

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, September 17, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

20.118 An Order to Appropriate \$54,075 in CPA Funds for West Farms Road APR Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The Northampton Conservation and Agricultural Commissions, and the Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a Community Preservation Act application for protection of 36.1 acres at the Hickory Dell Farm on West Farms Road within the Mineral Hills Greenway with a permanent Agricultural Preservation Restriction;

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 and agricultural land in active production, and protect heritage landscapes;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will provide the required local match for \$559,550 in Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources funds;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$54,075 in new Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project (in addition to \$21,375 funds on hand from previously appropriated CPA funds).

Ordered, that

\$54,075 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Office of Planning and Sustainability for the West Farms Road Agricultural Preservation Restriction Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$54,075 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931).

Further, that the City, acting through its Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire for conservation, agricultural and passive recreation purposes, as provided by Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, the Community Preservation Act, and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, the above-described agricultural

preservation restriction as defined in Section 31 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, and that the City Council hereby approves such restrictions.

