Community Preservation Act (CPA) Funding from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Coalition

**DID YOU KNOW?**
CPA Funding can be used for conservation and digitization of historic documents and books in the “historic resources” category.

CPA allows communities to create a local Community Preservation Fund for open space protection, historic preservation, preservation of historic resources, affordable housing and outdoor recreation. Community preservation monies are raised locally through the imposition of a surcharge of not more than 3% of the tax levy against real property, and municipalities must adopt CPA by ballot referendum. To date, 175 municipalities in the state have adopted CPA.

**LEARN MORE:** Visit [www.communitypreservation.org](http://www.communitypreservation.org)
- View a list of communities that have adopted CPA (50% of the Commonwealth’s cities & towns)
- Visit the CPA Projects to search for recent projects in the “Historic” project type, including historic documents, town record books, and digitization of vital records books
- Information and guidelines on the adoption process for CPA

**RECENT NEDCC PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY CPA FUNDING:**
- Historic map conservation treatment – for a public library
- Conservation of historic photo albums – for historical society
- Conservation and digitization of town record books and documents – for town office
- Conservation and digitization of historic prints – for town historic commission
- Preservation Needs Assessments and Collections Assessments – town offices

**QUESTIONS** about working with NEDCC on a CPA project? Need advice?
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