

Benefits to Our Community

The Community Preservation Act has afforded us the opportunity to complete more than 40 projects within five years. It helps to strengthen our economy by expanding housing opportunities and jobs for the local workforce, and by supporting the tourism industry through preservation of Yarmouth's historic and natural resources. These funds are essential to preserving and improving Yarmouth's community and quality of life.

Major Accomplishments

- ◆ Twelve acres of open space protected.
 - ◆ Nineteen affordable homes sold.
 - ◆ Improved 40 existing affordable units.
 - ◆ Ten historic buildings/structures preserved.
 - ◆ Completed a master plan for the Flax & Sandy Pond recreational areas.
 - ◆ Leveraged an additional \$3 million dollars in private and/or other funds.
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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. Town meeting voters ultimately decide which projects to fund.



Community Preservation Committee gathers for a presentation.

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. Seven CPC member's are representatives drawn from the Community Housing Committee, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Open Space Committee, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, and the Yarmouth Housing Authority, while two seats are citizen-at-large positions appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

For More Information

For more information about the CPA program, visit the Town of Yarmouth website at www.yarmouth.ma.us.

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An Investment in Your Future

What is the 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 3% local surcharge and state matching funds from existing surcharges on all real estate transactions at the Registry of Deeds. For Yarmouth, this translates to approximately \$1 million annually from the local surcharge and a state match of up to 100%. To date, Yarmouth has received more than \$5 million in state matching funds.



View of Swan Pond from the town-owned blueberry patch.

In January 2005, Yarmouth voters adopted the modified CPA (Chapter 149 sec. 298 of the Acts of 2004) and simultaneously withdrew from the Cape Cod Land Bank Program. The modified CPA will remain in effect until fiscal year 2020 (when Land Bank was originally set to expire).

What Projects have been Approved?

Community Housing

- Housing feasibility study for five areas
- Motel pre-development program
- Funding for Yarmouth's Municipal Affordable Housing Trust including the Buy-Down Program
- Yarmouth Housing Authority heating system and bathroom improvements
- Forest Road elderly housing project
- Habitat for Humanity to create six to eight homes
- Our First Home, Inc. to create six homes on Brush Hill Road and for land acquisition

Open Space

- 86 Alms House Road (7.06 acres)
- 281 Route 28 – former 1750 House (1.73 acres)
- 103 Pheasant Cove Circle (0.38 acres)
- Dennis Pond – 14 South Sandyside Lane (2.76 acres)



Town acceptance of \$250,000 State LAND grant from Ian Bowles, then Secretary of State, towards the Dennis Pond open space acquisition on South Sandyside Lane.

Historic Preservation

- Taylor Bray Farmhouse rehabilitation and archeological site survey
- Historic Town Clerk & Assessor Records
- Historic Resource Inventory
- John Simpkins School exterior preservation
- Judah Baker Windmill
- Gideon Gray Cemetery
- Captain Bangs Hallet Museum climate control system and windows
- Gorham Cobbler Shop archival storage system
- Cultural Center of Cape Cod (former Bass River Savings Bank and Owl Club rehabilitation)
- Yarmouth New Church exterior and interior preservation
- Winslow Crocker and Thacher House roofs
- First Congregational Church preservation



Archeological survey underway at Taylor Bray Farm.

Recreation

- 26 New Hampshire Avenue Sailing Center acquisition and engineering design services
- Land acquisition for the Cape Cod Rail Trail project
- Flax & Sandy Pond master plan
- Preservation of seven playgrounds
- Creation of three community gardens
- Town-owned blueberry patch preservation