

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
240 SPRINGFIELD STREET,
WILBRAHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 01095

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Submit Application

- All proposals for community preservation funding must be submitted using the following application form.
- Project proposals will be accepted through **January 30, 2015** for possible consideration at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting.
- Applications received after the deadline will be held until the next round. Applications must be typewritten and must include a project budget and timeline.
- The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) reserves the right to cancel a funding round at its own discretion, or to decline to recommend funding for any project during a funding round.
- Applicants are also advised to include other supporting information which addresses the funding guidelines adopted by the Community Preservation Committee such as: photographs of site; description of proposed use of site; plans, architectural renderings, studies, etc.; National Register of Historic Places nomination forms; indication of support for the project; demonstration of other funding sources

Please return **eleven (11) copies** of the signed application and all attachments to:

**Community Preservation Committee
Wilbraham Town Office Building
240 Springfield Street
Wilbraham, MA 01095**

Step 2: Presentation and Community Preservation Committee Review

Once a proposal is received, the CPC will review it and report back to the applicant regarding the proposal's status. The committee may schedule a time during a regular committee meeting for the applicant to make a presentation. Once all applications for a given deadline have been reviewed, the committee will discuss the proposals and make funding recommendations.

Step 3: Town Meeting Approval

If the project is approved by the CPC the funds must be appropriated by Town Meeting.

Step 4: Implementation

Upon receiving funds, the recipient must agree to provide status reports on project completion on a schedule to be determined by the CPC. At the completion of the project the applicant must present a final report to the CPC in person.

The committee invites applicants to attend its meetings on **November 14, 2013, December 19, 2013** and **January 23, 2014**, at 7:00 PM at the Town Office Building to ask questions and collection information from the committee about the funding possibilities.

The **Community Preservation Coalition** collects information from, and about, all the cities and town with community preservation funds: online at www.communitypreservation.org.

Contact: Peter Manolakis, Chairman, 596-8589, manolakisp@aol.com

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PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

PROJECT TITLE: HISTORIC STONE BOUNDARY FENCE REPAIR AT BRUUER POND

CPA Funding Requested: \$7500

Total Project Cost: \$ 7500

Name of Applicant: Wilbraham DPW in cooperation with the Conservation Commission

Sponsoring Organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: 240 Springfield Street

Daytime Phone: 596-2800 ext. 208

Email: tbasch@wilbraham-ma.gov

Are supporting documents attached to this form? Yes Number of Pages: - 8 -

Please indicate to which of the Community Preservation categories this project applies:

Open Space Preservation

Affordable Housing

Historic Preservation

Public Recreation

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. Please respond to each question separately, indicating the question number. Please type all responses.

1. General project description and goals with projected schedule for project completion, including target dates for interim tasks and goals. **All questions are answered below.**
2. Community Need: Why is this project needed?
3. Community Support: What is the nature of support for this project?
4. Budget: What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure for CPA funds must be clearly identified. What other funding sources have been committed for this project? (use Budget Form provided)
5. Maintenance: If ongoing maintenance is required for this project, how will it be funded and who will be responsible?
6. Project location: Please include a map showing property location and any schematic drawings of the proposed project as appropriate.

Additional information, if applicable:

7. Documentation that the applicant has control over the site.

The Conservation Commission has control over the town-owned land,

8. Evidence that the project conforms to the conservation, zoning, building and other regulations of the Town of Wilbraham.

Applicant's Signature:  Date: January 23, 2015

Printed Name: Tonya Basch
Assistant Town Engineer
Wilbraham Department of Public Works

For Community Preservation Committee Use

Received on _____ Reviewed on _____
Recommendation: _____ Amount _____ Funding Cycle FY _____



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BUDGET FORM

Project Name: Historic stone boundary fence repair at Bruer Pond

Applicant: Wilbraham Department of Public Works in cooperation with the Conservation Commission

SOURCES OF FUNDING		
Source	Amount	
Community Preservation Act Fund	\$7500	
	\$7500	

PROJECT EXPENSES		
Expense	Amount	Please indicate which expenses will be funded by CPA Funds:
LABOR		
Mason work labor	\$6000	\$6000
MATERIALS		
10 tons filler material (stone shims)	\$1250	\$1250
Trucking	\$200	\$200
Consumables	\$50	\$50
Total Project Expenses	\$7500	\$7500

Please feel free to photocopy or recreate this form if more room is needed.

1. General project description and goals with projected schedule for project completion, including target dates for interim tasks and goals.

The goal of this project is to restore approximately 300 feet of historic field stone boundary fence in order to mitigate land erosion and soil sedimentation and to serve as a natural and maintenance-free property demarcation in support of recreational and open space uses at Bruuer Pond. This wall serves the landscape it protects and also serves as a center of town boundary marker-tying in stonework from the Civil War Monument at Crane Park.

