

EXPLANATORY TEXT

March 12, 2024 Referendum Wilson Park Project

QUESTION

"SHALL THE TOWN OF WINDSOR APPROPRIATE \$4,355,000 FOR THE WILSON PARK PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF \$4,000,000 IN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS AND \$355,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

The cost of the project is \$4,355,000. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 will be funded by a Connecticut Community Investment Grant and the remaining \$355,000 will be provided through federal American Rescue Funds issued to the town.

Starting in 2018 a series of steps to gather community input on how to utilize the vacant town-owned parcel of land at 458 Windsor Avenue in the Wilson neighborhood were initiated. On November 16, 2020, the Town Council requested staff prepare a concept plan for the 5.68 acre parcel to reflect neighborhood open space with park improvements and amenities.

The park design includes a range of features such as walking paths, significant play features for children of all abilities, informal gathering areas, picnic shelter, lighting, outdoor program and event spaces, and ample landscaping.