

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 15, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

16.219

An Order

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

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a CPA application for the Burt's Bog project to create three affordable homeownership lots, as well as permanently protect 120 acres of critical open space;

WHEREAS, the housing lots will be restricted to individuals and families earning 100% of area median income or below;

WHEREAS, Burt's Bog is an environmentally and historically important location that also provides opportunities for trail and habitat connections;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used as a match for \$256,256 in state Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity grant funds;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, the Housing Needs Assessment, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan to provide affordable housing, protect open space, and provide for passive recreation;

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$234,700 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$234,700 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Burts Bog project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$150,000 is appropriated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933), and \$84,700 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Fund Reserve (account #2344930-359930)