



*City of Northampton
Community Preservation Committee
210 Main Street, City Hall
Northampton, MA 01060*

February 4, 2019

Ryan O'Donnell
City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding

President O'Donnell and City Councilors,

In September 2018 the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) began reviewing project proposals submitted for CPA funding consideration. After extensive review including applicant presentations, public comment sessions and deliberation, the CPC unanimously voted to recommend four funding requests totaling \$568,160. Along with projects funded during the first round of funding in 2018, these represent a wide variety of project types around the city in every CPA funding category. Two projects were not selected for funding, and two other projects for which the CPC recommended funding did not receive state grants that were necessary to allow them to proceed.

The CPC encourages Councilors and the public to visit <http://archive.northamptonma.gov/WebLink/0/foi/591450/Row1.aspx> to view the full applications submitted for each project funded this round. Meeting minutes, information about the CPA, and other project materials can be accessed on the CPC's webpage: www.northamptonma.gov/1048/Community-Preservation-Committee

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Preservation Planner Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects, the Committee's recommendations, or if additional information is needed.

Projects Recommended for Funding:

Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog, Office of Planning & Sustainability, \$200,000

CPA funds be used as a match for a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to create a .75 mile ecologically sensitive trail that will connect several neighborhoods and create a safe walking route to Ryan Road School.

Forbes Library Window Restoration, Northampton Central Services, \$100,000

CPA funds will contribute to restoration of the original windows at Forbes Library. This will protect the Library's historic collections, increase energy efficiency and reduce heating and cooling costs.

Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition, Conservation Commission, \$118,160

CPA funds will be used as a match for state grant funds to acquire and permanently protect 87 acres along Parsons Brook, adjacent to existing protected open space west of Cardinal Way. The area includes trails and fishing opportunities, endangered species habitat, and rare acidic pine barrens.

Village Hill Apartments, The Community Builders, \$150,000

CPA funds will contribute to creation of 65 units of mixed income rental housing, including 36 units restricted to low-income and extremely low income households, on two lots at Village Hill.

Thank you,

Brian Adams
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee