

Article #20

Community Preservation Program

(Majority vote)

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2012 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BALANCES	Sub-Totals	Total Balance
CP Fund Surcharge Collected in FY 2013	\$ 808,604.27	
State CP Trust Fund Receipt, October 2013	\$ 424,035.00	
Interest Earned FY 2013	\$ 24,006.17	
Recapture funds from prior years' projects	\$ 159,672.65	
Unencumbered funds from FY 2013	\$ 211,960.44	
Total - 2013 CP Fund Balance		\$1,628,278.53
Total Open Space Set-Aside (separate acct)		\$1,538,571.87
Total Hist. Pres. Set-Aside (separate acct)		\$49,224.00
Recommendations:		
Total FY 2013 CP Fund Appropriations		\$1,625,824.00
Resulting Fund Balances:		
Resulting FY 2013 CP Fund Balance		\$ 2,454.53
Resulting Open Space Set-Aside		\$1,988,571.87
Resulting Historic Preservation Set-Aside		\$ 0

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



A: Open Space Set-Aside

Applicant: Town of Acton



Anderson Property; Arlington Street

- \$450,000 set-aside for future open space purchase or protection
- Brings total set-aside to \$1,988,571.87



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 2007 after turn-backs
2. Set-Aside (\$13,689.02) needed to meet minimum statutory 10% appropriation or set-aside for historic preservation in 2009 after turn-backs



C: Acton Arboretum – Parking Lot Improvements

Applicant: Town of Acton



- \$53,000 for parking lot improvements and enlargement
- Parking lot is over capacity
- Gravel is muddy and rutted
- Only one handicapped spot
- Other funding / support:
 - Friends of the Acton Arboretum: \$300;
 - Natural Resources Dept.



D: Acton Arboretum – Bog Boardwalk Replacement

Applicant: Town of Acton



- \$30,000 for;
 - New boardwalk
 - Universal access ramp
- Boardwalk built in 1989; structure is no longer safe to use.
- Other funding / support:
 - Private donor match:\$30,000
 - Friends of the Acton Arboretum: \$3,000



E: NARA Security Upgrades and Shade Structures

Applicant: Town of Acton



- \$6,505 for security upgrades at the bathhouse office
- \$8,670 for two additional shade structures at the beach and playground area



F: Goward and Gardner Playgrounds – Basketball Court Renovations

Applicant: Town of Acton

- \$76,000 for
 - Removal of old equipment and asphalt
 - Installation of post-tensioned concrete slabs and adjustable hoops
- Gardner to remain 50'x30' junior court
- Goward renovated to a 50'x30' junior court



Goward Playground



Gardner Playground



G: Nature Play Space Designs

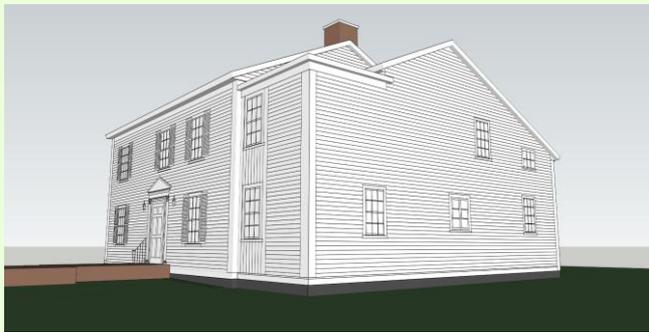
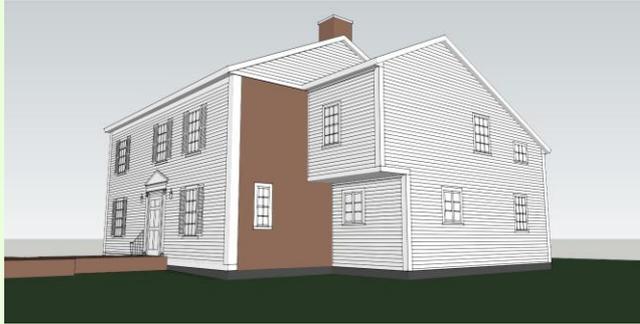
Applicant: Acton Public Schools



- \$24,000 for preliminary design and final schematic plans for handicapped accessible nature place spaces
- For all of the pre-K through grade 6 schools in Acton



