

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT Allowable Spending Purposes

	Historic Resources	Community Housing	Open Space	Land for Recreational Use
<i>RESOURCE DEFINITIONS:</i>	<i>a building, structure, vessel, real property, document or artifact that is listed or eligible for listing on the state register of historic places or has been determined by the local historic preservation commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture or culture of a city or town</i>	<i>housing for individuals and households with low (below 80% of area median, as defined by U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development) and moderate (below 100% of area median, as defined by HUD) incomes, including housing for seniors</i>	<i>includes, but is not limited to, land to protect existing and future well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, watershed land, agricultural land, grasslands, fields, forest land, fresh and salt water marshes and other wetlands, ocean, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, beaches, dunes and other coastal lands, lands to protect scenic vistas, land for wildlife or nature preserve and land for recreational use</i>	<i>for active or passive recreational use including, but not limited to, the use of land for community gardens, trails, and noncommercial youth and adult sports, and the use of land as a park, playground or athletic field. Shall not include horse or dog racing or the use of land for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure.</i>
ACQUIRE	YES	YES	YES	YES
CREATE	NO	YES	YES	YES
PRESERVE protect from injury, harm, or destruction (... not maintenance)	YES	YES	YES	YES
SUPPORT	NO	YES, including funds for an affordable housing trust	NO	NO
REHABILITATE / RESTORE * remodeling * reconstruction * extraordinary repairs for the purpose of making [resources] functional for their intended use * including but not limited to improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal, state or local building or access codes.	YES, but rehabilitation must comply with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's <i>Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties</i> (www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide) or <i>Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes</i> (www.nps.gov/hps/hli/landscape_guidelines)	YES, IF acquired or created with CP funds	YES, IF acquired or created with CP funds	YES, IF acquired or created with CP funds

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