

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR MCCONNELL PARK IN DORCHESTER, AND TO PERMANENTLY DEDICATE SUCH PARK TO PARK AND PLAYGROUND PURPOSES.

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 a grant award from the United States Department of the Interior under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 88-578), administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the City of Boston, in accordance with section 14 of chapter 45 of the Massachusetts General Laws, hereby permanently dedicates McConnell Park for park and playground purposes, as required by EOEEA for parks and playgrounds receiving LWCF grant assistance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MARTIN J. WALSH

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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), to be administered by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, for purposes of making capital improvements to McConnell Park in Dorchester. The Order also permanently dedicates McConnell Park 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 reconstruct the athletic fields, including a Challenger field, Boston's first inclusive ball field, and to add climate resiliency measures.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh
Mayor of Boston