

Community Preservation Committee – Town of Harvard
Request for Funding for FY2016

APPLICANT:

Organization: Land Stewardship Subcommittee
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Application Date: 26 Sep 2014
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PROJECT:

Project Title: Invasive plant management on conservation land Requested Amount: \$50,000

Purpose: (Check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |

Summary Description of Project: The initial 3 years of this project have been very encouraging, successfully controlling invasive plants on Williams, Clapp-Scorgie, and Powell conservation lands. Now the Commission wishes to continue with the focus on 3 other major pieces of conservation land: Hermann Orchard, Bare Hill Sanctuary and Clapp-Scorgie-Tufts-Smith plus Bellevue Cemetery.

Does the project require approval by another organization (e.g., Board of Health, Historic Commission, DEP, etc.) for the project to be accomplished? yes

If so, please specify: There will be wetland permitting required by the Conservation Commission.

Please note if the project has been endorsed by:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Harvard Conservation Commission (Open Space projects) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Harvard Historical Commission (Historic Preservation projects) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Harvard Municipal Affordable Housing Trust fund (Affordable Housing projects) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Parks & Recreation Commission (recreation projects) |

How will this project benefit the Community? These are all premier pieces of conservation land that are well used and treasured by residents and non-residents alike. Invasive plants are destructive by crowding out and killing native plants, even large trees, and therefore degrade the land for people and wildlife. They can also physically block access to the land. In addition to the work done on the land, the project also includes public education by way of presentations, guided walks and informational materials.

Total Project Cost: \$50,000. If this is larger than the request, please note other funding sources:

Do you have any other funds available to your organization? If so, can they be used for this project, and if not, why not? The only other funds available to the Conservation Commission for this project are from an unrestricted conservation fund that no longer has a funding source and is needed for all other work of the Conservation Commission other than the purchase of open space.

Please submit this form electronically with supporting documents as attachments by 4:00 PM Friday, September 26, 2014 to Julie Doucet in the Harvard Selectmen's office at: jdoucet@harvard.ma.us

Thank you for your interest in preserving our community!

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Please follow these guidelines as applicable:

1. Each project request must be submitted to the Harvard Community Preservation Committee using the FY2016 Funding Request form.
2. Appropriate support information to describe and document the need for the project must be included with the application.
3. Include a work schedule with description and estimated completion date of tasks and sub-tasks, showing final completion within three years of the appropriation.
4. Include quotes for project costs whenever possible. Cost estimates may be used, provided the basis of the estimate is fully explained.
5. If requested funds are part of a larger project or if the project is part of a longer-term project, describe the total project and total cost.
6. Project Tracking Forms for all of the applicant's open CPC funded projects must be up to date. Forms are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year from when the funds are available until the project is closed.
7. Include a copy of approved Encumbrance Form(s) for any previously appropriated, unspent CPC funds for which the project has passed the sunset date.
8. If applicant is submitting more than one application, the applicant must prioritize the projects.
9. A statement from the endorsing organization shall be submitted prior to the applicant making a presentation to the CPC. It should provide the endorser's recommendations to the CPC concerning the project including how the project fits within the long term goals of the sponsor.

In reviewing requests for funding, the Harvard Community Preservation Committee will consider evaluation criteria such as:

1. The leveraging capability of the grant. Can it be used to attract other funds?
2. The precedent setting capability of the grant. Will it serve as a 'model' for other projects?
3. The ability of the applicant to execute the grant. Is the project feasible and does the applicant have the skills and other resources to implement it?
4. Does the application fit within the restrictions of the Community Preservation Act? Can the CP dollars "make a difference"? Will its funds have a significant impact? Are there other, more appropriate sources of funding?
5. Consistency with the Town Master Plan goals and objectives.
6. Consistency with the Community Preservation Committee's Goals and Needs Assessments Reports.

Additional information on the application process and CPC Rules and Regulations can be found on the [Community Preservation Committee's page](#) on the town website.

Examples of CP projects in other towns and much more information regarding the Community Preservation Act can be found at: [Community Preservation Coalition website](#).