

November 10, 2025

Concord Community Preservation Committee
Attn: Anne Clifford, Senior Planner
141 Keyes Road
Concord, MA 01742

RE: Phase 2 Gerow Recreation Area Activation project

Dear CPC committee,

I am writing to update you on the status of the Phase 2 Gerow Recreation Area Activation project you funded last year. The Recreation Department intended to issue an RFP in fall 2025 for consulting services to support outreach and initial design efforts for the building of a playground and establishing water access to Warner's Pond at the Gerow Recreation Area. We are still excited about this opportunity, but the Recreation Commission has determined that we will need to delay the start of this work until at least the fall of 2026.

The reason for this delay is that two projects have emerged this year that are a higher priority for the limited Recreation Department staff time available for major project management. One is the replacement of the tennis and basketball courts at Rideout Park. After evaluating the condition of the courts this past spring, we have determined that a complete replacement of the courts is warranted. This effort will require significantly more project management time than we had anticipated. The second project is the potential addition of a dry dive facility at the Beede Center, in honor of CCHS student Maisey O'Donnell. While the details of this project are still being worked out, it is an important Town project that will require significant time from Recreation Department management.

On behalf of the Recreation Commission we are very grateful for the Community Preservation Committee's support for this project, and we look forward to our continued partnership with you to expand and improve recreation opportunities at Gerow and across Concord. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you



Phil Griffiths

Chair, Concord Recreation Commission

cc: Leigh Jackson, Concord Recreation Director
Jessica Porter, Assistant Town Manager