This low lying wall is composed of local stones hundreds of years old simply built as a “dry laid” wall by early stone workers. This age old and time honored perimeter cohabits with naturally existing elements allowing for heritage and endangered species migration and scenic beauty.

Jonathan Bechard, a local stone artisan and owner of Noble Stone Works is Guild trained in the art of masonry and stone cutting and also holds an art degree in sculpture. He said he would work by hand to settle in all stones and shim materials, carefully matching color and size to existing stones for conformity, function and durability. The entire process is expected to take between 4-5 weeks. No other laborers besides a master craftsman would be required and no heavy equipment or machinery would be brought onto the property. Matching granite stones would be hammer-split by hand and the finished wall will measure approximately 2 feet by 2 feet.

2. Community Need: Why is this project needed?

Bruuer Pond and its surrounding 4.5 acres of land have been used by the public for generations as open space and passive recreation for bird watching and photography, outdoor concerts, art exhibits, ice skating, picnicking, and as an outdoor extension classroom and science lab for surrounding schools. The partially forested area includes a bird and bat sanctuary, and a protected refuge for aquatic life and natural heritage and endangered species protection.

Formed as a Kettle Hole depression from melting glaciers it provides basin detention and works as a storm water retaining system for runoff storm water from both the lowlands and the hilly uplands and provides habitat for vegetation and a variety of wildlife. This sheltered ecosystem also provides the unique benefits of climate moderation and has sustained a rich biodiversity within its borders for hundreds of years. As a center-of-town location, it also provides a visually pleasant landscape for residents and visitors too. Bruuer Pond is a pleasant rest area for cyclists and walkers.

In this area as in much of Wilbraham, unspoiled charm and rural appeal is due to heritage roadside trees and hand laid stone walls. According to a local mason, the wall was most likely taller in its earlier day, as it would have been used by farmers to contain livestock; but, over the years, stones have settled beneath the surface—and there may be as many stones beneath the wall as are above it today. This type of stone wall allows for the natural “breathing” of the structure, and the wildlife, species and vegetation within its borders. This type of stone placement also allows for the wall to heave, settle and stabilize—and to last and endure indefinitely.

These stones and boulders would have been found within early Wilbraham soils suspended in a dense mix of silt and clay. Early farmers coined the phrase “hardpan” for this soil, primarily because of the numerous cobbles and boulders intermixed with clay soils. When Wilbraham was an agrarian society, early settlers used these cobbles and boulders to line the edges of their fields with picturesque rock walls, like this one - many of which are still evident throughout the town.

3. Community Support: What is the nature of support for this project?

This Bruer Pond restoration project is well supported by the Conservation Commission and the town's Open Space and Recreation Committee. The many amenities at Bruer Pond are contained in the town's Open Space Plan filed with the commonwealth - and site maps and recreation benefits are detailed in walking and hiking brochures disseminated throughout town. The town's historic commission and the Wilbraham 250th Anniversary Celebration, Inc also support an organized and well-planned restoration of the pond and surrounding land. The 250th Committee has purchased two ornamental urns for plantings to be positioned at the wall entrance at a cost of (\$600) to add beauty and ornamentation as a lasting tribute to the natural beauty wall.

The pond restoration is already underway in a multiphase project supported by many members of the public who have requested the pond restoration. Pedestrians can easily utilize the open space and trails and nearby residents subject to flooding such as the United Church, Woodland Dell Fire Station, and Discoveries Child Care Facility will benefit from the project. Downstream properties such as Miles Morgan, Falcon Knoll, Minnechaug High School and Mile Tree School will have better water quality in the brook. In addition, the improvements to the storm water infrastructure will reduce the brook bank erosion and encroachment on adjacent land. The stone boundary fence repair serves not only as an enhancement to the property, preserving a beautiful historic and everlasting stone structure, but also as an erosion control feature in the low lying area and a protection to dense forest inhabitants and species.

4. Budget: What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure for CPA funds must be clearly identified. What other funding sources have been committed for this project? (use Budget Form provided)

\$7500: Please see the attached quote and the budget summary form.

5. Maintenance: If ongoing maintenance is required for this project, how will it be funded and who will be responsible?

The mowing around the pond will continue to be maintained by the Town Facilities Manager. The wall itself is built to be durable on site and requires no maintenance.

6. Project location: Please include a map showing property location and any schematic drawings of the proposed project as appropriate. Please see attached.

Additional information, if applicable:

7. Documentation that the applicant has control over the site.

The Conservation Commission has control over the town-owned land.

8. Evidence that the project conforms to the conservation, zoning, building and other regulations of the Town of Wilbraham

All work will be permitted prior to construction in accordance with conservation, zoning, building and other regulations of the Town of Wilbraham as is typical and standard in all town projects.

