

Final

CPA Project Application Form

[CPC Use Only: Date Received 2-21-24 By: Katie Berry
Assigned CPC #2025- 12]

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

b.) Regional Project: Yes or No If Yes, Town/Organization:

2. Submission Date: February 21, 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

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):

Role (specify)	Name	Address	Phone	Email
Property/Site Owner	Multiple parcels, multiple owners	DCR, GCC, GCT, GTF, NEFF (see Sect. 18.)		
Project Manager	Paul Funch	92 Reedy Meadow Rd.	978-302-9854	pgfunch@verizon.net
Lead Architect	N/A			
Project Contractor	N/A			
Project Consultants	N/A			
Holder of Project Funds	Trails Committee Gift Fund Town Accountant – Sarah Mahoney or Patricia Dufresne	Town Hall 173 Main St. Groton, MA 01450	978-448-1107	smahoney@grotonma.gov pdufresne@grotonma.gov
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)): The tools and equipment purchased with CPA funds will be stored in the shed next to the Town Field behind the Groton Public Library. The shed is located as shown on the Assessor's Map for parcel 113-23. The parcel is owned by the Town of Groton and is located on Playground Rd. b.) Tax classification type:

12. Permits required: Zoning: N/A Historic Preservation: N/A Other: N/A

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

14. a.) Project cost: \$12,195 Listed prices: Professional quote

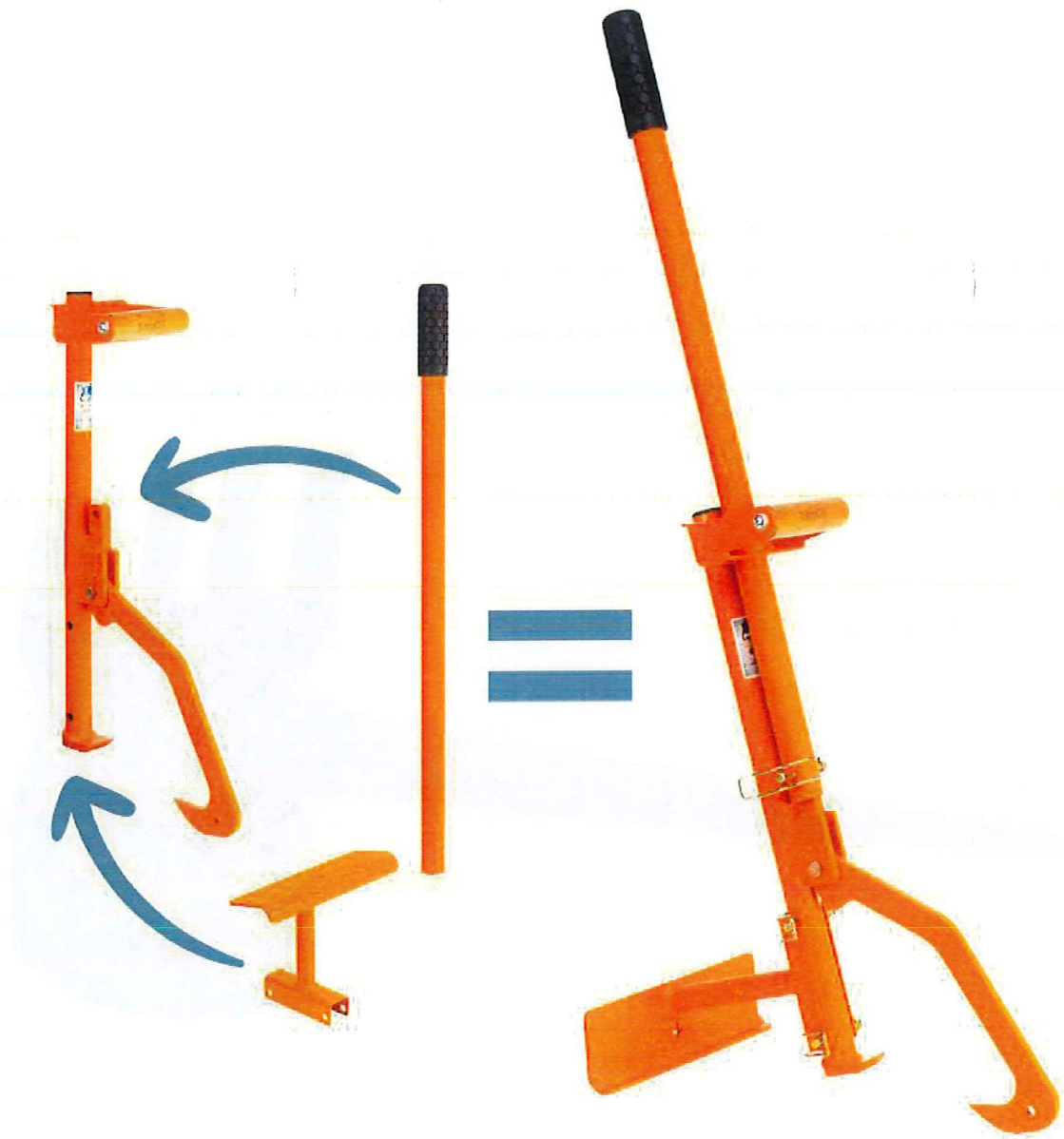
b.) Requested from CPC: \$12,195

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 costs of the tools and equipment we are requesting are provided below. As these items will be purchased using municipal funds, no sales taxes will be paid. The costs are retail prices obtained from on-line businesses. An additional 10% has been 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.

Quantity	Item	Manufacturer	Item #	Unit Price	Shipping	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 rake (Lamberton)	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

LogOX 3-in-1 Forestry MultiTool
\$229.00



DK2 18-INCH 7 HP 208 CC TRENCHER

PRICE: \$3,199.99

MODEL NUMBER: OPT118



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

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



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



STIHL Personal Protective Kit

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



Husqvarna Powerbox Chainsaw Carrying Case

Lowes SKU: 129368899 \$51.99





Town Manager
Mark W. Haddad

TOWN OF GROTON

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Destination Groton Committee

Gregory M. Sheldon, *Chair*
Jeff Gordon, *Vice Chair*
Julie Platt, *Clerk*
Joni Parker Roach, *Member*
Brian Bolton, *Member*



January 4, 2024

Mr. Russell Burke, Chair
Community Preservation committee
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Re: Support for Trails Committee \$11,275 grant request

