

TOWN OF WEYMOUTH
Community Preservation Committee
Application for Funding

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Affiliation/Organization (if applicable):

Town of Weymouth - Parks & Rec

Project Name: 2020 Open Space Projects

Amount Requested: \$23,861.00

Purpose (select all that apply):

- Historic Preservation
 Open Space & Recreation
 Community Housing

Description:

Please provide a written narrative with detailed data, including cost estimates, schedule, budget, maintenance plan (if any), and implementation strategy. Include other funding sources and their amounts. Attach separate sheets as needed.

See attached project descriptions

Describe how this this project helps to preserve Weymouth's character.

Please provide a written narrative including the goals of the project, who will benefit, and how the project relates to planning documents such as the Town's Master Plan. Describe the nature of support and outreach for the project. Attach separate sheets as needed.

See attached project descriptions

Applicants are encouraged to be creative and consider projects that will benefit the community, including but not limited to projects that may not receive typical funding from traditional sources.

Submit to: Community Preservation Committee
C/O Dept. of Planning and Community Development
75 Middle St, Weymouth, MA 02189

2020 Open Space Projects

This project seeks to complete a number of trail and open space projects initiated by the Mayor's Open Space Committee in 2019. In many cases we are creating access to town owned parks and conservation areas that are currently inaccessible to the public. These projects include the Great Pond Trail, Wessagusset historic markers, House Rock Park Trail, Weymouth Landing Canoe Launch, Herring Run Pool Park and Bradford Torrey Bird Sanctuary. Also included is funding to cover the printing cost for the town's first Trails and Open Space Guide. These projects have been planned to be cost effective with the funding requested just to cover material costs associated with these project, all labor associated is provided by DPW and the recreation department. In Several cases outside funding has been leveraged as well. The Projects break down as follows:

Great Pond Trail

This project will open access to a 1.1 mile continuous trail that runs from Gifford Park to Negus Park. The land around Great Pond is currently off limits to public access to protect the Town's Water supply, and only this trail will be opened. The goal here is allow for some passive recreation to occur as well as deter some of the negative uses currently occurring on the land. Funding will cover the cost associated with a small board walk, map design and two trailheads located at Gifford and Negus Parks.

House Rock Park

At house Rock Park we are continuing our work to establish a .34 mile trail through 26 acres of Town owned land behind house Rock Park. The funding here will cover the costs of a small stream crossing, map design and a trailhead. This project was started last spring with help from a summer inter.

Wessagusset Historic Markers

The Wessagusset Historic Woodlot was purchased by the town in 1999 with CPC funds. This project will establish a three part interpretive panel telling the history of the first settlement at this location in 1622. This project has been proposed by the Weymouth Historic Commission and coordinated by the Open Space Committee and will include input from the Massachusetts people. All of the information will be provided by local historian Mark Schneider. Other site improvements will include a new picnic table, trailhead and site map, and landscaping improvements.

Landing Canoe Launch

We have recently made significant improvements to the landing canoe launch, including new guardrail and benches. The goal here was to create a more park like space for landing residents by delineating parking, creating more green space and providing benches. Previous conditions allowed for abuse of the site and was rarely utilized by the public. We were able to leverage state funds to cover the cost associated with the guardrail, with DPW assisting with installation. Funding here would cover the cost of an interpretive panel giving visitors some contextual information on the history and ecology of the Fore River.

Trail Guides

Lastly, funding will cover the cost associated with printing the Town's first trail and open space guide. This guide will include maps and info for all of the Town's noteworthy trails and open space, including info on our natural resources and boating access.

Spring 2020 Open Space Projects Budget				
Site	Materials/services	Unit Cost	Number	total cost
Great Pond Trail	map design	400	1	400
	trailhead	730	2	1460
	wood board walk materials	2500	1	2500
House Rock Trail	trailhead panel	730	1	730
	map design	400	1	400
	wood board walk materials	500	1	500
Wessagusset woodlot historic panel	trailhead panel	730	1	730
	interpretive panel	980	3	2940
	landscaping- gravel and mulch	1700	1	1700
	map design	250	1	250
	Picnic table	1500	1	1500
Landing Canoe Launch	interpretive panel	980	1	980
	Picnic table	2000	2	4000
	landscaping and parking	3350	1	3350
Other Costs	Town Trail Markers	383	1	383
	Trail Guides	1038	1	1038
	Bridge at Bradford Torrey	1000	1	1000
Total				23861