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2012 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BALANCES	Sub-Totals	Total Balance
CP Fund Surcharge Collected in FY 2012	$783,627.72	
State CP Trust Fund Receipt, October 2012	$208,957.00	
Interest Earned FY 2012	$ 23,687.55	
Recapture funds from prior years' projects	$ 4,279.17	
Unencumbered funds from FY 2012	$194,797.00	
Total - 2012 CP Fund Balance		$1,215,348.44
Total Open Space Set-Aside (separate acct)		$2,298,571.87
Total Hist. Pres. Set-Aside (separate acct)		$ 528.00
Recommendations:		
Total FY 2012 CP Fund Appropriations		$953,388.00
Resulting Fund Balances:		
Resulting FY 2012 CP Fund Balance		$ 261,960.44
Resulting Open Space Set-Aside		$2,598,571.87
Resulting Historic Preservation Set-Aside		$ 49,224.00

- CPA Program Continuity
- Projects Thoroughly Vetted
- Public Process
- CP Funds Leveraged Wherever Possible

A: Open Space Set-Aside

Applicant: Town of Acton

Simeone-Caouette Farm Land, South Acton

- $300,000 set-aside for future open space purchase or protection
- Brings total set-aside to $2,598,571.87

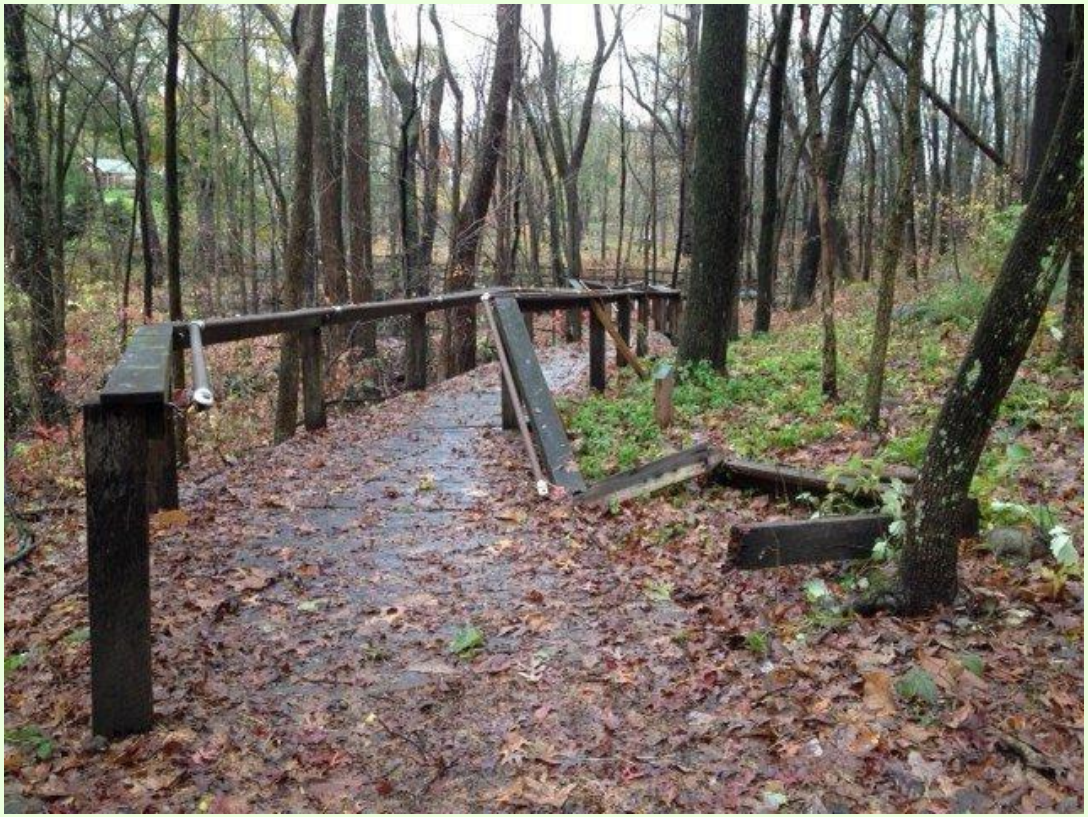
B: Historic Preservation Set-Asides

CPC Bookkeeping Items

1. Set-Aside ($500.00) needed to meet minimum statutory 10% appropriation or set-aside for historic preservation in 2004 after turn-backs
2. Set-Aside ($48,196.00) needed to meet this year's minimum statutory 10% appropriation or set-aside for historic preservation

C: Acton Arboretum – Wildflower Boardwalk

Applicant: Town of Acton



Wildflower Boardwalk

- Existing boardwalk is rotted
- $24,000 for a new universal access boardwalk
- Other funding / support:
  - Friends of the Acton Arboretum: $5,000;
  - In-kind donations and volunteer labor

D: New Siding for Sachem Way Family Housing

Applicant: Acton Housing Authority

Existing Siding

- $280,000 for siding replacement, including new sheathing and insulation on 6 buildings
- Other funding from Acton Community Housing Corporation: ~$75,000
- Additional State-funding: $150,000 for new roofs

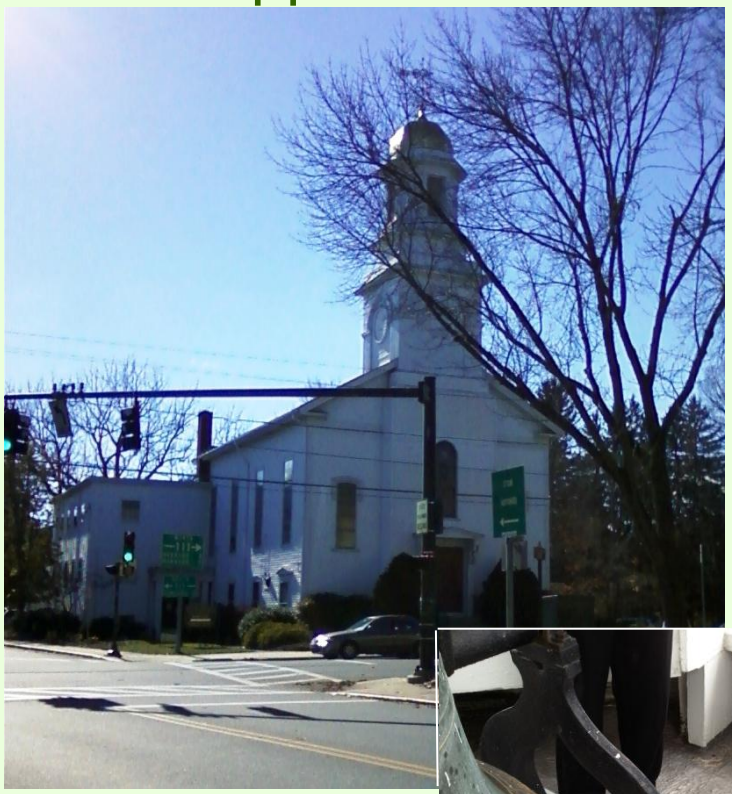
E: Historic Streetscapes – Shade Tree Program

Applicant: Town of Acton

- $10,000 for planting of public shade trees in Historic Districts
- Approximately 24 new trees
- Continues program started in 2009

F: Belfry Restoration

Applicant: West Acton Baptist Church



West Acton Baptist Church

- $18,563 for structural restoration in belfry
- Belfry's interior wood structure has serious water damage
- Floor supporting the bell is soft and sagging
- The bell cannot be rung
- The congregation pays $2,062 (10%)
- Total cost: ~ $20,625

G: Restoration & Rehabilitation Master Plan

Applicant: West Acton Baptist Church

West Acton Baptist Church Interior

- $22,500 for historic facility's master plan
- Evaluate conditions
- Identify needs
- Set restoration work priorities
- Consider future building uses
- The congregation pays $2,500 (10%)
- Total cost: ~ $25,000
- Additional funds from the church

