not awarded then this project will not be started.

PROJECT FEASIBILITY

G1: Have any of the following pre-construction issues been investigated: architectural and engineering, design, environmental assessment and lead-based paint assessment, if applicable? (Lead-based paint assessments are applicable to structures built before 1978). Please provide the investigations, if available.

Our project meets all of these requirements. We have met with Public Works engineers on this for the estimates and site plans. Additionally, we had contractors out to the site to give us advice and estimates.

G2: Have you obtained a cost estimate for this project? Please include the cost estimate, with the specification to the estimating entity that the job will require the payment of prevailing (Davis Bacon) wages.

Yes, we have received a cost estimate of \$219,932 for all the items on the list from various contractors along with the Norwich Public Works Dept. *See attached for more detail.*

G3: Can the project expend funds within 1-year and be fully completed within 1.5 years of receiving this grant?

Yes, the Recreation department has been successful with meeting deadlines in past CDBG projects for the City. We expect to finish this June 2023.

LINKAGE TO CITY PLANS

H1: Briefly discuss how your request addresses the City's Plan of Conservation and Development, CDBG's Consolidated Plan priorities, or any other City development plan or formally stated goal.

This project aligns with the City's Plan of Conservation and Development in that it promotes livability, improves the quality of life of residents, addresses community facility needs, reinforces community structure, maximizes the vitality of the area, promotes and supports economic development in neighborhoods. It aligns with the Consolidated Plan in that it benefits low-to-moderate-income residents that do not have the disposable income to afford expensive recreational activities for their families. It creates a safe park, with adequate parking, and amenities as a no-cost option. This project meets the urgent needs of the health and welfare for this neighborhood, has an area benefit to those that live in the neighborhood, and creates more accessibility to this park.

H2: If your project is linked to specific, adopted neighborhood revitalization zone plan or other organized/recognized neighborhood planning or revitalization processes, please explain thoroughly how the project is linked and how it meets or compliments the respective plan's goals.

Not Applicable.

H3: Do you have a letter of support from a City agency or commission? If yes, please attach.

Yes, attached is a letter from our Recreation Advisory Board Chairman.

I. SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS (See Samples on pages 10-14)

The work to be performed under any contract utilizing CDBG funding may be subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended. The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD assistance projects covered by Section 3, are, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State and local laws and regulations directed to low- and very-low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low income persons.

Please review page 10, "Section 3 Contractor Affidavit" and select the appropriate response. In addition, please note that if funding is approved, your contract may be required to review, implement and report on employment activities relating to Section 3 guidelines.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

Does your project:

Address the needs of low- and/or moderate-income residents?
 (At least 51% of your clients must not exceed the income guidelines below or if your project is not client based it must be located in a census tract that is at least 51% low to moderate income) see chart

OR

Eliminate Slums or Blight?

OR

Improve a Low-Income census tract?

FY 2021 Income Limits Summary									
FY 2021 Income Limit Area	FY 2021 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Norwich-New London, CT HUD Metro FMR Area	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$)	\$ 36,050	\$ 41,200	\$ 46,350	\$ 51,450	\$ 55,600	\$ 59,700	\$ 63,800	\$ 67,950
	Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)*	\$ 21,600	\$ 24,700	\$ 27,800	\$ 30,850	\$ 33,350	\$ 35,800	\$ 40,120	\$ 44,660
Median Family Income \$88,600	Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)	\$ 55,950	\$ 63,950	\$ 71,950	\$ 79,900	\$ 86,300	\$ 92,700	\$ 99,100	\$ 105,500

PART III: BUDGET INFORMATION

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

Construction/Clean-up Costs		\$	0
Pre-Development Soft Costs:			
Legal	\$	0	
Architectural & Engineering	\$	0	
Survey	\$	0	
Environmental testing	\$	0	
Estimated total soft costs		\$	0
Total Development Costs (construction & soft costs)		\$	219,932

Sources of Funds (list all sources of funding for this project including other government funds, agency cash, private funds, CDBG, etc.)

