

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



 IN CITY COUNCIL
Ordered:**ORDERED:**

That the City Council appropriates or reserves from the Community Preservation Act FY 2021 estimated revenues, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, for the following projects, based upon the Community Preservation Committee's recommendation, the total amount of **\$1,254,885**. The source of funds shall be FY2021 estimated revenues in the amount of **\$1,033,322.27**, the Community Preservation Fund Balance in the amount of **\$86,408.22** and the current Open Space Reserve Fund in the amount of **\$729,965.98**. Each project listed below shall be considered a separate appropriation or reservation in the amount indicated for that project. Any conditions or stipulations indicated within the Community Preservation Committee's recommendation, incorporated herein, shall be considered a condition of this appropriation and subsequent grant award.

Project #	Project Title	Applicant	Request	Final Recommended Appropriation or Reservation
1	Down Payment Assistance	Newburyport Affordable Housing Trust	\$150,000	\$150,000
2	Restoration of 1930s Maxim Fire Truck	Newburyport Fire Department	\$76,728	\$76,728
3	Newburyport Public Library Archival Center HVAC	Newburyport Public Library	\$127,575	\$127,575
4	Cushing House Cobble Courtyard Phase II	Historical Society of Old Newbury	\$30,250	\$30,250
5	Open Space Reserve Fund	Newburyport Open Space Committee	\$100,000	\$125,000 Reservation
6	Clipper City Rail Trail: Closing the Gaps	Newburyport Planning Office	\$250,000	\$250,000
7	Artichoke River Woods Watershed Land Conservation Project	Newburyport Planning Office	\$225,000	\$225,000 from Open Space Reserve Fund
8	Heritage Tree Preservation	Proprietors of Oak Hill Cemetery	\$10,000	\$10,000
9	Bartlet Mall Historic Restoration- Northwest Corner Improvements	Newburyport Parks Department and Commission	\$100,000	\$100,000
10	Perkins Park Shade	Newburyport Parks Department and Commission	\$12,062	\$12,062

Total: \$1,081,615 \$1,106,615

11	NHS Stadium Bond Payment	\$124,130
12	Cherry Hill Soccer Field Bond Payment	\$12,140
13	Administrative Costs	\$12,000

Total: \$148,270

Councillor Charles F. Tontar

Approve:
Date:

Attest:

**NEWBURYPORT COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY21 APPROPRIATIONS AND RESERVATIONS**

The Newburyport Community Preservation Committee recommends that the City Council appropriate **\$1,254,885** from Community Preservation Fund Revenues for the projects and bond payments, in the amounts, in the categories, and subject to the conditions hereinafter described.

The following CONDITIONS are common to recommended projects #1- #4 and #6-#10:

- A. Each recipient of funds is required to submit to the CPC a written report on the status of the project by each October 15, January 15, April 15 and July 15 following appropriation and until final completion of the project.
- B. If a project is not completed within twelve (12) months of appropriation, the grantee must submit a written request to the CPC for an extension of the grant. Otherwise, funds may be subject to revision and returned to Community Preservation Fund Reserves (applicable to appropriations, not to reservations).
- C. Full funding is conditioned upon the receipt of state matching funds, currently estimated to be 11.2% of local revenue, expected in November 2020.

Attached are:

- 1. A draft Council Order and table summarizing all CPC recommendations.
- 2. Recommendations for appropriation or reservation numbers 1-13, with summaries for each.
- 3. Criteria for project evaluation adopted and published by the CPC.

Estimated Community Preservation Fund Revenues available for appropriation or reservation in FY 2021 total **\$1,119,730.49**. This figure includes estimated receipts of the local CPA surcharge through fiscal year end 2021, accumulated interest, the anticipated 11.2% state matching funds expected to be received in November 2020, current uncommitted and unreserved funds, and the returned funds from completed and closed-out projects.

Applications for all projects are available for review in the Office of Planning & Development. Applications received, including those recommended for funding, are also available for viewing on the City website at the following URL: <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/community-preservation-committee> .

Respectfully submitted by:

Community Preservation Committee Members

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**PROJECT NO. 1
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE**

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$150,000 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the Newburyport Affordable Housing Trust to replenish the Down Payment Assistance Program.

The CPA category is Affordable Housing.

Project Summary: The Affordable Housing Trust created a Down Payment Assistance Program in 2010. The program is intended for lower income home buyers who can afford monthly mortgage payments, but do not have enough to pay the initial home purchase costs. The goal of the program is to increase homeownership among low and moderate income households earning no more than 80% area median income in the City of Newburyport. The Trust last received \$75,000 in CPA funding for this program in FY 2015. Currently only \$12,375 remains in this program's account. The Trust currently offers up to 10% of the purchase price up to \$15,000 for each eligible buyer to put towards down payment and/or closing costs for the purchase of deed-restricted affordable units. There have been four applicants to receive funding since the FY 2015 appropriation. Each of the applicants received \$15,000. There are currently five (5) new affordable housing units in the development pipeline (at different stages of construction) and 3 potential resales that should be coming up for sale in the next year. The Trust would like to start offering 10% of the purchase price up to \$20,000. This is the reason for the increased amount of CPA funding requested.