H: NARA Picnic Pavilion

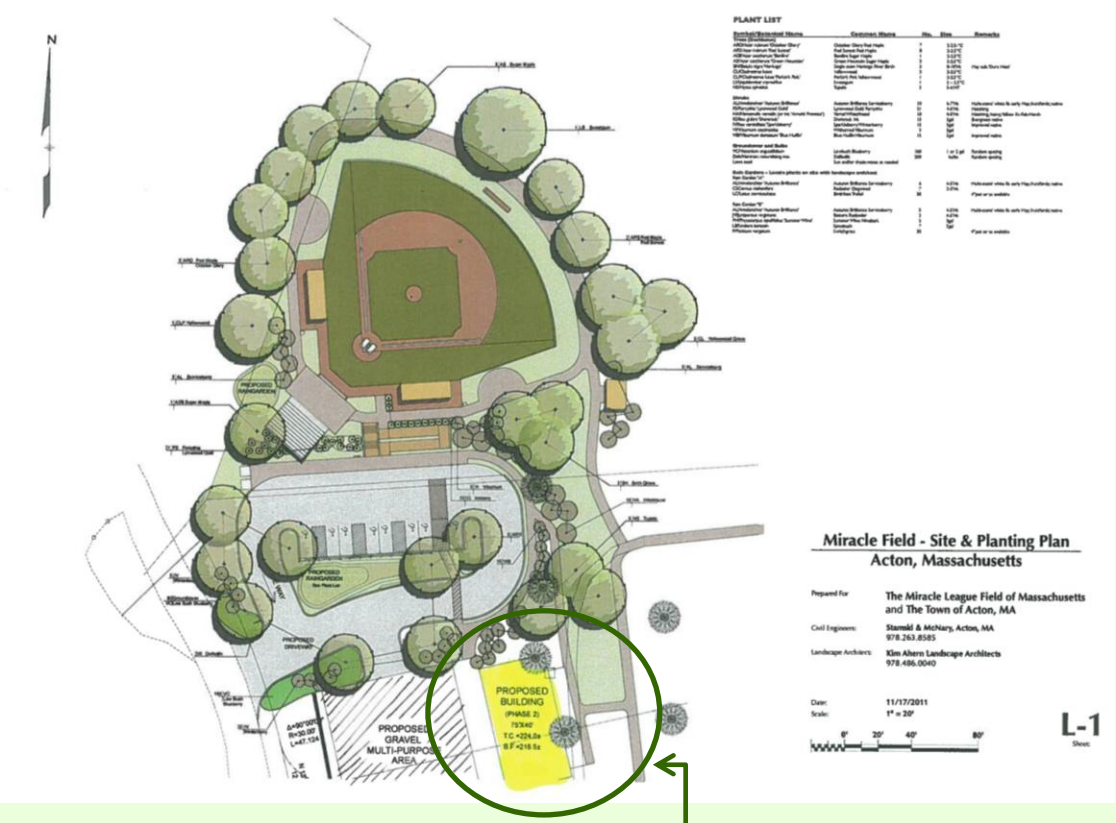
Applicant: Town of Acton

Proposed NARA Pavilion

- $100,000 supplements prior $250,000 funding from 2008
- A redesign and delays in project led to increased cost estimate
- Additional funding to be provided by the Town of Acton Recreation Department

I: NARA Concession & Comfort Station Design

Applicant: Town of Acton



Miracle Field with Proposed Comfort Station

- $25,000 for design, including septic system design
- Facility will include restrooms, concession stand, and storage space
- Proposed location next to Joseph Lalli Miracle Field
- Donated services worth ~$5,000 are anticipated

J: Elm Street Playground & Tennis Courts

Applicant: Town of Acton

$75,000 for

- New playground (Most equipment donated – valued at ~ $25,000)
- New ground surfaces, walk ways and fencing
- New tennis court surface
- Playground, funded in 2008, could not proceed legally (Seideman v. Newton) & funding lapsed
- 2012 CPA law change reverses Newton case

Thank You!

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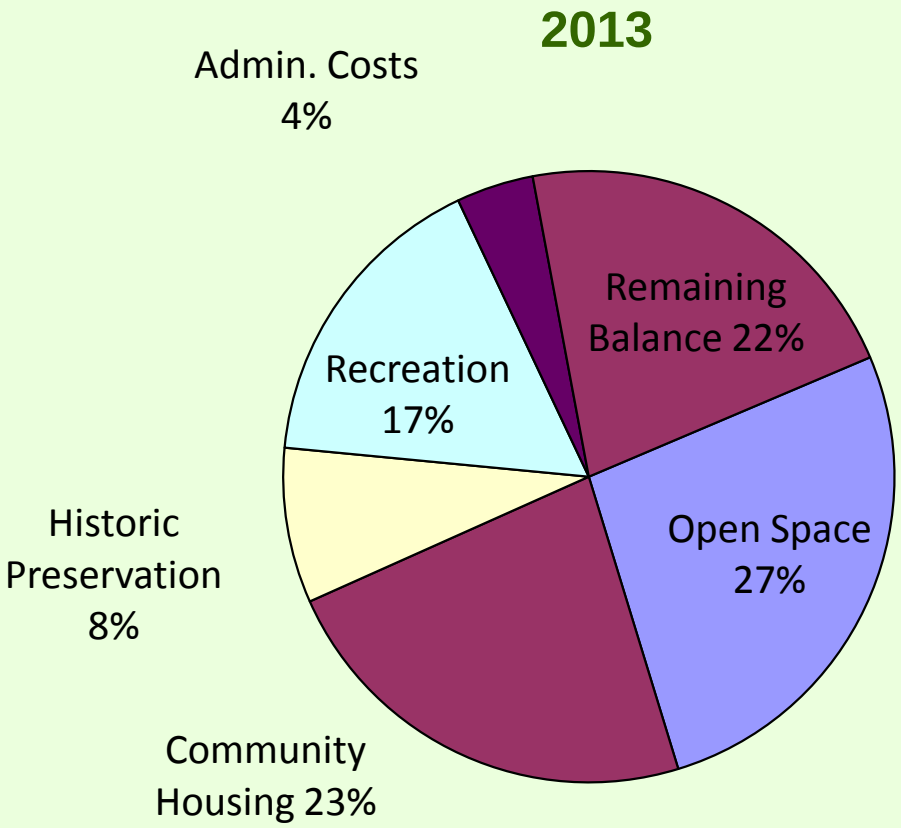
Acton's CPA Process

- CPA adopted by Acton in 2002
- Community Preservation Fund
  - 1.5% surcharge on town real estate property tax bills
  - State matching funds (27% match for FY 2012)
- CP Fund may only be used for:
  - Open space*
  - Historic preservation*
  - Community housing*
  - Recreational uses

    *requires minimum 10% allocation each year

CPA Funding by Category