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East Providence announces RFP for multipurpose athletic field

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence has announced a request for proposal (RFP) for the construction of a multipurpose athletic field on a four-acre site that will be developed behind Riverside Middle School.

Previous City Councils had authorized funds to build an all-asphalt parking lot to address parking issues at Riverside Recreation Field. East Providence Mayor Bob DaSilva, together with the current City Council, had a different vision for the area – the development of a new athletic field. The field, which will feature associated parking and other improvements including a new irrigation system, fencing and netting, will benefit the students of the Riverside Middle School sports programs, Junior Townies, East Providence Mohawks, East Providence Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA) and neighborhood children. The new area will serve the parking needs of visitors to both the Riverside Recreation Field and the new multipurpose athletic field.

The multipurpose field will be designed for use by football, soccer and lacrosse teams. The City intends to install football goalposts and will repurpose the \$15,000 "Friends of Townie Athletics" scoreboard that was purchased and donated by the FOTA for the former turf field at the high school.

The RFP comes after capital funds were allocated during the 2017 capital budget to build an additional parking area behind the school to reduce parking congestion along Somerset, Arrowhead and Kingsford Avenues.

As part of this project, the city previously awarded the contract to prepare the land for construction.

The city's contractor began the clearing process in preparation for the construction of the new athletic field and associated parking. Work on the construction of the fields will begin this spring.



CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSED MULTI-USE ATHLETIC FIELD AND PARKING LOT ADVERTISEMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP EP21/22-05

BID OPENING TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022 AT 2PM

The City is seeking the construction of a multi-use athletic field and associated parking located to the south of the existing school (Riverside Middle School). Total project area approximately 3.8 acres. Specifications and plans may be downloaded from the City's website https://eastprovidenceri.gov/rfp

Four (4) copies of proposals shall be submitted in one (1) sealed envelope to East Providence City Hall, Controllers Office, Room 103, Attn: Ryan McCauley, Procurement Specialist, 145 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI 02914 no later than **BID OPENING TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022 AT 2PM.** The bids will be publicly recorded. Bids received with a time of 2:01 PM or later will be rejected. The outside envelope needs to be marked **RFP EP21/22-05.**

The City reserves the right to reject any/or all companies, to waive any informality in the proposal statement and to accept the proposal of any company based on what the City deems to be in its best interest.

Any questions regarding the RFP should be directed to Daniel Borges, Director of Public Works (401) 435-7701 dborges@eastprovidenceri.gov, or Erik Skadberg, City Engineer (401) 435-7703 extension 1, eskadberg@eastprovidenceri.gov, no later than **FRIDAY**, **MARCH 18**, **2022 AT 2PM**

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For the full Request for Proposal please visit: https://eastprovidenceri.gov/rfp/2022/proposed-multi-use-athletic-field-and-parking-lot-riverside-middle-school