

Community Preservation Program Acton 2007 Town Meeting Article 32

- Overview of Acton's Community Preservation Act (CPA) Process
- Projects recommended for Appropriation
- Conclusion



Acton's CPA Process

- CPA adopted by Acton in 2002
- Community Preservation Fund
 - 1.5% surcharge on town real estate property tax bills
 - Matched 100% by State funds
- CP Fund may only be used for:
 - Open space
 - Historic preservation
 - Community housing
 - Recreational uses



Acton's CPA Process

- Acton Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
 - Required by state statute
- Purpose
 - Study needs
 - Encourage project proposal submission
 - Facilitate an open and public deliberation process
 - Recommend appropriations from CP Fund at Town Meeting



Acton's CPA Process

- 08/06 Updated CPC plan and submission guidelines
- 10/06 FY2006 CP Revenues confirmed: \$1,308,336
 - \$656,254 from Acton taxpayers
 - \$652,082 from state matching funds
- 11/06 Received 14 proposals
- 02/07 Other CP Funds confirmed: \$216,609
 - \$58,502 interest earnings
 - \$86,122 unencumbered funds from 2006 Town Meeting
 - \$71,985 recaptured funds from unspent 2004-06 appropriations
- 10/06 Total CP Funds available for allocation: \$1,524,945
- 02/07 Completed 3 months public hearings on proposals
- 02/07 Recommended 2007 appropriations of \$1,331,380



A: Open Space Set-Aside

Applicant: Acton Open Space Committee



- \$350,000 set-aside for future open space purchase or protection
- Brings total set-aside to \$1,250,000
- Separate from & in addition to \$100,000 for Groener Land Purchase (Item L)



B: Historic Resources Set-Aside

Applicant: Community Preservation Committee



- 2007 Historic Resources total under the 10% minimum required
- \$55,334 set-aside for future historic resources projects



C: Historic Resources Set-Aside

(2004 Make-up)

Applicant: Community Preservation Committee



- \$4,130 set-aside for future historic resources projects
- Make-up for under budget FY 2004 CPC projects
- Required for compliance with CPA statute



D: Acton Housing Authority Capital Fund

Applicant: Acton Housing Authority



Windsor Green Condominiums

- \$64,000 to support AHA maintenance projects including heating system replacements, roof and gutter repairs and other projects
- Limited to projects eligible under CPA guidelines



E: Acton Housing Authority Support Services

Applicant: Acton Housing Authority

- \$35,000 to supplement Federal funds used for tenant support services and programs
- Includes senior counseling services, economic counseling for low-income residents and mental health advisory services



F: Community Housing Program Fund

Applicant: Acton Community Housing Corporation



Briarbrook unit for Condo Buydown Program

- \$170,000 to further endow the Community Housing Fund, to be managed by the ACHC
- To be used for a variety of community housing initiatives such as condominium buydowns



G: Athletic Field Lighting

Applicant: A-B Regional School District



- \$175,000 for installation of lights for the ABRHS tennis courts, baseball field and practice football/soccer field
- To be matched by \$110,000 in private donations and \$15,000 from A-B Community Education
- Inter-municipal agreement ensures additional hours are made available for non-school programs



