

City of Newton

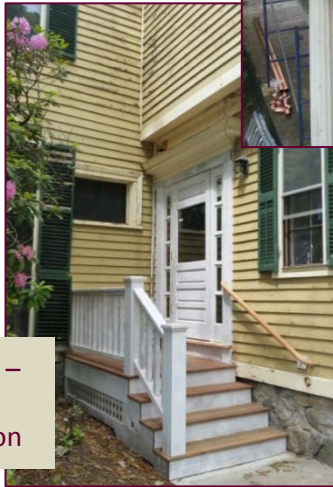


Setti D. Warren, Mayor

Community Preservation Program Annual Report for Fiscal 2016



Crescent Street Site Assessment



Allen House –
Additional
Rehabilitation



WPA
Mural



Cambria
Road
(housing)



Museum Archives, Access & Fire Suppression

**Fy16
Project
Funding**



New Art
Center

adopted
6 October 2016
by the Newton
Community
Preservation
Committee

Acknowledgements

Newton’s Community Preservation Program relies on the participation of many groups and individuals, including the City Council under the leadership of President Scott Lennon; Mayor Setti Warren, his executive staff, and department heads; and City boards, including those required by statute to appoint one of their members to serve on Newton’s Community Preservation Committee—the Conservation Commission, Newton Historical Commission, Newton Housing Authority, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Planning & Development Board; and many Newton residents and nonprofits, especially Newton’s League of Women Voters, which has read and commented on every proposal in the program’s history.

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 → ↓ ACTIVITIES	COMMUNITY HOUSING	HISTORIC RESOURCES	OPEN SPACE	LAND for RECREATIONAL USE
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, which must then be appropriated by the local legislature. Newton’s CPA surcharge is 1%. Newton’s local legislature was its Board of Aldermen through 2015 but was renamed the City Council as of 2016.

Newton’s Fiscal 2016 CPA Sources & Uses

KEY

Community Housing

Historic Resources

Open Space or Recreation

Acquisition

Rehabilitation

FY16 REVENUE	
Local Surcharge (1% of real estate tax levy)	\$2,947,336
State Matching Funds*: budgeted Fy16 (budgeted as 18% of Fy14 local revenue, final received 29.7%)	\$499,417
budgeted Fy17 (difference between Fy16 budgeted & Fy16 received)	\$340,472
Interest & Other Local Revenue	\$144,093
Fund Balance Forwarded from Fy15 **	\$8,223,464
TOTAL REVENUE	\$12,154,782
FY16 EXPENDITURES	
Program Administration (max. 5% of annual new funds; confirmed Fy16 spending 3.4%)	-\$117,526
Debt Service (20 Rogers Street, Crystal Lake, land acquisition)	-\$269,344
New Project Funding	
Allen House, Phase 2: Additional Rehabilitation (historic resources)	-\$2,000,000
Cambria Road (housing)	-\$471,117
Crescent Street Site Assessment (housing & recreation land)	-\$100,000
Museum Archives, Access & Fire Suppression (historic resources) - remainder of CPC Fy15 recomm.	-\$93,491
New Art Center Preservation Plan (historic resources)	-\$72,652
WPA Mural Restoration (historic resources)	-\$114,900
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-\$2,957,987

* Each year’s state funds match a percentage of confirmed local CPA revenue for the *preceding* year.

** CPA funds may be spent either the year they are received or forwarded for spending in future years. The current unusually large fund balance is a one-time-only resource.

Fiscal 2016 Project Funding

Underlined text below links to more information online.

New Projects

[Cambria Road](#) (housing) Citizens for Affordable Housing Development in Newton Organization (CAN-DO) is rehabilitating this two-family home in West Newton, with two 2-bedroom units, as permanently affordable rental housing, with one unit for families at up to 50% of the area median income (AMI), and the other for families at up to 80% of AMI. In addition to CPA funds, the project is using housing funds provided to Newton by the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

[Crescent Street Site Assessment](#) (housing & recreation land) Current plans for this City-owned site in West Newton include a combination of affordable and market-rate housing, plus an expanded community park. In fy16, the Public Buildings Department received CPA funding to expand and complete the preliminary environmental and engineering assessment done with regular City funds in 2014.

