

TOWN OF HAMPDEN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

General Criteria

The Hampden Community Preservation Committee requires that all proposed projects be eligible for CPA funding according to the requirements described in CPA legislation.

Projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Are consistent with the Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan and other planning documents that have received wide scrutiny and input and have been adopted by the town;
- Preserve the essential character of the town as described in the Master Plan.
- Save resources that would otherwise be threatened and/or serve a currently under-served population;
- Either serve more than one CPA purpose (especially in linking open space, recreation and community housing) or demonstrate why serving multiple needs is not feasible;
- Demonstrate practicality and feasibility, and demonstrate that they can be implemented expeditiously and within budget;
- Produce an advantageous cost/benefit value;
- Leverage additional public and/or private funds;
- Preserve or utilize currently owned town assets;
- Receive endorsement by other town boards or departments.

Category Specific Criteria

Open Space Proposals that address many of the following specific criteria as Possible will receive preference:

- + Permanently protect important wildlife habitat, including areas that are of local significance for biodiversity;

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- + contain a variety of habitats, with a diversity of geologic features and types of vegetation;
 - + contain a habitat type that is in danger of vanishing from Hampden;
 - + preserve habitat for threatened or endangered species
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- Preserve Hampden's rural, agricultural or wooded character;
 - Protect or enhance wildlife corridors;
 - Provide connections with existing trails or potential trail linkages;
 - Preserve scenic views;
 - Border scenic road;
 - Protect drinking water quality and quantity;
 - Provide flood control/storage;
 - Preserve important water bodies including wetlands;

Historical Proposals that address as many of the following criteria as possible will receive preference:

- Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate historic, cultural or architectural resources of significance, especially those that are threatened;
- Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate town-owned properties, features or resources of historical significance;
- Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate the historical function of a property or site;
- Project is on a State or National Historical Register, or eligible for placement on such registers;
- Project demonstrates a public benefit;
- Project demonstrates the ability to provide permanent pro

- Project demonstrates the ability to provide permanent protection for maintaining the historic resource.

Community Housing proposals that address as many of the following criteria as possible will receive preference:

- Contribute to the goal of 10% affordability
- Promote a socioeconomic environment that encourages a diversity of income, ethnicity, religion and age
- Provide housing that is harmonious in design and scale with the surrounding community;
- Intermingle affordable and market rate housing at levels the meet state requirements for percentage of affordable units;
- Ensure long-term affordability;
- Promote use of existing buildings or construction on previously-developed or Town owned sites;
- Convert market rate to affordable units;
- Give priority to local residents or Town employees.

Recreation proposals that address as many of the following criteria as possible will receive preference:

- Support multiple recreation uses;
- Serve a significant number of residents;
- Expand the range of recreational opportunities available to Hampden residents of all ages;

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- Jointly benefit Conservation Commission and Park and Recreation Commission initiatives by promoting passive recreation, such as hiking, biking and cross county on town owned property;
- Maximize the utility of land already owned by the Town of Hampden (e.g. school property);
- Promote the creative uses of public uses of public corridors or pathways to create safe and healthful non-motorized transportation opportunities.

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