

GEORGETOWN
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Memorial Town Hall One Library Street Georgetown, MA 01833

GCPC Project Suggestion Form

The Community Preservation Act provides funding for three core community concerns:

- Acquisition and preservation of open space
- Creation and support of community housing
- Acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes

The three core concerns provide guidelines for the use of CPA funds. Projects must meet specific legal requirements to be eligible for funding by the CPA.

Your suggestions for CPA projects are welcome. Participation by the citizens for Georgetown will not only help to create new projects but also help to determine which projects are needed and wanted.

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Suggestion: Under the Acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes category

A REQUEST FOR CPA GRANT TO COMPLETE THE HISTORIC SURVEYS OF GEORGETOWN'S 1900 OR EARLIER PROPERTIES

Under the guidelines of the MA Historical Commission (MHC) one of the major functions of the GHC is to populate the MHC's MACRIS database (Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System) with specific historic and descriptive information about our Town's historic properties and cultural sites. (Under the MHC's current guidelines they would like the GHC to submit such "historic survey" data on all properties or cultural sites that are 50 years old or older). Since the creation of this historic survey data generally requires the expertise and hiring of professional conservationist at a current cost of about \$200 per site this has always been and continues to be a significant task for the local GHC to comply with because of the large number of such sites in our Town. This is especially true if we were to consider all of the properties that are 50 years or older (a number yet to be determined). For example based on the Assessor's records, if we consider only those properties that have creation dates of 1900 or earlier that number is 435. This of course is due to the fact that unlike our 1838 incorporation date many of the properties in our Town date back to a period prior to that date when we were still part of Rowley.

Therefore due to the size and potential cost of this task and availability of funding, the GHC has been focusing over the past few years on trying to first complete this data on only those properties and sites in our Town that fall in that 1900 or earlier category. As a result of these past efforts and aided largely by CPA grants, some 213 properties will have been completed following the completion of the 90 properties to be done under the recently awarded CP_App_075 grant for the so-called Village District 1 Area-Phase 1 project (a project currently in the RFQ bid process). This means that some 223 1900 or earlier properties still need to be surveyed and documented in the future to complete this process. The end goal for completing this MACRIS LISTING task is of course to enable the Town (GHC) to establish the Historic Districts recommended in the Town's latest Master Plan

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Since the completion of this MACRIS documentation stage by professionals is the first step towards moving to create any Historic Districts in our Town, the GHC is hoping to complete this process before CPA funding is diminished to the point where it may no longer be available or very difficult to get the amounts needed for completion. Prior to the availability of CPA funds for this purpose such surveys were few and far between since they depended largely on donations or other competitively difficult to acquire State grants. For example the GHC had only managed to complete surveys and enter them in the MACRIS data base on some 64 of its 435 properties in all of its prior years up to the point where CPA funding became available for this purpose. Since then, CPA & other MHC related grants (following completion the latest cp_app_075 grant) will have made it possible to increase the number of completed surveys to 212 properties.

Therefore, with the cost to hire the professional consultants required to complete the remaining 223 surveys averaging \$200 per property surveyed, the GHC is hereby seeking CPA grant to complete this survey in the amount of \$49,100 which allows for a 10% margin to cover potential increases and RFQ processing expenses (223 X \$200 X 1.1 = 49060 or rounding to the closest \$100 = 49100). If this grant is made it is likely that the RFQ's for doing this last phase of surveys will be issued in early 2011 allowing the completion of the existing and aforementioned cp_app_075 Village District Phase 106.

The long and arduous process of moving to create the Historic Districts recommended in the Town's latest Master Plan can then begin.



Are you willing to be the Contact person for the project: Yes No

Have you already contacted a town board about the project: Yes No

If so which board: GHC

For more information on the eligible uses of CPA funds please visit the Georgetown CPC website at www.georgetowncpc.com.

For more information about the CPA visit www.communitypreservation.org, or www.state.ma.us/envir/cpa.

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