



City of Portsmouth
Capital Improvement Plan FY2028-FY2033

Citizen Requests for
City Council CIP Citizen Request Subcommittee
October 7, 2026

Citizen Request #: CIP-26-1

Applicant:	Laura Williams
Address:	52 Suzanne Drive
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Neighborhood Benches
Location:	Maple Haven, multiple other neighborhoods
Project Description (as submitted):	Add benches to local neighborhoods to encourage walking by providing resting spots for those in need such as elderly, disabled, parents with young children, those recovering from surgeries and using walking as therapy. Benches can be provided by the City of Portsmouth to residents, free of charge to individual homeowners who request the bench be placed on their property near the roadway and agree to maintain it (similar to Portsmouth's free tree program).
Project Justification (as submitted):	Lack of necessary resting spots for walkers within local neighborhoods Additional Note: My husband recently fell while walking in Maple Haven because he could not find a place to sit down when he suddenly became lightheaded while out doing his daily neighborhood walk. He ended up in the ER with injuries. A neighborhood bench or two that he could've stopped and rested on would've made all the difference to prevent his injuries.
Identified in a Planning Document?	No
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This request can be addressed through the existing CIP element sheet BI-02-PW-40: Citywide Park and Monument Improvements. However, residents can also donate a memorial bench in a requested location.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-2

Applicant:	M. Christine Dwyer
Address:	1 Junkins Ave
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Public Art Review Committee (PARC)
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure (Submitter put "Other" and type as "Public art maintenance and installation")
Title:	Public Art Funding
Location:	Various locations in the City. Examples: Bohenko Gateway Park, Four Tree Island, Vaughan Mall.
Project Description (as submitted):	PARC is grateful for the annual allotments that have been provided in the CIP over the past few years. We have used money recently for the repairs of the Codfish at Bohenko Park and we anticipate tapping further into the accumulated resources soon for the installation of two additional sculptural pieces for Bohenko Park and potentially for costs associated with the light sculpture that has been gifted by Sister City Santarcangelo as well as for creating signage for existing works (e.g., Cabot Lyford works) that never were properly labelled.
Project Justification (as submitted):	While PARC is doing private fundraising for the bulk of the costs associated with new sculptures in Bohenko Park and Vaughan Mall, it is very helpful to have access to funds that can be used for preparatory expenses such as soil testing and engineering as well as for maintenance of publicly owned art work. Since we anticipate depleting funds for the projects described above, we are hopeful that the annual \$25,000 allotment will enable us to replenish resources available.
Identified in a Planning Document?	Bohenko Park was designated as a sculpture park in a city plan. The plans for Vaughan Mall include an emphasis on public art. In all cases, the City Council has approved siting of the works.
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	The addition of public art throughout the City has resulted in requests for assistance in their installation and maintenance. Ideally, the donation of art would include funds for installation and future maintenance. Staff recommend funding be part of any Percent for Art designation instead of creating an additional funding source.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-3

Applicant:	Jason Boucher
Address:	65 Wibird
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Other
Title:	Trees
Location:	Wibird St
Project Description (as submitted):	The street lined trees on lower Wibird need repair and care. Many larger trees lose leaves in early August and have spotty leaves, but otherwise are okay. Some may need repair, pruning, or replacing
Project Justification (as submitted):	Beautification and updating city trees
Identified in a Planning Document?	No
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	A specific request such as this should be directed to the City's Trees and Public Greenery Committee. Funding for tree planting and maintenance is already identified in the existing CIP element sheet BI-04-PW-41: Citywide Tree and Greenery Program.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-4

Applicant:	Jeanne Hoskin
Address:	50 Clover Lane
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Re-pave Woodbury Ave
Location:	Repave Woodbury Ave from Market Street intersection to Portsmouth traffic circle
Project Description (as submitted):	Continuation of Woodbury Ave repaving
Project Justification (as submitted):	For an often-used road into Portsmouth, this section of Woodbury is bumpy, uneven, and pot-hole filled
Identified in a Planning Document?	Not sure but don't think so
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	Funding for road paving is covered in the existing CIP element sheet TMS-94-PW-72: Street Paving, Management and Rehabilitation. The schedule of street paving is based on the City's annual Pavement Condition review and other capital projects.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-5

Applicant:	Nancy Kierstead
Address:	47 Walford Lane
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management (Submitter put "Other" and type as "Banfield Sidewalk from Heritage to Peverly")
Title:	Banfield sidewalk
Location:	Heritage Rd to Peverly Rd
Project Description (as submitted):	
Project Justification (as submitted):	This end of Banfield Rd has approx 30 homes, a church, a school, rail-to-trail path and no safe direct access except by car. Just outside of Banfield is the YMCA, a playground, grocery stores, a pharmacy and banks again without safe access. There is no "shoulder" on which to safely walk or ride a bike. It's unclear how one end of Banfield Rd provides a sidewalk for approx 18 residential homes only. Our neighborhood has senior citizens, families with young children and those with special needs who would gladly walk or bike to local services.
Identified in a Planning Document?	No
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	It is recommended that City Staff evaluate the ability to accommodate a sidewalk along Banfield Road, balancing safety needs with wetlands impacts, prior to listing as a CIP project.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-6

Applicant:	Byron Matto
Address:	17 Fields Rd
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure (Submitter put "Other" and type as "Recreation Facility Construction")
Title:	Municipal Disc Golf Course - Siting Study and Phase 1 Construction
Location:	To be determined through Phase 1 siting study. Candidate sites for potential evaluation (all City-owned): (1) PULA Group C parcels 25/27/29 off Ocean Road, approximately 50 acres of upland with existing trail network, portions already protected for recreation; (2) former stump dump site off Route 33, subject to review of the 2021 Stump Dump Park Master Plan and NHDES closed-facility restrictions; (3) Community Campus, subject to available acreage. Final site selection is the primary deliverable of Phase 1.
Project Description (as submitted):	Design and construction of a free, publicly accessible disc golf course on City-owned land. Phase 1 enables a siting and suitability study to evaluate candidate parcels against acreage, topography, wetland and wellhead constraints, abutter proximity, and parking availability, and to produce a conceptual course layout with a construction-level cost estimate. Phase 2 funds construction of an initial nine-hole layout, designed to allow future expansion to eighteen. Construction scope includes selective clearing of fairway corridors and understory, installation of permanent baskets, concrete or turf tee pads, tee signage and wayfinding, and minor trail and drainage work. Disc golf is a low-infrastructure use: no irrigation, no turf establishment or mowing regime, no lighting, and negligible impervious surface beyond tee pads. The course would be open to the public at no charge during standard park hours.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Portsmouth has no public disc golf facility; residents travel to other communities to play. The sport serves residents that existing City recreation assets underserve, particularly teens, young adults, and older adults seeking low-impact outdoor activity outside organized league structures. Capital and operating cost per user is low relative to other recreation investments. A nine-hole course requires no irrigation, no turf management, and no seasonal staffing, with annual maintenance limited to trail upkeep and periodic equipment inspection. The use is compatible with land the City cannot readily develop for other purposes, including capped or constrained parcels,

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	utility corridors, and wooded buffer areas, allowing the City to add recreational capacity without consuming buildable land or displacing existing field uses. Local disc golf organizations routinely contribute volunteer labor for course installation and maintenance and sponsor individual holes. A formal partnership could reduce the City's net cost materially below the appropriation request.
Identified in a Planning Document?	Not identified by name. The project advances Open Space Plan (2020) goals related to expanding public access to and active use of City open space assets, and responds to unmet demand categories in the City's recreation needs assessments. The 2010 Public Undeveloped Land Assessment identifies candidate parcels with suitable upland terrain and existing trail networks, though its scope was limited to passive recreation and conservation. Establishing formal planning documentation is one purpose of the Phase 1 siting study.
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	It is recommended that City Staff evaluate the potential sites and develop an estimate to install a disc golf course prior to creating a CIP project sheet.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-7

Applicant:	William Lyons
Address:	62 Mendum Ave
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Sustainability Committee. Vote taken August 27, 2026.
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Shuttle Loop Pilot and Public Transit Expansion
Location:	illustrative Shuttle Loop to be considered (map attached): southern terminus of COAST Route 41 north Lafayette Road to Market Square, Islington St./Lafayette Plaza, West End, Hospital, C&J Terminal to Middle Road/South Street, to Lafayette Road south; combine and reconfigure Routes 40 and 41.
Project Description (as submitted):	Updates and focuses Sustainability Committee proposals included in 2025, 2026, and 2027 CIPs for consistency with recommendations requested by the Council (11/27/25) and Council goal to create a multimodal city with a task force report on a shuttle loop pilot. Move forward with task force of staff, committees, COAST, developers/PHA, hospitality and other private sector, and downtown workers to consider pilot with evaluation. E.g., adapt COAST routes on major corridor/s to provide direct and more frequent service within Portsmouth to neighborhoods, PHA and other housing development, remote parking, and access to downtown jobs, schools, hospital, retail, and regional public transit; prioritize walk/bike access with stop locations and bike facilities. Task force will recommend whether to proceed with pilot or contract for a study of options to expand use of public transit, e.g., shuttle loop, adapt current routes, microtransit (flexible routes and schedules), or a hybrid.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Reduce vehicle trips that are major source of greenhouse gas emissions and implement Climate Action Plan's net zero goal (strategies DTS-1, 3, 4); reduce parking demand and traffic; improve affordable accessibility for residents and workers; foster car-free tourism.
Identified in a Planning Document?	2025, 2026, 2027 CIPs; Climate Action Plan (strategies DTS-1, 3, 4), 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, draft Master Plan, Parking Utilization Study, 2026 Housing Action Plan (development locations)
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This project was included in the existing CIP element sheet BI-26-PW-54: Parking Garage and Public Transportation.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-8

