

# Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

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## PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

Submitter: Park and Recreation Commission

Submission Date: 10/4/2018

Group or Committee Affiliation (if any): Park and Recreation Commission

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Purpose (please select all that apply):

- Open Space
- Community Housing
- Historic
- Recreation

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Project Name: Featherland Multisport Court Reconstruction (Phase 2)

Project Description:

Build remaining two tennis courts and add 4 basketball hoops and lines. These courts will be handicap accessible. No court modifications need to be made other than wide gates to allow wheelchair athletes to use these courts.

Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount and source)
2020	TBD	TBD	Possible money from FreeCash and LS
2021			
2022			
2023			
2024			
<b>Total</b>			

How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects (see attached)?

Sport Courts were identified as a need in the 2009-2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The courts would support tennis and basketball. These courts will be handicap accessible. These sports can be played by athletes of all ages and ability levels. Completing these courts will support the Junior Varsity Tennis program at LS. This will provide additional outdoor basketball opportunities.

Does this project fall within the jurisdiction or interest of other Town Boards, Committees or Departments? If so, please list the boards, committees or departments, whether applications and/or presentations have been made, and what input or recommendations have been given.

CIAC supported the original application for the project in spring 2017.

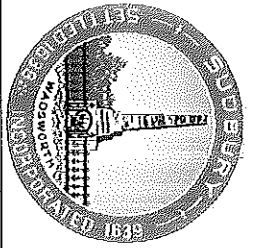
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Form received on: \_\_\_\_\_

Project presented to CPC on: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Determination: \_\_\_\_\_



## Town of Sudbury Capital Improvement Budget Request Form FY2020

**Department/Committee:**  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
**Item/Project Name:**  
Featherland Multisport Court Reconstruction (Phase 2)

<b>Year of Initial Request:</b> 2018	<b>Estimated Total Project Cost:</b> TBD	<b>Estimated Future Savings:</b> 0
<b>Estimated Incremental Costs:</b> 0	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring:</b> NR	
<b>Justification Code:</b> D	<b>Priority:</b> 1	<b>Anticipated Staffing Changes:</b> N/A
<b>Project Description:</b> Finish the reconstruction the tennis courts at Featherland to be handicap accessible and add basketball. Adaptive tennis and basketball require no court alterations.		
<b>Justification and Need:</b> This project will complete the court reconstruction project approved by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2017. The initial funds were not sufficient to complete all four courts as originally expected. The courts were dismantled in Spring 2015 after the fences were damaged by the snow plows. Residents voiced their disapproval and their interest in having these courts restored. This project will rehabilitate a town owned asset for recreation. The new courts will be handicap accessible and support unstructured recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities for tennis and basketball. The LS Tennis Teams will use these courts during the spring season.		
<b>Benefit:</b> Distributed recreational opportunities are important as part of a healthy community. Featherland is located in a residential area and is easily assessable by roads, sidewalks and the proposed Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Tennis and Basketball can be played by residents of all ages and abilities. The only publicly available basketball courts are at Fairbanks. The LS Tennis Team will be able to provide a full JV and Varsity team training and competition using these courts.		
<b>Alternatives Considered and Reasons for Nonselection:</b> Leave courts as is. There is a clear message from residents that they want these courts. LS Tennis teams will benefit from these.		<b>Typical Replacement Lifecycle:</b> Resurfaced at 8 years, cracks repaired as needed.
<b>Consequences of Not Implementing or Delaying Implementation:</b> There is a clear message from residents that they want these courts. LS Tennis teams will benefit from these. The general community will benefit from both tennis and basketball opportunities at a central location in town.		

**Other Pertinent Background Information (e.g., Quotes, Studies, Evaluations, Reports, Pictures, etc.):**  
See attached document prepared by the Park and Rec Commission.

# Featherland Multisport Court Reconstruction (Phase 2)

## History

The Featherland Tennis Courts have become a key component of Sudbury recreational opportunities for many generations. The construction history is:

- Two courts were built in 1961
- Two courts were built in 1965
- All courts color coated in 1966
- All courts color coated in 1976
- All courts rebuilt in 1987.
- Two courts rebuilt in Fall 2018 with pickle ball lines included.

After the winter of 2014-2015 and record breaking snow fall, snow plows caused damage to the posts and fencing around the courts. Without knowledge of the Park & Rec Commission (PRC), someone in town instructed the DPW to take down the fencing, tennis nets and trees between the courts. Sudbury residents submitted complaints to the PRC and the Acting Town Manager.

