

Groton Conservation Commission Groton Town Hall Groton, MA 01450

Members of the CPC-

I'm writing in regards to the Groton Trails Committee's current application for CPA funding. Please accept this letter from the Groton Conservation Commission in support of CPC application for FY2025.

One of the most impressive aspects of the Town of Groton is the vast and extensive trail networks which allow for public recreation in the most beautiful protected areas in town. The Trails Committee has consistently and successfully used CPA funds in the past to enhance, maintain, create, and improve Groton's trail networks. The Trails Committee's work to keep Groton's trails well-maintained, clean, and safe for public use is something that residents greatly benefit from. Additionally, the Trails Committee is dedicated to creating access to the beautiful, but otherwise hard to reach, protected areas in Groton.

The Trails Committee is seeking CPA funding to purchase tools and equipment in order to keep up with the maintenance and improvement of Groton's trail networks and to create new trails in town. The funds will mostly be allocated towards new trail creation, improvement of existing trails (erosion control, safety, and runoff), and enhancing existing trails to make them more accessible to everyone. The Groton Conservation Commission sincerely believes that the purchase of tools and equipment for trail maintenance will greatly benefit the town and allow for continued use of the trails in Groton.

The commission unanimously supports the allocation of CPA funds to the Trail Committee for FY2025. This is clearly a worthwhile investment of CPA funds.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

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Eileen McHugh

Chair

Groton Conservation Commission