Applicant:	M. Christine Dwyer
Address:	600 Broad St.
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Public Art Review Committee (PARC). Consensus discussion on August 26, 2026 followed by recommendation from Peter Rice.
Project Type:	Other
Title:	Picnic tables for Bohenko Park
Location:	Bohenko Gateway Park
Project Description (as submitted):	The addition of 2-4 ADA-compliant picnic tables to Bohenko Gateway Park would increase use of the park and provide an outdoor space for the increasing number of residents who will be living nearby.
Project Justification (as submitted):	As PARC adds more sculptures to the Gateway Park, more people will be interested in visiting and currently there is no place to enjoy an outdoor picnic. Further, with apartments/condos being built in adjacent sections of the North End, the population in walking distance will be increasing dramatically. The attractiveness of spending time in the park will be greatly enhanced by the opportunity to have a picnic, enjoy the waterfront and view the sculptures. We had hoped some tables could simply be relocated to the spot but understand from DPW that none suitable are available.
Identified in a Planning Document?	No
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This request can be addressed through the existing CIP element sheet BI-02-PW-40: Citywide Park and Monument Improvements.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-9

Applicant:	John Maher
Address:	50 Austin Street
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Other (Funding for locating Burial locations)
Title:	Burial Space
Location:	City wide to be defined
Project Description (as submitted):	Currently, Portsmouth has no space for burials and may be out of compliance with state law. This would be a space where natural burials and/or conventional burials would be allowed. This effort would best be accomplished by reviewing existing open space land owned by the City to determine suitability for burial space for the citizens of Portsmouth. Initial site evaluation process will be necessary to determine soil suitability, vehicular access and other pertinent requirements. Funding would then be necessary to establish and prepare selected location(s) for future burials.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Portsmouth has no burial space
Identified in a Planning Document?	No
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	The City currently has informal agreements relative to local internments with the three cemeteries that are still providing burial services for residents. City Staff acknowledge the need to start looking for options given that Harmony Grove is running out of room. Ideally, the City would continue under agreement with a third party to manage a cemetery and avoid having to provide that service ourselves. If the City had a municipal cemetery managed by a third party, at the direction of the policy makers the City could designate a portion for green burials. City Staff should work, with or without the support of a consultant, to fully explore options and draft proposals to bring forward.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-10

Applicant:	Sandra Smith-Wiese
Address:	138 Gates St
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Audible Crosswalks for Visually Impaired & Disabled
Location:	Crosswalks with Traffic Lights - Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	For those residents visually impaired, crosswalks need to have audible signals for individuals to know when to cross safely.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Safety
Identified in a Planning Document?	Unknown
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	The City currently funds ADA compliant pedestrian signals through its Parking Division's operating budget. Requests should be made to the City's Transportation Engineer.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-11

Applicant:	Kathryn Waldwick
Address:	30 Parker Street
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Rock Street Park Safety Improvements on Brewster Street
Location:	The Brewster Street entrance to Rock Street Park, and the land connecting the end of Langdon Street to Brewster Street
Project Description (as submitted):	This project is requesting to make the entrance to Rock Street Park on Brewster Street safer for all pedestrians, children, and cars by doing two things. 1) Installing a gate at the entrance to Rock Street Park on Brewster Street. Right now, this is a very blind entrance to the park. Cars round the corner coming from the loop connecting Langdon & Brewster streets, and are unable to see the entrance to the park. If a child runs out into the road, there is limited stopping time for a vehicle. This park entrance is right next to the playground equipment, so children often try to run out of the park. 2) Having a sidewalk connect the end of Langdon Street to Brewster Street. Currently there is no pedestrian pathway there, requiring people to walk in the road. Given how quickly cars often drive there, and how blind of a corner it is, this is unsafe for all parties.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Safety for all pedestrians and vehicles, and in particular for children and pedestrians who require using wheels (wheelchairs, strollers). Improved pedestrian access. Also, with the new houses going in where Reagan electric currently is, as well as the new Greenway development, one could surmise more people will need these safety features in the future.
Identified in a Planning Document?	Unknown
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This request can be addressed through the existing CIP element sheets BI-02-PW-40: Citywide Park and Monument Improvements and BI-02-PW-37: Citywide Playground Improvements.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-12

Applicant:	Linnea Grim
Address:	38 Marcy Street
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Feasibility Study - Additional Southend Stormwater Pump
Location:	Prescott Park
Project Description (as submitted):	Strawbery Banke Museum staff strongly urge a feasibility study for adding a pump on the one stormwater pipe that services SBM along with a portion of the southend and the business district.
Project Justification (as submitted):	The museum is in the midst of a multi-year and multi-million dollar project to preserve our historic structures for the good of the city and generations to come. Currently, flood waters cannot drain quickly due to the existing piping that leads out to the river. A feasibility study for an additional pump would be a prudent next step in mitigating some of the flooding in the southend, including Strawberry Banke.
Identified in a Planning Document?	uncertain
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	As part of the Prescott Park Master Plan, there is currently a project to replace the existing drainage pipe referred to in this request. Controlling flooding and tidal inundation on private property is not typically a City responsibility. The City's focus has been on critical infrastructure and staff do not believe a stormwater pumping station study is appropriate at this time.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-13

