

Benefits to Our Community

The Community Preservation Act has afforded us the opportunity to complete more than 8 projects within five years. We are committed to supporting local businesses; so, whenever possible, Hanson's CPA money stays in Hanson or the surrounding towns. It helps to strengthen our economy by expanding housing opportunities and jobs for the local workforce, and by maintaining the uniqueness of Hanson through preservation of Hanson's historic and natural resources. These funds are essential to preserving and improving Hanson's community and quality of life.

CPA's Areas of Focus:

Historic buildings, sites and artifacts protected and preserved for future generations.

Open space and recreation land acquired for the public to enjoy.



Who Decides How the Funds are Spent?

You, the voter, decide which projects to approve at Town Meeting. A nine member Community Preservation Committee (CPC) reviews grant applications and makes its recommendations to Town Meeting on projects to be funded by resources in the Community Preservation Fund. But, Town meeting voters ultimately decide which projects to fund.



Community Preservation Committee gathers at the Hanson Town Hall

The CPC researches the Town's needs, consults with committees that are knowledgeable about each of the community preservation areas, and gathers information from the public. There are nine CPC members, five members are representatives drawn from the Hanson Housing Authority, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Parks and Fields, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, while four seats are citizens-at-large positions appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

For More Information

For more information about the CPA program, visit the Town of Hanson website at: www.hanson-ma.gov.

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The Benefits of Community Preservation Act Funds

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WHAT IS CPA?

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a state law that provides funding to towns to spend in four areas of community housing, historic preservation, open space protection, and creation of recreation opportunities.

Community Preservation funds are raised from a 1.5% local surcharge and state matching funds from existing surcharges on all real estate transactions at the Registry of Deeds.



Bonnie House—Roof Top Preservation (2010-2011)

OPEN SPACE PURCHASES

\$41,800 to acquire the Poor Meadow Brook property, consisting of 11.2+ acres of open land. The sum of \$18,500 funded from Water Department.

\$74,000 to purchase the Nathaniel Thomas Mill and the adjacent property. The mill building is a historical replica of a mill that was originally built on this site in 1695. This town-owned property can be rented for a very nominal fee and is a focal point of many community and family oriented activities.

COMMUNITY HOUSING

Evaluation of projects submitted for consideration by the Committee will include consideration of several factors, including but not limited to the following: contribute to the goal of achieving 10 percent affordable housing; promote a socioeconomic environment that encourages diversity; is consistent with and assures fair housing practices; provide housing that is harmonious in design and scale with the surrounding community; ensure long-term affordability; promote use of existing buildings or construction on previously-developed or Town-owned sites; Give priority to local residents, town employees, and employees of local businesses to the extent allowed by law.



Thomas Mill

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

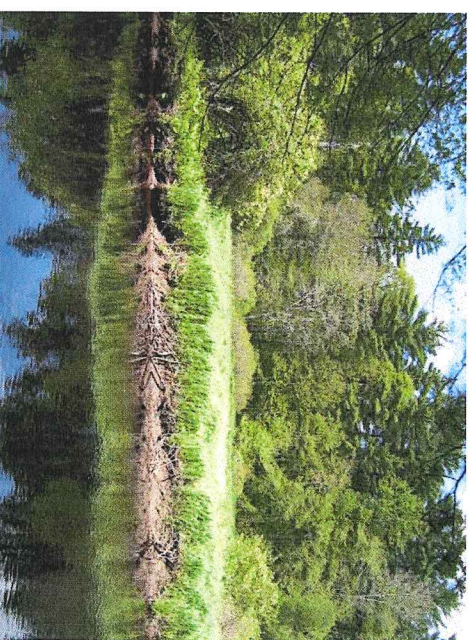
\$4,752 used by Hanson's Town Assessor for the restoration and preservation of Assessor's maps on linens, an 1856 Town of Hanson map and historic books and records.

\$6,000 used by the Hanson Historical Society for historic preservation, restoration and rehabilitation purposes to repair and replace the roofs of the historic properties know as the "Two-Holer and the "Hearse House" located at 565 Main Street.

\$25,000 used by the Hanson Historical Commission for historic preservation, restoration and rehabilitation purposes to repair and replace the roof of the historic property know as the "Bonney House" located at High Street.

RECREATION

\$8,000 used by the Hanson Recreation Commission to conduct an engineering feasibility study on the historic Camp Kiwanee firehouse for the purposes of obtaining in depth specifications needed to preserve, restore and rehabilitate the building.



Poor Meadow Brook