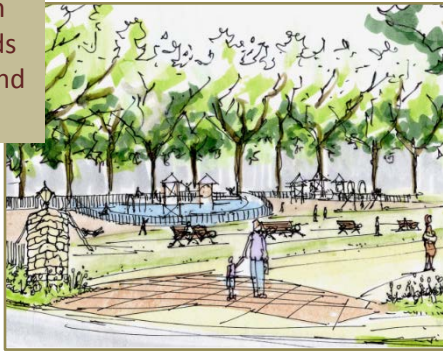




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Highlands
Playground
(Fy14)



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Homebuyer
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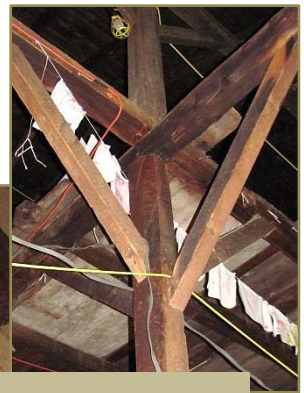
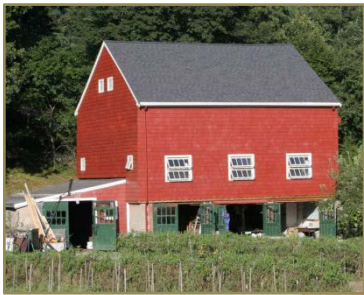


Eddy Street
Housing
(Fy13)

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project
funding**

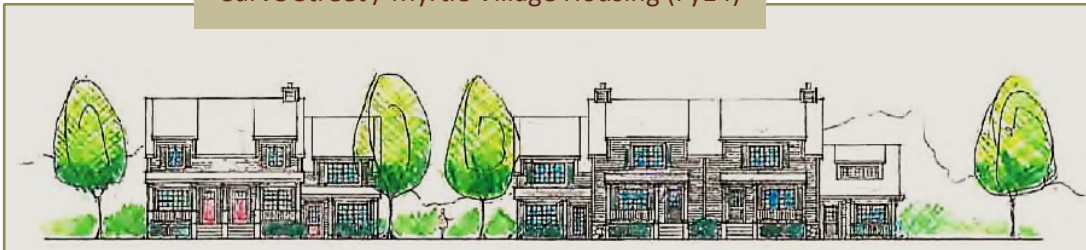


Museum Archives,
Access & Fire
Suppression (Fy14)



Angino Farm Barn Interior
– Supplemental (Fy13)

Curve Street / Myrtle Village Housing (Fy14)



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Community
Preservation
Committee

Acknowledgements

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) recognizes that the success of Newton’s Community Preservation Program depends on the contributions of many groups and individuals, including the Board of Aldermen under the leadership of President Scott Lennon and committee chairs Leonard Gentile (Finance), Marc Laredo (Land Use), Amy Sangiolo (Programs & Services), Deborah Crossley (Public Facilities), and Marcia Johnson (Zoning & Planning); Mayor Setti Warren, his executive staff, and department heads, especially Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Bob DeRubeis, Director of Planning & Development Candace Havens, and City Solicitor Donnalyn Kahn; and many City boards, including the Newton Housing Partnership and five that are required by statute to appoint one of their members to serve “double duty” on the CPC itself – the Conservation Commission, Newton Historical Commission, Newton Housing Authority, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Planning & Development Board. Finally, CPC appreciates the continuing, thoughtful participation in the funding process of Newton’s citizens and nonprofit organizations, including the League of Women Voters, Newton Conservators, and Historic Newton.

CPA Funding Sources & Allowable Uses

Massachusetts’ Community Preservation Act (CPA, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B) allows communities to commit funds from a surcharge on their local property taxes and other sources, and to receive state matching funds from Registry of Deeds fees, for spending on four eligible resources:

ALLOWABLE SPENDING PURPOSES under the Community Preservation Act				
RESOURCES →	COMMUNITY HOUSING	HISTORIC RESOURCES	OPEN SPACE	LAND for RECREATIONAL USE
↓ ACTIVITIES				
ACQUIRE	YES	YES	YES	YES
CREATE	YES	NO	YES	YES
PRESERVE	YES	YES	YES	YES
SUPPORT	YES	NO	NO	NO
REHABILITATE / RESTORE	YES, IF acquired or created with CPA funds	YES	YES, IF acquired or created with CPA funds	YES

Each CPA community must form a volunteer Community Preservation Committee to recommend projects for funding by the local legislature. Newton’s CPA surcharge is 1%, and its legislature is the Board of Aldermen.

