

**City of Portland
Parks Commission Agenda**



The mission of the Portland Parks Commission is to advocate for the enhancement and stewardship of our parks and open spaces. Review and propose projects that impact parks and open spaces and recommend action. Foster collaboration among park users and the City. Promotes public access and enjoyment. Advocate for public and private funding for parks and open spaces. Enjoy Portland for life.

Commission Members:

Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Ashley Burdick, Beth Rabbitt, Donna Gartland, Griffin Bourassa, Jaime Parker, John Clark, Marie Gray, Robert Foster, Sarah Michniewicz (City Councilor), and William Elting.

City Staff:

Alex Marshall (Parks Director), Jen DeRice (Parks Assistant Director), Jessica Teesdale (PRF Sr. Executive Assistant)

May 7, 2026 at 5:00 PM

On the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm, the Portland Parks Commission will hold a meeting at Parks, Recreation, and Facilities, 212 Canco Rd., Suite A conference room. The Parks Commission will conduct this meeting in person. Public comments may only be submitted in person or in writing. To submit written public comment on an agenda item, email parkscommission@portlandmaine.gov. Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm the day before the Parks Commission meeting to guarantee their inclusion in the agenda packet. All submissions must include the person's name and legal address. To help ensure your comment is submitted for the correct item, please include the name of the agenda item (see below).

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- I. Call to Order
- II. General Citizen Comment Period
- III. Agenda Items
 - a. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2026
 - b. New Business
 - i. CIP
 - c. Old Business
 - i. Party in the Park
 - d. Communications and Updates
 - i. Parks Division Report
 - ii. Land Bank Commission Report
 - e. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items
- IV. Adjournment

City of Portland | Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management
Ethan Hipple, *Director*
Alex Marshall, *Director of Parks*



Commission Members:

Present: Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Beth Rabbitt, David Little, Jaime Parker, John Clark, Marie Gray, Robert Foster, William Elting.

Not Present: Ashley Burdick (submitted resignation 3/2026), Donna Gartland, Elizabeth Pagan (submitted resignation 3/2026), Griffin Bourassa, Sarah Michniewicz (City Councilor),

City Staff:

Alex Marshall (Parks Director), Jen DeRice (Parks Assistant Director), Jack Phillips (Director Portland Parks Conservancy), Jessica Teesdale (PRF Sr. Executive Assistant)

Parks Commission Minutes
March 5, 2026
5:00 PM
Parks, Recreation, and Facilities
212 Canco Rd. Suite A
Portland, Maine 04103

This meeting was recorded and is available to watch on the Agendas and Meetings Portal here: <https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/8259/media>

I. Call to Order- B. Rabbitt called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

II. Citizen Comment Period–none

III. Agenda Items

i. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2026

Motion to accept minutes made by M. Gray and seconded by David Little. Motion passed 6-0 with 1 abstention

b. New Business

i. Portland Parks Conservancy Strategic Plan–Director of Portland Parks Conservancy presented the guiding framework for the Parks Conservancy.

- Mission- The mission of Portland Parks Conservancy is to enhance Portland’s parks and recreational programs by raising philanthropic capital and engaging the community.
- Background
- Vision
- Strategic Pillars
 - Destination parks
 - Equity and access
 - Activation, Stewardship, and Community
 - Youth and recreation
 - Sustainability
- Current/Ongoing Commitments
 - Portland Youth Corps
 - Portland Harbor Common
 - Urban Forestry
 - Volunteerism
 - Events
 - Priority Spaces
- Future Commitments to consider
 - Eastern Prom playground construction
 - Increase Park Serve Score
 - Youth Swim Program
 - Outdoor exploration guide
 - Mini grants
 - E-newsletter
 - Annual event

c. Communications and Updates

i. Committee Updates

Annual Report- B. Rabbitt presents the draft for the 2025 annual report. Commissioners proofread the letter to the commission

Motion by M. Gray and seconded by J. Parker to approve the 2025 Annual Report Draft pending suggested edits to be made by B. Rabbitt and W. Elting.

Special Projects

- Party in the Park-
 - Date June 16.2026 4:30-6
 - Theme-Safety in Parks
 - Traffic Calming
 - Music
 - Snacks
 - Games

ii. Parks Division Report- J. DeRice

iii. Land Bank Commission Report

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APRIL D. FOURNIER(A/L)
BENJAMIN GRANT (A/L)

**CITY OF PORTLAND
IN THE CITY COUNCIL**

SARAH MICHNIEWICZ (1)
WESLEY PELLETIER (2)
REGINA L. PHILLIPS (3)
ANNA BULLETT (4)
KATE SYKES (5)

**ORDER AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR FY27 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

FOLLOWING a public hearing of the City Council of the City of Portland, Maine, held upon due notice pursuant to Article VII, Section 11 of the City Charter, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

There is hereby authorized and approved a borrowing by the City of Portland in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty-four Million Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$24,420,000), such borrowing to be evidenced by the City's general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") and temporary notes in anticipation thereof (the "Notes), to finance the items identified in the City's FY27 Capital Improvement Program attached hereto as Exhibit A and all other costs (as defined herein) related and ancillary thereto (the "Projects").

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:

1. That the Bonds and Notes shall be executed in the name of and on behalf of the City by the Director of Finance and the Mayor, either or both of whose signatures may be by facsimile to the extent permitted by law, and shall bear the City seal thereon, attested by its Clerk.

2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City of Portland, to prepare, issue, and sell such Bonds and Notes through a public offering (on a competitive or negotiated basis or a combination thereof) or a private placement, or a combination thereof, and such Bonds may be issued in serial form or as term bonds, or some combination thereof, may be issued as physical certificates or in book-entry form pursuant to the Depository Trust Company Book-Entry Only System, and may issued at one time or from time to time, as one or more separate bond issues, all as the Director of Finance shall determine to be appropriate in his sole discretion.

3. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to establish, determine and approve the form, dates, maturities (not to exceed the maximum term permitted by law), denominations, interest rates, payment dates, provisions for early redemption, with or without a premium, and all other details, such establishment, determination and approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof.

4. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to do or cause to be done all such acts and things, including to select a financial advisor, underwriter, or paying agent/registrar for the Bonds and Notes, to approve, execute and deliver all contracts, loan agreements, investment agreements, tax compliance agreements or arbitrage certificates, closing certificates, instruments, Preliminary Official Statement, Official Statement or other offering document, a Letter of Representation necessary to qualify the Bonds or Notes for the Depository Trust Company Book-Entry Only System, continuing disclosure agreements, and such other documents, agreements and closing certificates (the "Bond Documents"), as may be necessary or desirable, in connection with the financing of the Projects, the offering, sale, issuance, and delivery of the Bonds and Notes, and the investment of the proceeds thereof, which Bond Documents may be in such form and contain such terms and provisions including,

without limitation, the waiving of the City's sovereign or governmental immunity with respect to the enforceability of any of the forgoing, which waiver of sovereign or governmental immunity is hereby authorized, confirmed and approved, and such other details as he shall establish, determine and approve, such establishment, determination and approval to be conclusively evidenced by his execution thereof.

5. That if the Bonds or Notes, or any part of them, are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to covenant and certify that:

- (A) No part of the Projects shall be used directly or indirectly, in a manner that would cause the Bonds or Notes to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and that no part of the proceeds of the Bonds and Notes shall be used directly or indirectly to acquire any securities or obligations, the acquisition of which or the investment yield on which would cause such Bonds or Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code; and
- (B) The City will file any required reports and take any other action that may be necessary to insure that interest on the Bonds and Notes will remain exempt from federal income taxation, and that the City will refrain from any action that would cause interest on the Bonds or Notes to be subject to federal income taxation.

6. That the term "cost" or "costs" as used herein and applied to the Projects, or any portion thereof, includes, but is not limited to (1) the cost to purchase, acquire, design, construct, renovate, improve, furnish and equip the Projects, or any portion thereof; (2) the cost of land, easements and other real property interests, landscaping and site preparation, including demolition and environmental remediation work on any existing building or structure and on the property where the Projects are located, utility extensions and site improvements, and all appurtenances and other fixtures, facilities, buildings and structures either on, above, or under the ground which are used or usable in connection with the Project; (3) the cost of feasibility studies, surveys, environmental studies and assessments, engineering, plans and specifications, legal and other professional services associated with the Project; (4) issuance costs, including premiums for insurance, capitalized interest and other fees and expenses relating to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and Note; and (5) other costs of the Projects ancillary or related to the foregoing costs.

7. That if the actual cost of any Project differs from the estimated cost on the attached Exhibit A, whether due to completion, delay or abandonment of such Project or for any other reason, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, in his discretion, to reallocate proceeds of the Bonds and Notes to any other Project listed on the attached Exhibit A, or to any other project or improvement that the City Council has approved or may in the future approve as part of the City's annual capital improvement plan.

8. That if the Director of Finance, Mayor or Clerk are for any reason unavailable to approve and execute the Bonds or Notes or any other Bond Document necessary or convenient to the issuance, execution and delivery of the Bonds or Notes, the person or persons then acting in such capacity, whether on an interim or acting basis, as an assistant, a deputy, or otherwise, is authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to act for such official with the same force and effect as if such official had performed such act.

9. That if any of the officers or officials of the City who have signed or sealed the Bonds or Notes shall cease to be such officers or officials before the Bonds or Notes so signed and sealed shall have been actually authenticated or delivered by the City, such Bonds or Notes nevertheless may be authenticated, issued, and delivered with the same force and effect as though the person or persons who signed or sealed such Bonds or Notes had not ceased to be such officer or official; and also any such bonds or notes may be signed and sealed on behalf of the City by those persons who, at the actual date of the execution of such Bonds or Notes, shall be the proper officers and officials of the City, although at the nominal date of such Bonds or Notes any such person shall not have been such officer or official.

10. That to the extent not payable from other funds, an amount sufficient for the payment of the annual payments of principal and interest on the Bonds or any Notes issued hereunder shall be included in the tax levy of each year until the debt represented by said Bonds or Notes is extinguished.

11. That if any of the Bonds or Notes are issued through the State of Maine Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF), the following resolutions required by Section C(4)(e) of the CWSRF Rules, Chapter 595 (the "SRF Regulations"), administered by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (the "Bond Bank"), be and hereby are adopted:

- a. That a Project Account shall be created for the Projects which shall be separate from all other accounts of the City. If operating revenues are to be used to retire the debt, a sub-account will be established;
- b. That the Project Account shall be maintained in accordance with standards set forth by the Bond Bank and in accordance with generally accepted government account standards;
- c. That a final accounting shall be made to the Bond Bank of the total cost of each Project upon completion of the Project performance certification as set out in Section G(3) of the SRF Regulations and the City acknowledges that the Bond Bank reserves the right at its sole discretion to be provided with a cost certification of the Project as built;
- d. That an annual audit of the City, prepared by a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant be provided to the Bond Bank for the term of the loan;
- e. That the City shall maintain insurance coverage on the Projects in an amount adequate to protect the Bond Bank's interest for the term of the loan with the Bond Bank named as loss payee;
- f. That the City will comply with any special conditions specified by the Department of Environmental Protection's environmental determination until all financial obligations to the State have been discharged;
- g. That the City certify to the Bond Bank that it has secured all permits, licenses and approvals necessary and that it has a dedicated source of revenue for repayment;
- h. That the City establish a rate, charge or assessment schedule in order to pay principal and interest. Such rate change or schedule shall provide total operations and debt service coverage at a level at which the coverage for the Bond Bank is sufficient;

- i. That the City must demonstrate the ability to pay reasonably anticipated costs of operating and maintaining the financed Project; and
- j. That the City abide by the SRF Regulations, as revised and amended and relevant State statutes of the State of Maine.

12. That while any of the Bonds (or bonds issued to refund such Bonds) are outstanding, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to issue and deliver refunding bonds to refund, on either a current or advance refunding basis, some or all of the bonds then outstanding, and to establish, determine and approve the time of the sale, award and settlement of such refunding bonds, the form, date, maturities (not to exceed the maximum term permitted by law), denominations, interest rates, payment dates, and all other details of such refunding bonds, and to provide that any of such refunding bonds may be made subject to call for redemption, with or without premium, such establishment, determination and approval to be conclusively evidenced by his execution thereof, and to execute and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the City, such additional Bond Documents as may be reasonable or necessary with respect to such refunding, and each refunding bond issued hereunder shall be signed in the same manner as the Bonds.