SOURCE	AMOUNT
CDGB Funds	\$ 219,932
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

USE	AMOUNT
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

PART IV: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: All agencies must submit all of the following documentation with their application whether or not you have previously received CDBG funds through the City of Norwich.

EXHIBIT 1 Financial Statement and Audit

Describe the agency's fiscal management including disbursement methods, financial reporting, record keeping, accounting principles/procedures and audit requirements. Include a copy of the agency's last completed audit.

EXHIBIT 2 Insurance/Bond/Worker's Compensation

- State whether or not the agency has liability insurance coverage, in what amount and with what insuring agency.
- State whether or not the agency pays all payroll taxes and worker's compensation as required by Federal and State Law.
- State whether or not the agency has fidelity bond coverage for principal staff who handle the agency's accounts, in what amount and with what insuring agency.
- Provide a copy of your current insurance certificate, NOT YOUR POLICY.

- EXHIBIT 3 Non-profit Determination
Non-profit organizations must submit tax-exemption determination letters from the Federal Internal Revenue Service.
- EXHIBIT 4 List of Board of Directors
A list of the current board of directors or other governing body of the agency must be submitted. The list must include the name, telephone number, address, occupation or affiliation of each member; and must identify the principal officers of the governing body.
- EXHIBIT 5 Organizational Chart
An organizational chart must be provided which describes the agency's administrative framework and staff positions, which indicates where the proposed project will fit into the organizational structure and which identifies any staff positions of shared responsibility.
- EXHIBIT 6 Resumes of Chief Program Administrator and Chief Fiscal Officer
- EXHIBIT 7 Conflict of Interest Disclosure
Form attached

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITY
OF NORWICH, CONNECTICUT**

**APPLICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
2022-2023 PROGRAM YEAR**

Federal, State, and City law prohibits employees and public officials of the City of Norwich from participating on behalf of the City in any transaction in which they have a financial interest. This questionnaire must be completed and submitted by each applicant for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The purpose of this questionnaire is to determine if the applicant, or any of the applicant's staff, or any of the applicant's Board of Directors would be in conflict of interest.

1. Is there any member(s) of the applicant's staff or any member(s) of the applicant's Board of Directors or governing body who is or has/have been within one year of the date of this questionnaire (a) a City employee or consultant, or (b) a City Council member, or (c) a member of the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) member? X Yes No

If yes, please list the name(s) and information requested below:

Name of person	Job Title of person	Indicate City employee, consultant, City Council person, or CDAC member
Derell Wilson	Rec Adv. Board	Alderman
Grant Neuendorf	Rec Adv. Board	Alderman

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 APPLICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
 2021-2022 PROGRAM YEAR**

2. Will the CDBG funds requested by the applicant be used to award a subcontract to any individual(s) or business affiliate(s) who is/are currently or has/have been within one year of the date of this questionnaire a City employee, consultant, City Council person or Community Development Advisory Committee member?

Yes No

If yes, please list the name(s) and information requested below:

Name of person	Job Title of person	Indicate City employee, consultant, City Council person, or CDAC member

3. Is there any member(s) of the applicant's staff or member(s) of the applicant's Board of Directors or other governing body who are business partners or family members of a City employee, consultant, City Council person, Community Development Advisory Committee member?

Yes No

If yes, please identify below the City employee, consultant, or Council member with whom each individual has family or business ties.

Name of member	Name of City employee, Consultant, City Council member, CDAC member	Indicate type of tie (Family or Business)	If family, indicate relationship

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APPLICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
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4. Have you read and understood the HUD regulation regarding conflict of interest, 24 CFR 570.611 (attached)?

Name of Applicant: Cheryl Hancin-Preston

Signature of Applicant's Representative _____

Title Recreation Director

Date 2/8/2022

**HUD REGULATION REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST
(NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION)**

§570.611 Conflict of interest.

(a) Applicability

(1) In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by subrecipients, the conflict of interest provisions in 2 CFR 200.317 and 200.318 shall apply.

