

- Purpose: Affordable Housing
 Historic Preservation
 Conservation/Open Space
 Recreation

**Town of Lincoln, Massachusetts
 Community Preservation Committee
 Project Submission Form**

For the FY09 funding submittals, the CPC has instituted a two-step process for submittal of applications. In order to be considered for recommendation at the March 2008 Town Meeting, preliminary "Letters of Interest" and this form must be submitted prior to **September 15, 2007**. Should your submittal be determined eligible for consideration, you shall be contacted regarding submittal of a detailed request information, which will be due prior to **October 22, 2007**.

Project Name: PROTECTING THE VALUE OF CONSERVATION LANDS

Submitted by: PETER VON MERTENS Submission Date: SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

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Town Committee or Organization (if applicable): CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Brief description of the project:

THIS PROJECT WILL COMPLETE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS FOR CONSERVATION LANDS IN TOWN, WE HAVE NOT DECIDED ON THE SPECIFIC PROJECTS YET BUT ARE EVALUATING IDEAS SUCH AS: CLEARING OF INVASIVES AROUND THE SCHOOLS, CLEARING THE BOUNDARIES

Time frame for completion of the project: OF FIELDS, REMOVING POISON IVY AND CREATING A POTENTIAL AGRICULTURAL FIELD AT ADAMS WOODS. REPLACING TRAIL SIGNS, RAISING NATIVE PLANTS FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS, WORK WITH CODMAN FARM TO

How does this project help preserve Lincoln's character or further its mission?
ESTABLISH A TOWN COMPOSTING FACILITY THAT COULD HANDLE INVASIVES, AND RAISING PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE BERTLES.

WE WOULD HOPE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT BY THE FALL OF 2008

What are your funding requirements for this project?

Fiscal Year	Implementation Costs	Maintenance Costs	Total Costs	Other Funding Sources (and \$ amount)	CPC Funds Requested
2008	\$75,000		\$75,000		\$75,000
2009					
2010					
Total					

THIS IS A PILOT PROJECT. AT THIS TIME WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ASKING THE CPC FOR FUNDING IN FUTURE YEARS

For CPC Use:
 Received on: / /

Received by: _____

Determination:
 Reviewed on: / /

2009-06

**Town of Lincoln, Massachusetts
Community Preservation Committee
Project Submission Follow-up Information**

Project Name: Invasive Plant Management on Conservation Land (formerly “Protecting the Value of Conservation Lands”)

Submitted by: Tom Gumbart, Conservation Director October 25, 2007
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Town Committee: Conservation Commission

Project Description: The goal of this project is to preserve and restore native woodland and meadow habitat by removing non-native invasive plant species from Lincoln Conservation Lands. This is not routine maintenance but a real focused effort to target these disruptive plants that are a true threat to the ecological integrity of our common open space. In Lincoln there is a serious problem with invasive plants that was recently highlighted by the Invasives Summit held by the Garden Club, Land Trust, and Conservation Commission. We need to make inroads against this tide of plants to protect our lands for future generations.

Targeted plants include oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, phragmites, garlic mustard, and many more. The primary cost of this project is for seasonal labor. We expect to hire one supervisor and two workers under that supervisor. Other costs are for equipment, plants, and vehicle rental. These efforts will be dedicated for the entire summer to removal and control of these plants. The crew’s work will be coordinated by the Conservation Department staff but once trained they will be able to function independently.

Attached is a document compiled from the website www.communitypreservation.org dedicated to the Community Preservation Act in Massachusetts. There is some information guiding the use of CPA funds and a list of projects that were approved by other communities involving invasive species management, field edge work, and planting. Hopefully this will give some background and demonstrate that funding this type of project is an acceptable use of CPA money.

Time Frame for Project: May 2007 through September 2007. The supervisor would be hired early and stay later than the two staff who would likely be local High School or College students.

How does project help preserve Lincoln's character? Much of Lincoln's character is rural in nature and it can be defined by open field vistas bound by historic stone walls or by forest with majestic canopy trees. Both types of landscape are threatened by the mixture of alien vines, shrubs, and groundcover that is expanding annually. By addressing this problem head on with a crew that is dedicated solely to this issue we should see some concrete and positive results. We will not eliminate the problem but we should be able to make some serious headway in the right direction. Please give this scaled down request some real consideration. We thank you for your efforts in reviewing this and the other proposals and please do not hesitate to contact any of the Commissioners or myself for further discussion or clarification.

