

LOCAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

Community Preservation Coalition

<http://communitypreservation.org/success-stories-type/6/Historic%20Preservation>

"The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a smart growth tool that helps communities preserve open space and historic sites, create affordable housing, and develop outdoor recreational facilities. CPA also helps strengthen the state and local economies by expanding housing opportunities and construction jobs for the Commonwealth's workforce, and by supporting the tourism industry through preservation of the Commonwealth's historic and natural resources.

Over a decade of work went into the creation of the CPA; it was ultimately signed into law by Governor Paul Cellucci and Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift on September 14, 2000. **[Read more about the history of CPA.](#)**

CPA allows communities to create a **[local Community Preservation Fund](#)** for open space protection, historic preservation, affordable housing and outdoor recreation.

Community preservation monies are raised locally through the imposition of a surcharge of not more than 3% of the tax levy against real property, and municipalities must adopt CPA by ballot referendum. To date, 172 municipalities in the state have adopted CPA. **[View a map of all CPA communities.](#)**" [SEE NEXT PAGE]

