

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, February 7, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

18.238 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a CPA application for purchase of 87 acres within the Parsons Brook greenway on Route 66 and Burts Pit Road;

WHEREAS, the area includes rare pine barrens habitat, a coldwater fishery, core habitat of rare and endangered species, acidic wetlands, and serves as a wildlife corridor for birds and large mammals, and is adjacent to already-protected open space;

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, on November 14, 2018, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$118,160 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$118,160 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Parsons Brook Pine Barrens acquisition Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$118,160 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931).