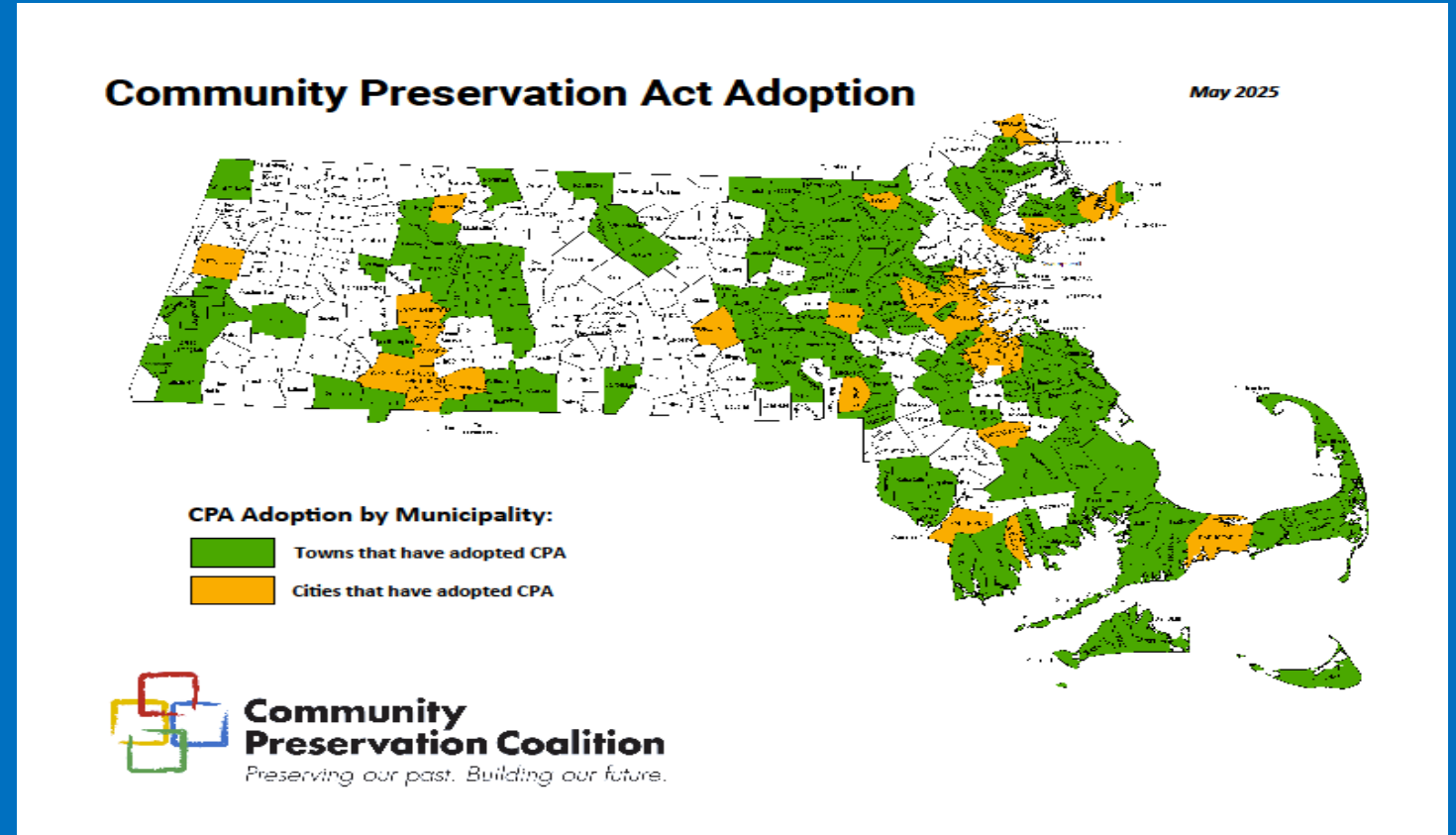


Chatham
Community Preservation Committee
Public Hearing 2025

October 6, 2025
Town Annex, 261 George Ryder Road

MA Community Preservation Act - 2000

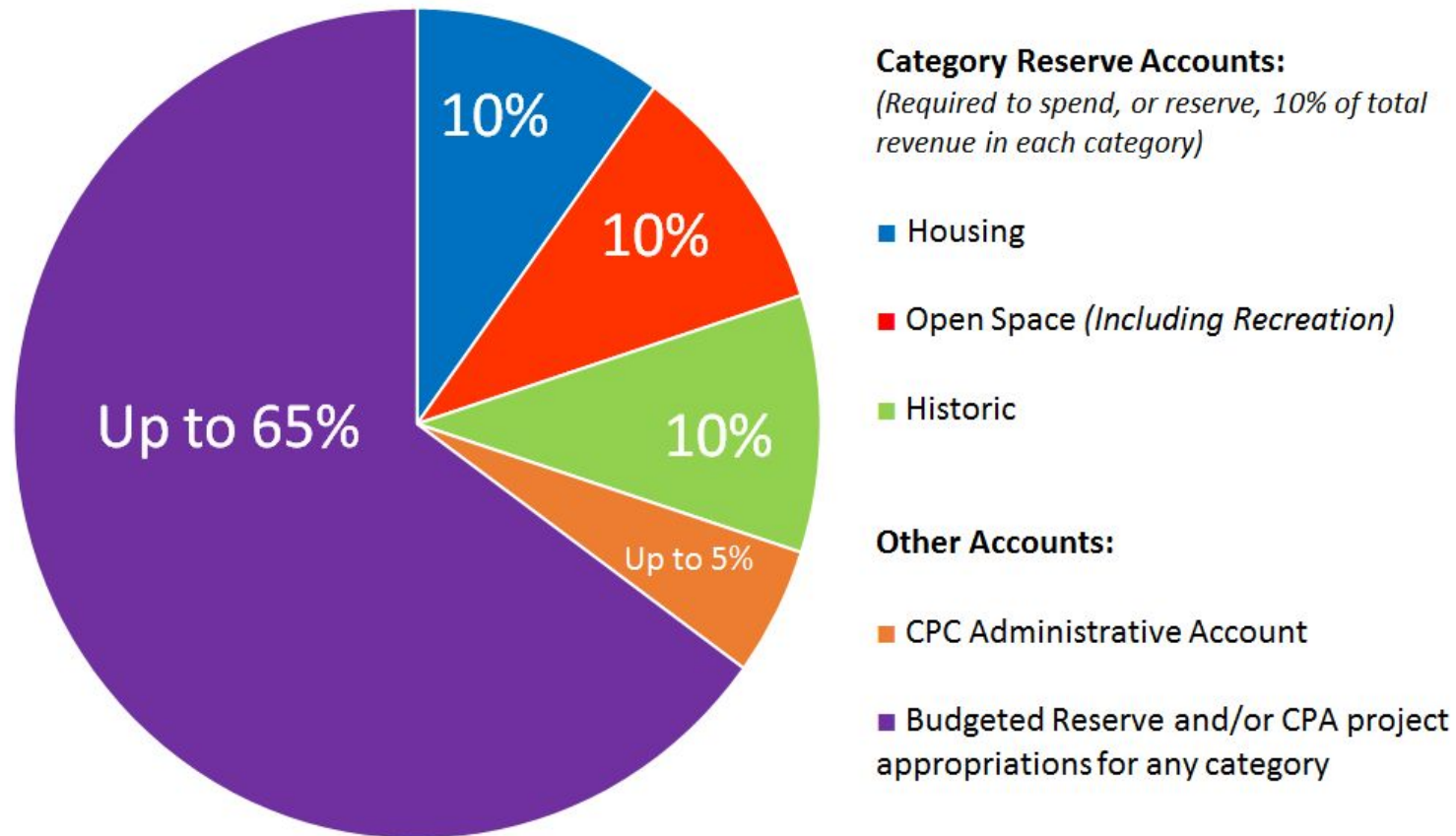
Now Adopted by
201 Cities & Towns
56% of Total



\$3.4 billion raised to support 17,491 community projects

CPA Expenditures Required by MA

Annual CPA Budget (local surcharge revenue + state match)



CPA funds shall not replace existing operating funds, only augment them.