[New Art Center Preservation Plan](#) (historic resources) This building on Washington Park in Newtonville, originally constructed in 1872 as a church, has since served as the Newton Women's Club and the City-owned and operated Newton Junior College. Since 1976, the City has held the right to resume public ownership if the building is converted from its current use as a community visual arts center. The private nonprofit New Art Center will use CPA funds to integrate the federal preservation standards required for CPA eligibility into its strategic plans for the building.

[WPA Mural Restoration](#) (historic resources) In 1936, the federal Works Progress Administration helped to fund a mural by Maurice Compris, with panels representing "Education," "Industry" and "Commerce," entitled "Citizenship" for the Newton High School Library. Only the center panel was moved to the Newton North High School built in the 1970s. The School Department is using CPA funds to restore and reinstall all three panels at the current Newton North High School. The mural was originally dedicated, and will be re-dedicated, to the memory of Stafford Leighton Brown, a Newton High School graduate who served in France as an ambulance driver and pilot during World War I. He died during a test flight in 1918.

New Funding for Previously Funded Projects

[Allen House, Phase 2: Additional Rehabilitation](#) (historic resources) The Newton Cultural Alliance (NCA) is rehabilitating the mid-19th century, West Newton home of noted educator and abolitionist Nathaniel Allen to provide office, teaching, exhibit and performance space for nonprofit arts organizations. In addition to \$300,000 appropriated in Fy14, in Fy16 the City Council appropriated the additional \$2 million recommended by the CPC. The phased release of these CPA funds requires NCA to raise \$2.3 million from other sources.

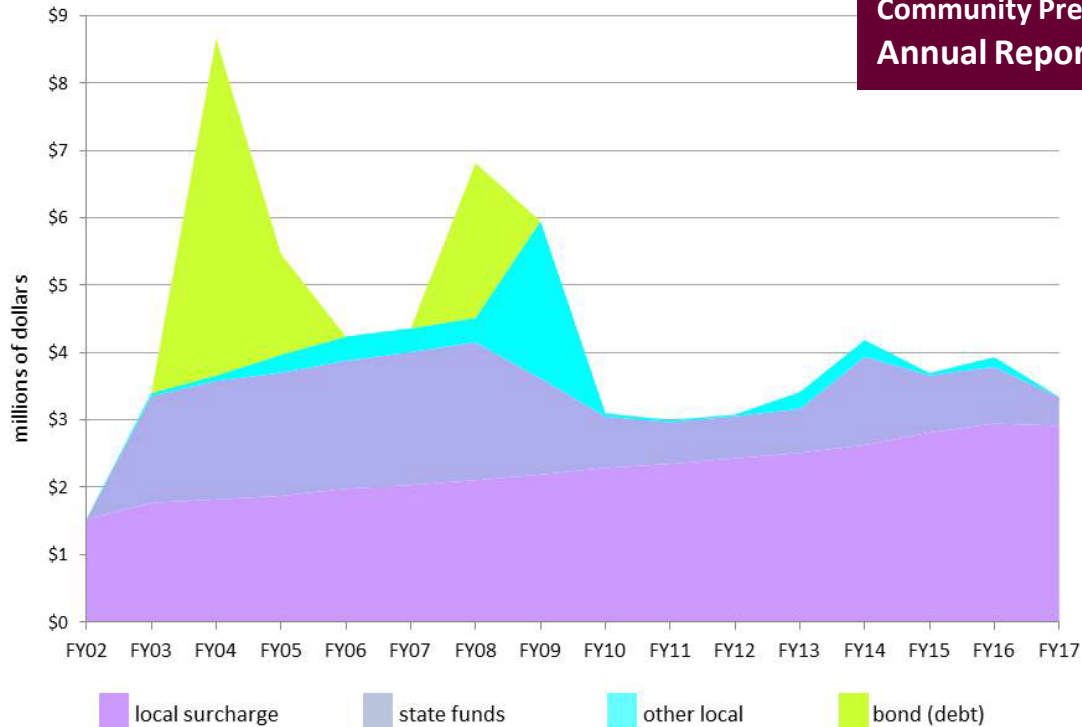
[Museum Archives, Access & Fire Suppression](#) (historic resources) The final CPA funds were appropriated in Fy16 for this \$1.2 million project to make the 1809 Jackson Homestead, the City's local history museum, safe and accessible for both its historic records and its visitors.