Dear Community Preservation Committee Members:

At our January 3, 2024, the Destination Groton Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to submit this letter of support for the Trails Committees grant request for \$11,275.00 before the Community Preservation Commission (CPC).

The funds will purchase special tools and equipment to be used to improve the Trails Committee's overall efficiency and capacity for building, repairing, and enhancing trails in the Groton Trail Network (GTN).

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Trails Committee, The Destination Groton Committee assisted in securing a \$15,000 State appropriation for improving signage on our Town trails. We are pleased to submit this letter of support to further the mission and success of the Trails Committee into the future.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Sheldon

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Chair



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Rebecca H. Pine, *Member*
Matthew F. Pisani, *Member*

Town Manager
Mark W. Haddad

December 14, 2023

Community Preservation Committee
Groton Town Hall
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

RE: Groton Trails Committee
CPC – Tools and Equipment for Building and Enhancing Trails

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you in support of the Groton Trails Committee application to the Community Preservation Committee seeking funding for special tools and equipment. I believe that this investment is crucial for improving the committee's overall efficiency and capacity in maintaining the extensive trail system in Groton.

The trail system in Groton brings immense value to our community. The trails not only provide a place for exercise and recreation but also serve as a connection to nature, promoting mental well-being and fostering a sense of community. It is evident that the Trails Committee plays a vital role in preserving and enhancing this valuable asset. By providing the Trails Committee with the necessary tools and equipment, they can carry out their responsibilities more effectively. These resources will enable the Committee to address maintenance issues promptly and efficiently, ensuring that our trails remain safe and accessible for all residents and visitors.

Moreover, investing in specialized tools and equipment will enhance the committee's capacity to undertake larger-scale projects. With the right resources at their disposal, they can tackle trail improvements, such as repairing erosion damage and clearing fallen trees, with greater ease. This will enhance the overall trail experience. Investing in the Trails Committee aligns perfectly with the spirit of the Community Preservation Act as it directly contributes to the preservation and enhancement of our natural environment.

I respectfully request that Committee approve this application and present it to the voters for funding at the 2024 Spring Town Meeting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

MWH/rjb



P.O. Box 395
Groton, MA 01450

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December 15, 2023

Mr. Russell Burke, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
Town of Groton
173 Main St.
Groton, MA 01450
Via Email: communitypreservation@grotonma

Re: Letter of Support for the Groton Trails Committee's Application 2025-12: Tools and Equipment for Building and Enhancing Trails

Dear Mr. Burke,

This letter is to express the enthusiastic support of the Groton Conservation Trust (GCT) for the Groton Trails Committee's application to the Community Preservation Committee for financial support to acquire tools and equipment to expand and maintain trails in Groton. GCT supports this request because it believes that access to the out-of-doors is beneficial to people and Groton's trail system provides this access for the citizens of Groton and for people from around the region. GCT also supports this application because the Trust benefits from the efforts of the Groton Trail Committee and the requested equipment would make those efforts much more effective. As noted in the application, Community Preservation Act funds have been used for similar purposes by other communities.

Several of GCT's trustees and members regularly participate in the Groton Trail Committee's maintenance and construction efforts. We appreciate the tremendous effort put in by the volunteers from Groton and surrounding communities. We also know that many of the tools used are individually owned and, therefore, often of limited availability. We also see that some useful projects (e.g., trailing grading and leveling in remote locations) are beyond the practical capability of the volunteers without tools like those requested. The equipment requested will allow for new and better maintained trails in town.

That being outside provides both physical and mental health benefits is widely recognized. It is acknowledged in Groton's Community Preservation Plan objectives to expand trail linkages, improve access to trails including to those with disabilities, and provide stewardship for open

spaces. This grant will facilitate new trails that would otherwise be extremely difficult to create as well as trails that are more easily passable and better minimize environmental impacts.

GCT benefits from the work of the Groton Trails Committee by its careful construction and maintenance of trails on its lands. Award of this grant will advance GCT's goals of public land access while preventing trail erosion and other environmental issues. Groton is fortunate to have a wealth of conserved land, nearly all of it allowing public access. We are also very fortunate to have the degree of cooperation and mutual aid between the several conservation organizations including other town organizations such as the Groton Conservation Commission. The Groton Trails Committee is a critical part of that network and this grant will help the broader group of organizations and the people of Groton.

In summary, GCT believes that the request for trail construction and maintenance equipment is an excellent candidate for a grant from the Community Preservation Committee. It will be of clear benefit to members of our community and will contribute to one of the major factors that makes Groton a destination and a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please call me at 978.337.5935 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Gerath', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Gerath
President, Groton Conservation Trust

cc: Paul Funch, Groton Trails Committee



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,

Eileen McHugh
Chair
Groton Conservation Commission



NEW ENGLAND
FORESTRY
FOUNDATION

January 10, 2024

Attn: Katie Berry, Inter-Departmental Administrative Assistant
Community Preservation Committee
Groton Town Hall
Groton, MA 01450

Dear CPC,

I am writing from New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) in support of the Groton Trails Committee's "Tools and Equipment for Building and Enhancing Trails" FY2025 funding request. NEFF owns approximately 884 acres across four community forests in Groton with over 10 miles of trails. NEFF properties are open to the public for a range of passive recreational activities, including hiking, dog walking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and horseback riding. NEFF relies on the stewardship work of the Groton Trails Committee to keep trails open and in good condition for public access and recreation.

Well-constructed, sustainable trails minimize erosion, require less maintenance over time, protect and enhance the conservation values of the NEFF forestland, and provide opportunities for positive experiences in nature. A maxim of trail work is "use the right tool for the job." An improved tool/equipment supply managed by the Trails Committee will allow them to do necessary work efficiently and well for a community benefit. For these reasons NEFF supports the allocation of requested funds to the Groton Trails Committee.

Sincerely,

Beth Gula
Stewardship Manager

CC: Paul Funch, Groton Trails Committee