

CPA Project Application Form

[CPC Use Only: Date Received _____ By: _____
Assigned CPC #2025- _____]

1. a.) Applicant Name and Organization: Last Funch First Paul
Organization(s) (if appropriate) Groton Trails Committee

b.) Regional Project: Yes ___? or No? X If Yes, Town/Organization: _____

2. Submission Date: January 11, 2024

3. Applicant Address: St. 92 Reedy Meadow Rd.
City/ State: Groton, MA ZIP: 01450

4. Ph. # 978-302-9854 Email: pgfunch@verizon.net

5. CPA Purpose. Check all that apply:
Community Housing___ (Affordable Housing:___) Historic Preservation*:___ Open Space:___
Recreation X

6. Town Committee or boards participating: Groton Trails Committee

7. Project Location/Address: Throughout Town of Groton

8. Project Name: Tools and Equipment for Building and Enhancing Trails

9. Additional Responsible Parties (If applicable): N/A

Role (specify)	Name	Address	Ph. (w) (cell)	Email
Property/Site Owner				
Project Manager				
Lead Architect				
Project Contractor				
Project Consultants				
Other:				
Other				

10. As appropriate, indicate if proposal requires P&S agreement ___ Deed___
Option agreement ___ Other-describe: N/A

11. a.) Assessor info. (map/ block/ lot id(s)): N/A b.) Tax classification type: _____

12. Permits required: Zoning: N/A Historic Preservation: N/A Other: as needed, if needed

13. Historic Commission Approval signoff (when required): N/A Date: _____

14 a.) Project cost \$11,640 Listed prices: X Professional quote _____

b.) Requested from CPC: \$11,640

c.) Committed from other source _____ If applicable: annual anticipated total income:
\$ _____ Annual anticipated total expense: \$ _____ Anticipated net income
(loss): \$ _____ Name of Estimator name/company: _____

15. CCP Objectives - OSRP 3.3 (open space stewardship), 5.1 (expand trail linkages), 5.4 (improve accessibility for people with disabilities)

16. Project Timelines: Proposed Start Date: 7/1/2024 Projected Complete Date: 6/30/2025

17. Estimated Delivery Date of Completion Report to CPC: 6/30/2025

18. Project description and explanation (attach additional sheets as needed):

This request for CPA funds to purchase needed special tools and equipment is not associated with any particular trail construction project(s). Rather, the special tools and equipment will be used to improve our committee's overall efficiency, and thereby our capacity, for building, repairing, and enhancing trails in the Groton Trail Network (GTN). The GTN comprises trails on land owned by non-profits (Groton Conservation Trust, New England Forestry Foundation), the Town of Groton (Groton Conservation Commission), and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Department of Conservation and Recreation). It should be noted that all GTN trails are always open to the public (except at night) and that the Trails Committee has Memoranda of Agreements (MOAs) with all landowners to perform most standard work on their trails.

The CPA funds will be used to build, repair (for safety and/or erosion control), and enhance (for safety and/or new users) trails that are used by the public. In accordance with the MOAs, we would need to obtain landowner permissions for new trails or major enhancements as well as environmental approvals, as appropriate.

According to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts CPA Project Database, projects have been funded by other towns for the same purposes as we are proposing. Specifically, Northborough (2006 and 2007), Dracut (2013), and Sturbridge (2021) have funded equipment purchases, supplies, tools, and materials that were not associated with any particular trail project.

The tools and equipment currently used by the Trails Committee are owned by individual members (battery and gas chainsaws, rakes, loppers, shovels, hedgetrimmers, weed whackers, post hole diggers, hand saws, etc.), owned by the Groton Conservation Commission (brush mower, ½ of the self-propelled leaf blower), donated by individuals and a mountain biking group (backpack leaf blower, pry bar, 3 Pulaskis, 3 McLeods), or bought with funds from the Trails Committee Gift Fund that holds donations from proceeds of the annual Groton Town Forest Trail Races (enclosed cargo trailer, pole chainsaw, gas and battery hedgetrimmer, post hole digger). By using the CPA funds, we seek to move away from our practice of having members provide their personal tools for committee work and we also want to purchase equipment that is specifically for trail work but more expensive than our donations allow us to purchase.

The tools we propose to purchase are the following: 2 gas chainsaws, cases, and safety gear (helmet, chaps, gloves); 1 battery chainsaw; 1 battery hedgetrimmer; 1 battery lawnmower; 2 spare batteries; 2 Rogue hoes; Log ox; 2 heavy duty short-tine rakes; 2 pruning saws and sheaths; 1 Bert (a wide McLeod); 2 loppers

The power equipment we propose to purchase are the following: 1 Track barrow (tracked hauler to carry/dump stuff); 1 Trencher (to dig trenches for water bars, to cut into slopes to create level trails, etc.)

We currently store our equipment, tools, and materials at committee member homes. A spreadsheet is maintained by the Trails Committee that lists all equipment and tools donated to or purchased by the Trails Committee. (These items are also labeled or marked as being the property of the Trails Committee.) Dates of purchase, costs, and serial numbers (as appropriate) are also listed on the spreadsheet. Another spreadsheet lists all purchases from the Trails Committee Gift Fund that is controlled by the Town Accountant and connects purchases with the individual tools and equipment that we hold. These spreadsheets will similarly be used to account for the expenditures of CPA funds for tools and equipment.

