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## **Council approves construction of Riverside Rec lot**

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence will be constructing a new parking lot located to the south of Riverside Middle School.

East Providence City Council voted 4-1 in favor of the \$412,000 contract enabling Yard Works Inc., (the contractor with the lowest bid) to construct the lot. Council President Robert Britto, Council Vice President Bob Rodericks, Ward 2 Councilwoman Anna Sousa and Ward 3 Councilman Nate Cahoon voted in favor of awarding the contract.

Yard Works Inc. will construct the porous pavement parking lot, wood guard rails, striping and paving of the walking paths. The parking lot project will be paid with \$352,700 in Capital Improvement Funds approved by the Council. The remaining \$60,000 balance will be paid via American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The improvements comes as the Riverside Recreation Complex is being used more and more for softball, baseball, football, cheerleading and other uses. This parking lot will offer parking immediately adjacent to the recreation field. All organizations using the Riverside Recreation Field will be asked to use this lot once it is constructed to alleviate any concerns of surrounding neighbors.

The new area will serve the parking needs of visitors to both the Riverside Recreation Field and the new multi-use athletic field.

The field will be designed for use by football, soccer and lacrosse teams. The area will also feature the repurposed "Friends of Townie Athletics" scoreboard from the former turf field at the high school.

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