

# City of Northampton

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*In City Council, January 16, 2020*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

## 20.008 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to Purchase 105 Acres in Rocky Hill Greenway

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a Community Preservation Act application for purchase of 105 acres within the Rocky Hill Greenway at the former Pine Grove Golf Course;

WHEREAS, The parcel includes more than half a mile of Nashawannuck Brook riparian area, is part of a wildlife corridor, abuts existing protected areas in the Rocky Hill Greenway, and presents a myriad of opportunities for climate change adaptation, natural communities restoration, and recreation;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-use Trail Plan to protect open space, provide for passive recreation, and protect heritage landscapes;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will provide a match for a state Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity grant;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$250,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

### ***Ordered, that***

That \$250,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Nashawannuck Riparian Restoration Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$172,000 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931), and \$78,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).