Community Preservation Act: Past, Evolution, and Present

November 1, 2019, Fowler Library, Concord MA

Terri Ackerman, former Chair, Concord Community Preservation Committee

The CPA in Concord

- 1.5% out of a possible 3% surcharge on real estate property tax bills
- First \$100,000 of taxable value is exempt
- Persons with income less than 80% of area median income are exempt
- Seniors with income less than 100% of area median income are exempt
- Locally raised funds are matched on a percentage basis by funds in the State Community Preservation Fund

Community Housing Projects – 22%



Peter Bulkeley Terrace, Concord Housing Authority (2009, 2010, 2015)



Walden Street, Concord Housing Trust (2008)



Lalli Woods, CHDC (2009)



Unit 4, Emerson Annex, Town and CHDC (2007)

Historic Preservation - 35%



Memories of Antietam, Town of Concord (2012)



Thoreau Birth House, Thoreau Farm Trust (2007, 2012)



Town House Exterior Restoration and Accessible Entrance (2006, 2009, 2012, 2013)



Nashawtuc Bridge Restoration, Town of Concord (2008)

Open Space - 17%



Warner's Pond Watershed Management Plan & Dredging Feasibility Study, Town of Concord (10,15)



Hubbard Brook Farm Field, Town of Concord and Concord Land Conservation Trust (2007)



Granite Post and Chain Fence at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery , Town of Concord (2012)



Warner's Pond Dam Town of Concord (2006)

Recreation – 23%



CCHS Field Renovations, Phases I, II, III CC @ Play (2014, 2015, 2016)



White Pond Restoration Project Town of Concord (2016)



Doug White Playing Fields Town of Concord (2007)



Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Town of Concord (2006, 2009, 2014-2016)

CPA Funding Application Review Process

Pre-Proposal Informational Meetings	June 18, 2018 September 5, 2018
Application Deadline	September 21, 2018
CPC Group Site Visit	September 29, 2018
Applicant Presentations	October 23, 2018 October 30, 2018 November 13, 2018
Public Hearing	November 20, 2018
Deliberations & Recommendations	November - December 2018
Warrant Closes	January 3, 2018

Distribution of CPA Fund Appropriations as voted at the 2006 through 2018 Annual Town Meetings

Town of Concord \$14,641,541 72%

Non Profit Organizations \$ 5,791,372 28%

(including Emerson Umbrella and FOPAC)

Total Appropriations \$20,432,913 100%

Community Preservation Committee

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