Newton's Fiscal 2016 Community Preservation Committee

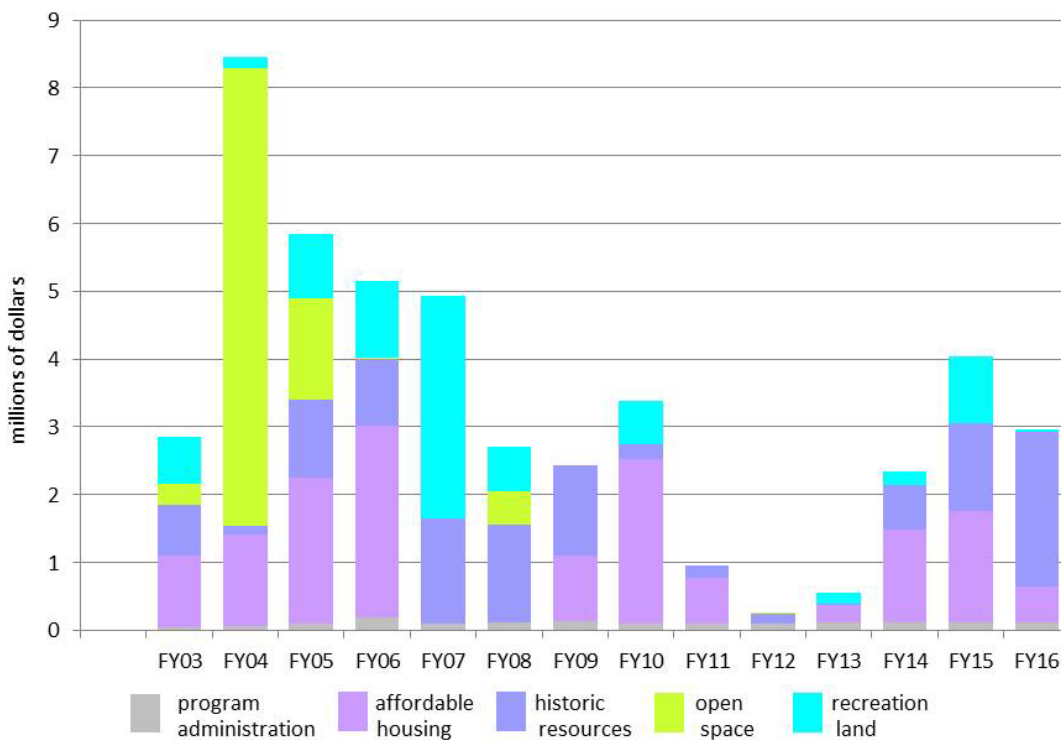
- ◆ Michael Clarke (Mayoral Appointee, Wards 5 or 6, open space)
- ◆ Joel Feinberg (Mayoral Appointee, Wards 7 or 8, community housing)
- ◆ Don Fishman (Parks and Recreation Commission)
- ◆ Laura Fitzmaurice (Newton Historical Commission)
- ◆ Beryl Gilfix (Mayoral Appointee, Wards 3 or 4, historic resources)
- ◆ Rick Kronish (Newton Housing Authority)
- ◆ James Robertson (Chair Fy16, Mayoral Appointee, Wards 1 or 2, recreation)
- ◆ Jane Sender (Vice Chair FY16, Conservation Commission)
- ◆ Jonathan Yeo (Planning & Development Board)

Newton's CPA Funds, by Source

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Newton's CPA Appropriations, by Resource



Newton, Massachusetts, Community Preservation Program website

www.newtonma.gov/cpa

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

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