



Town of Hanover Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Act provides new funding sources which can be used to address three core community concerns:

- Acquisition and preservation of open space
- Creation and support of community housing
- Acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes

A minimum of 10% of the annual revenues of the fund must be used for each of the three core community concerns. The remaining 70% can be allocated for any combination of the allowed uses, or for land for recreational use. This gives each community the opportunity to determine its priorities, plan for its future, and have the funds to make those plans happen.

Property taxes traditionally fund the day-to-day operating needs of safety, health, schools, roads, maintenance, - and more. But until the CPA, there was no steady funding source for preserving and improving a community's infrastructure. The Community Preservation Act can give a community the funds needed to control its future.



The Town of Hanover passed the CPA (3% surcharge) at the May 2005 Town Meeting. The Hanover General Bylaws Section 4-19 provides further information about the Community Preservation Committee.

Since its inception the Community Preservation Committee has accepted applications and recommended the best use of the CPA funds subject to approval by Town Meeting. Several projects have been funded and completed. The CPC is especially proud of the project at 645 Center Street. This purchase encompasses all three provisions of the Community Preservation Act. The historical buildings on the site will be refurbished and preserved to include two units of community housing as well as maintaining several acres of open space in the rear of the site. The State's Community Preservation Coalition has contacted the CPC for information on this project to be used as an example of an ideal Community Preservation project.



The Community Preservation Committee welcomes input from residents on their ideas for future uses of CPA funds. Applications are available at the Town Hall in the second floor Community Preservation Office or online at the Town's website. Deadline for applications is November 19, 2008 in order to have articles ready for Town Meeting in May of 2009.

For further information please see the Town's website at www.hanover-ma.gov or contact Margaret Hoffman, CPC Coordinator at 781-826-7730 or by email at communitypreservation@hanover-ma.gov.

CPC Project Update

Community Housing

- **645 Center Street** - \$800,000 - Property purchased for Historical Preservation, Open Space and Community Housing. Plans underway to refurbish historical structure into 2 community housing units, and preserve open space.
- **Legion Drive Feasibility Study** - \$32,000 - Study completed and available on the Town's website
- **Planned Production Affordable Housing Plan** - \$35,000 - Completed and available on the Town's website

Historical Preservation

- **John Curtis Free Library** - \$10,260 - Column restoration. Completed in May of 2008
- **Historical Preservation Plan** - \$20,000 - Completed and available on the Town's website
- **Stetson House Cobbler Shop Roof** - \$1,250 - Funds were matched by the Historical Society and Friends of the Stetson House - Completed July 2008
- **Historical Society Collection Care and Restoration** - \$15,400 - Historical Society has begun sorting items for repair or restoration. Anticipated completion by July 2009. Funds are being matched by the Historical Society and Friends of the Stetson House
- **Sylvester School Tiling and Asbestos Abatement** - \$275,000 - Historical Commission has met with architects and anticipate work to be done during summer break in 2009.

Open Space and Recreation

- **King Street Property Purchase** - \$1,430,000 - Purchase completed. Property has been divided for recreational fields and open space use.
- **Trail Improvements** - \$13,410 - Open Space Committee is working with the Boy Scouts and Mass Audubon to improve trails on Merry Property. Open Space also working on designing signage for trails.
- **Open Space and Recreation Plan** - \$35,000 - Completed and available on the Town's website
- **Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan** - \$35,000 - Completed and available on the Town's website
- **King Street Recreation Fields** - \$2,500,000 - Construction planned to begin in Spring of 2009
- **553 Center Street Parcel** - \$700,000 - 9 Acre parcel purchased in November 2008 and will be maintained as open space