

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE
RECREATION DEPARTMENT
FY 24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REQUESTS**

Subcommittee Recommendations to the full Advisory Committee

SOULE-COURTYARD RENOVATION

\$150,000 *(Property Tax/Free Cash)*

Subcommittee Recommendation Vote: 4-0-0

Soule Early Childhood Education Center's philosophy supports nature, diversity, and discovery. This school is 100% cost recovery. We are looking to more formally design an outdoor classroom space, to help them achieve the mission. We currently utilize the Soule Courtyard for an outside classroom space, but it has fallen into disrepair and is in need of a capital improvement to re-design to make space more developmentally appropriate for the growing school. The project is in a space is approximately 3,100 square feet. Historically, during significant weather events, there have been drainage issues that have impacted the wood frame of outdoor space (Soule Structure). The project would start with removal of the current asphalt, assessing for appropriate drainage and assessing Soule building structure base for weather damage. We plan to replace the pavement with a more weather proof natural surfacing and materials. We expect \$150,000 for feasibility, design, specs, equipment, and construction. We expect to purchase equipment to enhance the usability of space. Areas of play would be designed.

PUTTERHAM WOODS

\$300,000 *(Property Tax/Free Cash)*

Subcommittee Recommendation Vote: 4-0-0

Putterham Woods at the Brookline Golf Course has suffered from significant forest die back and failure of the tree canopy, due to storms and other environmental concerns. The Putterham Woods site is approximately fifteen acres of forested land. The site is in need of tree work to remove down and damaged trees for safety reasons. This project would make the area safe, which is the first step before it is

decided how the area is designed. Future phases include paths and planting new trees.