(2) In all cases not governed by 2 CFR 200.317 and 200.318, the provisions of this section shall apply. Such cases include the acquisition and disposition of real property and the provision of assistance by the recipient or by its subrecipients to individuals, businesses, and other private entities under eligible activities that authorize such assistance (e.g., rehabilitation, preservation, and other improvements of private properties or facilities pursuant to §570.202; or grants, loans, and other assistance to businesses, individuals, and other private entities pursuant to §570.203, 570.204, 570.455, or 570.703(i)).

(b) Conflicts prohibited. The general rule is that no persons described in paragraph (c) of this section who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG activities assisted under this part, or who are in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity, or have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to the proceeds of the CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter. For the UDAG program, the above restrictions shall apply to all activities that are a part of the UDAG project, and shall cover any such financial interest or benefit during, or at any time after, such person's tenure.

(c) Persons covered. The conflict of interest provisions of paragraph (b) of this section apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the recipient, or of any designated public agencies, or of subrecipients that are receiving funds under this part.

(d) Exceptions. Upon the written request of the recipient, HUD may grant an exception to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section on a case-by-case basis when it has satisfactorily met the threshold requirements of (d)(1) of this section, taking into account the cumulative effects of paragraph (d)(2) of

this section.

(1) Threshold requirements. HUD will consider an exception only after the recipient has provided the following documentation:

- (i) A disclosure of the nature of the conflict, accompanied by an assurance that there has been public disclosure of the conflict and a description of how the public disclosure was made; and
- (ii) An opinion of the recipient's attorney that the interest for which the exception is sought would not violate State or local law.

(2) Factors to be considered for exceptions. In determining whether to grant a requested exception after the recipient has satisfactorily met the requirements of paragraph (d) (1) of this section, HUD shall conclude that such an exception will serve to further the purposes of the Act and the effective and efficient administration of the recipient's program or project, taking into account the cumulative effect of the following factors, as applicable:

- (i) Whether the exception would provide a significant cost benefit or an essential degree of expertise to the program or project that would otherwise not be available;
- (ii) Whether an opportunity was provided for open competitive bidding or negotiation;
- (iii) Whether the person affected is a member of a group or class of low- or moderate-income persons intended to be the beneficiaries of the assisted activity, and the exception will permit such person to receive generally the same interests or benefits as are being made available or provided to the group or class;
- (iv) Whether the affected person has withdrawn from his or her functions or responsibilities, or the decision-making process with respect to the specific assisted activity in question;
- (v) Whether the interest or benefit was present before the affected person was in a position as described in paragraph (b) of this section;
- (vi) Whether undue hardship will result either to the recipient or the person affected when weighed against the public interest served by avoiding the prohibited conflict; and
- (vii) Any other relevant considerations.

[60 FR 56916, Nov. 9, 1995, as amended at 80 FR 75938, Dec. 7, 2015]

Section 3 Contractor Affidavit (2021 Final Rule)

Section 3 Business Concerns are:

- At least 51 percent of the business is owned and controlled by low or very low-income persons; or
- At least 51 percent of the business is owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing; or
- Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers

This is to certify that Norwich Recreation Dept. (print Business name)

 Is a Section 3 Business Concern (Please read, review and implement necessary items in document entitled "Section 3 Requirements")

 Is **NOT** a Section 3 Business Concern but the contract for work will require my business or sub-contractor to hire, train, or educate a new employee. (Please read, review and implement necessary items in document entitled "Section 3 Requirements")