In May 2017, voters approved CPC funds to rebuild the four court. Two courts were intended to have pickle ball lines included. The other two courts were intended to include basketball hoops, key and three point lines. Voters approved \$220,000 based on a budgetary quote. We developed this budgetary quote by working with Jim Kelly of DPW, and consulting with a reputable and experienced tennis court contractor and the Town of Sutton who had recently done a similar project. After the funds were available, the PRC approved a request from the DPW Director, Dan Nason, to use \$20,000 funds for design and bid documents. Only \$14,000 funds were used for this phase. The RFP was released and two contractors responded. The lowest bid was accepted for \$170,000 (plus contingency of \$17,000) for two tennis courts with pickle ball lines. The remaining money wasn't enough to cover the expenses for the two remaining courts. The PRC decided to release funds to rebuild two tennis courts with pickle ball lines. There is currently \$19,000 available of unused funds. If the contingency funds are not been used, they will be available for the next two courts.

**PRC is submitting a new request to CPC to complete the multisport court reconstruction at Featherland to rehabilitate a currently owned town asset and meet the needs to many user groups.**

## Supporting Research and Community Input

### Open Space plan

The 2009 – 2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan published in June 2009 includes survey results from Sudbury residents. The results show that sports courts (tennis, basketball, deck hockey, etc) were high priority for 261 of the 540 survey respondents. See Appendix B, page 7 of the Plan available on the Sudbury town website.

#### *National Park and Recreation Association*

The National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) has researched the importance of parks in communities nationwide. They have found youth living in neighborhoods with multiple recreation and park facilities are more likely to be active five times a week, compared to young people who don't have access to any. Increased access to places for physical activity leads to a 25% increase in people exercising more than 3 times a week. Recreational opportunities aid in preventing obesity, managing chronic diseases and supported better mental health. See NRPA.org Fact Sheets for details.

The NRPA also suggests that distributing recreational opportunities throughout the community allowing people easy access from homes and work encourages residents to use the facilities. Featherland is centrally located and accessible to many more residents by sidewalks, driving and the proposed Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. The only other publically available basketball courts are at Fairbanks.

Providing half-court basketball option at Featherland will provide an opportunity for LS students who park there to play after school, thus getting some exercise and reducing stress, before going to their after school activities.

#### *Lincoln Sudbury Varsity and Junior Varsity Tennis teams*

After consulting with the Varsity and Junior Varsity tennis coaches at LS, Peter Elenbaas (LS Athletic Director) confirmed that the tennis teams would use the rebuilt tennis courts at Featherland for both practices and matches.

Prior to Featherland courts being dismantled, the girls and boys teams used LS and Featherland courts for practices and matches. The competition schedule is set up so one team travels while the other team hosts for each school they play. Within the competition, there are varsity and JV matches. The varsity matches are played on 5 of the 6 LS courts. One JV match is on the remaining LS court. Without the Featherland courts, the remaining 4 JV matches have to wait until after the varsity matches completed. Often there isn't enough time for the JV matches. Once Featherland is rebuilt, all the varsity and JV matches will happen at the same time.

Prior to Featherland being dismantled, LS was able to have a full roster of both JV and Varsity. Since spring 2015, the JV team has been limited because of the court space. When the Featherland courts are rebuilt, they will have the court space for a full complement of JV players.

#### *PRC Public Hearing October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

The PRC was considering replacing the dismantled tennis courts with small baseball fields and they held a public hearing. Approximately 50 residents attended. Several people were there to express the need for small baseball field, many residents were there to protest losing these tennis courts rather than rebuilding them. After this meeting, the proposal to build small baseball fields was withdrawn by LS Youth Baseball.

### May 2016 Special Election

Though the capital debt ballot in May 2016 for replacing the Featherland Tennis Courts ultimately failed, there were 724 voters who were willing to have an increase to their property tax to rebuild these courts. That proposal was for only tennis courts –pickle ball, basketball and handicap access were not included.

### Proposal - Complete Featherland Multisport Court Reconstruction

**This project is to complete the rehabilitation of currently owned town asset and provides recreational opportunities for multiple users group. This proposal meets the CPA requirements.**

PRC is requesting to complete two tennis courts enclosed in fencing. They would be oriented on the property as they were in the past with two pairs of courts each enclosed. There will be four half-court basketball hoops with key and three point lines drawn on the Tennis Courts. If funds allow, there will be a wind screen added to the fences separating the courts for visual separation.

The court gate openings and ramps would be wide enough and paved entry to the parking lot to allow for wheel chair access. Adaptive tennis and basketball require no other facility alteration. There are handicap accessible parking spots currently in the parking lot.

Once completed, the land around the courts will be graded with topsoil and grass seed.

The PRC and DPW are working together to receive bids for a firm quote on how much this project will cost to complete.