13. That the City may pay certain costs of the Projects prior to the issuance of the Bonds and Notes (referred to as "original expenditures"); to that end, the City hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself for such original expenditures from the proceeds of such bonds and notes, and this Resolution shall constitute the City's declaration of official intent pursuant to Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

<u>Department</u>	<u>General Fund Projects</u>	<u>FY27 CIP Appropriation</u>	<u>New Bond Authorization</u>	<u>Other Funding</u>
Facilities Maintenance				
Fire Department	Central Station Slab Repairs	480,000	480,000	
Fire Department	Stevens Ave Fire Station - Roof Replacement	235,000	235,000	
Fire Department	Bramhall Fire Station - Major Renovation Planning	30,000		30,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Fire Department	All Stations - Exterior Envelope Repirs (Masonry, Windows, Doors)	100,000	100,000	
Health-Human Services	Barron Center Elevator Replacement	650,000	650,000	
Health-Human Services	Resurfacing and Paving of Barron Center Parking Lots	565,000	565,000	
Health-Human Services	Rear Patio Replacement - Barron Center	50,000	50,000	
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Expo Slab Repair	125,000	125,000	
Parks-Rec-Facilities	City Hall/Merrill Boiler replacement	200,000		200,000 ⁽⁶⁾
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Paint Merrill Dome Ceiling and Replace Sprinkler Heads	125,000		125,000 ⁽⁶⁾
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Service piers 1 & 3 Replacement	900,000		900,000 ⁽¹¹⁾
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Replace field house HV units	700,000	700,000	
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Bridge over Dole Brook: Phase II	450,000	450,000	
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Merrill Auditorium Orchestra Ceiling Light Replacement	75,000		75,000 ⁽⁶⁾
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Court Resurfacing - Various (DHS Tennis, Reiche School, Pleasant St, Taylor St)	150,000		150,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Parks-Rec-Facilities	250 Canco Rd Roof Replacement Phase 1 of 2	400,000		400,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Fitzpatrick Track Resurfacing	500,000	500,000	
Parks-Rec-Facilities	City Hall Copper Roof Replacement - (Funding Year 1 of 3)	1,150,000		1,150,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Police Department	Police Department Station - Phase 2: Space Needs Analysis and Site Selection	250,000		250,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Sub-total		7,135,000	3,855,000	3,280,000
Information Technology				
Information Technology	Networking Hardware Replacement - Wired, WiFi and Infrastructure	650,000		650,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Information Technology	New Fiber in CityHall and OGW Whale Building	55,000		55,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Information Technology	Citywide Camera Consolidation	195,000		195,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Information Technology	Citywide Access Control System Replacement	190,000		190,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Police Department	Radio Network Fiber Service Level Change-Replacing Radio Network Sites	335,000	335,000	
Sub-total		1,425,000	335,000	1,090,000
Island Infrastructure				
Public Works	Island Improvements Program	150,000		150,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Sub-total		150,000	-	150,000
Major Equipment				
Fire Department	Fireboat Replacement - Marine 2	280,000	280,000	
Parks-Recreation-Facilities	Sidewalk Tractor	240,000	240,000	
Parks-Recreation-Facilities	Trailers	50,000	50,000	
Public Works	Snow Blower (Loader Attached) Tier IV - RPM220 T4 or Equivalent	200,000	200,000	
Public Works	Ride-On-Roller	90,000	90,000	
Public Works	Front End Loader	50,000	50,000	
Sub-total		910,000	910,000	-
Marine Infrastructure				
Parks-Rec-Facilities	On going pile/pier work at OG and P.O.T	350,000		350,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Pile Jackets -OG	225,000		225,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾
Parks-Rec-Facilities	POT Generator replacement	325,000		325,000 ⁽³⁾
Sub-total		900,000	-	900,000
Minor Equipment				
Fire Department	Cardiac Monitors Replacement	420,000		420,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Fire Department	Stretcher Replacement	320,000		320,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Fire Department	Radio replacement	300,000		300,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Sub-total		1,040,000	-	1,040,000
Municipal Fleet				
Fire Department	Fire Ladder Truck (2nd \$500 allocated out of \$2M estimated cost)	500,000	500,000	
Fire Department	Ambulance Chassis Replacement	300,000	300,000	
Fire Department	Ambulance Chassis Replacement	300,000	300,000	
Parks-Recreation-Facilities	Pick-up Truck - Cemeteries	70,000	70,000	
Health and Human Services	Passenger Van (Replacement)	90,000	90,000	
Health and Human Services	Passenger Van (Expansion)	75,000		75,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Information Technology	Passenger Vehicle (Expansion)	40,000	40,000	
Parks-Recreation-Facilities	.5 ton crew cab (electric)	75,000	75,000	
Parks-Recreation-Facilities	Pick-up Plow Truck (Replacement)	85,000	85,000	

