



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

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William H. Dwight
City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding

Chairman Dwight and City Councilors,

In January, 2016 the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) began reviewing project proposals submitted for CPA funding. After extensive review including applicant presentations, public comment sessions and deliberation, the CPC unanimously voted to recommend eight funding requests totaling \$811,647. Collectively, these projects will leverage over 1.8 million dollars from other funding sources, including state and federal grants, private contributions, and volunteer work.

Complete CPA applications that include detailed information about each project recommended are available at <http://archive.northamptonma.gov/weblink/0/fol/540723/Row1.aspx>, and meeting minutes, information about the CPA, and other project materials can be accessed on the CPC's webpage: www.northamptonma.gov/1048/Community-Preservation-Committee.

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

Projects Recommended for Funding:

16.218 Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Greenway Improvements, Broad Brook Coalition and Leeds Civic Association: \$16,947

These funds will be used create trails, a wildlife viewing blind, picnic tables and interpretive signage to increase public accessibility to the Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Greenway on Haydenville Road: Broad Brook Coalition and the Leeds Civic Association will be donating significant volunteer efforts to make this project happen.

16.219 Burts Bog Affordable Housing and Open Space, Office of Planning and Sustainability: \$234,700

This acquisition will add 120 acres of priority open space to the Burts Bog area (formerly Brookwood Marsh), as well as create three affordable building lots. This project has also received a \$256,256 state grant.

16.220 Broad Brook to Beaver Brook Acquisition, Northampton Conservation

Commission: \$40,000

This acquisition will protect 18 acres on North Farms Road. It represents the first connection from Fitzgerald Lake and the Broad Brook Greenway all the way west to Haydenville Road, and will create new opportunities for access to Beaver Brook/Broad Brook.

16.221 Connecticut River Greenway Improvements, Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability: \$90,000

CPA funds will be used to complete improvements to the Connecticut River Greenway access on Damon Road, including completion of paving and dock improvements to make the River more accessible to those with disabilities. CPA funds will be used as the local match to a \$90,000 federal grant.

16.222 Hampshire County Courthouse Restoration, Hampshire Council of Governments: \$100,000

CPA funds will contribute to the ongoing restoration of the historic Main Street Courthouse. Planned work includes preservation of the tower to address serious deterioration. These funds will be used to match state funding, and potential contributions from other communities.

16.223 51 Main Street Historic Building Study, Smith Charities: \$10,000

These funds will allow Smith Charities to conduct a historic study of the unique, Pratt-designed Smith Charities' Building at 51 Main Street. The Charities have operated out of this historic building since its construction, and the study is a critical first step in prioritizing historic preservation needs.

16.224 Mineral Hills Acquisition, Northampton Conservation Commission: \$240,000

CPA funds will be used to protect 53 acres on Glendale Road and Route 66. Previously approved as a 25-lot subdivision, the area includes a coldwater stream, and many opportunities for connecting trails. Though not funded through the CPA, the project also includes creation of four affordable housing lots.

16.225 Conservation Fund, Northampton Conservation Commission: \$80,000

CPA funds will make possible increased acquisition or protection of open space parcels in Northampton by supporting fast action on time-sensitive opportunities to protect our valuable open spaces. The Conservation Fund has been used successfully in the past to help facilitate the purchase of many key open space parcels totaling hundreds of acres.

Thank you,

Brian Adams
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee