

Fall River Community Preservation Committee

Mission Statement

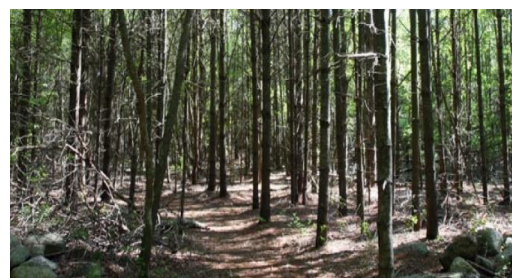
The mission of the Community Preservation Committee is to study the needs of the City of Fall River regarding community preservation in cooperation with various city boards, organizations and citizens and to solicit and evaluate proposals for the use of CPA funds for all city residents.

Brief Overview

Historic Preservation



Open Space



Outdoor Recreation



Community Housing

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a smart growth tool that helps communities preserve open space and historic sites, create affordable housing and develop outdoor recreational facilities. CPA also helps strengthen the state and local economies by expanding housing opportunities and construction jobs for the Commonwealth's workforce, and by supporting the tourism industry through preservation of the commonwealth's historic and natural resources.

CPA allows communities to create a local Community Preservation Fund for open space protection, historic preservation, 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, 173 municipalities in the state have adopted CPA.

Each CPA community creates a local Community Preservation Committee (CPC) upon adoption of the Act, and this five to nine-member board makes recommendations on CPA projects to the community's legislative body. Fall River has a nine-member board.