

# Scituate Community Preservation Committee Funding Request Form

DATE and YEAR of Application: 9/30/2022  
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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

1/31/22

Project Sponsor or Organization: Friends of Purple Dinosaur

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

CPA CATEGORY (check all that apply):

OPEN SPACE

RECREATION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMUNITY HOUSING

NAME OF PROJECT: Purple Dinosaur Playground

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: We are seeking CPC funding to help build a new playground to replace the aging structures at Purple Dinosaur Playground. This will serve as a recreation space for the community to suit 2-5 year age range for years to come. The current Purple Dinosaur Playground is nearly three decades old and in an unsafe state of aging/disrepair and cannot be repaired. Due to the unsafe state of the current structures, we believe this is time sensitive and have requested our application to be included for the April Town Meeting. Should funding be provided, we would plan for a summer 2023 completion. *Attach additional pages including playground designs, plan and estimate.* We wanted to keep with the Purple Dinosaur theme to honor the history and memories of this park for families in the town.

Project Location or Address: Purple Dinosaur Playground. 618 Country Way, Scituate, MA 02066

*Include map, photo and other imagery for ALL category projects.*

*If Open Space or Community Housing:*

Assessor's Map Page, Block & Lot Number: N/A

Number of acres in parcel: N/A

Current Zoning Classification: N/A

Assessed Value: N/A

Title in name of: N/A Title Abstract Date: N/A

Number of housing units proposed: N/A

Summarize how this request benefits the Town of Scituate and meets the goals of the Community Preservation Act.

A new playground in this location will provide a safe, ADA compliant, modern and inclusive recreation space for young children ages 2-5+. This is a play space used by the surrounding community. In Scituate, the school playgrounds and North Scituate playground are tailored towards children ages 5+, this public community playground fosters a safe gathering and open play space that will have a positive impact on our Town.

**PERMITS AND APPROVALS**

What permits and approvals are required? Have they been obtained or have you filed for them?

Name of Permit	Filed? (Y/N)	Filed (Date)	Obtained (Date)
Permits and approvals TBD			
"Dig Safe" review prior to build	to be completed	at time of build	
No Special Town Permits Required			

Have you met with any other Town Boards or committees? If so, what were the outcomes of those meetings? *(Letters of support from other Boards and committees should be included in the application or supplied at a later date.)*

We spoke with Mary Sprague and Michele Seghezzi who verbally expressed support. Town Recreation Board verbally expressed support during November 2 meeting. CPC approved project and \$260K in funding during January 2023 meeting.

Notes:

What non-financial support and services are necessary, and how will these be provided?

We are not aware of additional support and services that will be necessary, aside from the current/existing support and services that are provided to the playground through the Town. We will need support from the town to manage the project and formal bid process.

**FUNDING**

Describe the proposed funding for this project. Identify other sources you are seeking funds from, and whether those funds are secured. Identify any funds you or your organizations are willing to provide.

We are seeking to fund the majority of the project cost through CPC funding. Friends of Purple Dinosaur estimates to fundraise \$30,000 from local businesses, events and community support to donate services to support the refurbishment of the playground help defer the cost.

We have estimated the total project cost (new playground) to be \$286,979 based on a design and proposal from O'Brien and Sons. We have received a less expensive bid from Childscapes. Based on the cost of Wompatuck and North Scituate playgrounds, inflation and the size of this playground in comparison we expect this to be a fair estimate. The estimate is based on \$249,547 for the playground itself (demolition and removal of existing structure, excavation and prep for new structures, new equipment and surfacing installation). This includes a rubber ground material which requires less maintenance to maintain to code annually and is more durable than alternate options. We have added in a 15% contingency cost to our estimate. The Friends of Purple Dinosaur will fundraise an estimated \$30,000 towards the project, and the CPC has approved \$260,000 in funding for the remainder of the project costs.

### Proposed Funding

Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Sources of Funds other than CPA	Amount	Funding Secured? (Y/N)*
\$ 286,979	\$ 260,000	Friends of Purple Dinosaur	\$ 26,979	N
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	

*\* If the request is still outstanding, when do you expect to hear a decision?*

**OTHER COMMENTS**

Provide any other information you think the CPC should be aware of in evaluating your request for funding.

The scope of the new playground will reuse the existing fence and walkway. We do not anticipate any trees to be removed, or for there to be an impact to the neighbors. The playground company will repair any landscaping damage. The rubber ground surface material install must be complete in March-October during warmer weather. This scope does not include any proposed changes to the adjacent field or parking lot. We have quickly received a large amount of community support. We feel strongly that given the current state of the Playground, it is important to revive this safe public play space for small children in our Community.

**By signing below, the Applicant represents he/she is duly authorized, agrees to the terms and conditions and all other requirements of this Application and agrees to be bound thereby if funding is granted for the Project.**

Date: Sept 30, 2022 Signature: Marie Pisello

**FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE USE**

This request received by Scituate CPC on \_\_\_\_\_

Copies provided to CPC Members on \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information required: \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Vote**

Votes:	Yes / No	Votes: Y/N/Abstain	Date
Recommend to Town Meeting			

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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