<u>Department</u>	<u>General Fund Projects</u>	<u>FY27 CIP Appropriation</u>	<u>New Bond Authorization</u>	<u>Other Funding</u>	
Parks-Recreation-Facilities	Pick-up Plow Truck (Replacement)	70,000	70,000		
Parks-Recreation-Facilities	Pick-up Truck (Replacement)	55,000	55,000		
Police Department	Passenger Vehicle (Replacement)	90,000		90,000 ⁽¹²⁾	
Police Department	Pick-up Truck (Expansion to support downtown unit)	120,000		120,000 ⁽¹²⁾	
Police Department	Eight (8) Police Patrol Vehicles (Replacements)	465,000		465,000 ⁽¹²⁾	
Police Department	Pick-up Truck (Expansion to support PD marine unit)	65,000		65,000 ⁽¹²⁾	
Public Works	Plow Truck (Replacement)	300,000		300,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
Public Works	Refuse Packer Full Size (Replacement)	400,000	400,000		
Public Works	Pick-up Truck (Replacement)	100,000	100,000		
Public Works	Ramp Truck (Replacement)	250,000	250,000		
Public Works	Dump Truck (Replacement)	100,000	100,000		
Public Works	Pick-up Truck (Replacement)	80,000	80,000		
Public Works	Refuse Truck (Replacement)	400,000	400,000		
		Sub-total	4,030,000	2,915,000	1,115,000
Park Infrastructure					
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Longfellow School Community Playground Improvements	270,000		270,000 ⁽⁴⁾	
Parks-Rec-Facilities	East End School Playground Design & Construction	70,000		70,000 ⁽⁴⁾	
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Deering Oaks Lighting Improvements	550,000		550,000 ⁽⁴⁾	
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Deering Oaks Roadway Repaving - Tennis Court Road	270,000		270,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Fencing Replacement: Various locations	450,000		450,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
Planning-Urban Dev.	Congress Square Park	500,000		500,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
		Sub-total	2,110,000	-	2,110,000
Portland Public Library					
Main Branch	Roof Replacement and Repair (Downtown)	285,000		285,000 ⁽⁹⁾	
Main Branch	Replace Air Handlers 5 & 6 (Downtown)	925,000		925,000 ⁽⁹⁾	
		Sub-total	1,210,000	-	1,210,000
Portland Public Schools					
Central Office	Central Office Roof Repairs	200,000		200,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
Deering High School	DHS Door Replacement	100,000		100,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
Peaks Island	Peaks Island ADA Renovation	200,000	200,000		
Portland High School	PHS Front Step Repairs	750,000		750,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
Lincoln Middle School	LMS Gym Roof Repair/Replacement	250,000	250,000		
PATHS	PATHS - HVAC and Drain Replacement	1,700,000	1,700,000		
Districtwide	Districtwide Camera System Upgrades	500,000	500,000		
		Sub-total	3,700,000	2,650,000	1,050,000
Transportation - Bike-Ped					
Public Works	Casco Bay Trail - Planning (Local Match)	15,000		15,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
Public Works	Brighton Avenue Sidewalk Reconstruction - Local Match on PACTS UPI	420,000	420,000		
Public Works	Forest Ave - Sidewalk-Pedestrian/ADA Upgrades - Local Match on PACTS UPI	450,000		450,000 ⁽⁵⁾	
Public Works	Citywide Sidewalk Rehabilitation	1,750,000	1,750,000		
Public Works	Congress Street ADA Improvements (Branhall Area)	1,280,000	1,280,000		
Public Works	Vision Zero (ADA, Complete Streets, Traffic Calming, Bike-Ped Safety)	1,100,000		350,000 ⁽⁵⁾	
				275,000 ⁽⁸⁾	
				275,000 ⁽⁹⁾	
				200,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
Public Works	Transportation Outcomes in Association with Water Resources Projects	300,000		300,000 ⁽⁵⁾	
Public Works	Pedestrian-Urban Scale Street Lighting and Safety Program	300,000		300,000 ⁽⁷⁾	
		Sub-total	5,615,000	3,450,000	2,165,000
Transportation - Multimodal					
Public Works	Forest Avenue: (Woodford/Revere to Bedford)	1,100,000		1,100,000 ⁽⁵⁾	
Public Works	State and High Two-Way Reversion (Planning)	100,000	100,000		
Public Works	Gorham's Corner Mini Roundabout (Construction)	1,000,000		1,000,000 ⁽⁹⁾	
Public Works	Bramhall Square Reconstruction	700,000	700,000		
Public Works	York St Sidewalk and Street Rehab	50,000		50,000 ⁽⁵⁾	
		Sub-total	2,950,000	800,000	2,150,000
Transportation - Parking					
Parking	Temple St Garage Structural Repairs	225,000		225,000 ⁽⁹⁾	
Parking	Replacement of multispace meter doors	175,000		175,000 ⁽⁹⁾	
Parking	Elm St Garage replacement of elevator doors	100,000		100,000 ⁽⁹⁾	

<u>Department</u>	<u>General Fund Projects</u>	<u>FY27 CIP Appropriation</u>	<u>New Bond Authorization</u>	<u>Other Funding</u>
Parking	Spring St Structural Steel Paint Touch Up	125,000		125,000 ⁽⁹⁾
	Sub-total	625,000	-	625,000
Transportation - Road Maint.				
Public Works	MPI Paving Matches	1,170,000	645,000	525,000 ⁽⁹⁾
Public Works	Pavement Preservation Program (Local Streets)	2,000,000	1,775,000	225,000 ⁽⁷⁾
	Sub-total	3,170,000	2,420,000	750,000
Transportation - Signal Systems				
Public Works	Traffic Signal Systems Upgrade Program	750,000		750,000 ⁽⁵⁾
	Sub-total	750,000	-	750,000
Public Art / Land Bank				
Public Art	Public Art	50,000	50,000	
Land Bank	Land Bank	50,000	50,000	
	Sub-total	100,000	100,000	-
<u>Enterprise Fund Projects</u>				
Water Resources - Wastewater				
Public Works	CMOM - Inflow and Infiltration Phase 3 Mitigation	250,000	250,000	
Public Works	CMOM - Pump Station Rehabilitation	400,000	400,000	
Public Works	Sewer Collection System Repairs, Rehabilitation and Improvements	500,000	500,000	
Public Works	CSO- Downtown District Sewer Separation	2,500,000		2,500,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Public Works	CSO- Franklin St Sewer Separation	150,000	150,000	
Public Works	CSO- West End Sewer Separation	1,790,000	1,790,000	
Public Works	WR Utilities - Pavement Preservation Program	700,000	700,000	
Public Works	CSO - Ludlow Street (Caldwell to Columbia) Sewer Separation	150,000	150,000	
Public Works	WR Vehicle Replacement	40,000	40,000	
	Sub-total	6,480,000	3,980,000	2,500,000
Water Resources - Stormwater				
Public Works	Stormwater Collection System Repairs, Rehabilitation and Improvements	815,000	-	815,000 ⁽⁷⁾
Public Works	Green Infrastructure	200,000	200,000	
Public Works	Palmer Ave Detention Basin Upgrade (Dole Brook Stormwater Improvement)	195,000	195,000	
Public Works	Capisic Brook Watershed Management Action Plan	75,000	75,000	
Public Works	Deering Oaks Stormdrain	1,750,000	1,750,000	
Public Works	Libbytown Flooding Mitigation	175,000	175,000	
Public Works	Bayside Infrastructure Adaptation: Franklin PS Elimination Study	300,000	300,000	
Public Works	ESRI Advantage Program	200,000	200,000	
Public Works	Utility Work Machine	90,000	90,000	
Public Works	Street Sweeper Replacement (Supplemental Funding)	20,000	20,000	
	Sub-total	3,820,000	3,005,000	815,000
Total		46,120,000	24,420,000	21,700,000
General Fund Projects		35,820,000	17,435,000 ⁽¹⁾	18,385,000
Enterprise Fund Projects		10,300,000	6,985,000 ⁽²⁾	3,315,000
Total		46,120,000	24,420,000	21,700,000
NOTE: Other Funding Sources				
(1) Appropriation of General Obligation Bonds - General Fund Repayment		17,435,000		
(2) Appropriation of General Obligation Bonds - Enterprise Fund Repayment		6,985,000		
(3) Appropriation of Cruise Ship Infrastructure Improvement Fees		325,000		
(4) Appropriation of Impact Fees - Parks		890,000		
(5) Appropriation of Impact Fees - Transportation		3,000,000		
(6) Appropriation of Merrill Auditorium Improvement Funds		400,000		
(7) Prior CIP Reallocation		10,960,000		
(8) Appropriation of Bayside TIF Funds		275,000		
(9) Appropriation of Downtown TIF Funds		3,635,000		
(10) Appropriation of Waterfront TIF Funds		575,000		
(11) Appropriation of Fish Pier Enterprise Fund Balance		900,000		
(12) Appropriation of Police Department Asset Forfeiture Funds		740,000		
Total		46,120,000		

