

# Article 32

## Community Preservation Program

(Majority vote)

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<b>2012 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>Sub-Totals</b>	<b>Total Balance</b>
CP Fund Surcharge Collected in FY 2012	\$783,627.72	
State CP Trust Fund Receipt, October 2012	\$208,957.00	
Interest Earned FY 2012	\$ 23,687.55	
Recapture funds from prior years' projects	\$ 4,279.17	
Unencumbered funds from FY 2012	194,797.00	
<b>Total - 2012 CP Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$1,215,348.44</b>
<b>Total Open Space Set-Aside (separate acct)</b>		<b>\$2,298,571.87</b>
<b>Total Hist. Pres. Set-Aside (separate acct)</b>		<b>\$ 528.00</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>		
<b>Total FY 2012 CP Fund Appropriations</b>		<b>\$1,199,438.00</b>
<b>Resulting Fund Balances:</b>		
<b>Resulting FY 2012 CP Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$ 15,910.44</b>
<b>Resulting Open Space Set-Aside</b>		<b>\$2,598,571.87</b>
<b>Resulting Historic Preservation Set-Aside</b>		<b>\$ 36,274.00</b>

- CPA Program Continuity
- Projects Thoroughly Vetted
- Public Process
- CP Funds Leveraged Wherever Possible



# A: Open Space Set-Aside

Applicant: Town of Acton



*Simeone-Caouette Farm Land, South Acton*

- \$300,000 set-aside for future open space purchase or protection
- Brings total set-aside to \$2,598,571.87



# B: Historic Preservation Set-Asides

## CPC Bookkeeping Items

1. Set-Aside (\$500.00) needed to meet minimum statutory 10% appropriation or set-aside for historic preservation in 2004 after turn-backs
2. Set-Aside (\$35,246.00) needed to meet this year's minimum statutory 10% appropriation or set-aside for historic preservation



# C: Acton Arboretum – Wildflower Boardwalk

Applicant: Town of Acton



*Wildflower Boardwalk*

- Existing boardwalk is rotted out
- \$24,000 for a new universal access boardwalk
- Other funding / support:
  - Friends of the Acton Arboretum: \$5,000;
  - other cash, in-kind, and volunteer donations



# D: New Siding for Sachem Way Family Housing

Applicant: Acton Housing Authority



*Existing Siding*

- \$280,000 for siding replacement, including new sheathing and insulation on 6 buildings
- Other funding from Acton Community Housing Corporation: ~\$75,000
- Overall project includes new roofs –  
State-funded: \$150,000



# E: Historic Streetscapes – Shade Tree Program

Applicant: Town of Acton

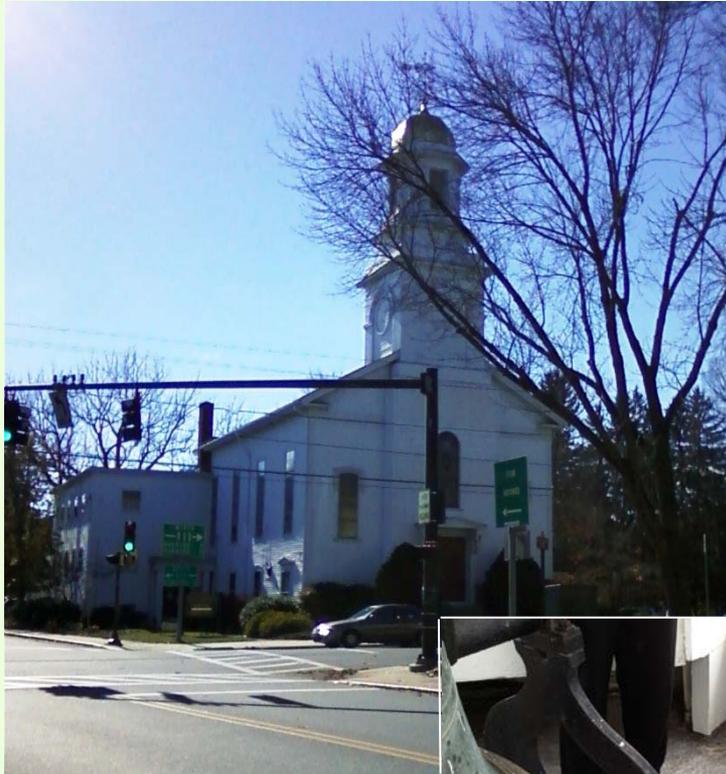


- \$10,000 for planting of public shade trees in Historic Districts
- Approximately 24 new trees
- Continues program started in 2009



