



*City of Northampton  
Community Preservation Committee  
210 Main Street, City Hall  
Northampton, MA 01060*

November 2, 2020

Gina-Louise Sciarra  
City Council President  
210 Main Street, Room 16  
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendation for Funding

Chairman Sciarra and City Councilors,

To encourage greater diversity of applicants for CPA funds, broaden community participation, and make applying less formidable, the Community Preservation Committee developed a 'Small Grants' process for funding requests of up to \$3,000, with a total project cost not to exceed \$6,000. The small grant process was developed to be simpler and less time consuming than the traditional application process, but small grant applicants must still demonstrate their eligibility for funding under the CPA. To expedite the availability of funding, Small Grants Recommendations are provided to City Council as soon as they are complete. This funding round, the Community Preservation Committee voted to recommend one Small Grant allocation of \$3,000 to create a trail connection from Old Wilson Road into the Pine Grove section of the Rocky Hill Greenway.

Additionally, the Community Preservation Plan also provides for Expedited review of projects for which time-sensitive review is needed. The Water Based Recreation Assessment is being recommended through that process, to allow the project to go out to bid during the winter and begin work before the next swimming season.

Full project applications, including detailed information reviewed by the Committee are available

<http://archive.northamptonma.gov/WebLink/Browse.aspx?id=690572&dbid=0&repo=CityOfNorthampton>

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Preservation Planner Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects or if additional information is needed.

Thank you,

Brian Adams  
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee