



**CITY OF NEWBURYPORT**  
**GIFT ACCEPTANCE FORM**

Ordered, that, the City of Newburyport accepts the following gift in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A:

Date of Gift:	11/21/2023	
City Department:	Office of Planning & Development	
Staff Contact:	Andrew R. Port, Director of Planning & Development	
<i>Gift Overview</i>		
Gift Type:	Monetary	
Donor:	Mary Alice Arakelian Foundation www.arakelianfoundation.com	
Purpose:	Funds are to be used for the purchase and installation of new site amenities as part of the Market Landing Park Expansion project on the central waterfront.	
Gift Amount:	\$200,000	
<i>For Office Use Only</i>		
City Council Packet Date:	11/27/2023	
Emergency Measure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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Councillor Heather L. Shand

**In City Council November 27, 2023:**

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00512, ORDR00513, ORDR00516, ORDR00517, ORDR00518, and ORDR00519 to Budget & Finance by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Newburyport City Council**

**FROM: Andrew R. Port, Director of Planning & Development**

**CC: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor**  
**Andrew Levine, Chief of Staff**

**RE: Approval for Gift Acceptances – Site Amenities for Market Landing Park Expansion Project**

**DATE: November 27, 2023**

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As you know, the Council approved gap funding for construction of the Market Landing Park Expansion project earlier this year. This project is now under construction using funding from various sources, including but not limited to two substantial state grants (*i.e. P.A.R.C. and MassTrails*) totaling \$800,000. Since available project funding for the “bones” of new park space does not cover the cost of various site amenities, additional local fundraising was necessary. As directed by the Council, we are now returning to request your acceptance of these very generous gifts provided by well-known local institutions. They are as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Mary Alice Arakelian Foundation	\$200,000	Site Amenities for Market Landing Park
Institution for Savings	\$50,000	Site Amenities for Market Landing Park
Newburyport Bank	\$40,000	Site Amenities for Market Landing Park

We request your timely acceptance of the attached Gift Acceptance Orders, representing substantial contributions by three well-known and reputable local institutions, all for the purchase of remaining site amenities called for in Sasaki’s approved design plans, including trellis swings, benches, picnic tables, hammocks, and additional Adirondack chairs for the expansive new lawn areas between the boardwalk/berm and new bike path “spine.” Standard bronze plaques will be installed in the general vicinity of these site amenities as recognition for these generous contributions to the quality and public enjoyment of one of Newburyport’s most prized community spaces – our central waterfront. A primary project plaque (*typical*) to be located along the new shared use path will recognize core construction funding for the project (*e.g. City Council, Community Preservation Committee, P.A.R.C. and MassTrails grant programs*).

Having these gifts accepted by the end of the calendar year should leave sufficient time for approval of associated contractor Change Orders, purchases from applicable vendors, and installation of these new amenities by Spring 2024, in time for opening of the new park wings for public use. Thank you for your consideration.