

# City of Dover

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

#### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2022 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT DOVER PARK**

**WHEREAS**, city parks and open space improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities, and make our cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work. Numerous studies have shown the social, environmental, economic, and health benefits parks bring to a city and its people.

**WHEREAS**, Dover Park has served the recreational needs for east side residents of the city and Kent County, and the wider city for nearly 50 years, providing a place to take a walk in the woods, participate in an aerobics class, youth programs, have a family picnic, play disc golf, tennis, basketball, or just enjoy the playground.

**WHEREAS**, Dover Park, the oldest of the 25 parks and park areas, as part of a Parks and Recreation Master plan, will be renovated with the addition of a community building, that will house educational programming, exercise classes, parks staff and summer camp programs.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dover Parks and Recreation will provide safe and enjoyable park experiences and ensure that this important amenity planned for Dover Park will contribute to the overall vitality of the City of Dover. The community building is part of a multi-phase process, which will include a spray pad and an accessible playground. The successful completion of this project will achieve increased community pride and a healthier, more engaged and informed community.

**WHEREAS**, the community building was identified as a need in the Dover Park Master Plan adopted by Council in August 2019, and it fulfills a promise made to citizens and community groups to replace the building that had to be demolished in 2014, and has much community support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senate Appropriations Committee through a Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request process, has made available funding for which the City of Dover and its Parks and Recreation Department can apply to aid in potentially funding the new community center at Dover Park; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover, Delaware, that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to submit a Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Application for the Dover Park Community Center.

**ADOPTED: MAY 24, 2021**

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#### Actions History

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