

Community Preservation Plan Public Hearing West Newbury CPC



March 14, 2024



Presentation Overview

- Community Preservation Act
- Sources of Funding
- Allowed Uses of CPA Funds
- Community Preservation Committee Role
- 2024 Resources, Needs, and Goals



Community Preservation Act

- Allows Local Fund to Create or Preserve:
 - Historic Resources
 - Community Housing
 - Open Space
 - Recreation
- Communities Must Vote to Adopt
- Bylaw Establishes Committee to Implement Requirements of Act



Sources of Funding

- Property Tax Surcharge – 0.5 to 3%
- Interest on Investments
- State Matching

- FY23

Totals:

Surcharge	Interest	State Match	Total
\$389,446	\$ 94,528	\$310,408	\$795,063

- Balances:

As of 12/31/23

Housing	Historic	OS & Rec	Undesig
\$ 60,904	\$ 363,114	\$0	\$1,974,973



Allowed Uses

Use	Funding Category			
	Historic	Housing	Open Space	Recreation
Acquire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Create	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Preserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support	No	No	No	Yes
Rehabilitate	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes*

*If acquired or created with CPA funds



CPC Role

- Establish Town Priorities
- Review Applications
- Recommend to Town Meeting
- Update CP Plan Annually
- Hold Annual Public Hearing



Historic Preservation

Resources	Needs	Goals
Training Field Area		
Eligible Town-owned buildings incl. 1910 Building, Town Hall		
Churches		
Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building	A means of preservation	Support preservation
Page School		
Cemeteries	Restoration and preservation of historic elements	
Bridges	Documentation	
Historic Documents and Artifacts	Dedicated space for storage and public access	
	Preservation of documents	Assess inventory and means of preservation



Community Housing

Resources	Needs	Goals
2018 Housing Production Plan	Update	Update in 2024 (ongoing)
Affordable Housing	Increase Percentage of Units	
Inclusionary Housing Requirements Bylaw		
Affordable Housing Trust	Transfer Community Housing Funds (recurring)	Develop Grant Agreement with AHT (COMPLETED)
		Annual Transfer of Funds (recurring)
		Support Affordable Housing for all Ages, Abilities and Income Levels



Open Space

Resources	Needs	Goals
Water Resources	Protection of a water supply	Protect parcels identified as potential water sources
Extensive Protected Open Space	Management of resources	Develop and implement management plan
		Continue to support purchase/protection
		Support improved access to existing and new open spaces (i.e. trails, footbridges, etc.)
Privately Owned Open Space	Flexibility in CPC process to respond to opportunities to purchase (i.e. Chapter 61)	



Recreation

Resources	Needs	Goals
Public access to 16 open space passive recreation areas	Expanded access for all ages and abilities	Establish accessible trails and recreational features
Merrimack River	Increased public access	Identify locations for public access to the Merrimack River
Bachelor Street Complex	Master planning for use, accessibility and parking	
Pipestave Hill	Master planning for use, accessibility and parking	Improve availability and safety of parking
Ferry Lane Park		
Summer Recreation Program	Expanded youth recreation	Pursue new and expanded programming
COA Programming	Expanded facilities for Seniors	Pursue new and expanded multi-generational facilities



Questions and Comments