H: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

Applicant: Town of Acton

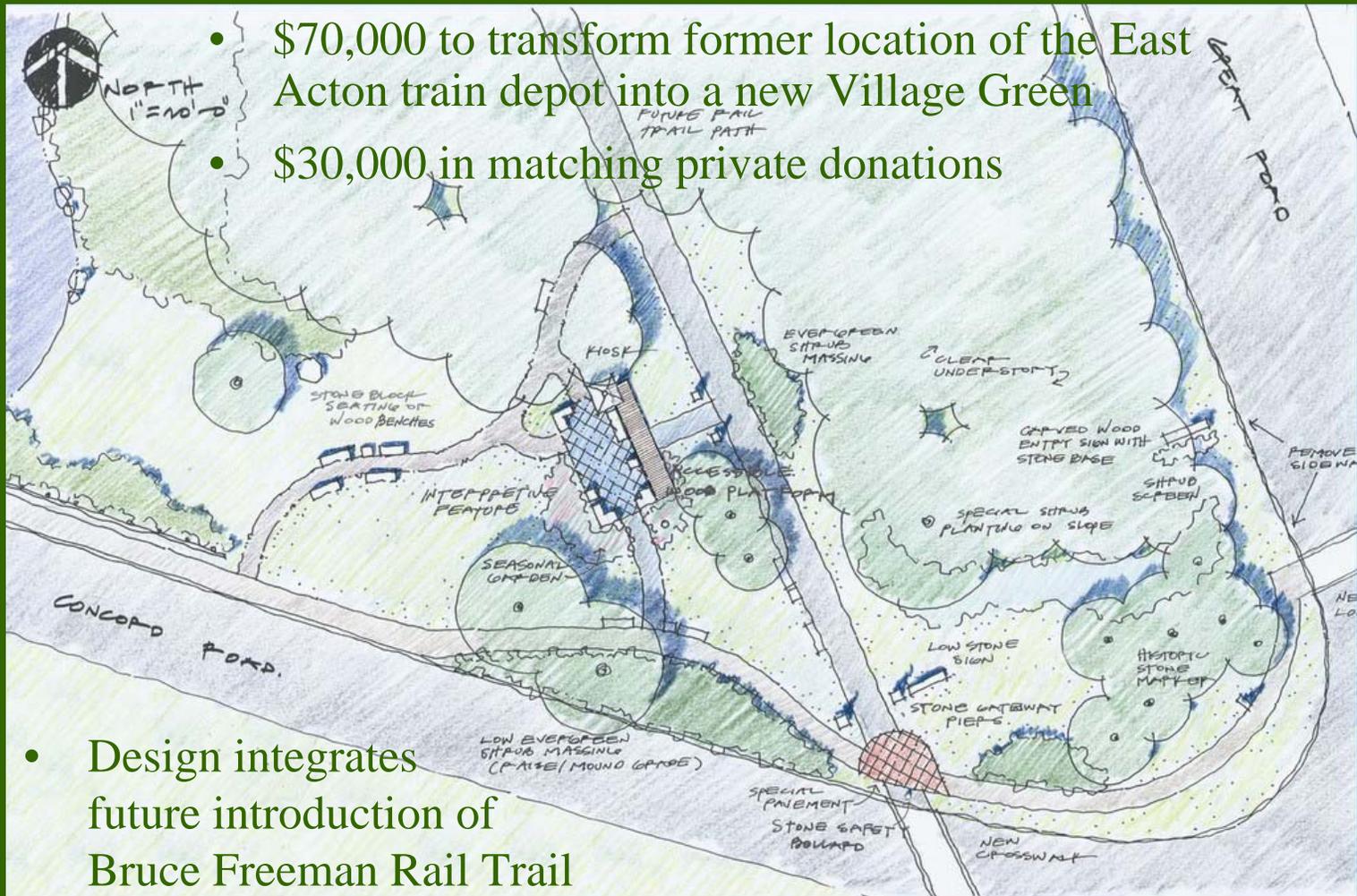


- \$202,000 for design and land acquisition
- Follows up \$250,000 in previous appropriations
- Remaining \$4,400,000 design and construction funding will come from federal and state grants



I: East Acton Village Green

Applicant: Town of Acton



J: Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey

Applicant: Town of Acton



- \$35,000 to survey patterns of prehistoric and Colonial archaeological locations in Acton
- Study conducted by an archaeological professional
- Deliverables: Archaeological sensitivity map; usage guide; management recommendations for resource protection



K: Granite Street Marker Restoration

Applicant: Town of Acton



- \$5,500 to restore five granite street markers at major Acton intersections
- Includes completion of proper historic inventory forms and documentation



L: Groener Land Purchase

Applicant: Open Space Committee



- \$100,000 for purchase of 12.1 acres of open space for conservation purposes behind 191 Nagog Hill Rd.
- 8 acres of upland forest and 4 acres of forested wetlands on which a perpetual conservation restriction will be placed
- Will join abutting Nagog Hill Conservation Land



Conclusion

2007 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BALANCE	Recommended Amounts
CP Fund Surcharge Collected in FY 2006	\$656,254.18
State CP Trust Fund Receipt, October 2006	\$652,082.00
Interest Earned FY 2006	\$58,502.20
Recaptured funds from unspent 2004-06 appropriations	\$71,984.64
Unencumbered funds from 2006 Town Meeting	\$86,122.12
Total - 2007 CP Fund Balance	\$1,524,945.14
Total Recommended Appropriations	\$1,331,380.00
Remaining 2007 fund balance	\$193,565.14

- Compelling Projects
- Thoroughly Vetted
- Public Process
- CP Funds Leveraged Wherever Possible
- Smart Growth





Groener Land Purchase

191 Nagog Hill Road