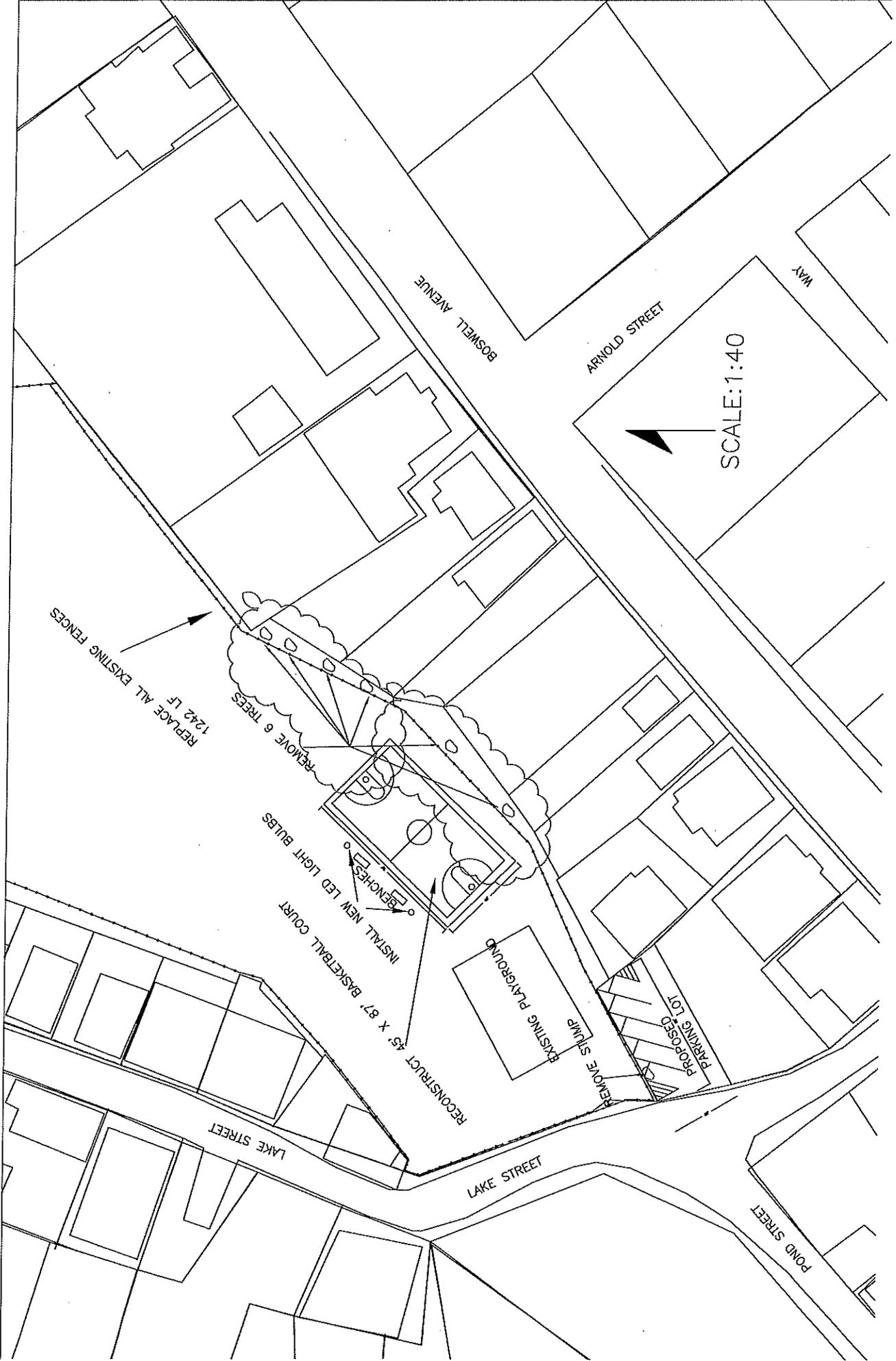
 X Is **NOT** a Section 3 Business Concern and the contract for work will **NOT** require my business or sub-contractor to hire, train or educate a new employee. (No further action is necessary unless an employee is hired during the contract period)


Authorized Signer

2/10/2023
Date


Print Name

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**LAKE ST. PARK IMPROVEMENTS- LAKE ST.
Proposal for FY 22-23**