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**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO ORDER 161-25/26
 PROPOSED BY COUNCILOR FOURNIER
 RE: REALLOCATING \$200,000 IN CONGRESS SQUARE PARK FUNDING FOR DOUGHERTY FIELD SKATE
 PARK**

This amendment would reduce new funding for the Congress Square Park project by \$200,000, reallocating those funds to a project to add lighting at the Dougherty Field Skate Park. If approved, there is no fiscal impact. This project removes funding from one project and adds an equivalent amount into another.

Appendix A to the FY27 CIP Orders would be amended in both orders as follows:

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT TITLE	TOTAL FY27 CIP APPROPRIATION	BOND AUTHORIZATION	OTHER FUNDING
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Longfellow School Community Playground Improvements	\$270,000		\$270,000
Parks-Rec-Facilities	East End School Playground Design & Construction	\$70,000		\$70,000
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Deering Oaks Lighting Improvements	\$550,000		\$550,000
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Deering Oaks Roadway Repaving - Tennis Court Road	\$270,000		\$270,000
Parks-Rec-Facilities	Fencing Replacement: Various locations	\$450,000		\$450,000
Planning-Urban Dev.	Dougherty Field Skate Park Lighting	\$200,000		\$200,000
Planning-Urban Dev.	Congress Square Park	\$300,000		\$300,000
Sub-total		\$2,110,000	\$0	\$2,110,000

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Athletic Facilities											
Deering High School Field Upgrades	5				\$200,000	\$275,000					
Deering Oaks Baseball Lights and General Park Lighting	2	\$500,000									
Deering Oaks Infield Upgrades and Irrigation	2		\$90,000								
Deering Oaks Volleyball Court Replacement	2							\$75,000			
Fencing: Softball field at Talbot School	1				\$75,000						
Fitzpatrick Paving and ADA Improvements	2			\$235,000							
Fitzpatrick Stadium Entrance Upgrade	2						\$75,000				
Fitzpatrick to Expo Team Entrance Landscape Upgrades	2							\$100,000			
Fitzpatrick Track Resurfacing & Fencing Replacement	2	\$600,000						\$100,000			
Fox St Irrigation Replacement	1				\$75,000						
Ludlow Baseball Field Upgrades	5					\$500,000					
Memorial Stadium Concession Stand Replacement	5							\$500,000			
Memorial Stadium Turf Replacement	5								\$1,200,000		
Payson B Softball Drainage and Irrigation	4			\$110,000							
Riverton Softball Lighting Replacement	5					\$255,000					
Synthetic Turf Field: location TBD			\$1,500,000								
Cemeteries											
Evergreen Driveway Drainage and Paving--To be funded by Water Resources	5										
Evergreen Repaving Roads	5		\$125,000		\$125,000						
Forest City Coastal Erosion Mitigation	5	\$100,000					\$1,000,000				
Gravel Road Reconstruction (Evergreen and Forest City) - Could be paid for by trusts	5		\$100,000								
Green Burial Area Development (Evergreen)	5			\$30,000							
Pond Restoration Engineering	5				\$30,000						
Pond Restoration Construction	5						\$500,000				
Wilde Chapel Masonry	5			\$500,000		\$500,000					
Community Gardens											
Bayside Community Garden Relocation	1		\$50,000								
Community Garden Raised Bed Installation (Environmental Remediation at Payson, North St, Valley St, Clark St)	Various	\$100,000									
Fence Repairs/Additions (3-4 Gardens (CDBG potential))	Various				\$50,000	\$50,000					
Shed Replacements (and Peaks Island City Acres Shed)***	Various			\$45,000							
Courts--Tennis, Basketball, Futsal											
Bayside Basketball Court - New Construction	1		\$150,000								

