
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.

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- 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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