Prepared Norwich Recreation Dept
2/8/2022

NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A BASKETBALL COURT

ITEMS	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
Design		1	LS	\$2000	\$2,000
Field Stake out		1	LS	\$2500	\$2,500
Demolish existing basketball court		435	SY	\$ 12	\$ 5,220
Install processed gravel base		196	CY	\$ 40	\$ 7,840
Remove existing posts and backboards		2	Each	\$ 800	\$ 1,600
Furnish and install new posts-backboard-baskets		2	Each	\$ 4,600	\$ 9,200
Basketball Court Construction (45 X 87)		435	SY	\$ 50	\$ 21,750
Bituminous Concrete Class 1		50	Tons	\$ 150	\$ 7,500
Bituminous Concrete Class 2		50	Tons	\$ 150	\$ 7,500
Basketball Court Painting and Striping		1	Each	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Install 8' long steel benches-screwed to 5 inch slab		2	Each	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Loam and seed		670	SY		\$ 1,000
Incidentals		1	Each	10%	\$7,710
				Total:	\$77,110

PARKING LOT

Create a parking lot at 11 Lake St. on vacant land (a blighted house was removed) Remove debris and tree. Add a handicap parking. Parking lot dimensions are 72ft x 35 ft.

Prepare subbase and haul away 2 ft of unsuitable material	160	CY	\$40	6,400
Install new Parking Lot (62 x35)	280	SY	\$ 75	21,000
Striping of new parking lot	1	LS	\$ 2,500	2,500
			Total:	\$29,900

TREE REMOVAL

Remove dead trees adjacent to basketball court and in the new parking lot area. They continue to fall on the fence and break it and fall into park creating a safety hazard.

Remove Trees	6 each		\$ 3,900	23,400
Remove Stump	1 each		\$ 1,000	1,000
			Total:	\$24,400

FENCING

Replace the fence all around the park. The area near the basketball court is severely damaged and missing in many spots. Fence is 30 plus years old and rusty. Build in more entrance ways so families can enter the park properly.

Remove existing 5 ft fence	1,242	If	\$ 10	12,420
Install new 5 ft black coated Fence	1,242	If	\$ 30	55,890
			Total:	\$68,310

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER AMENITIES

Seed and loam the multi-use field to improve the grass on the playing field and change the grass seed to a better blend. The current grass has many weeds and bare spots on the field creating safety hazards for participants. We also need to add other amenities to improve the park.

Purchase Seed (Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass & tall fescue mix) and loam	\$1,500
Soccer goals (2)	\$3,512
Safety Mats under the swings	\$800
Garbage cans (4)	\$1,200
Park Rules/Welcome sign	\$1,200
	Total: \$8,212

LED LIGHTS CONVERSION FOR THE BASKETBALL COURT

The current park has old halide bulbs so replace with LED fixtures that are dark sky friendly, full cut-off, with zero uplight. Keep the current poles.

- Set 4 new LED lights on existing poles
- Install a new Controller and service
- Coordinate NDPU connection

Cost: \$12,000

Grand Total: \$219,932



Norwich Recreation Department

A Division of Norwich Human Services

75 Mohegan Road, Norwich, CT 06360 ~ 860-823-3791, FAX 860-823-3830

Jeffrey Blinderman
35 Greenwich Court
Norwich CT 06360

February 9, 2022

RE: CDBG Program Year 2022-23 Recreation Department Application

Dear Community Development Advisory Board,

As chairman of the Recreation Advisory Board, and on behalf of the Board, I am writing to you to voice our support for both of the CDBG applications that the Recreation Department will be submitting this cycle. One is to build a new basketball court at Lake Street park, a parking lot and other improvements and the other is to pave the walking track at Taftville Park.

Our Board has consistently advocated for field and facility improvements. The City has not been able to fully fund all of the projects that we feel should be prioritized for the community. Many of these facilities are becoming unsafe due to the disrepair.

The basketball court at Lake St. is highly used. The youth in the neighborhood use the park and basketball court daily and it has fallen into disrepair. The users also have nowhere to park so both additions will create more accessibility and area benefit.

Additionally, the Taftville park has a walking track that is highly used by the local neighborhood. The gravel walkway washes out often, has dips and puddles and can create a trip hazard for youth and adults looking to stay healthy. This park has seen increased usage by families due to all the past upgrades so this would be a great addition as a no or low-cost recreation opportunities.

