

***Did you know the City distributed CPA funds for the 7th time this year?*** The City Council approved over one million dollars in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding to the following eight open space and historic preservation projects, upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC):

- \$50,000 to the Open Space Acquisition and Improvement Stabilization Fund
- \$206,080 to renovate the Central Hill playground
- \$375,578 to renovate the Healey School tot lot
- \$87,114 to the Somerville Museum's Elevator ADA Accessibility project
- \$125,000 to renovate the Broadway House (181 Broadway)
- \$3,500 to restore the wood bas-relief in the Central Library
- \$90,000 to restore the Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church bell tower
- \$49,500 to repair the existing slate roof surfaces and related flashing and brick masonry of Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development

In addition to the above, the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust (SAHT), as the housing arm of the CPC was awarded \$1,005,971 for affordable housing projects. To date, the Somerville CPA program has supported a total of 86 affordable housing, historic resources, and open space/recreation land projects through awards of over \$26 million since its adoption in 2012. This includes \$3.4 million in matching funds from the state.

“In FY21 the CPC has continued its support of affordable housing programs that include affordable rental housing, rent assistance, housing stability assistance, and housing for victims of domestic violence in coordination with the SAHT. The CPC also recognizes the importance of health and recreation benefits that open spaces provide during the COVID 19 pandemic and the importance of the history of the City”, said CPC Chair Laura Beretsky. We are excited about the work we have done in FY21, and we are looking forward to seeing what great ideas the community puts forward for projects in FY22.”

**CPA Questions?** Contact the Community Preservation Act Manager, Judith

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