Applicant:	Maria Sillari
Address:	171 Jones Avenue
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management (Submitter suggested "Buildings and Infrastructure")
Title:	Sidewalk
Location:	Jones Avenue
Project Description (as submitted):	Add a sidewalk to one side of Jones Avenue
Project Justification (as submitted):	Many people, including many children, walk and bike on Jones Avenue daily. Children use Jones Avenue to access the trails behind the high school as a route to school.
Identified in a Planning Document?	I don't know
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	City Staff recommend a preliminary evaluation to determine if the Jones Avenue road right-of-way can accommodate the addition of a sidewalk prior to creating a CIP project sheet.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-14

Applicant:	Effie Malley
Address:	428 Pleasant Street #3
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Sustainability Committee. Vote taken August 27, 2026.
Project Type:	Other – Consultant Study
Title:	Hiring of a Consultant to Develop a Zero Waste Plan
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	The sustainability committee seeks for the City to hire a consultant to create a zero waste plan for Portsmouth. This plan will identify a baseline with waste volume and characterization, describe best practices in other NH municipalities, outline implementation challenges and recommendations, and estimate potential costs and savings. The plan will be used to implement changes to waste collection and processing and to reduce solid waste.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Aside from cost reduction, there are anticipated reduction of greenhouse gases, health benefits, and further improvements to the effectiveness of transfer station. Planning and DPW have expressed that they would find this useful.
Identified in a Planning Document?	Portsmouth's Climate Future Priority Action WM-1; Master Plan Goals 1.1 and 5.4.; NH Solid Waste Management Act; 2022 NH Solid Waste Management Plan; NH Priority Climate Action Plan
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	Given the City's Climate Action Plan goals, City Staff believe that a study to determine what operational changes would be required along with their costs would provide important information for the City and consideration by the City Council.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-15

Applicant:	Samantha Collins
Address:	820 Middle Road
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Swap Shop
Location:	Recycling Center
Project Description (as submitted):	A Swap Shop (also know as a reuse center) is a community-driven initiative where people donate usable, unwanted items and take what they need for free. The addition of Swap Shop to the Recycling Center is part of the city's future plans for the Department of Public Works and Recycling Center property. This would ensure that there would be money in the budget for the building as well as to get it up and running with training for volunteers, potentially a part-time city employee, and other costs. An amount of roughly \$25,000 - \$50,000 would be more than sufficient.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Establishing a swap shop provides significant environmental, economic, and social benefits to a community.
Identified in a Planning Document?	https://files.cityofportsmouth.com/files/planning/planportsmouth/cip/Planning_Board_CIP_Presentation_121621.pdf
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This project is identified in the existing CIP element sheet BI-18-PW-46: Recycling and Solid Waste Transfer Station.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-16

Applicant:	Jessica Dolan
Address:	Maplewood Avenue
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Noise Pollution Control
Location:	Between the I95 underpass and Route 1 overpass
Project Description (as submitted):	The noise from vehicles in this neighborhood is SO LOUD! Residents cannot open their windows and hold a conversation because of the excessive noise from tractor-trailer Jake brakes, motorcycles, modified exhaust systems, school buses, and other vehicles. The school bus station located within the neighborhood only adds to the problem. The addition of the speed hump has made matters worse. Vehicles now: 1. Speed up to get over the hump. 2. Slow down and then accelerate aggressively, creating noise that literally stops conversations. 3. Scrape their undercarriages, trailers, or plows over the hump, sending a shock through the neighborhood. Additionally, the sound wall along the south side of I-95 appears to be amplifying traffic noise toward this neighborhood rather than reducing it. This has become unbearable and is seriously affecting residents' quality of life. We should not have to endure this level of noise in our own homes. Please take immediate action to investigate the causes of this excessive noise and implement effective solutions. Residents including children deserve to be able to enjoy their homes, open their windows, work from home, and be in their backyards have without noise canceling headphones.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Noise Pollution. Devaluation of homes. Safety.
Identified in a Planning Document?	No
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	Additional information would be needed to better understand the request. Sound barriers are covered in the existing CIP element sheet BI-07-PW/NH-49: Sound Barriers in Residential Area Along I-95.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-17

