

**Capital Items Request
September 19, 2019
Parks and Recreation Department**

**FY21
Mount Agamenticus Parking Lots**

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to submit a capital request for the construction and expansion of both the summit and base parking lots located at Mount Agamenticus. Parking is over capacity during high use periods throughout the year. The number of cars overflowing the existing 12-15 space area at the base is a public safety concern and expansion will greatly improve congestion and flow of traffic at the summit.

The need for this project has been well documented and studied. It was first identified in the 2009 Guidelines for Usage planning document and since that time there have been traffic counts, visitor use surveys, a planning workshop with the Mt. A Steering Committee, Selectmen, York Water District Trustees and other members of the public (2013), a preliminary conceptual design was created, and a Parking and Traffic Flow Needs Assessment conducted by Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) was completed in 2016. SMPDC inventoried existing conditions, placed traffic data counters and MioVision cameras both at the summit and base to view parking patterns, analyzed and compared data with past traffic counts, and prepared a written report with recommendations.

The York Water District owns the parking areas and access road. There is a 50-year lease agreement with the Town of York dated May 12, 1980 pertaining to access, power and parking in these areas. YWD is a supporting partner, has a vested interest in improving water quality and safety. A planning sub-committee was established in February of 2018 and is made up of TOY Selectmen, YWD Trustees and Parks staff. This sub-committee has been meeting regularly to guide the process, contracted with Wright-Peirce Engineers, and are renegotiating lease agreements. Wetland surveys and test digs have been completed, design documents are being readied for Board of Selectmen and Planning Board approval, with the expectation that we will be ready to begin construction in FY21.

Requested amount for Mount Agamenticus Parking Lot Construction is \$750,000.00. This capital item is requested to be placed in the FY21 Capital budget and is part of a combined parking and restroom improvement project.