H: Acton Woman's Club – ADA Access Improvements



- \$150,000 for a vertical lift & first floor bathroom
 - \$86,586.98 from CP general fund balance
 - \$63,413.02 from CP historic set-aside fund
- For handicapped access per MAAB requirement
- Anticipated third-party grants or phased CPA funding approach
- Historic PRA required and on record



I: Community Housing Program Fund

Applicant: Acton Community Housing Corporation



Acton Meadows Habitat for Humanity house



Robbins Brook – Marketing for resale of unit



Acton Meadows – Purchase of duplex for AHA

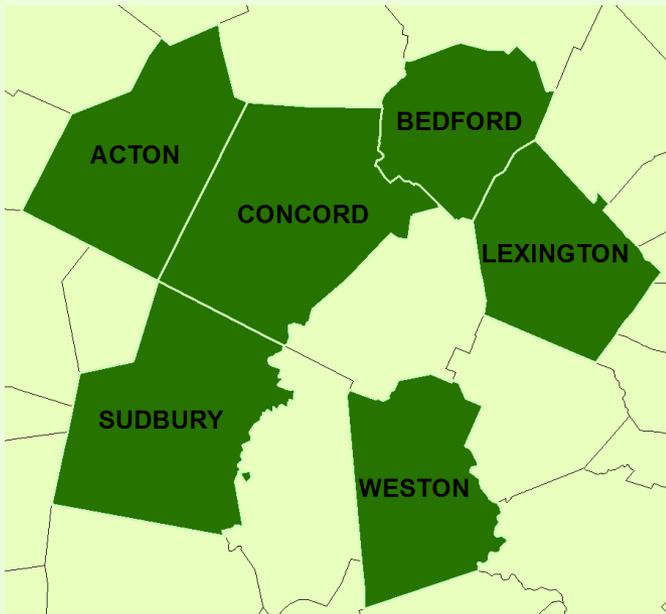
- \$175,000 replenishes the Community Housing Program Fund, to be managed by the ACHC
- For a variety of community housing initiatives such as acquisition, condominium “buy-downs”, closing cost assistance, and capital improvement assistance



J: Regional Housing Services

Applicant: Acton Community Housing Corporation
and Town of Acton

Participating Towns



- \$42,000 for:
 - proactive compliance monitoring
 - affordable housing inventory maintenance
 - Local project consultation
 - Maintain eligible buyer list
- Sharing service with five other regional towns
- Funds 2 more years of participation



K: Acton Housing Authority – Windsor Avenue Doors and Windows



- \$92,692 for new exterior doors and replacement of bay windows in the community room.



- Existing doors and windows are 30 years old
- Doors are rusting out and door jambs are rotting