Applicant:	Stephanie Seacord
Address:	c/o Japan America Society of NH, 82 Court St.
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Trees & Public Greenery Committee and Sister Cities Blue Ribbon Committee. Vote taken at Sister Cities Committee meeting August 20, 2026.
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure (Submitter put "Other" and "Protection and enhancement of historic cherry trees on the bank of South Mill Pond, adjacent to City Hall.")
Title:	Portsmouth Peace Treaty Living Memorial Cherry Trees Path
Location:	1 Junkins Avenue, on south bank of South Mill Pond, adjacent to City Hall and crosswalk to South Mill Pond parking lot and Playground.
Project Description (as submitted):	The Japan America Society of NH (JASNH) seeks to work with the City's Arborist Foreman, informed by the Municipal Building Complex plan, to create more accessible access to the historic Portsmouth Peace Treaty Living Memorial Cherry Trees located on the bank of South Mill Pond. This project, supported by the Trees & Public Greenery Committee and the Sister City Committee as well as the Department of Public Works seeks to steward the historic cherry trees for the future and to correct the deficiencies in access by the public, especially during the traditional "Sakura" or "cherry blossom viewing" season each spring. The timing of this project will align with the completion of the Municipal Building Complex and might be factored into landscaping expenditures that will be part of that project. As reflected in the Trees & Greenery and Sister City support, this request by the Portsmouth-based Japan America Society of NH seeks to protect the historic gifts of cherry trees from the city's Sister City of Nichinan and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recognizing the historic role of Portsmouth in securing the Portsmouth Peace Treaty of 1905. Background on the Cherry Trees: There are two rows of trees between City Hall (police department access road) and South Mill Pond. The older trees closest to the pond were purchased with funds from Nichinan, Japan as a gift on the signing of the Sister City agreement in 1985 between Portsmouth and Nichinan -- the birthplace of Baron Jutaro Komura. He was the lead diplomat accompanying the Japanese delegation to the 1905 peace conference that ended the Russo-Japanese War. The second row of trees, at the base of the hill and closer to City Hall, were the 2013 gift of the Foreign Ministry of Japan through the Japan America Society and are descended from the iconic cherry trees in Washington DC. This gift recognized the importance of the Portsmouth Peace Treaty to the gift of those original trees from Tokyo in 1913 to Washington DC, as detailed in the autobiography of the Mayor of Tokyo.

	Project Description: City Arborist Foreman Max Wiater has suggested that a more accessible path from the South Mill Pond Playground parking lot, across Junkins Avenue and among the trees, as well as educational signage, would make it possible for residents and visitors to more fully appreciate the trees and their history, especially during cherry blossom season in April-May. The City's Urban Forest team also manages the care of Portsmouth Peace Treaty Living Memorial Cherry Trees at each of the Portsmouth Public Schools and at the Senior Activity Center. A City historical marker farther down the causeway explains the significance of the cherry trees in the context of the City's Sister City relationships, but there is no information about the trees directly adjacent to them. Part of the project may include taking cuttings from the existing trees to graft onto cherry sapling stock to ensure replacements are available if needed in the future. Budget: A preliminary cost of \$150,000 for design and cost refinement is estimated, with \$1.5 million recommended as an out-year placeholder for the project.
Project Justification (as submitted):	As the City moves forward with plans for the Municipal Building Complex, this project is a proactive initiative anticipating the possibility of changes to the South Mill Pond landscape to address sea level rise and cherry trees that will age-out over time. The DPW Urban Forest Team has included the cherry trees in its Tree Viewer and cares for them, recognizing their historical importance. This project raises awareness of the trees and further cements their protection as City resources.
Identified in a Planning Document?	No, not specifically, but the area between City Hall and South Mill Pond is part of the Municipal Building Complex Plan considerations.
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	Initial funding will be needed to better define scope and budget for this requested project.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-18

Applicant:	Tyler Garzo
Address:	62 McKinley Rd
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Transportation Planning Implementation Services for Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Complete Streets Projects
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	This proposal funds professional transportation planning services to develop specific implementation strategies and conceptual designs for priority projects identified in the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan (2025). Services would include corridor-level design development for priority network segments, intersection treatment designs at identified high-need locations, and implementation guidance that translates adopted plan recommendations into actionable project specifications. Portsmouth currently lacks dedicated transportation planning staff, with transportation decisions primarily managed through the Department of Public Works. Professional transportation planning services would provide the multimodal expertise needed to bridge adopted plan recommendations and project-level design, ensuring that capital projects reflect the city's Complete Streets policy and Bike/Ped Plan priorities before designs are finalized. This would also support the work of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Blue Ribbon Committee, which as an advisory body relies on staff capacity to carry recommendations into project implementation.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Without dedicated transportation planning capacity, adopted plan recommendations for bike, pedestrian, and Complete Streets improvements cannot be translated into project-level designs before construction is finalized and bid.
Identified in a Planning Document?	Yes, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan (2025), Complete Streets Policy (2013-01), and Climate Action Plan (DTS-1) all direct implementation of specific multimodal improvements that require planning-level design capacity the City does not currently have.
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This work is anticipated as a part of the ongoing work under the existing CIP element sheet, TSM-15-PL-61: Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Implementation.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-19

