

The Community Preservation Act

- 🌿 **Rehabilitates Historic Buildings, Structures and Other Resources**
- 🌿 **Restores Parks, Gardens, Trails and Ball Fields**
- 🌿 **Protects Open Space**
- 🌿 **Broadens Community Housing Options**



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Communities that adopt the Community Preservation Act decide whether to use funds to establish playgrounds and recreational fields, rehabilitate historic buildings and resources, protect open space or preserve community housing.



- ✿ So far, 155 Massachusetts communities have adopted CPA, including Fall River, Acushnet, Dartmouth and Fairhaven. New Bedford has not adopted CPA.
- ✿ More than 6,600 CPA projects have been completed, including 3,200 historic preservation and 1,000 outdoor recreation projects, with over 19,000 acres of open space conserved.

The Community Preservation Act can generate lasting positive economic impacts by:

- ✿ Creating new construction jobs
- ✿ Providing funds to leverage public and private grants
- ✿ Improving neighborhoods and property values
- ✿ Inviting new businesses
- ✿ Stimulating tourism

\$470 million has been distributed to CPA communities by the state. Last year, the state match was 52%.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

- ✿ CPA communities set up a committee of up to nine local citizens who recommend projects proposed by community members to City Council.
- ✿ CPA communities submit annual reports to the state before receiving matching funds.*

*www.communitypreservation.org/2008_08B.pdf

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