

Appendix A – CPA Preliminary Proposal

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1-A Applicant Information

Last Name: Steeves	First Name: Charlotte
Organization(s)(as appropriate) Groton Conservation Commission	

1-B Regional Project? YES NO If YES, Town/Organization:

2 Submission Date: 9 October 2024

3 Applicant Address

Street: 173 Main Street	City: Groton	State: MA	Zip: 01450
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4 Phone: 978-448-1106 Email: csteeves@grotonma.gov

5 CPA Purpose (Check all that apply)

Affordable Housing: <input type="checkbox"/>	Community Housing: <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Preservation: <input type="checkbox"/>
Open Space: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recreation: <input type="checkbox"/>	

As per MA General Law Chapter 44B, proposed historic projects that are not on the structures listed on the state's Registry of Historic Places require a determination by the Groton Historic Commission that the proposed project is of historic significance.

6 Project Address/Property Owner's Name: N/A

7 Project Name: Conservation Fund 2026

8 Community Preservation Plan Objectives – Use codes from SECTION 5 to indicate all that apply

Community Preservation Plan: 5.1.1
Open Space and Recreation Plan: 9.1.1, 9.2.1, 9.3.1, 9.4.1, 9.5.1, 9.5.2, 9.7.1


9 Proposal Basic Description

The Groton Conservation Commission is applying for CPA funds for the purpose of Open Space acquisition. The Commission is requesting \$400,000.00. Ever since Groton adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2004, the Conservation Commission has relied on CPA funds to maintain the Town's Conservation Fund at a viable level. Historically, the Conservation Fund has been used by the Commission to purchase Conservation Restrictions, Agricultural Preservation Restrictions and fee simple purchases of land within the Town of Groton. These purchases have helped the Town meet specific goals identified in its 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan, including: "prioritize open space protection; prevent disturbance of riparian areas and wetlands and encourage infiltration, water flow; protect wildlife habitat and contiguous greenway corridors; secure preservation of priority farmland; expand trail links to connect recreational areas; acquire or reserve additional land for recreational activities; identify, preserve and commemorate historic landscapes, sites and Structures." The Conservation Fund is also used for professional services related to land acquisition such as title certifications, recording at the Registries of Deeds, real estate appraisals, surveys and other steps necessary for the completion of a purchase. The Commission gives highest priority to preserving parcels that help to maintain the Town's rural, agrarian character and sustain a healthy and diverse ecosystem. Parcels that link with contiguous protected open space; parcels that protect and preserve a greenway along the Nashua and Squannacook Rivers and their tributaries; parcels where significant wildlife or corridors have been identified; parcels that preserve a sense of Groton's agriculture heritage – all of these attributes are considered when prioritizing parcels for protection.

Initial Estimated CPA Cost

\$ 400,000

10 Signature

Applicant Signature: 	Date: 8 October 2024
Co-Applicant Signature:	Date:
Co-Applicant Signature:	Date: