

DARTMOUTH
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

OCTOBER, 2010

Community Preservation Act

The Town adopted the Community Preservation Act ("CPA") in April of 2002 approving a 1.5% property tax surcharge after exemption of the first \$100,000 of assessed value. The funds raised by the surcharge are matched with funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Revenue. These funds can be spent in three areas: (1) Community Housing; (2) Historic Preservation and (3) Open Space and Recreation. By statute, at least 10% of the annual CPA revenues must be spent or set aside for each of these three areas.

The amount of funds collected is certified to the State on June 30th of each year. On October 15th, the State pays matching funds from the Community Preservation Trust Fund to each municipality that has adopted the Community Preservation Act. The municipalities will receive between 5% and 100% of a match, depending on the balance available in the Trust Fund. These funds are not part of the general fund at either the State or Town level. They are held in segregated funds dedicated to projects or purposes under the Community Preservation Act.

Mission Statement

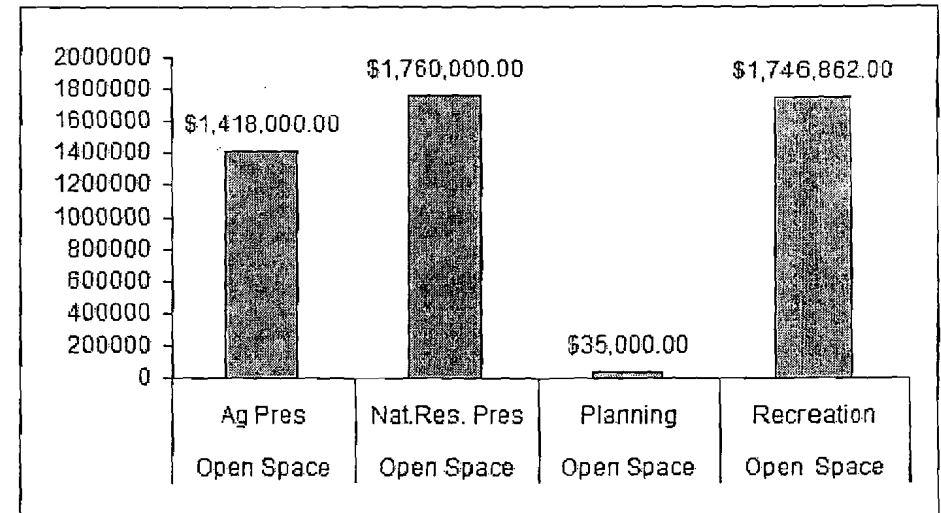
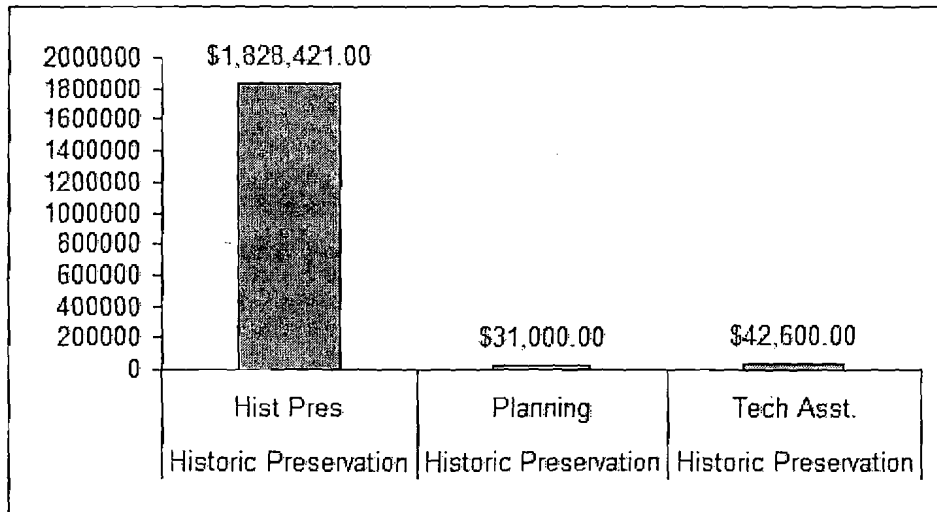
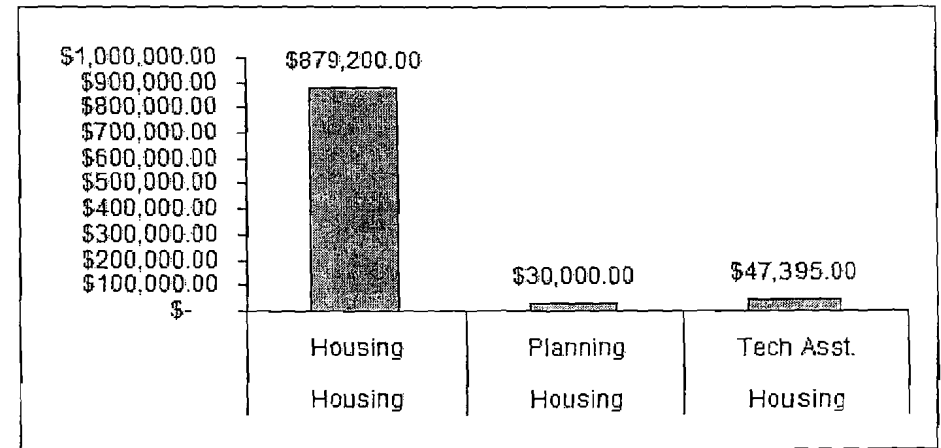
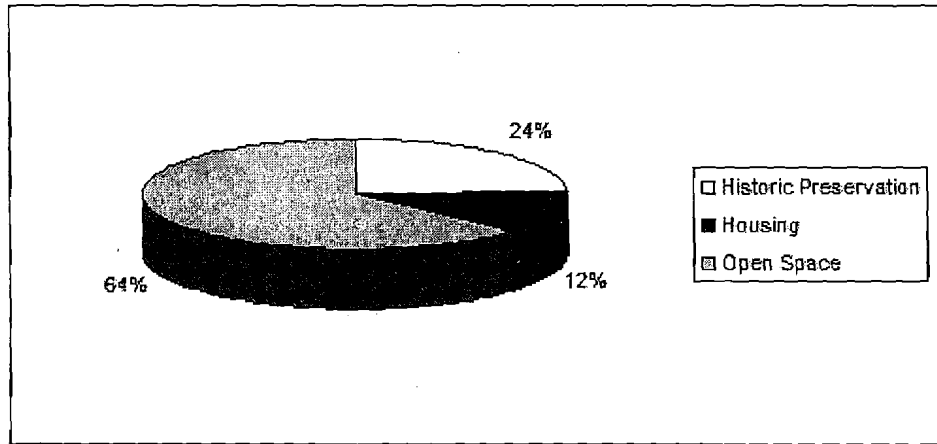
The Dartmouth Community Preservation Committee's mission is to enhance Dartmouth's unique character and quality of life by facilitating efforts to preserve historic places and structures, retain and protect open spaces, increase lands available for recreation and seek creative solutions that meet the affordable housing needs of our residents.

Community Preservation Committee

Howard "Buddy" Baker-Smith, Chairperson, At-large Member
Jacquelyn E. McDonald, Vice-Chair, Conservation Commission Rep
Margaret Latimer, Historic Commission Representative
John Costa, Park Board Representative
Christopher Markey, Esq., Housing Authority Representative
John Sousa, Planning Board Representative
At-large Members:
Mark Lawton, Stuart MacGregor, Kevin Shea

Community Preservation Act Investment in Dartmouth as of 6/30/10

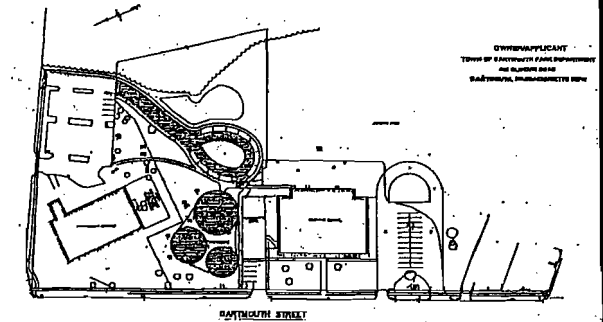
45 Project Grants totaling \$ 7,818,478



[Agricultural Preservation and Recreation land acquisitions include existing housing that may be utilized as affordable housing at a future date.]

PROJECT RECREATION October, 2010

COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT
DARTMOUTH STREET
DARTMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS



Project: Dartmouth Community Park, Phase II

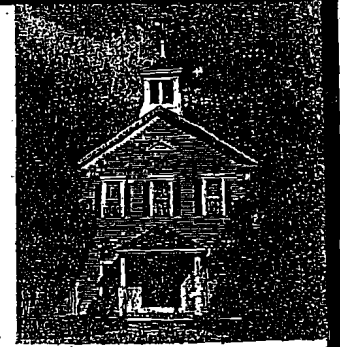
Applicant: Dartmouth Parks and Recreation

Purpose: To fund the second phase of recreation improvements for the Dartmouth Community Park on Dartmouth Street between the Southworth Library and the Cushman School.

Recommended Funding Amount: \$154,980.00

Background: Funds will be used to construct a fully accessible playground, install additional benches and picnic tables for passive recreation, landscaping, energy efficient security lighting. The recommended amount of CPA funds represents 42% of the estimated cost of Phase II. The Town has applied for a State PARC grant in the amount of \$214,020, representing the remaining 58% of the cost of Phase II. The recommended CPA funding will satisfy the local match requirement for the PARC grant program. In addition, the Town and community supporters intend to pursue private fundraising for an estimated \$27,000 for additional landscaping, benches and picnic tables.

PROJECT HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Project: Russells Mills Library
Applicant: Town of Dartmouth
Purpose: To rehabilitate and preserve the historic integrity of the Russells Mills Library structure at 1205 Russells Mills Road in preparation for the sale of the property.

Recommended Funding Amount: \$133,000.

Background: The Russells Mills Library is a significant historic structure in the Russells Mills Historic District that is need of repairs and rehabilitation to preserve and upgrade systems for its future viability. This historic structure was built in 1871 and has been used both as a school and library. In 2006 a capital improvement study of the property identified structural and historic preservation repairs as well as system upgrades that were needed to preserve the building and make it viable for future uses. In 2007, the Dartmouth Board of Library Trustees voted to return the property to the Dartmouth Select Board. Since then, several community meetings have been held regarding the future uses for the building. At the most recent meeting held in June, 2010, it was the consensus of those in attendance that the Town did not have a use for the property and the best alternative would be to sell the property. The funds for this project would be used to correct several structural deficiencies that threaten the historic integrity of the building, make some needed repairs to preserve the building's historic character, upgrade the current septic system and remove an underground oil tank. This work is necessary to improve the marketability of the property and enable a new owner to adapt the building for future use while preserving the historic character of the building. Proceeds from the sale of the property would repay the CPA grant so that the CPA funds would be available for additional historic preservation projects.