CPA Allowable Spending Purposes

	Open space	Historic preservation	Outdoor recreation	Community housing
Acquisition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Creation	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Preservation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Restoration	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes*
Support	No	No	No	Yes

* If acquired or created with CPA funds

Community Preservation Act in Chatham

Chatham adopted in 2002 (51% yes – 49% no)

Local property tax surcharge of 3% plus MA grant derived from surcharge on Registry of Deeds filing fees

Cost to average Chatham home owner is \$164

CPC recommends projects & Town Meeting approves

Chatham CPC Membership

Gary Toenniessen

Art Spruch

Alan Mowry

Bruce Beane

Nancy Barr

Karen Lattin

David Mallowes

Debbie Aikman

Ann Ryan

Megan Green

Shareen Davis

Open Space Committee

Planning Board

Housing Authority

Affordable Housing Trust

Historical Commission

Conservation Commission

Parks and Recreation Com.

Member at Large

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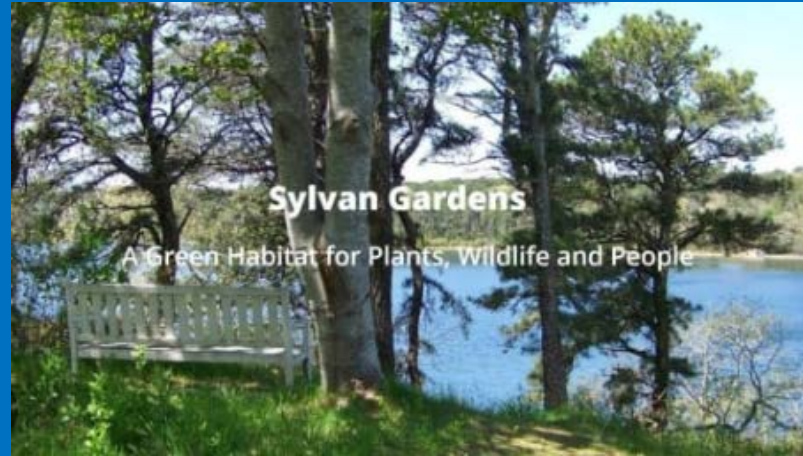
Staff Liaison

Select Board Liaison

Total Approved Funding From Chatham CPA 2002-2025

<u>Allowable area</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Community housing	57	\$9,546,885
Historic preservation	78	\$10,275,019
Open space	19	\$3,075,500
Outdoor recreation	50	\$4,625,761
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Total	204	\$27,523,165

Many Important Projects in Chatham Supported by CPA



CPA funding of over \$27 million approved for 204 projects in Chatham
Bonding is permitted and has been used by Chatham

Chatham CPA Application Process

- Updated Online Application Form available at chatham-ma.gov/562/Online-Application-Form
- Any Town agency, organization, business or individual can apply (must meet established criteria)
- Deadline for applications is November 1
- CPC reviews applications, usually meets with the applicants, sometimes does site visits, sometimes negotiates, prioritizes applications and recommends approval or declines

Chatham CPA Funds Available for 2026 Approvals

New revenues obtained in 2025

Local surcharge	\$1,195,147
MA State distribution	269,641
Earnings on investments	108,821
Other (interest, etc.)	<u>2,260</u>
Total	1,575,869

Funds available in reserves

Undesignated reserve	725,828
Open space reserve	418,000

Chatham CPA Approval Process

CPC votes to recommend or decline the application

If a majority of CPC members vote to recommend:

- *Draft warrant article is prepared*
- *Select Board casts non-binding vote*
- *Finance Committee casts non-binding vote*
- *Warrant article with votes goes to Town Meeting*

Town Meeting votes to approve or decline application

Q&A

**Open Discussion of Needs and Opportunities
in Chatham for CPA Investment**