

Vote **YES** on Question 4 Community Preservation Act



Vote **YES** on the CPA because.....

CPA is the key to beautiful parks in Fall River.

CPA will provide sorely-needed funding to restore and improve existing parks and create new ones. CPA can also fund ball fields, trails, and playgrounds. With CPA, Fall River can expect safe and beautiful parks in every neighborhood – something our families deserve.

CPA can save historic buildings before they are lost forever.

Our history attracts tourists to the City which is good for our economy. Preserving historic features, and fixing up old buildings as community centers, will enhance our city for residents and visitors alike.

CPA will bring matching funds to Fall River.

If we adopt CPA, Fall River will receive money from the state CPA Trust Fund. In the next fiscal year, the state match is expected to be approximately 40% of every dollar we collect locally. CPA will also leverage grants from state and federal programs that could total many millions of additional dollars each year.

CPA will improve our quality of life.

Neglect and decay threaten cherished parks and historic buildings which contribute to the unique character of Fall River. With CPA, we can create local jobs to restore these special places and make Fall River a better place to live and work.

Fall River: Proud of Our History, Investing in our Future.



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Q: What exactly is the CPA?

A: The Community Preservation Act (CPA) enables cities and towns in Massachusetts to create a dedicated fund for open space, outdoor recreation, historic preservation, and housing for local families – and receive matching state funds for these purposes. The program has been so successful that no community has ever exercised the option to repeal the CPA.

Q: What's this about housing?

A: Under the CPA law, just 10% of the funds must be spent on community housing. Fall River will likely use this small amount to revitalize neighborhoods by converting abandoned buildings or historic properties into housing that is affordable for local families. Most people have said the top priorities for CPA are improving our parks and preserving historic assets.

Q: What are the numbers on the CPA?

A: CPA would be a 1.5% surcharge on the property tax. The average Fall River homeowner would pay only \$19 a year, or \$4.75 per quarterly tax bill. Low income households and low-to-moderate income seniors will be exempt from the CPA surcharge. CPA would raise over one million dollars a year for use in Fall River. Significantly, however, this one million dollars could leverage an additional \$1 million to \$10 million dollars annually in state and federal funds.

Q: Who decides how CPA funds will be used?

A: CPA funds are under local control. Fall River residents on a local CPA Committee will review proposals for local projects and make recommendations to the City Council. All CPA projects must be approved by the City Council to receive CPA funds.

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