We have received approval from the Groton Town Manager (Mark Haddad) and the Parks Commission to use one bay of the "shed" on the Town Field behind the Groton Public Library for storing all our tools, equipment, and materials in one central, secure location. A coded lock will be used to allow Committee members access to the shed and a sign-in sheet will be used to identify what has been removed, by whom, and when. Periodic audits will be performed by members of the Committee to ensure that all tools, equipment, and materials are accounted for over their lifecycle.

The cost of the tools and equipment we are requesting is provided below. As these items will be purchased by municipal funds, no sales taxes will be paid. The costs are retail prices obtained from on-line businesses. An additional 5% is added to the bottom line to account for potential price increases or changes that we might make in the brand/model we purchase as we obtain more information about the items or as availability changes.

Quan-tity	Item	Manu-fac-turer	Item #	Unit Price	Ship-ping	Total	Vendor
Tools							
2	PPE Kit	Stihl	Personal Protective Kit (helmet, gloves, chaps, glasses)	\$168	\$-	\$336	Ace Hardware
1	Log holder	Log OX	Log Ox 3-in-1 Forestry Multi-Tool	\$249	\$-	\$249	Log OX
2	Rogue Hoe 7" hoe/rake	Curtis	70HR54	\$89	\$17	\$195	Curtis Tools for Heroes
2	Asphalt & tar rake 17"	Razor-Back	63125	\$112		\$224	Home Depot
1	Bert (Lamberton) rake	Tools for Trails	Backslope Tools Bert	\$100	\$40	\$140	Tools for Trails
2	22.5" Professional Pruning saw	Garrett Wade	86B03.01	\$78	\$16	\$172	Garrett Wade
2	22.5" Saw sheath	Garrett Wade	86B02.05	\$65	\$-	\$130	Garrett Wade
2	Loppers, 25"	Fiskars	25" PowerGear2	\$56	\$12	\$124	Rittenhouse
1	Loppers, 32"	Fiskars	32" PowerGear	\$67	\$10	\$77	Fiskars
1	Shovel	Ace	41.5" Steel Round Digging Shovel	\$32	\$-	\$32	Ace Hardware
1	Shovel	Ace	58" Steel Round Digging Shovel	\$27	\$-	\$27	Ace Hardware
Equipment							
1	18" 7hp Trencher	DK2	OPT118	\$3,200	\$-	\$3,200	Wood Splitter Outlet
1	Track Barrow, 1100 lb capacity	Yard-Max	YD8105	\$3,000	\$150	\$3,150	Walmart

Quan-tity	Item	Manu-fac-turer	Item #	Unit Price	Ship-ping	Total	Vendor
1	Battery chainsaw 12"	Stihl	MSA 140 C-B with AK30 battery	\$370	\$-	\$370	Ace Hardware
1	Battery hedgetrimmer 24"	Stihl	HSA60 with AK10 battery	\$350	\$-	\$350	Ace Hardware
1	Battery lawnmower, self-propelled	Stihl	RMA 510V, with AP300S battery	\$800	\$-	\$800	Construction Tool Warehouse
1	Spare battery	Stihl	AK30 36V	\$160	\$-	\$160	Ace Hardware
1	Spare battery	Stihl	AP300S 36V	\$300	\$-	\$300	Ace Hardware
1	18" 450 Rancher Chainsaw with Powerbox	Husqvar-na	970515628	\$450	\$-	\$450	Safford Equipment
1	20" 460 Rancher Chainsaw	Husqvar-na	970515618	\$550	\$-	\$550	Safford Equipment
1	20" Storage case	Husqvar-na	20" Powerbox	\$50	\$-	\$50	Lowe's
			Subtotal			\$11,086	
			Inflation and risk (5%)			\$554	
			Total Request			\$11,640	

19. Feasibility: There are no impediments to purchasing the needed tools and equipment.

20. List of attachments: Pictures of Less Common Tools and Equipment

21. Additional Information:

22. Management Plan: N/A

23. Applicant Signature:  Date: 1/11/2024

LogOX 3-in-1 Forestry MultiTool
\$229.00



Curtis ROGUE HOE 7" HOE/RAKE

ITEM #: 70HR54 \$88.95



DK2 18-INCH 7 HP 208 CC TRENCHER

PRICE: \$3,199.99

MODEL NUMBER: OPT118



**YARDMAX YD8105 Track Barrow with Hydraulic Assist,
1100lb. Capacity**

The Home Depot \$3,449.00



Razor-Back 17" Asphalt and Tar Rake 78" Wood Handle

Mfg#: 63125 | SKU#: 13963125 \$132.79



BERT (Lamberton) Rake
\$79.99



Garrett Wade Professional Pruning Saw With 22-1/2 In. Blade
86B03.01 \$78.00



Sheath For 22-1/2" Pro Pruner
86B02.05 \$64.50



STIHL Personal Protective Kit

Blain # 1314772 | Mfr # 7010 871 0280 \$167.99



Husqvarna 460 Rancher Chainsaw 20"
#966048320 \$549.99

Husqvarna 450 Rancher 18 in. including Powerbox
Lowes SKU: 2250622 \$449.99



Husqvarna Powerbox Chainsaw Carrying Case

Lowes SKU: 129368899 \$51.99



Fiskars 25in PowerGear2 Lopper
\$54.24

