



Support CPA in Lowell - Vote Yes on Question 3 - November 5th!

Dear Neighbor,

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a tremendously effective tool to protect open space and other community resources at the local level. To date, 175 Massachusetts cities and towns have passed the CPA, and nearly 30,000 acres of open space have been protected as a result. At the city election on Tuesday, November 5, Lowell residents will have their chance to adopt CPA.

CPA would enable Lowell to create a dedicated Community Preservation Fund for local open space, outdoor recreation, historic preservation, and affordable community housing projects. These funds are generated by a surcharge on local property tax bills and by annual payments from the state. **Only communities that have adopted CPA receive these funds from the state.**

Since 2000, the state has distributed over \$600 million for this purpose to participating cities and towns. In Lowell, the surcharge would be 1% on local property tax bills, exempting the first \$100,000 of residential property values. Qualified low-income homeowners and low-to-moderate income senior homeowners would be exempt from the surcharge altogether.

We are writing to you now because our three organizations believe the benefits to Lowell would be quite significant. Examples of projects that could be undertaken with CPA funds include:

- Rehabilitation of existing parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields
- Broadening of affordable housing options
- Development of new outdoor recreational facilities such as trails, walkways, and community gardens
- Land preservation to protect water resources, habitat and/or to increase climate resiliency
- Preservation and rehabilitation of historic city buildings and other historic resources

Please vote YES on Question #3 on November 5 to adopt CPA in Lowell!

For more information on CPA, visit <http://www.communitypreservation.org>.

Thank you,

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