

City of Newton



David B. Cohen
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts Community Preservation Committee

TO: Honorable Board Of Aldermen
FROM: Community Preservation Committee
DATE: 12 January 2005
RE: Houghton Garden – Convert loan to grant

At its meeting on January 12, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) voted to recommend that the loan of \$50,000 that was originally funded as part of Board Order #130-04 (in anticipation of a grant from the Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund) be converted to a grant in the same amount.

Please see, attached, the original CPC Recommendation and Board Order, a letter from Martha Horn dated 28 December 2004, and a draft Board Order showing the full funding of \$90,000 as a grant only.


Please contact Jennifer Goldson at 617-796-1131 if you need further information regarding this matter. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**CITY OF NEWTON
Massachusetts**

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: DECEMBER 28, 2004 (corrected 2/24/05)
TO: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
FROM: MARTHA J. AHERIN HORN, SR. ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER
SUBJECT: FUNDING REQUEST FOR HOUGHTON GARDEN PERIMETER
FENCING (HOUGHTON GARDEN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT –
PHASE 4)



On behalf of the Newton Conservation Commission I write to request that you make a change to your prior approval of the above-referenced project.

As previously approved, the total of \$100,000 estimated to complete the fencing project was reached as follows:

\$ 40,000	CPA grant
\$ 10,000	Private funding (Friends of Houghton Garden)
\$ 50,000	Mass Historic Funding (or CIP funding)

The Commission requested that the CPA approve both the \$40,000 grant and advance a loan of \$50,000 to be repaid if and when our MHC application was successful.

We have learned that Newton's application for Round 11 of the MHC MPPF grant was not successful. In addition, the Commission has learned that CIP funding will not be forthcoming for this project.

I write to request that you convert the \$50,000 loan to a grant so that we may complete the project in 2005. If you have questions about this request, please let me know. Your consideration of this request is very much appreciated.

**cc: Chestnut Hill Garden Club
Friends of Houghton Garden**