

**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT ELIGIBILITY**

Date: November 5, 2021

Project Title: Kirvin Park Disc Golf Course Improvements

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CPA Category (circle all that apply): **Open Space** **Historic Preservation**

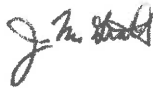
Recreation **Community Housing**

CPA Funding Requested: \$7,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$7,500

Project Description: The project proposes to make improvements to the current 9-hole disc golf course at Kirvin Park. Originally installed by volunteers working with the City in 2015, the course has received rave reviews from the community of users who are now looking to again work with the City to make modest improvements to the baskets, tee pads and signage. The project proposes the installation of 9 new, modern replacement disc golf baskets. (The current baskets were secured second-hand and are showing their age, and the basket at hole number 5 is badly damaged as a result of vandalism.) The project also proposes the installation of simple tee pads which currently do not exist. New signage will also be placed at each tee pad, with several directional signs mounted throughout the course to better orient users to the next tee. There is broad support from the community of active users (see attached letters of support) who have also agreed to assist in the installation of the improvements.

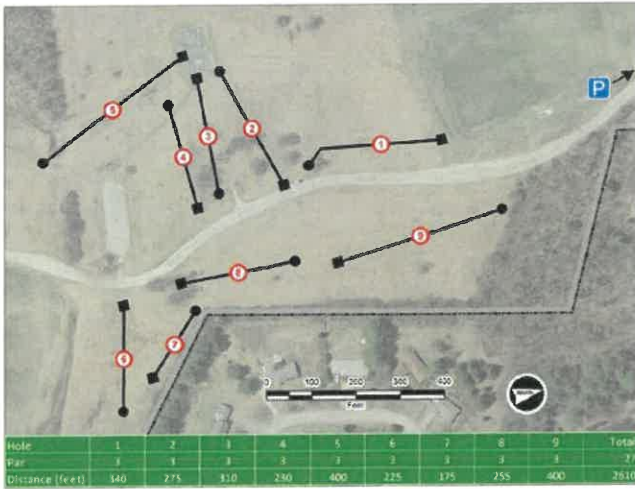
Estimated Project Budget: The estimated project budget is \$7,500

Where appropriate, signature of property owner (or City representative if City-owned) and/or chief executive officer of organization:



James McGrath, Park and Open Space Manager

NOTE: This application enables the CPC to review the request to ensure eligibility and offer guidance. If eligible, an Application for Funding must be completed.



The current layout of the 9-hole Kirvin Park Disc Golf Course



Tee #1



The course is well-used by the local disc golf community.



Note the current tee is simply at grade grass. The project proposes simple tee pads, made of poured concrete.



The current baskets were secured second-hand and are single-chain. The current standard are two-chain baskets which are proposed under this improvement project.



Basket at Hole 5 is badly damaged from vandalism.

U.S. Disc Golf Association

DISC GOLF COURSE

Kirvin Park Disc Golf Course

Rosaford, MA 📍 🌐 📞 📧

Location

Map showing the course location in Rosaford, MA.

Reviews

ehoudum (Owner) 26, 2021 5
 Had a great time. I have some good words and tips for your friends and family. I have a good time. I have a good time.

prattell (Owner) 16, 2021 5
 The course for most of the entire year. I have a good time. I have a good time.

robcraven (Owner) 16, 2021 5
 A great course but you need to visit it on the field. It's a great course but you need to visit it on the field.

Layouts

Main: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

<https://udisc.com/courses/kirvin-park-disc-golf-course-XWJG>

From: [Joshua Goodrich](#)
To: [McGrath, James](#)
Subject: Kirvin disc golf
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 8:32:12 AM

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Hello Jim,

I am writing to you and P&R team to voice my opinion on the disc golf park. I am a fairly new player meaning the last 3 months or so and have found a new niche in my sports bag. I have invested a large junk of money and time into this in a short amount of time, but I love it!!! A group of friends now in the DG community travel out of Berkshire county a lot because of the conditions of this course. We all would love to play a quick round after work or double up on the weekends if possible at Kirvin because it's 5 minutes away, but the conditions don't warrant that. I actually spent my own time and money to repaint the baskets about 3 weeks ago just so we could see them for putting and scoring. The condition of these baskets is less than sub par (Bent/Broken) and no real tee boxes to throw from. I think if those could be updated with signage/arrows this could be a great little course for us to play. My son is 15 and he plays too getting him out and off of electronics!!! In the time since I have repainted the baskets the amount of interest has tripled. Everytime I go there are other groups I have never seen, just think of the groups with a quality 9 hole course. The DG community would gladly be part of the hands on sweat for updating!! Having something here in town that I don't have to drive an hour to play is awesome just needs to be of good quality. I hope this gets the point across. Go Kirvin Disc Golf

Ps- www.innova.com has information on planning and building a course. Tee boxes and baskets etc. I would think we could spend 15k and have an amazing 9 hole course

Thanks again for meeting with us Jim
I think we had a great turnout and interest for Kirvin!!

Sincerely

Josh Goodrich

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From: Daniel Alderman
To: McGrath, James
Subject: Kirvin Disc Golf Course Improvements
Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 9:21:08 PM

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Jim,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with many avid local disc golfers including myself the other day at Kirvin Park. As mentioned, some straightforward and cost effective upgrades would greatly improve the playability and amount of use of the course. These include basket and tee upgrades, wood chips in wet path or play areas, and additional signage. Mowing more often would also help, but understand this is only feasible when staffing shortages are overcome.

As a new and very dedicated disc golfer, this is the only course close by, is a great place to start and learn, and on a beautiful piece of property. While the dog etiquette needs some serious improvement, it's great to see so many people utilizing the park for so many different purposes. Myself and others would be glad to help however we can to move these efforts forward to benefit the community. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or support needs. Cell phone is often best at 413-358-8763.

Thank you again,

Daniel Alderman

From: [Ryan Senecal](#)
To: [McGrath, James](#)
Subject: Kirvin Disc Golf Course
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:30:24 PM

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Good afternoon,

I would like to express my concern for the condition of Kirvin Disc Golf Course. Currently, the course is in disarray and nearly unplayable with the condition of the baskets. It's a real shame as my friends and I love the course and play it regularly. I would like to express my interest in bringing the course up to date. I'm not in the position to donate money to this cause however I am willing to volunteer my time and labor to help the effort in any capacity that I can. Please let me know what you think and if there is any way that I can help make this a reality.

Thanks,

Ryan Senecal

From: [Adam Sefchick](#)
To: [McGrath, James](#)
Subject: Disc Golf at Kirvin Park
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 1:53:15 PM

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James,

Thanks for taking the time to meet us at Kirvin to discuss the needed updates to the disc golf course there. The local community would be well served to have an updated course, and the sport has seen a tremendous amount of growth over the recent few years. I've included a few links that illustrate the benefits of a course for the parks system, as well as the link to the current reviews of the existing park.

I have also spoken to the owners of New York Disc Golf Supply, a store located in Troy NY. They offered to supply the city baskets at cost. I've included their card as well.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Adam Sefchick

Information on benefits of disc golf courses:

<https://udisc.com/how-to-get-a-disc-golf-course>

Kirvin Park ratings and comments:

<https://udisc.com/courses/kirvin-park-disc-golf-course-XWIG>

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