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RE: RAISE Manchester: Connecting Communities
Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination – Gateway Park
Federal Project No. R21HC054
City Project FY22-500-46 (State No. 43826)


Dear Jamie:

This letter summarizes the City of Manchester's Department of Public Works intent and concurrence for a *de minimis* impact determination for Gateway Park (Tax Map 837, Lot 1), located on the northeast quadrant of the Granite Street and Commercial Street intersection, in relation to the proposed construction planned for the RAISE Manchester: Connecting Communities project.

The parcel was deeded to the City of Manchester in September 1986 for use as a public park. Preliminary plans showing the project intent for construction on the park parcel were presented at a Public Informational Meeting on December 7, 2022 for public comment, and have been available on the project website for public review and comment since December 2022. The Department of Public Works supports a finding that the project will not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that make the property eligible for Section 4(f) protection: that of public land for recreational use. Further, the construction of a pedestrian bridge and ADA-compliant approach ramps will support the use and function of the parcel for public recreation.

Updated project plans and impacts, along with this notice of the City's intent for a *de minimus* determination are being posted on the project website <https://www.raisemanchester.org/> for public notification and comment until June 7, 2023. Public comments on this notice and proposed construction for Gateway Park can be received via website form at <https://www.raisemanchester.org/contact-us/>; via email at questions@raisemanchester.org; or by phone at (603) 212-5107.

Sincerely,


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