Newton’s CPA Sources & Uses

Newton, Massachusetts COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM

FY13 REVENUE	
Local Surcharge	\$2,510,552
State Matching Funds	\$652,294
Interest & Other Local Revenue	\$24,903
Fund Balance Forwarded from Fy12 **	\$6,335,670
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,523,419
FY13 EXPENDITURES	
Program Administration	-\$112,767
Debt Service (Kessler Woods & 20 Rogers Street)	-\$831,125
New Projects	
Angino Farm Barn - Supplemental	-\$180,000
Eddy Street (housing)	-\$255,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-\$1,378,892

KEY		Open Space or Recreation	
Community Housing	Historic Resources	Acquisition	Rehabilitation
FY14 REVENUE			
Local Surcharge		\$2,707,415	
State Matching Funds		\$642,882	
State FY14 Funds Confirmed After Budget (Budgeted in Fy15)		\$622,706	
Interest & Other Local Revenue		\$24,597	
Fund Balance Forwarded from Fy13 **		\$8,140,573	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$12,138,173	
FY14 EXPENDITURES			
Program Administration		-\$107,779	
Debt Service (Kessler Woods & 20 Rogers Street)		-\$801,750	
New Projects			
Curve Street/Myrtle Village (housing)		-\$910,179	
Museum Archives - Construction		-\$641,000	
Newton Highlands Playground - Design		-\$200,000	
Newton Homebuyer Assistance Program		-\$475,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		-\$3,135,708	

** [Footnote to table on preceding page] CPA funds may be spent either in the year they are received or forwarded for spending in future years. To avoid counting the same unspent funds several times, the forwarded "fund balance" should not be totaled across years.

State funds for each year match a percentage of the funds raised locally the preceding year. Newton received a state match of over 50 percent for its locally raised Fy13 revenue in Fy14, when the state legislature was required to add a supplemental \$25 million to the state fund divided among all CPA communities. This supplemental state funding is allowed but not required in future years. Newton's typical recent state match of 20-30% is likely to decline steadily in the future as more communities adopt the CPA.

Fiscal 2013 Projects Funded

Angino Farm Barn (Supplemental Funding) Combined with previously appropriated \$568,000 to complete structural stabilization and adapt the interior of the 19th-century barn for community-supported agriculture (CSA) operations and farm-to-table educational programs for all ages.

Eddy Street (housing) This grant to CAN-DO (Citizens for Affordable Housing Development in Newton Organization) was used to convert a two-family home built in 1914 into 2 permanently affordable rental units. The 2-bedroom unit will be affordable to households at up to 50% of area median income, and the 3-bedroom unit will be affordable at up to 80% of area median income.

Fiscal 2014 Projects Funded

Curve Street/Myrtle Village (housing) This grant will be used by Myrtle Village, LLC, to renovate and expand two abutting existing homes from ca. 1880 and 1900 to create 7 rental units with a total of 15 bedrooms, including 1 unit that will be fully accessible. These units will be permanently affordable to households with incomes that range from 50% to 85% of the area median.

Museum Archives, Accessibility & Fire Suppression (Construction Funding) Combined with \$101,345 previously appropriated for project design, to add a fully accessible entrance and add appropriate climate control and fire suppression to both the 18th-century wing housing the archives and the 1809 main house at the Jackson Homestead, Newton's city history museum.

Newton Highlands Playground (design) To create updated, biddable specifications based on a CPA-funded 2008 Master Plan for improving the usability, accessibility, and aesthetics of both the playing fields and woodlands in this public open space between Winchester and Dedham Streets.

Newton Homebuyer Assistance Program (third funding phase) Continue this long-established program, which provides down payment assistance in return for permanent affordability restrictions. This phase will assist three households at up to 80% of area median income, who need homes with 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms.

Members of Newton's Fiscal 2013 & 2014 Community Preservation Committees

With exceptions as noted, members served in both years.

- ◆ Leslie Burg (Chair Fy13, Planning & Development Board)
- ◆ Michael Clarke (Mayoral appointee, Wards 5 or 6, open space)
- ◆ Joel Feinberg (Vice Chair Fy13, Chair Fy14, Mayoral appointee, Wards 7 or 8, community housing)
- ◆ Don Fishman (Parks and Recreation Commission)
- ◆ Laura Fitzmaurice (Fy14, Newton Historical Commission)
- ◆ Beryl Gilfix (Fy14, Mayoral appointee, Wards 3 or 4, historic resources)
- ◆ Dan Green (Fy13, Conservation Commission)
- ◆ Nancy Grissom (Fy13, Mayoral appointee, Wards 3 or 4, historic preservation)
- ◆ James Robertson (Vice Chair Fy14, Mayoral appointee, Wards 1 or 2, recreation)
- ◆ Thomas Turner (Newton Housing Authority)

Additional details about the CPA state statute, the projects featured in this report and Newton's Community Preservation Program are available from the program website, www.newtonma.gov/cpa.

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**Eddy Street
Housing
(Fy14)**



**Durant-Kenrick
House & Grounds (Fy14)**

City of Newton
City Historic Buildings Survey
Phase 1: Evaluation of Historic Significance of City Buildings

April 11, 2012
BCA
BUILDING CONSERVATION ASSOCIATES

**Historic
Buildings
(Fy13)**



**Pearl Street
Housing (Fy14)**



**Albemarle
Community
Commons
(Fy13)**

**projects
completed**



**Farlow Park
Pond & Bridge
Study (Fy13)**

**Open
Space &
Recreation
(Fy14)**

City of Newton
Recreation and Open Space Plan Update
2013-2019

August 31, 2012

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Newton, Massachusetts, Community Preservation Program website:

www.newtonma.gov/cpa

The website includes detailed information about the state Community Preservation Act (CPA) and for Newton's CPA program, including annual & cumulative reports, proposal instructions, and major documents for past projects and current proposals. Printed copies of most documents are available upon request.

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