

# Community Preservation Committee

## Article 23: DeFazio Complex Fencing

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| Applicants:    | Needham Department of Public Works<br>Needham Park & Recreation Department |
| Appropriation: | \$417,000                                                                  |

# Project Overview

The Department of Public Works and the Park & Recreation Department are joint applicants seeking CPA funds to remove and replace the fencing fabric around and within the DeFazio Complex.

DeFazio Complex is a multipurpose recreational hub, highly utilized by the community, supporting multiple sports across high school athletics and Park & Recreation Department programming.

The existing fencing was gifted to the Town as part of the "Field of Dreams" project. It is 15 years old and showing signs of age. It is bent and curled, the coating is peeling, and the hardware is buckling, creating both safety and aesthetic concerns.

The proposed improvements will also provide more secure entrance and egress points to the fields to prevent unauthorized use and damage.

# Project Cost & Funding Sources

**Total CPA Funds Requested:    \$ 417,000**

Initial cost estimates provided by the Town's on-call vendor totaled between \$396,720 – \$420,000. If CPA funding is approved, the project will be submitted for competitive bidding.

The concrete post foundation is in good condition and will be preserved wherever possible.



Defazio Park

Brock Field

George Aggott Rd  
135

# Community Preservation Committee Review & Recommendation

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The Committee conducted a detailed due diligence review and received information from the applicants concerning, among other things, their proposed budget and timeline, confirmation of site jurisdiction, and a letter of support from the Needham High School Director of Athletics.

CPC project liaisons conducted a site visit and the Committee received presentations by Edward Olsen, Superintendent of Park and Forestry.

The Committee held a hybrid Public Hearing on March 13, 2024 to provide the community with an opportunity to ask questions about this project and to provide feedback.

The CPC determined that this project is eligible for CPA funds as rehabilitation of an existing outdoor recreational facility in that it preserves and enhances a town-owned recreation asset.

**The CPC recommends adoption of Article 23 to appropriate \$417,000 from CPA Free Cash.**