Applicant:	Briana Spechuilli
Address:	80 Sapphire Street
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Other (Outdoor Ball/street Hockey rink)
Title:	Portsmouth Ball Hockey
Location:	To be determined.
Project Description (as submitted):	The proposed outdoor rink would feature a durable plastic sports-court tile surface surrounded by approximately 3–4 foot hockey boards, creating an ideal playing environment for ball hockey and other recreational activities. The rink would include outdoor lighting to allow for evening practices, games, and community use. A bathroom facility or portable restroom options would provide necessary amenities for players and families. The design would prioritize durability, accessibility, and low maintenance while allowing the space to serve multiple recreational purposes throughout the year. In the winter, the rink could potentially be converted into an outdoor skating rink using a waterproof liner and flooding system, providing an additional seasonal recreational opportunity for the community. The proposed project would create a dedicated, affordable ball hockey rink in Portsmouth, NH, providing an equitable recreational option for children, families, and adults of all backgrounds to participate in the sport. The rink would consist of a Ball hockey offers many of the benefits of ice hockey without the high cost of ice time and specialized equipment, making the sport more accessible to the community. The facility could also provide year-round recreational opportunities by being converted into an outdoor skating rink during the winter months through the use of a rink liner and flooding system. This multi-purpose space would promote physical activity, teamwork, community connection, and increased access to recreation for Portsmouth residents and the surrounding Seacoast community.
Project Justification (as submitted):	see above.
Identified in a Planning Document?	No
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	If approved by the City Council, City Staff will develop an element sheet for the proposed project in an out year.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-20

Applicant:	Matthew Glenn
Address:	34 Harrison Ave
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Bicycle and Pedestrian Blue Ribbon Committee. Vote taken September 3, 2026.
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Maplewood Ave Downtown Complete Streets
Location:	Maplewood Ave between Route 1 Bypass and Congress St
Project Description (as submitted):	As a part of COM-27-WD-100: Maplewood Avenue Reconstruction, make lane and streetscape improvements in accordance with the Complete Streets policy for all areas planned for water, sewer, and electrical upgrades between the Route 1 Bypass and Congress Street, covering both the segment from the bypass to the railroad tracks and the multi-lane section from Deer Street to Congress Street. Much of the planning work has already been completed. The Maplewood Ave and Adjacent Areas Complete Street project was presented November 3, 2016 and the Maplewood Ave Downtown Complete Streets Project was presented spring 2019. Both remain available as starting points. Where curbing will remain undisturbed, plan for improved striping to right-size lanes and create buffered bike facilities. Where curbing will come up, implement the fuller project: wider sidewalks, street trees, tightened intersections, and traffic calming. Specific elements include reduction of multiple through lanes in the same direction; tightening the Route 1 bypass intersection while accommodating truck traffic; bulbing out and raising the Dennett Street intersection with pedestrian warning signals; and use of NACTO design standards to reduce unnecessary turn lanes and tighten turning radii. A pedestrian safety island and trailhead amenities for the North Mill Pond trail connection should be incorporated into updated plans.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Maplewood Avenue is designated a city core connector in the Complete Streets Design Guidelines and is a high priority in both the 2014 and 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, providing a direct connection between the North Mill Pond/East Coast Greenway, downtown Portsmouth, city schools, and dense housing and retail. Supported as a top priority of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Blue Ribbon Committee.
Identified in a Planning Document?	2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan; Maplewood Ave Downtown Complete Streets
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project

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Additional Staff Comments:	With City Council approval, City Staff recommend development of an element sheet for the proposed project in an out year to be explored in conjunction with the Seacoast Greenway North Mill Pond greenway trail.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-21

Applicant:	Andrea Ardito
Address:	121 Northwest Street
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management (Submitter suggested "Buildings and Infrastructure")
Title:	Crosswalk, traffic calming safety
Location:	Intersection of Dennett/Maplewood/Marsh
Project Description (as submitted):	Relief is sought for the dangerous crosswalk and stretch of road at and around Dennett street, Maplewood ave & Marsh lane. Almost daily for the last 11 years I have cars driving through this intersection/crosswalk while I am in it. I feel nervous walking on the sidewalk in this stretch of Maplewood given the fast nature people drive both entering and exiting. I have spoken many, many times over the years to the Traffic and Safety Committee and Eric Eby about witnessing close calls of people trying to cross. Just this Summer I watched two elementary school aged children almost get hit while trying to cross Maplewood. While I'm sure not the most effective, in August out of frustration I started documenting on the City's Click & Fix page how many times I had cars driving fast through this intersection while I was in it. I had already been hit in a crosswalk a few years ago further down Maplewood ave(resulting in an arrest) but I cannot express more clearly this statement- it feels like a gamble trying to cross and walk in this section of Maplewood ave. I have begged for raised speed bumps, and just a few weeks ago, flashing crosswalk signs. I would like to add to these requests. Please bulb out this intersection and tighten the turning radii. It would be incredibly helpful and would, for lack of a better term, kill two birds with one stone. Such designs are successful in other cities with similar layouts and issues. These designs strictly adhere to NACTO design standards and as Maplewood ave is a city core connector that is highly utilized by pedestrian and bike traffic, we need to make this area as safe as possible. It is a miracle that nothing more serious has happened, it's sadly a matter of time before it does. Residents of these neighborhoods have been asking for years that something be done. Please let this be the time. Please include this request in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, it is desperately needed.
Project Justification (as submitted):	For the health and safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.
Identified in a Planning Document?	Partially
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project

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Additional Staff Comments:	This request is addressed as part of the existing CIP element sheet, COM-27-WD-100: Maplewood Avenue Reconstruction – Rt 1 Bypass to RR Tracks.
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-22