Funding Requirements: FY2008 \$10,000 FY2009 \$18,000 **Total = \$28,000**

Question: *Would it be okay to use CPA funds for ADA improvements to open space (i.e. adding a handicap parking spot, ramps, etc)?*

Answer: If the property was acquired using CPA funds, the improvements are probably fine as rehab./restoration. If not, then **the improvements would need to be justified as preservation of open space or rec. facilities, which is narrowly defined to mean protection from harm or injury.** Whether or not a good argument can be made that the improvements constitute preservation will depend on the particular facts, but, as a general matter, ADA improvements like adding a handicapped parking space or adding a new access ramp will probably be difficult to justify on grounds that they protect the open space or rec. facility from harm or injury.

- **No Maintenance.** CPA funds cannot be used for routine maintenance of existing facilities. For example, communities cannot use CPA funds to maintain a municipal park (such as mowing the lawn, emptying trash barrels or dumpsters, etc.) or to maintain a historic town hall (cleaning the common areas or paying for utilities, etc).

With regard to permissible purposes for which CPA funds may be spent on open space, the Act specifically provides that CPA funds may be expended for "*... the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space...and for the rehabilitation or restoration of such open space...that is acquired under the CPA.*" The following are examples of the types of open space expenditures that may be carried out under the CPA:

Acquisition

- Purchase land to protect water supplies such as well fields, aquifers, recharge areas, and lake or reservoir frontage and other watershed lands

Creation

- Raze aging, vacant, municipally-owned building to create an open field
- Reconstruct a road to create a median strip with grass and trees
- Rehabilitate and/or redevelop brownfields such as capping a landfill and converting site to open space

Preservation

- Purchase permanent conservation or agricultural preservation restrictions to protect open space or farmland from future development
- Remove invasive plant species from ponds and wetlands to protect existing open space environment and wildlife habitats from harm or injury
- Purchase of easements to protect water supplies such as well fields, aquifers, recharge areas, and lake or reservoir frontage and other watershed lands

Rehabilitation and Restoration

- Restore natural areas such as wetlands or marshlands acquired using CPA funds to their original state
- Seed and plant trees and otherwise landscape an open space created by the removal of buildings on site.

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Georgetown

Year: 2005

Type: Open Space

Amount: \$ 45,000.

In watershed: No

Involves Bonding: No

Description: *Fanwort (a non-native species of invasive plant) has once again become a problem in Pentucket Pond. Once the infestation and plant distribution is confirmed, a plan for remedial action will be made. This will involve treating the entire pond with Flouridone, a aquatic herbicide.*

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Weston

Year: 2005

Type: Open Space

Amount: \$ 20,000.

In watershed: No

Involves Bonding: No

Description: *For preservation of 2-3 of the 36 historic town-owned fields - to remove invasive plants to restore the open space back to the historic stone wall boundaries and improve the viewscapes into the fields from the streets nearby.*

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Newton

Year: 2003

Type: Recreation

Amount: \$ 23,718.

In watershed: No

Involves Bonding: No

Description: *To improve 8000 sq. ft. of land in order to create Kayla's Garden, a park that will include native plants, shrubs, and trees and will be used by teachers, school staff, and students to enhance classroom curriculum and by the neighborhood to enjoy passive recreation. Also includes the purchase of a statue for the park.*

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Grafton
Year: 2005
Type: Open Space
Amount: \$ 16,800.
In watershed: No
Involves Bonding: No
Description: *To purchase and install aquatic weed control materials at Silver Lake Beach.*

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Bedford
Year: 2005
Type: Open Space
Amount: \$109,000.
In watershed: No
Involves Bonding: No
Description: *For beginning stages of the restoration of a mill pond, a waterfall, and the ruins of an old mill. A combination open space and historic preservation project.*

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Cambridge
Year: 2004
Type: Open Space
Amount: \$150,000.
In watershed: No
Involves Bonding: No
Description: *For restoration of the shoreline of Little Fresh Pond*

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Ashland
Year: 2005
Type: Open Space
Amount: \$ 12,000.
In watershed: No
Involves Bonding: No
Description: *To erect gates at 3 town forest entrances to prevent unauthorized motorized vehicle trespass; to erect bylaw regulation signage about proper usages of town forest; to construct enhanced informational kiosks.*

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Ashland
Year: 2005
Type: Open Space
Amount: \$ 5,000.
In watershed: No
Involves Bonding: No
Description: *To purchase and plant trees.*

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Newburyport
Year: 2005
Type: Historic Preservation
Amount: \$ 6,100.
In watershed: No
Involves Bonding: No
Description: *For a program to preserve historic trees in town.*

Community Preservation Act Project Description

Municipality: Grafton
Year: 2005
Type: Open Space
Amount: \$ 10,000.
In watershed: No
Involves Bonding: No
Description: *For design and construction of interpretative signs at up to 5 areas of open space where the Town has a beneficial interest.*