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Court Resurfacing: Various (DHS Tennis, Reiche, Pleasant St, Taylor St, Munjoy South)	Various	\$150,000		\$75,000		\$75,000		\$75,000		\$75,000	
Deering Oaks Tennis and Basketball Court Crack Mill & Overlay	2	\$450,000									
Deering Oaks Tennis Court Lights--Add (to be completed Fall 2025)	2				\$350,000						
Dougherty Field Basketball Pavilion	3					\$150,000					
Eastern Prom Tennis and Basketball Court Resurface	1						\$50,000				
Fox Field Basketball Court Repaving	1					\$300,000					
Futsal Court #2, location TBD				\$200,000							
Longfellow Basketball Drainage and Reconstruction	5		\$175,000								
Payson Additional Basketball Court	4						\$150,000				
Peaks Island Multi-use Pickleball/Basketball Courts (2)***	1						\$300,000				
Pickleball Court Construction (NEW) - Location TBD	TBD			\$500,000							
Riverton Tennis Court Fence Replacement	5							\$100,000			
Park Infrastructure											
Bell Buoy Park Design/Engineering & Construction--ADA	1		\$75,000		\$750,000						
Bramhall Square Reconstruction \$250K budget, \$100K from Maine Medical, \$150 from Public Works CIP, \$100K other sources	2					\$750,000					
Deering Oaks ADA Sidewalks and Curbing--Farmers Market Rd. (State to Deering)	2					\$300,000					
Deering Oaks Pond Plaza and Dock--ADA	2							\$100,000			
Deering Oaks Pond Wall Reconstruction - Phase II	2			\$400,000							
Deering Oaks Ravine Wading Pool Rehab--ADA	2		\$475,000								
Deering Oaks Rose Circle Entrance--Convert to Brick--ADA	2					\$75,000					
Deering Oaks Roadway Repaving--Tennis Court Road	2	200,000									
Disc Golf Course Expansion, Location TBD					\$50,000						
East End Beach Bath House Replacement--ADA	1					\$1,500,000					
East End Recreational Boat Ramp Reconstruction	1		\$500,000								
Eastern Prom Cleaves Accident Fence Reconstruction	1		\$50,000								
Eastern Prom Cleaves Monument ADA Plaza	1		\$125,000								
Eastern Prom Cutter St Design (DPW will submit)	1	\$300,000									
Eastern Prom Cutter Street/Parking Reno--ADA (joint project with Public Works)	1		\$2,750,000								
Fencing: Eastern Prom Trail, Back Cove Trail, Riverside Recycling Trail, North Deering Park, Nason's Corner Park	1	\$375,000									
Fort Gorges Composting Toilets	1						\$100,000				
Fort Gorges Parapet	1							\$250,000			
Fort Gorges Preservation Plan (Structural Stabilization)	1	\$120,000		\$200,000							
Fort Gorges Sea Level Rise Intervention	1								\$250,000		
Fort Gorges Wharf Reconstruction (materials and engineering)	1	\$100,000									

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Fort Sumner Reconstruction--ADA	1								\$450,000		
Fort Sumner Trail Lighting--to be paid for by Friends Group	1										
Harborview Concrete Stair and Plaza: Resurfacing with Granite	2		\$100,000								
Harborview Stairs from Circle Trail Intersection to Commercial St	2				\$100,000						
Lincoln Park Fence--Federal St Phase I	1	\$200,000									
Lincoln Park Fence--Federal St Phase II	1			\$350,000							
Lincoln Park Fence--Franklin St (likely covered by Franklin St Project)	1				\$300,000						
Lincoln Park Walkway Lights	1				\$250,000						
Longfellow Park Bollard Lighting***	3			\$50,000							
Ludlow Pond Drainage	5				\$150,000						
Martins Point Access Improvements	4					\$150,000					
Noyes Park Pathways, Seating and Trees--ADA	2					\$500,000					
Park Walkway ADA Paving, various locations (E Prom, Deering Oaks)	various		\$200,000		\$200,000		\$200,000		\$200,000		
Payson Park Front Street Entrance Plaza Improvements and Cross-Park Trail to Baseball Parking Lot- Possible C3 or Portland Housing Authority funding--ADA	4		\$200,000								
Payson Park Parking: Reconstructing Sledding Hill Parking Lot--ADA	4		\$250,000								
Payson Park Skating Rink Improvements (Expansion)	4				\$75,000						
Picnic Pavillion: Deering Oaks and Payson Park--ADA	various			\$150,000		\$150,000					
Portland Harbor Common Phase II, Match for ORLP	1	\$500,000	\$1,000,000								
Public Restrooms: Upper Western Prom, Ft Allen Park, Others?	various										
Quarry Run Dog Park Expansion and Renovation (Invasives Removal, Trail resurfacing, fence replacement)--ADA	4			\$100,000							
Riverton Trolley Park to Riverside Golf Course Trail: Move Fence for trail connection	5	\$100,000									
Veranda Street Waterfront Open Space landscaping - MDOT property	4		\$150,000								
Western Prom "NEW" Sidewalk along Western Cemetery--ADA	2			\$250,000							
Western Prom Play Area	2						\$150,000				
Western Prom Bandstand, Toboggan Run Improvements	2					\$150,000					
Western Prom Roadway Tree Allee	2								\$300,000		
Western Prom Upper Park Walkway Reconstruction--ADA	2				\$250,000		\$250,000				
Western Prom Valley Street Trail and Stone Retaining Wall Phase II	2	\$150,000									
Western Prom Vista Clearing and Plantings	2			\$50,000		\$50,000		\$50,000			
Western Prom Walkway Lighting	2				\$200,000						
Western Prom Walkway Reconstruction, Phase II--ADA	2					\$150,000					
Playgrounds, Skateparks, and Fitness Courses											
Adams School Playground	1										\$250,000
Deering Oaks Playground Equipment Replacement	2							\$450,000			

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East End School Playground	1		\$450,000								
East End School Playground Design	1	\$50,000									
Fox Field Playground	1					\$400,000					
Fox Field Playground Design	1				\$50,000						
Great Diamond Island Playground	1							\$150,000			
Hesletine Park Playground	4						\$250,000				
Heseltine, Stroudwater, Taylor Street & Munjoy South Park Playground Designs	various				\$125,000						
Munjoy South Playground	1					\$550,000					
Ocean Avenue School Playground	4										\$500,000
Ocean Avenue School Playground Design	4									\$50,000	
Peaks Island Playground	1								\$250,000		
Peaks Island Skate Park	1			\$150,000							
Peppermint Park--East Bayside Playground	1				\$350,000						
Peppermint Park--East Bayside Playground Design	1			\$50,000							
Playground Equipment Replacement: Various Locations	various	\$75,000			\$75,000			\$75,000			\$75,000
Portable Pumptrack: Moveable Neighborhood Skatepark	various				\$150,000						
Presumpscot Playground	4			\$650,000							
Presumpscot Playground Design	4		\$50,000								
Rowe School Playground	5										\$600,000
Rowe School Playground Design	5									\$50,000	
Stroudwater Playground	3					\$150,000					
Taylor Street Playground	2							\$100,000			
Tyng-Tate Street Playground: Fencing and Seating***	2									\$25,000	
University Park Playground (NEW)	4			\$200,000							
Will's Playground (Eastern Prom)	1			\$500,000							
Trails											
Back Cove Stabilization & Guard Rail	1	750,000									
Back Cove Trail Reconstruction and Stone Dust Resurfacing	4,3,1				\$150,000						
Bayside Trail Resurfacing--by Public Works	1,2										
Dougherty Field Bike Path Improvements***	3					\$100,000					
Eastern Promenade Sidewalk Resurfacing--by Public Works	1										
Fore River Parkway Trail Resurfacing--by Public Works	2										
Payson Park Cross Park Trail (Arboretum Road)	4		\$150,000								
Recreation Facilities											