L: Morrison Farm Improvements

Applicant: Town of Acton

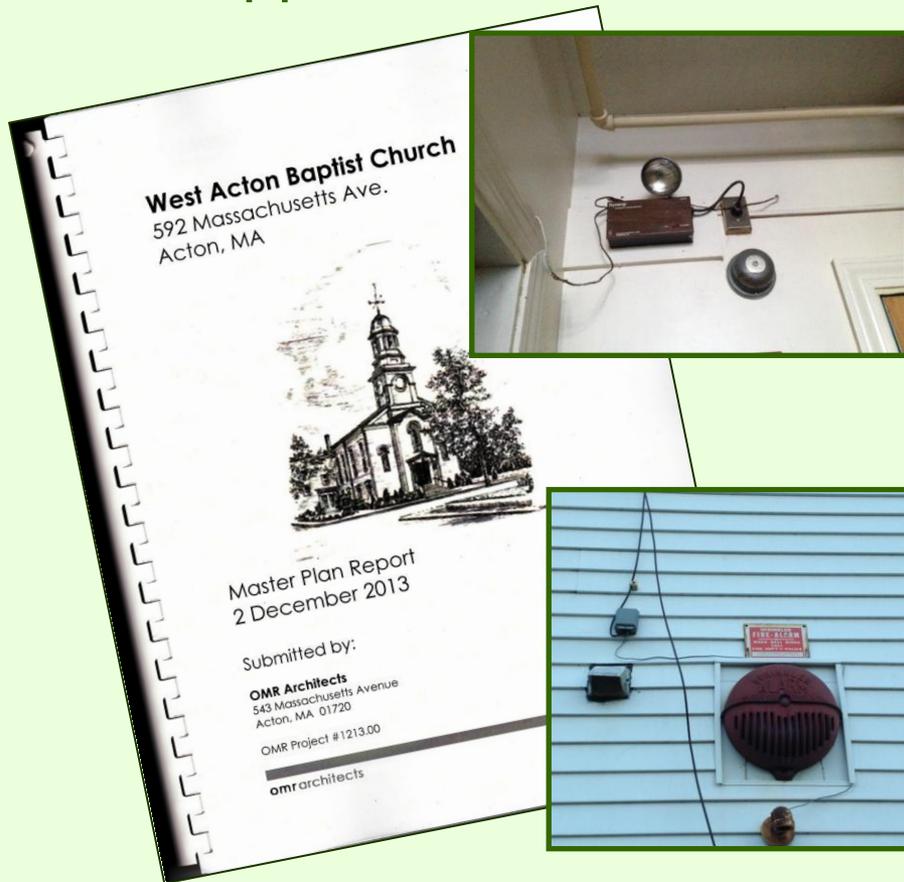


- \$416,550 to -
- Persevere historic assets:
 1. Robbins Homestead cellar hole
 2. Ice House Foundation
- Install trails & boardwalks along Ice House Pond and open up vistas
- Encourage access through improved Ice House Pond parking lot



M: West Acton Baptist Church – Fire Safety System

Applicant: West Acton Baptist Church

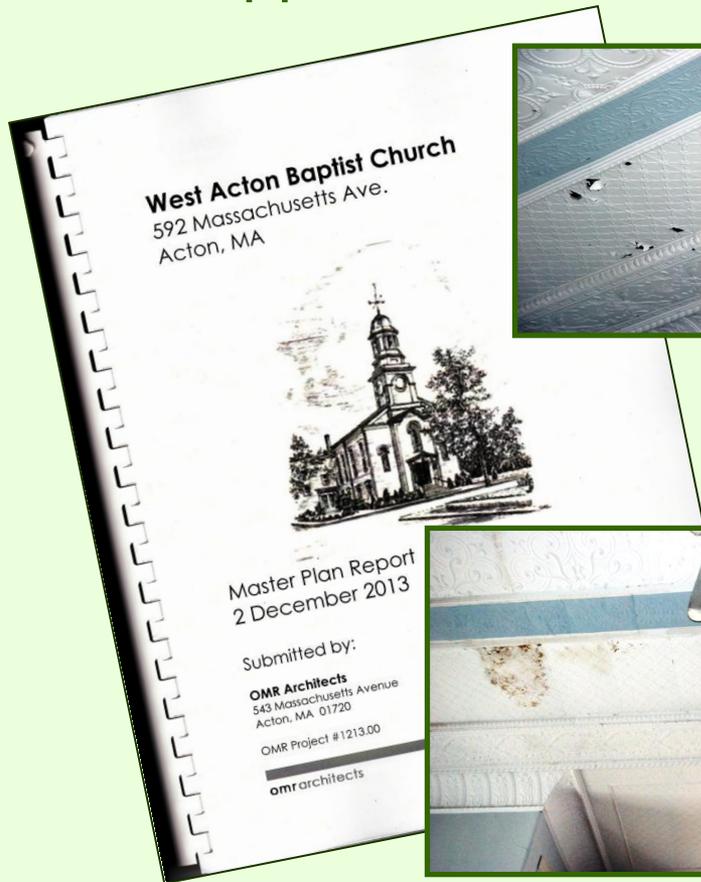


- Long history of building use by many Acton community groups
- \$52,000 for a complete overhaul of the existing outdated fire safety protection system
- ADA compliant components will be added
- Historic PRA required



N: West Acton Baptist Church – Upper Level Pressed Steel Ceiling

Applicant: West Acton Baptist Church



- \$37,000 rehabilitation of bas-relief pressed steel ceiling
- Original ceiling installed in 1898 is rusting and peeling
- Historic PRA required



O: Administrative/Operating Expenses - CPA Program Support

- \$61,631 = 5% of FY 2013 revenues
 - Committee support
 - Accounting
 - Abatements
 - Project follow-up
 - State filings
 - Legal review/advice



Thank You!

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Article 32

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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 (52% match for FY 2013)
- CP Fund may only be used for:
 - Open space*
 - Historic preservation*
 - Community housing*
 - Recreational uses

*requires minimum 10% allocation each year



2014 CPA Funding by Category

From FY 2013 Community Preservation Fund Revenues

