

City of Newton



Community Preservation Program Combined Annual Reports for Fiscal 2017-18

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor



Newton Cemetery -
Whipple-Beal Fence
Restoration



Crescent Street -
Conceptual Design



Newton Highlands Playground -
Construction



Auburn Street -
Affordable Housing &
Historic Preservation



**Fy17-Fy18
Project
Funding**

adopted
13 September 2018
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 Presidents Scott Lennon and Marc Laredo, together with the Council’s Finance, Land Use, Programs & Services, Public Facilities, and Zoning & Planning committees and the City Comptroller; Mayors Setti Warren and Ruthanne Fuller, with their executive staff and departments -- especially Public Buildings, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development, and Law; 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

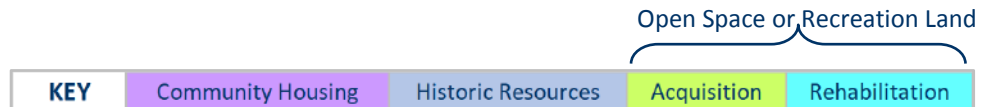
Massachusetts’ Community Preservation Act (CPA, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B) allows communities to commit funds from a surcharge on their local property taxes and other sources, and to receive state matching funds from Registry of Deeds fees, for spending on four eligible resources:

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 is its City Council.

Newton’s Fiscal 2017-18

CPA Sources & Uses



Two “multi-resource” projects below each received funding in two different CPA categories.

17 REVENUE	
Local Surcharge	\$3,092,185
State Matching Funds, 20.6% match for Fy16 Local Revenue *	\$608,243
Interest & Other Local Revenue	\$129,226
Fund Balance Forwarded from Fy16 **	\$8,802,848
TOTAL REVENUE	\$12,632,502
Fy17 EXPENDITURES	
Program Administration	-\$118,320
Project Funding	
Crescent Street (conceptual design)	-\$103,378
Crescent Street (conceptual design)	-\$156,622
Newton Highlands Playground (construction)	-\$2,500,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-\$2,878,320

18 REVENUE	
Local Surcharge	\$3,233,186
State Matching Funds, 17.2% match for Fy17 Local Revenue *	\$531,924
Interest & Other Local Revenue	\$232,106
Fund Balance Forwarded from Fy17 **	\$9,816,683
TOTAL REVENUE	\$13,813,899
Fy18 EXPENDITURES	
Program Administration	-\$144,162
Project Funding	
Auburn Street	-\$677,700.00
Auburn Street	-\$300,000.00
Newton Cemetery – Whipple-Beal Fence	-\$60,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-\$1,181,862

* 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 held for future spending. The fund balance of unspent funds from *all* prior years should not be added across years. Newton’s current unusually large fund balance is a one-time-only resource.

Fiscal 2017-18 Projects

Underlined text below links to more information online.

New or Additional Project Funding

Fy17 Crescent Street Affordable Housing & Playground Expansion (conceptual design) Build 8 units of rental housing, with at least 4 units permanently affordable, and expand the Reverend Ford Playground, all on land in Auburndale/West Newton that was taken for the Mass Turnpike in the early 1960s but later returned to the City of Newton and used by its Parks & Recreation Department.

Fy17 Newton Highlands Playground (construction) Rehabilitate this community park to improve the usability, accessibility, and aesthetics of the playing fields; install new play equipment; and improve existing woodland paths.

Fy18 Auburn Street Rehabilitate an 1860s Italianate home in Auburndale and add modular new construction to create 8 units of permanently affordable rental housing: 3 units for families and 5 units in a congregate home for adults with disabilities.

Fy18 Newton Cemetery - Whipple-Beal Cast Iron Fence Restore the last remaining decorative fence around in the private Newton Cemetery, around the Whipple-Beal family lot. This lot includes the cemetery's first burial, Jessie Annie Whipple, who died at the age of 3 months in 1856.

Completed Projects

Fy17 Museum Archives, Accessibility & Fire Suppression Expanded and upgraded the Jackson Homestead's spaces for archival storage and research, made the main floor accessible to visitors with limited mobility, and added building-wide fire suppression for the first time.

Fy18 Cambria Road (10-12) Rehabilitated an existing two-family home in West Newton to create two units of permanently affordable rental housing, each with 2 bedrooms.

Fy18 Taft Avenue Rehabilitated and expanded a small, existing single-family home in West Newton to create permanently affordable rental housing: one unit with 2 bedrooms and one with 3 bedrooms.

Fy18 WPA Mural Restored a three-part 1930s mural by Maurice Compris, dedicated to the memory of a Newton High School graduate who gave his life in World War I. All three panels were originally installed in the library of Newton High School's "classical" building, but two panels were left in storage when that school was replaced. All three panels are now displayed at Newton North High School.

Newton's Fiscal 2017-18 Community Preservation Committee (July 2016-June 2018)

- ◆ Mark Armstrong (Vice Chair Fy17-18, Newton Historical Commission)
- ◆ Dan Brody (Mayoral Appointee, Wards 5 or 6, open space, Fy17-18)
- ◆ Michael Clarke (Mayoral Appointee, Wards 5 or 6, open space, Fy17)
- ◆ Byron Dunker (Parks and Recreation Commission, Fy17-18)
- ◆ Don Fishman (Parks and Recreation Commission, Fy17)
- ◆ Beryl Gilfix (Mayoral Appointee, Wards 3 or 4, historic resources)
- ◆ Rick Kronish (Newton Housing Authority)
- ◆ Susan Lunin (Conservation Commission, Fy17-18)
- ◆ Robert Maloney (Mayoral Appointee, Wards 1 or 2, recreation, Fy17-18)
- ◆ James Robertson (Mayoral Appointee, Wards 1 or 2, recreation, Fy17)
- ◆ Peter Sargent (Chair Fy18, Mayoral Appointee, Wards 7 or 8, community housing)
- ◆ Jane Sender (Chair first half of Fy17, Conservation Commission)
- ◆ Jonathan Yeo (Chair second half of Fy17, Planning & Development Board)

Taft Avenue
(housing)



Cambria Road
(housing)



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WPA Mural

Projects
Completed in
Fy17-Fy18



TOO MUCH HISTORY



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Museum Archives,
Access &
Fire Suppression

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 area also available upon request.

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