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212 Canco Rd Community Room improvements	4	\$200,000									
Community Center Construction							???				
Community Center Planning				\$200,000							
Reiche Pool Renovation/Replacement	2		Unknown								
Reiche Pool Filter	2				\$115,000						
Ice Arena											
ADA Sidewalk and Access Issues (Park Ave to Horse Barn)	2	\$400,000									
Chiller Replacement (Refurb in 2024 will get us to est 2034)	2										\$350,000
Front of building wall repairs?	2										
Ice Arena Improvements	2			\$50,000		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Redesign (Office to Locker Room)	2				\$345,000						
Sign Replacement (Ice Arena & Expo)	2	\$85,000									
Sprinkler Upgrade	2		\$100,000								
Structural Analysis of entire building	2										
Golf Course											
Bridge over Dole Brook: Phase II	5			\$300,000							
Bunker Renovation--North Course	5									\$987,000	
Bunker Renovation--South Course--Phase II	5				\$250,000						
Cart Barn engineering & design	5	\$50,000									
Cart Building Building Replacement-South Estimate	5				\$500,000						
Cart Building Building Replacement-North Estimate	5			\$1,250,000							
Course Improvements	5	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Ice Rink Reconstruction add LED lighting	5							\$210,000			
Irrigation system replacement towers	5		\$150,000								
Irrigation System Replacement--TOTAL	5							\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Golf Simluators/Roof Adjustment	5										
Materials Storage--Covered	5						\$144,000				
Paving Parking Lot--North Course Phase I	5					\$150,000					
Paving Parking Lot--North Course Phase II	5						\$150,000				
Public Assemblies											
Expo Renovations	2				\$1,000,000						
Merrill Interior Doors	1		\$100,000								
Merrill Loading Dock Engineering	1	\$50,000									

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Merrill Loading Dock: Extend, Reorient & add bus parking	1					\$300,000					
Merrill Marquee	1			\$200,000							
Merrill Orchestra Pit Lift - PSO/POV/Opera offering funding	1		\$300,000								
Merrill Seating Replacement--adding to existing CIP of \$200K	1	\$100,000									
Ocean Gateway: Add Catering Kitchen	1			\$250,000							
Outdoor venues - Barricades--moved to operating budget \$140	various										
There were no new requests submitted in this years public process											

Parks Capital Improvement Plan Timeline

Project Selection Criteria

- **Legal Obligations:** Court orders, compliance with state or federal legislation
- **Park Equity:** 10 minute access to a park or trail, distribution between neighborhoods, populations served, islands, etc...
- **Compliance with Adopted Plans and Studies:** Match with city priorities
- **Impact of Service to Public:** Safety issues, improved service delivery
- **Access:** ADA access, facilities for diverse age groups
- **Departmental or Community Priority:** The project is important to a Departmental mission or community interest. Does the project meet a demonstrated need from the community?
- **Funding Source:** The project includes a match from grants, federal or state match, community fundraising
- **Budget Impact:** The project decreases operating expenses
- **User Group:** Does the project serve a diverse user group, or a particular user group that is not already well-served?
- **Prior Phases:** Projects that are a continuation of viable projects funded in past years.

May--July:

1. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities issues call to stakeholders (Friends and Neighborhood Groups, the schools, and the public) for project proposals.
 - a. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities will publicize the existing 10-year Parks Capital Improvement Plan, so that stakeholders will be aware of the current city-wide 10-year schedule of projects and prioritization.
 - b. If a stakeholder group submits more than one project for consideration, the projects should be listed in an itemized, prioritized list.
 - c. Stakeholders submitting projects not already on the 10-year Parks Capital Improvement Plan should include cost estimates from a qualified engineer, contractor or landscape architect.
2. Project Requests and cost estimates due to Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities by July 19.

July

1. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities compiles and reviews project requests. Sources:
 - a. Existing 10-year Capital Improvement Plan
 - b. Unfunded requests from prior years
 - c. Portland Open Space Vision and Implementation Plan, Parks Master Plans, Facilities Master Plans, Athletic Facilities Task Force Plan, City Comprehensive Plan, and other relevant plans
 - d. Departmental knowledge and professional insight
 - e. Requests from Friends Groups, schools, and other stakeholders
2. Projects from stakeholders are submitted as requests. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities will review all requests and either:
 - a. Add to 10-year Parks Capital Improvement Plan according to 10-year schedule and budget parameters.
 - b. File the project request if deemed inappropriate, undesirable, or unfeasible.
3. Department of Parks and Recreation prepares and submits 10-year Capital Improvement Plan to Parks Commission by July 31.
 - a. Includes in submission all requests from stakeholders
 - b. Includes in submission all recommended projects for upcoming fiscal year.

August--September

1. Parks Commission reviews project proposals for upcoming fiscal year by undertaking these steps:
 - a. Review materials submitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation (which includes requests from public stakeholders)
 - b. Conduct a public meeting(s) to hear from Friends Groups, Neighborhood Associations, and other

interested stakeholders

- c. Following public meeting(s), Parks Commission shall provide recommendations on projects being proposed for upcoming fiscal year, submitted to Department of Parks and Recreation by September 30.

October

1. Final review of 10-year Capital Improvement Plan by Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.
2. Backup materials prepared, quotes finalized for projects being recommended for upcoming fiscal year.
3. Staff input of CIP requests into City financial system by October 31.

November

1. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities submits the final Departmental recommendation to the City Manager's office; attaches the Parks Commission Recommendations.



PARTY IN THE PARK

**FOSTERING NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY,
ONE PARK AT A TIME**

JUNE 16 | 4:30-6:00 PM

**Location:
Payson Park Triangle**

**Hosts:
Portland Parks Commission
Parks Division**

Neighborhood Associations and Friends
Groups encouraged to join.



