

Preserve Groveland



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CPA Interesting Facts:

- Groveland is among 175 communities using CPA for preservation
- Groveland CPC has received over \$2.31 Million in State matching funds in the last thirteen years!
- Groveland CPA funds of \$585,000 are completing a restoration of the Pines

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Groveland Community Preservation Committee

Update On 2019 CPA Projects

Seven new CPA projects approved by Town Meeting this year began on July 1.

A project to provide \$20,000 towards the Town Planner salary to develop an implementation plan for Community Housing will save town budget funds.

A project sponsored by the Conservation Commission will help make Veasey Park handicapped accessible with a grant of \$26,000.

Up to \$26,000 of Historic category funds will be used to repaint

Washington Hall. It will keep this historic town building maintained and looking good.

Seeking to complete work at the Pines Recreation Area, a \$70,000 grant to improve infrastructure and a \$155,000 grant to install a new playground at the facility will go forward.

Trail improvements at many conservation and open space properties throughout town will receive seed money of up to \$30,000. The funds will be used by our own Bagnall fourth grade

students to continue their ongoing support and improvement of town-wide trails. These CPA funds will also match additional private grant funds toward the trails project.

The acquisition of a 3.5-acre parcel next to Veasey Park was funded with up to \$20,000. It will add more Park trails along Johnson's Pond and connections to two other open space properties.

The Committee wishes to thank all town residents for funding these important projects.

What is the CPA?

The Community Preservation Act is statewide enabling legislation to allow cities and towns to exercise control over local planning decisions. This legislation strengthens and empowers Massachusetts communities:

- All decisions are local.
- Local people must vote by ballot to adopt the Act.
- A committee of local people draws up plans for use of the funds.
- These plans are subject to local approval.

The Community Preservation Act provides

new funding sources which can be used to address four core community concerns:

- Acquisition and preservation of open space
- Creation and support of affordable housing
- Acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes
- Development of outdoor recreational facilities

A minimum of 10% of the annual revenues of the fund must be used for Open Space, Housing and Historic Preservation. The remaining 70% can be allocated for any

combination of the allowed uses, or for recreational use. This gives each community the opportunity to determine its priorities, plan for its future, and have the funds to make those plans happen.

Property taxes traditionally fund the day-to-day operating needs of safety, health, schools and roads. But until the CPA, there was no steady funding source for preserving and improving a community's infrastructure. The Community Preservation Act gives a community the funds needed to control its future.

How Past Projects Benefit Groveland

Our town has successfully completed many CPA-funded projects over the past 13 years. How have we benefited from these projects? Here are a few project details.

In 2015 a project to improve Washington Park was started with \$290,000 of CPA funds. The park used by Groveland Baseball League (GBL) and residents with an attached playground had not seen any town work in over 20 years. The GBL had donated countless hours and funds to make the park useful for baseball however any

improvements were too costly. Also, the playground had declined and become a health and safety hazard. Thanks to CPA a brand-new safe play structure was installed. Children can now enjoy the park and play safely. The park now includes a car lot accommodating visitors to the playground and ball fields. Fencing and backstops have been replaced. Netting, lighting, bleachers and a scoreboard have created a first-class baseball facility our kids can enjoy thanks to CPA and GBL.

The Riverview Cemetery is a historic landmark in our town. Like all historic properties it requires care and maintenance. The entrance to Riverview was in tough shape in 2015 when \$75,000 of CPA funds were approved to restore the entrance. The 1910 Griffin Arch and stone wall along with the 1873 receiving tomb were returned to their original condition. No work had been done for many, many years. CPA funds restored civic pride in our historic town cemetery.

In 2016 our town clerk applied for \$42,000 in

CPA funds to automate the preservation of historic documents in her office. Scanning marriage licenses, birth and death records began. Soon other records were added such as cemetery deeds, town reports and committee minutes. The project was successful in saving space and protecting records as well as making them easier to find. The final plan is to expand the system to all town offices to protect historic records while continuing to save space in town hall. Our town benefits by making documents more secure and accessible.

Groveland CPA Current Status

	Open Space Allocation	Historic Allocation	Affordable Housing Allocation	Administrative Set Aside	Recreation / Main Allocation	Total
Collected TOTAL	950,000.00	759,318.57	802,895.28	270,000.00	2,934,875.33	5,716,689.18
Allocated TOTAL	694,800.00	687,341.00	90,000.00	-	2,507,280.00	3,959,421.00
Available to Appropriate TOTAL	255,200.00	91,977.57	712,895.28	270,000.00	427,395.33	1,757,268.18
OPEN PROJECTS						
Conservation Restrictions - 2013TM - exp 6/30/2021	<u>24,000.00</u>					
Balance	23,432.00					
Groveland Community Trail - 2014TM exp 6/30/21					<u>150,000.00</u>	
Balance	(6,924.25)				28,761.15	
Revitalization of the Pines - 2015 STM - exp 6/30/19					<u>360,000.00</u>	
Balance					122,307.85	
Historical Document Preservation - 2016TM - exp 6/30/19		<u>42,251.00</u>				
Balance		35.54				
Johnson's Pond Weed Removal - 2017 ATM - exp 6/30/20	<u>60,500.00</u>					
Balance	31,157.00					
Cemetery Document Management - 2017ATM - exp 6/30/20		<u>18,500.00</u>				
Balance		2,098.82				
Cemetery Old Burying Grnd Restore - 2017ATM - exp 6/30/20		<u>48,000.00</u>				
Balance		48,000.00				
Cemetery Veterans Marker Restore - 2017ATM - exp 6/30/20		<u>8,350.00</u>				
Balance		1,961.79				
VE TO Museum - 2017A TM - exp 6/30/20					<u>55,000.00</u>	
Balance					52,825.00	
2018 ATM - exp. 06/30/2021 (2404-122-52100-052)						
Updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan	10,000.00					
Salary to update the plan (2404-122-51100-052)	<u>20,000.00</u>					
Balance	15,028.88					
2018 ATM - exp. 06/30/2021 (2404-122-52130-052)						
Window control and Parking Lot Improv - Washington Hall		<u>24,140.00</u>				
Balance		20,300.00				
2019 ATM - Article 13 - exp. 06/30/2022						
Housing Implementation Plan - Town Planner Salary			<u>20,000.00</u>			
Balance			20,000.00			
2019 ATM - Article 14 - exp. 06/30/2022						
ADA Compliance at Veasey Park		<u>26,000.00</u>				
Balance		26,000.00				
2019 ATM - Article 15 - exp. 06/30/2022						
Painting of Washington Hall		<u>23,000.00</u>				
Balance		23,000.00				
2019 ATM - Article 16 - exp. 06/30/2022						
Phase 2 of the Pines fields - hydroseed, guard rail, roof					<u>70,000.00</u>	
Balance					70,000.00	
2019 ATM - Article 17 - exp. 06/30/2022						
Bagnall Trail Preservation Project	<u>10,000.00</u>				<u>20,000.00</u>	
Balance	10,000.00				20,000.00	
2019 ATM - Article 18 - exp. 06/30/2022						
Pines ADA Playground					<u>155,000.00</u>	
Balance					155,000.00	
2019 ATM - Article 19 - exp. 06/30/2020						
Acquisition of 733 Rear Salem Street (Parcel 39-068)	<u>20,000.00</u>					
Balance	20,000.00					