



TOWN OF CONCORD

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The Concord Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will hold its annual Public Hearing for this year's Community Preservation Act funding applications on Tuesday, November 14 beginning at 7:00pm in the Willard School Auditorium, 185 Powder Mill Road. This public hearing is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the 11 new project applications submitted for Community Preservation Act funding at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Public feedback on these projects is strongly encouraged and all 11 applications are available for review on the CPC's webpage at <http://www.concordma.gov/1587/2018-CPA-Funding-Applications-Received>.

This year's applications include projects in all four of the Community Preservation Act's funding categories of Community Housing, Historic Preservation, Open Space, and Recreation. The projects cover a wide range of priorities for the Town and total approximately \$2.7 million in requested funds. Over the next few weeks, the CPC will review each of the proposed applications to determine which projects will be recommended for consideration at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. This year's projects include the following:

Community Housing Category:

- 1) Regional Housing Services Program - Town of Concord
- 2) CHA Renovation Project – Concord Housing Authority
- 3) Junction Village Affordable Assisted Living Development - Concord Housing Development Corporation

Historic Preservation Category:

- 4) Access 51 – 51 Walden, Inc.
- 5) Corinthian Lodge Restoration – Concord Masonic Corporation
- 6) Systems Replacement Project – Concord Museum

Open Space and Recreation Categories:

- 7) White Pond Slope Restoration – Town of Concord – Division of Natural Resources
- 8) Assabet River Pedestrian Bridge Design & Permitting – Town of Concord
- 9) Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Phase 2C and 2B – Town of Concord
- 10) Land Acquisition – Town of Concord

Recreation Category:

11) Emerson Field Improvements – Concord Public Works

In 2004, Concord residents voted at Town Meeting, and subsequently at Town-wide elections, to establish a 1.5% surcharge on Concord real estate taxes for this purpose, with the first \$100,000 of property value exempt and an additional exemption approved for low-income residents. These local funds are combined with state monies disbursed from the Community Preservation Trust Fund, a fund created by fees charged on real estate transactions at Registries of Deeds throughout the state. This year, the CPC anticipates that these two sources will provide approximately \$1.3 million in Community Preservation Act funds for appropriation by the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

The Concord Community Preservation Committee includes members of the Historical Commission, Housing Authority, Natural Resources Commission, Planning Board and Recreation Commission, as well as four at-large members appointed by the Select Board. Chair Dee Ortner, Vice Chair Terri Ackerman, Secretary Barbara Pike, and John Cratsley are the current at-large members. Other members include: Gregory Higgins (Treasurer) from the Natural Resources Commission; Linda Escobedo from the Concord Housing Authority; Burton Flint from the Planning Board; Diann Strausberg from the Historical Commission; and Peter Ward from the Recreation Commission.

More information on the CPA funding review process and the Committee's upcoming meeting schedule are available on the CPC's webpage or by calling Senior Planner Heather Lamplough in the Department of Planning & Land Management at (978) 318-3293.