

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 19, 2023

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

23.231 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to Acquire 229 Acres in the Saw Mill Hills

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a CPA application for purchase of 229 acres in the Saw Mill Hills;

WHEREAS, the parcel includes priority and estimated habitat of rare and endangered species, vernal pools, and multiple headwater streams, and a diversity of landforms, surficial geology and hydrology that increase variation create important wildlife habitat and climate change resiliency;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used as a match for an already received \$400,000 state Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity Grant;

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2022, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$300,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$300,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Saw Mill Hills Core open space acquisition Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$47,162 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930), and \$252,838 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931).