# F: Belfry Restoration

Applicant: West Acton Baptist Church



*West Acton  
Baptist Church*



- \$18,563 for structural restoration in belfry
- Belfry's interior wood structure has serious water damage
- Floor supporting the bell is soft and sagging
- The bell cannot be rung
- The congregation pays \$2,062 (10%)
- Total cost: ~ \$20,625



# G: Restoration & Rehabilitation Master Plan

Applicant: West Acton Baptist Church



*West Acton Baptist Church  
Interior*

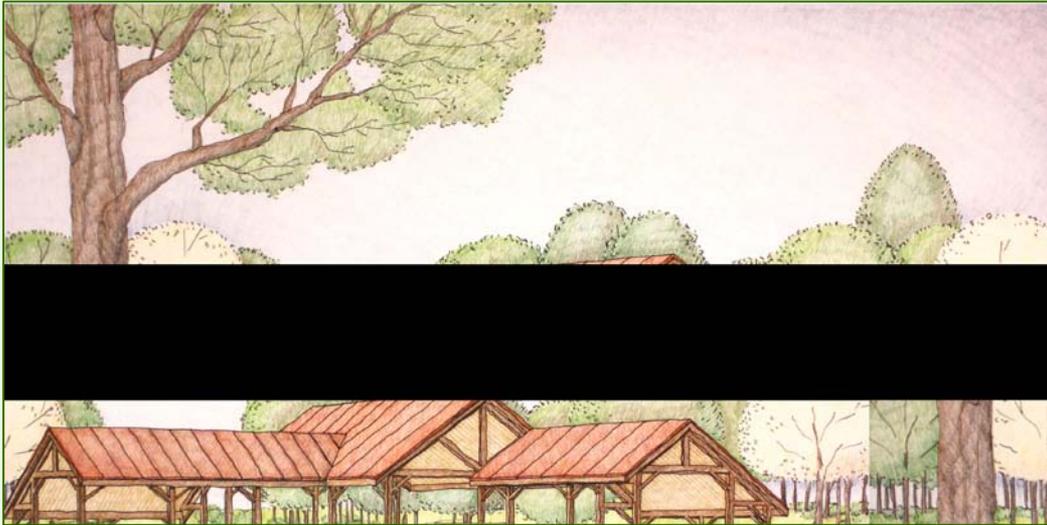


- \$22,500 for historic facility's master plan
- Evaluate conditions
- Identify needs
- Set restoration work priorities
- Consider future building uses
- The congregation pays \$2,500 (10%)
- Total cost: ~ \$25,000



# H: NARA Picnic Pavilion

Applicant: Town of Acton



*Proposed NARA Pavilion*

- \$100,000 supplement prior \$250,000 funding from 2008
- A redesign and delays in project led to increased cost estimate
- Additional funding to be provided by the Town of Acton Recreation Department
- 2012 CPA law change reverses Newton case





# J: Elm Street Playground & Tennis Courts

Applicant: Town of Acton



\$75,000 for

- New playground (Most equipment donated – valued at ~ \$25,000)
- New ground surfaces, walk ways and fencing
- New tennis court surface
- Playground, funded in 2008, could not proceed legally (Seideman v. Newton) & funding lapsed
- 2012 CPA law change reverses Newton case



# K: Morrison Farm Park Improvements

Applicant: Town of Acton



*Morrison Farm*

- \$259,000 for project start-up funding:
- Planning, survey, and engineering
- Archeological survey
- Cost of issuing bond ~\$30,000



# Thank You!

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# Acton's CPA Process

- CPA adopted by Acton in 2002
- Community Preservation Fund
  - 1.5% surcharge on town real estate property tax bills
  - State matching funds (27% match for FY 2012)
- CP Fund may only be used for:
  - Open space\*
  - Historic preservation\*
  - Community housing\*
  - Recreational uses

\*requires minimum 10% allocation each year



# CPA Funding by Category

**2013**

