



Town of Longmeadow
Massachusetts
Community Preservation Committee



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Longmeadow, MA 01106

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Application for
Community Preservation Act Funding

Instructions

1. Review attached Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding eligibility, selection criteria (Appendix), and application.
2. Prepare and submit 10 typed and double-sided copies of the application form and project description to the CPC, c/o the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 20 Williams St., Longmeadow, MA 01106.
3. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will accept project proposals through the **first Monday in December** for possible consideration at the following Annual Town Meeting.
4. The CPC will review all applications by December 31 and schedule a meeting with each applicant to discuss its proposal.
 - a. The CPC may ask for more information before deciding to recommend the proposal for funding.
 - b. The CPC may request that you present your proposal at a public hearing.
5. If the project is selected for a funding recommendation, the CPC will submit it to Town Meeting.
6. Town Meeting has the sole authority to fund projects.

** Please note that the Committee reserves the right to modify these procedures and timeframe. Emergency applications will be accepted at the discretion of the CPC. The committee reserves the right to reject applications that are incomplete or late.*

Application Form

For CPC Use: Project # 2012-3
Received on: ___/___/___ Received by: _____
Reviewed on: ___/___/___ Determination: _____

Applicant Information

Project Title: Street Tree Survey and Funding for Preservation of Trees			
CPA Funding Request: \$ 500,000		Total Cost of Proposed Project: \$ 500,000	
Applicant Name: Michael Wrabel		Contact Name: Michael Wrabel	
Mailing Address: 31 Pondsides Road		Community Preservation Act Category <i>Please check all that apply:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Housing
City, State, Zip Code: Longmeadow MA 01106			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation
Phone/Fax: 567-3400			<input type="checkbox"/> Open Space
Email &/or Website: mwrabel@longmeadow.org			<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation

Please attach a project description and budget, as indicated on page 2.

Project Description

Proposals must answer the following questions. Include supporting materials as necessary.

1. **Goals:** What are the goals of the proposed project?
2. **Community Need:** Why is this project important? How does it meet the objectives outlined in existing town plans?
3. **Community Support:** Describe the community support for this project. Include letters of support, if any.
4. **Action Plan & Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including start and completion dates?
5. **Maintenance:** If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded?
6. **Preservation:** CPA projects may require deed restrictions. For more information, please see the Community Preservation Coalition website at <http://www.communitypreservation.org/index.cfm>. If applicable, attach a copy of the proposed deed restriction language.

Additional Information

Provide the following additional information, as applicable:

- A. Documentation that you have (or will have) control over the site, such as Purchase and Sale Agreement, option or deed.
- B. Evidence that the project does not violate any zoning ordinance or any other laws or regulations.
- C. Evidence that the proposed site is free of hazardous materials or that there is a plan for remediation.
- D. Evidence that appropriate professional standards will be followed if construction, restoration or rehabilitation is proposed.

Budget

1. **Budget:** What is the total budget for the project? All expenditures must be clearly identified.
2. **Other funding:** Specify what additional funding sources (public/private/in-kind) and amounts are available, committed, or under consideration. Include commitment letters, if available, and describe any other attempts to secure funding for this project.

Please send Application Form and Project Description Proposal, by the first Monday in December, to:

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee
c/o Town Clerk's Office
Longmeadow Town Hall
20 Williams Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Thank you for your proposal!

CPA Application

Street Tree Evaluation and Funding for Preservation

The Town of Longmeadow has many large, significant trees lining the tree belts of all town streets, along terraces and in parks, the town green and other spaces. The DPW spends over \$100,000 annually in maintaining these trees, which help define Longmeadow as a community. Longmeadow has received designation as a "Tree City USA" annually for several years for its annual commitment in funding into preserve and plant trees.

On October 29, Storm Albert decimated the trees of Longmeadow. Over 635 trees were removed and the trimming on over 8600 trees was performed to FEMA standards which render the tree stable and safe from imminent hazard+, not to any arboricultural standard. Corrective pruning must be performed to make structural improvements and to remove long stubs to preserve these trees. After paying for its share of the storm, it is unlikely the town will be able to put up the dollar amount necessary in the next two or three years to perform this work to preserve a legacy of tree-lined streets. Without question, the alternative will be to supply increased funding for tree removals in 8-10 years as damaged broken limbs begin to fall.

Community Support:

Attached please find letters of support from Tree Committee Chairman Peter Bouvier.

Action Plan & Timeline:

It is expected that work will begin as soon as funds are available. I have initiated discussions to see if our negotiated prices for tree work can be decreased due to the amount of work that must be performed.

Maintenance:

Maintenance of trees will continue to be funded by the Forestry line item in the DPW Grounds Maintenance budget.

Preservation:

Trees provide cooling shade, living space and food for birds and small animals, improve property values. Longmeadow streets have long been defined by tall shade trees, Longmeadow parks and terraces lush with trees. Corrective pruning is needed now if Longmeadow's legacy of beautiful tree lined streets is to begin with the preservation of thousands of deformed trees.

Budget:

As the cleaning phase of Storm Albert approaches it is impossible for me at this time to assess the full cost of what should be done. At this point in time, over 600 trees have been removed and 7000 trees have had hanging branches removed. Of the 7000 trees, most have improper cuts, have deadwood that should be removed, and structural improvements needed to preserve these trees for future generations.

Michael Wrabel

From: Peter Bouvier <peterbouvier@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2011 1:54 PM
To: Michael Wrabel
Subject: CPA funding

LONGMEADOW TREE COMMITTEE

To: Michael Wrabel, Director of Public Works
From: Peter Bouvier, Tree Committee
Date: December 1, 2011
Subject: Storm Damaged Trees

With FEMA's clean-up effort now winding down, it is very apparent that many of the town's trees will need to be removed due to the extensive damaged they have received or be properly pruned to prevent further damage from decay and insects.

I have surveyed many of the post-FEMA streets in town and noticed many of the trees still contain hangers that could fail during an ice or snow storm, torn stubs where branches had been completely torn off and long branch stubs trimmed by the FEMA contractors which will weaken the trees ability to heal. Longmeadow is noted for its tree-lined streets. Many of these trees have been badly wounded but can be preserved for many years to come with proper care.

We have talked in the past about seeking funds through the Community Preservation Act to help prune town trees. Anne Capra of the PVPC confirmed this possibility at one of the Open Space & Recreation Plan meetings, subject to getting a positive legal opinion from Town Counsel. If acceptable to the Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee, you could submit an application, subject to Town Counsel approval, for funds you estimate would be necessary to prune town trees for safety and long-term preservation.