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Memorandum

TO: Parks Commission and Land Bank Commission

FROM: Alex Marshall, Parks Director, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department

SUBJECT: Parks Division Update

DATE: May 2026

Parks Division Staffing

- Total Budgeted positions in Parks Division: 51
- 4 Vacancies:
 - Horticulture Supervisor
 - Cemetery Supervisor
 - Athletic Facilities Foreperson
 - Horticulturist

Citywide Unhoused Report

At this time, there are 31 encampments citywide, which is a significant increase from last month's report of 21. Of the 31 active tent sites, 4 of them are located on City property. Overall, in 2026, City Staff (primarily Rangers) have tagged and removed 149 tents citywide. Park Rangers continue to tag and remove between 5 and 20 tents from City land each week and conduct a thorough clean-up afterward with the help of other Parks staff or contractors. At this time there is a steady uptick in tents and activity citywide which is putting strain on our team to keep up with while also gearing up for the season.

Duck House and Fountain Installed

On Thursday, April 23rd, the City's Parks Division placed the Deering Oaks Duck House and Fountain within the pond for the 2026 season. You may notice that the duck house looks a little different from recent years. Our Playgrounds Team performs maintenance work on the house each Winter and this year they painted it to match its original colors, commemorating 140 years. This traditional color will revert to the more familiar red color next year so enjoy it while it lasts.

The Great Portland Pick-up

We want to thank all the amazing groups for their contributions around the city during this event. Overall, there were 18 groups citywide with over 500 volunteers doing neighborhood and park cleanups. Hundreds of bags of trash were collected during this effort. We are so grateful for this effort and all the work the Parks Conservancy and Sustainability Teams put in to make it happen. Well done!

Portland Harbor Common Park Ground Breaking

The currently coined 'Portland Harbor Common Park' broke ground on Friday, April 10th. This monumental occasion was well attended by local business leaders, elected officials, city staff and friends. It marked the kick off to the project which will be progressing over the next 6 months.



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Capital Improvement Program(CIP) Council Approved List 2026

The City Council voted on the CIP for Fiscal Year(FY) 2027 on Monday, April 27, 2026. One of the councilor amendments resulted in an increase to the contribution to the Land Bank and Public Art funds to the full 0.5% of the CIP. Below is a list of Park Projects that were funded through this project:

- Longfellow School Community Playground Improvements: \$270,000
- East End School Playground Design & Construction: \$70,000
- Deering Oaks Lighting Improvements: \$550,000
- Deering Oaks Roadway Repaving - Tennis Court Road: \$270,000
- Fencing Replacement: Various locations: \$450,000
- Congress Square Park: \$300,000
- Court Resurfacing - Various (DHS Tennis, Reiche School, Pleasant St, Taylor St): \$150,000
- Fitzpatrick Track Resurfacing: \$500,000
- Dougherty Field Skatepark Lighting: \$200,000

Total = \$2,760,000

Community Development Block Grant(CDBG) Allocation

The City Council approved the CDBG allocation for FY27 and Parks, Recreation & Facilities received \$250,000 to support the Community Garden rebuild needs. Since soil testing was commenced in 2024, garden beds at Libbytown, Boyd Street, Casco Bay Common Share, and the North Street School Beds have been raised with soil barriers installed. The remaining beds required to be raised are Payson Park, Valley Street, Clark Street, and North Street. This funding will accomplish providing a safe space to grow food but also improve any deteriorating infrastructure at the gardens such as sheds, fencing and water systems.

Park Projects and Department Updates

Staff are working on the following Park Improvement projects:

- Stroudwater Bridge: The Stroudwater Bridge has been completed. Final site work disturbance restorations will occur when the weather improves.
- Deering Oaks Park ADA Walkway improvements: Phase 3, providing ADA access to the wading ravine, was completed in the Summer of 2023. Phase 4, which is the sidewalk along Tennis Court Drive, has been bid and is currently under review for potential construction in the Summer of 2026.
- Riverton Preserve: Recreation improvement plans are in progress and will consist primarily of a trail network with other improvements. This project is intended to fulfill LWCF conversion requirements, and final approval of the improvement plan rests with the state and National Park Service, which has a public engagement process.
- Lower Western Prom Park Improvements: This project has been bid out and did not receive a bid within the allocated budget, so it will be revised and re-advertised in the coming months.



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- Longfellow Elementary School Playground: Playground Equipment has been selected. The project went out to bid in the Spring of 2025, only to receive one bid substantially over the budget for the project. It went out to bid again this Winter and staff again will be reviewing bids shortly for a potential Summer 2026 construction project.
- Reiche Elementary School Playground: The bids went out in the Fall of 2025, and a contractor has been selected to perform the work during the summer break of 2026.
- Portland Harbor Common: Groundbreaking has occurred and construction begins in early May, 2026.
- Public Restrooms: So far, the city has installed 15 new public restrooms citywide over the past 3 years. Recent modifications were done to the units at The Eastern Promenade, Commercial St/Fish Pier, and Fox Field to include a vault for increased storage capacity. 4 more public restrooms are on the way, with one at Lower Western Promenade, 1 at the Spring and High Street parking lot, and 2 at the Eastern Promenade near the existing bathhouse.
- Tyng-Tate Playground: Final designs are being completed, and the project bid documents are soon to be submitted to the Purchasing Department for review. With the help of a CDBG grant allocation in July of 2025, the project should have enough resources to be completed to the design's satisfaction.
- Riverton Trolley Park Recreation Improvement Project: The bid documents for the Riverton Trolley Park Parking Lot improvements are being finalized for an anticipated Spring 2026 construction schedule. Once complete, the final step in completing the LWCF project requirements would be installing the remaining signage that has already been fabricated.
- Fore River Kayak Launch: The Land Bank has allocated funding to install a kayak launch at the head of the Fore River in Stroudwater Park at the corner of Congress and Waldo Streets. Parks Staff are exploring the options for this launch to help formalize and improve an existing use in this space.
- Trinity Park Reconstruction: Trinity Church Representatives and City Staff have been working to finalize the construction documents and design for Trinity Park. Donated funds and Memorandum of Understanding has been approved by City Council.