The Board and I urge you to fully fund both of these grants, which align with the City's plans to improve the quality of life for Norwich residents. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Blinderman, Chair

Adult & Family Services

100 Broadway

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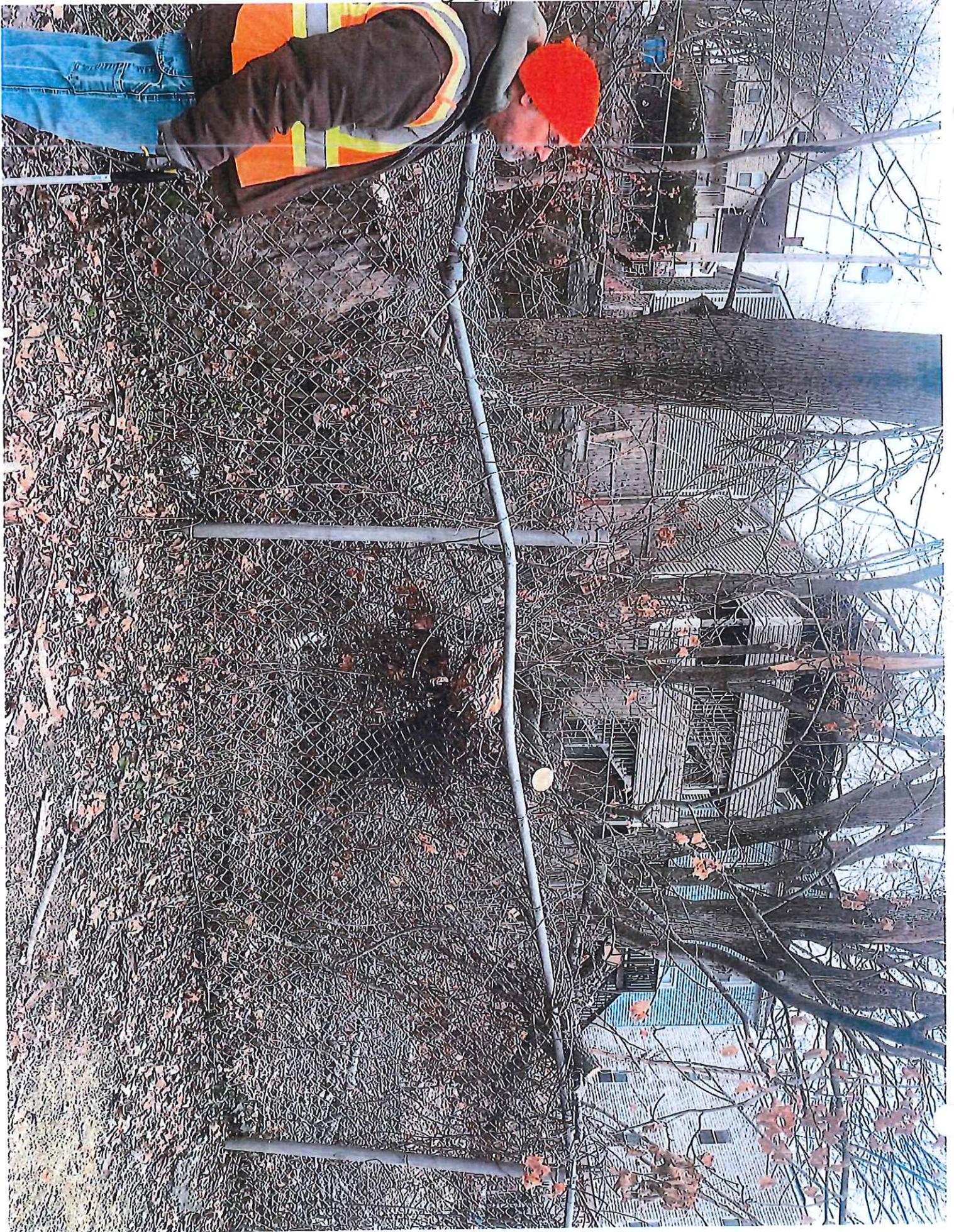
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