

City of Northampton
Massachusetts

In City Council May 19, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

16.088
AN ORDER

To use CPA funds to allow BBC to continue efforts to control & eliminate several different species of invasive plants that are damaging critical habitats essential to the health of native wildlife and plants, including endangered species

Ordered, that:

WHEREAS, the Broad Brook Coalition submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for continued removal of invasive plants within the Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area.

WHEREAS, the main targets of this project are (1) Spotted and Brown Knapweeds on the dam and in Cooke's Pasture, (2) Glossy Buckthorn in Cooke's Pasture, and (3) Black Swallow-wort in Cooke's Pasture.

WHEREAS, the project's control and removal of invasive plants meets goals established by the Northampton Open Space Recreation and Multi-Use Trail Plan and Rediscovering Northampton, and will protect habitat areas of rare and endangered plant species.

WHEREAS, the applicant has used these funds effectively in the past.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2016, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend \$12,800 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$12,800 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Fitzgerald Lake Invasive Plant Eradication Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$12,800 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).