Applicant:	Frederick Calcinari
Address:	1246 South St
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Sustainability Committee. Vote taken August 27, 2026.
Project Type:	Vehicles and Equipment
Title:	Electrification of city fleet
Location:	City Hall and DPW
Project Description (as submitted):	Requesting \$50,000 to facilitate the transition of the city fleet to electric vehicles, consistent with the Climate Action Plan. The initial target is passenger cars and light trucks that have reached their replacement date. The funds can be used to install level 2 charging stations, for example, at the Department of Public Works lot, or to help offset the price difference between EVs and equivalent internal combustion vehicles. Ideally, this would be the start of a process to achieve 30% electrification of the city fleet by 2030. This effort could include accessing funding from Granite State Clean Fleets Grants to supplement the existing budget. https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/volkswagen-mitigation-trust/granite-state-clean-fleets
Project Justification (as submitted):	See Portsmouth's Climate Future
Identified in a Planning Document?	Yes (Climate Action Plan, City Council goals for 2026)
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	City Staff suggest that this is a rolling stock item. Prior to converting to an EV fleet, City Staff would recommend engaging a consultant to complete a third-party review to determine what would be required to implement this goal.
Citizen Request Subcommittee Action:	

Citizen Request #: CIP-26-23

Applicant:	Samantha Collins, Commission Chair
Address:	1 Junkins Avenue
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Portsmouth Conservation Commission. Vote taken September 9, 2026.
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	BI-27-PL-31: Vernal Pool Update
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	This request is to update the 2008 Citywide Vernal Pool Inventory. In our recent 2025 wetland mapping update, the consultant noted that the existing vernal pool study is in need of an update. Citywide development and landscape changes necessitate an update to this mapping effort. This work is important for accurate enforcement of the City's Wetland Protection regulations as staff cannot reliably confirm which sites still qualify for vernal pool buffer protections when reviewing development and permitting applications. Updating the inventory would give the City current, defensible data to apply the correct buffers and avoid permitting delays or disputes over habitat status. The Portsmouth Conservation Commission is requesting this item be reintroduced from the previous CIP into the FY28 CIP.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Update of the 2008 Portsmouth Vernal Pool Inventory
Identified in a Planning Document?	Portsmouth Vernal Pool Inventory
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This request is addressed in the existing CIP element sheet, BI-27-PL-31: Vernal Pool Update.
Citizen Request Subcommittee Action:	

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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-24

Applicant:	Samantha Collins, Commission Chair
Address:	1 Junkins Avenue
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Portsmouth Conservation Commission. Vote taken September 9, 2026.
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	BI-95-PL-27: Land Acquisition
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	This project funds the purchase of land that has been determined should be protected for conservation and recreation. Ownership is usually sought to secure environmentally sensitive areas to purchase the development rights to a particular parcel, or for some municipal use. Protection may also be provided through the purchase of development rights by way of conservation easements and/or restrictions. Funds can be used as match for leverage on existing grant programs and to support and supplement the City's existing Conservation Fund. Acquisition of land is consistent with the goals and visions stated in the City's Master Plan and Open Space Plan. In addition, this is a Priority Action listed in Portsmouth's Climate Future (climate action plan) under CSLU-2. This request would start in FY28 with allocating \$500,000 every two years for the next ten years into the Conservation Fund.
Project Justification (as submitted):	After conservation of the 100-Acre Woods property in 2025, our Conservation Fund has depleted significantly. In addition, the rising cost of real estate and land in the Seacoast puts stress on our ability to negotiate property acquisitions or easement holdings. Interested parties have inquired about City purchases of land or easement holdings and our lack of funds inhibits our ability to offer a competitive purchase price.
Identified in a Planning Document?	2025 Master Plan, Open Space Plan, Portsmouth's Climate Future (climate action plan), previous Capital Improvement Plans
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	This request is addressed in the existing CIP element sheet, BI-95-PL-27: Land Acquisition.
Citizen Request Subcommittee Action:	

Citizen Request #: CIP-26-25

Applicant:	Frederick Calcinari
Address:	1246 South St
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Sustainability Committee. Vote taken August 27, 2026.
Project Type:	Buildings and Infrastructure
Title:	Installation of solar arrays on city properties
Location:	Various throughout the city
Project Description (as submitted):	This proposal is consistent with Climate Action Plan Priority Action BE-9 to eliminate the use of fossil fuel sources for heat and hot water in all municipal and School Department buildings and to replace these systems with electric or non-greenhouse gas emitting alternatives. This proposal will fund the installation of solar panels on the roofs of city buildings that are already solar-ready. Estimates for installation are based on the Audit of City Building Energy Efficiency just released. The \$840,000 is for the Department of Public Works addition, \$450,000 is for the Community Campus building, and \$400,000 is for the Foundry Place Garage. The City's reduction in use of non-renewables has numerous benefits: lower operational costs, improved efficiencies, enhanced staff productivity, and increased safety as well as broader benefits including improved air quality and community health, lower demand on the regional grid, and reduced dependence on fossil fuels.
Project Justification (as submitted):	Reduce ongoing electric utility costs
Identified in a Planning Document?	Yes, Portsmouth Climate Future, BE-9
Staff Analysis:	Existing CIP Project
Additional Staff Comments:	The existing CIP element sheet, BI-27-PW-52: Solar Arrays and Potential Power Generation, addresses the Jones Ave solar array first. This request is in line with the PEAC request for Jones Ave. However, it prioritizes behind-the-meter solar arrays.
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Citizen Request #:	CIP-26-26
Applicant:	Tyler Garzo
Address:	62 McKinley Rd
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	No
Project Type:	Transportation System Management
Title:	Quick-Build Intersection Safety Fund
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	This proposal formalizes and directs the existing \$50,000 annual traffic calming parking fund allocation toward quick-build intersection treatments following NACTO and Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan recommendations. Treatments include curb extensions (bump-outs), intersection tightening, pedestrian refuge islands, and neighborhood slow street markings using paint, flexible delineator posts, and temporary materials. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan (p. 43) specifically identifies quick-build treatments as a recommended implementation strategy. Curb extensions address both visibility and speed simultaneously: they shorten pedestrian crossing distances and reduce vehicle turning speeds through tighter geometry. This is distinct from daylighting alone, which improves visibility but does not reduce speed. Lane striping does not affect turning radius, which is determined by curb geometry and can be designed to accommodate the specific design vehicle while still achieving meaningful narrowing.
Project Justification (as submitted):	The City currently responds to neighborhood intersection safety requests primarily through parking removal. NACTO warns that wide corners may cause cars to speed through intersections, and recommends curb extensions as the preferred treatment. Specific locations include Maplewood/Dennett and Cass/Chevrolet. Quick-build costs of \$2,000-\$10,000 per site generate before-and-after data that supports permanent CIP investment.
Identified in a Planning Document?	Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan (2025, p. 43, pp. 73-75, p. 91), Complete Streets Policy (2013-01), Complete Streets Demonstration Project Policy (2017), Council Goal #2, Climate Action Plan DTS-1 & CSLU-3
Staff Analysis:	Better Served by Another Process
Additional Staff Comments:	The existing CIP element sheet, TSM-21-PW-74: Traffic Calming, provides funding for this activity. This project can be requested via the City's website at https://www.portsmouthnh.gov/publicworks/transportation/neighborhood-traffic-calming-program .
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Citizen Request #: CIP-26-27

Applicant:	Alice Carey
Address:	236 Hillside Drive
Submitting on Behalf of a Committee:	Yes, Conservation Commission. Vote taken September 7, 2026.
Project Type:	Other (Planning Document Update)
Title:	Update to the Public Undeveloped Land Assessment – Comprehensive Baseline Inventory and Natural Resource Inventory (PULA)
Location:	Citywide
Project Description (as submitted):	The Portsmouth Conservation Commission requests funding to hire a consultant to update the City's 2010 Comprehensive Baseline Inventory and Natural Resource Inventory of public undeveloped land. In the sixteen years since the original inventory, the City has acquired additional city-owned and conservation parcels not reflected in the existing document, and the City's land-use, zoning, and conservation priorities have evolved. This update would go beyond the 2010 inventory by providing a more in-depth, site-by-site technical assessment and evaluation of each parcel's current conditions, stewardship needs, ecological value and future use potential. The assessment would provide guidance for future parcel use and management, including long-term conservation and/or restoration, trails and connectivity, invasive species management, suitability for development and renewable energy installations, and further study where warranted. An updated PULA gives the City Council, Planning & Sustainability Department, and Conservation Commission a current, comprehensive tool for zoning, land protection, and stewardship decisions grounded in up-to-date site data, rather than a 16-year-old baseline. It also serves as a reference in the future update to the Open Space Plan, originally completed in 2020, which relies heavily on the assessments and documentation from the PULA. This requests a funding amount of \$50,000 allocated in FY28 or 29, in order to complete the updated PULA prior to a 10-year update to the Open Space Plan in 2030.
Project Justification (as submitted):	The 2010 inventory is outdated and does not reflect land acquired since, or the City's current zoning, conservation, and recreational priorities; an updated, more detailed assessment is needed to guide sound decisions on future development, conservation, trails, and land stewardship.
Identified in a Planning Document?	Yes: 2010 Public Undeveloped Land Assessment – Comprehensive Baseline Inventory and Natural Resource Inventory (original document); 2026 Portsmouth Master Plan – Item I-1.3: Enhance Ecological Buffers: "Conduct a citywide land identification and prioritization effort to map existing buffer conditions, ecological

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	value, and vulnerability" ; 2020 Portsmouth Open Space Plan - analysis of existing conditions relies heavily on data and documentation from the 2010 PULA. Priorities and actions often include subject sites included in the PULA; Portsmouth's Climate Future – Objective 4.5.5: Climate-Smart Land Use - recommends leveraging public lands for ecological priorities such as renewable energy; NH Fish and Game / NH Natural Heritage Bureau data on habitats and species of conservation concern
Staff Analysis:	CIP Eligible Project
Additional Staff Comments:	City Staff recommend including this request in the CIP.
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