**PROJECT NO. 2
RESTORATION OF 1930'S MAXIM FIRE TRUCK**

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$76,728 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the Newburyport Fire Department to restore the 1930s Maxim Fire Truck.

The CPA category for this appropriation is Historic Preservation.

Project Summary: In 1938, the City of Newburyport purchased a Maxim fire engine and named it "Engine 3". Engine 3 served the City, without interruption, for over seven decades. Engine 3 was finally retired from service in 2013 and the vehicle is now used for parades and public education appearances. Since 2013, there has been restorative maintenance to the mechanical systems and the vehicle is registered, inspected and road-worthy. However, the body and cab are in need of restorative work after years of wear and corrosion. The Newburyport Fire Department will use the funds to complete a full restoration of the 1930 Maxim to use as a "living" piece of history during school programs, civic events and firefighting history events that residents, visitors, and others can see and touch and learn how far firefighting technology has come since 1930. The applicant went before the Newburyport Historical Commission and received a letter of support. The Newburyport Historical Commission also voted that the antique fire truck is a "Historic Resource" for the city.

**PROJECT NO. 3
NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY ARCHIVAL CENTER HVAC REPLACEMENT**

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$127,575 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the Newburyport Public Library for a new HVAC system.

The CPA category for this appropriation is Historic Preservation.

The applicant shall finalize, execute and record a permanent Preservation Restriction (PR) on the entire exterior facade of the structure prior to distribution of the funds. The applicant shall consult and obtain approval from the Newburyport Historical Commission (NHC) regarding the scope and details of said PR, prior to execution and

recording. The Museum of Old Newbury has agreed to hold the PR as this structure is a City owned building. These requirements shall be met before any funds are distributed to the applicant.

Project Summary: The Newburyport Public Library's HVAC system, including specialized equipment for the Archival Center, installed during the 1999-2001 building project is now almost 20 years old. This project proposes to replace the two HVAC units that control the temperature and humidity of the Archival Center of the Newburyport Public Library which are in poor condition and past their useful life. The Archival Center is a repository for local history and genealogy and its holding consist of approximately 1,200 linear feet of book and archival material relating to all aspects of Newburyport history, from its early settlement in 1635 to the modern city it is today. The applicant went before the Newburyport Historic Commission and received a letter of support since the request is for funds to acquire HVAC equipment to ensure that the center's collections are adequately protected. The Newburyport Historical Commission also determined that the Library's Archival Center collection is a "Historic Resource" for the city.

PROJECT NO. 4 CUSHING HOUSE COBBLE COURTYARD PHASE II

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$30,250 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the Historical Society of Old Newbury in order to restore and rehabilitate the cobble courtyard at the Caleb Cushing House.

The applicant shall finalize, execute and record a new permanent Preservation Restriction (PR) on the entire exterior facade of the structure to be held by the Newburyport Historical Commission (NHC) prior to distribution of funds. The applicant has consulted and obtained approval from the NHC regarding the scope and details of a new draft PR. These requirements shall be met before any funds are distributed to the applicant.

The CPA category for this appropriation is Historic Preservation.

Project Summary: The Historical Society of Old Newbury (d/b/a Museum of Old Newbury) requests a CPC grant for Phase II of restoration and rehabilitation of the cobble courtyard at the Caleb Cushing House. The project will provide barrier free access to other parts of the property including the Perkins Printing and Engraving building. The focus for this area is to provide the museum with a safe space for programs and events. Currently, the courtyard is unsafe for public access, and the resources are threatened. The uneven and undulating cobbles have been subjected to two centuries of freeze and thaw, and poor drainage undermines them. Remnants of a cistern and an old well also contribute to the ground disturbance and are a hazard. Once completed, the courtyard will have an even grade; the cobbles will be cleaned of moss and dirt and reset to provide an even but textured surface. In addition, the Massachusetts Historical Commission has endorsed the recommendation of a granite path in the center of the courtyard to provide barrier free access. The applicant went before the Newburyport Historical Commission (NHC) and received a support letter for the project. The applicant is also working towards a new Preservation Restriction and has consulted and obtained approval from the NHC regarding the scope and details of a new draft PR.

PROJECT NO. 5 OPEN SPACE RESERVE FUND

The CPC recommends \$125,000 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues be added to the Open Space Reserve Fund.

The CPA category for this reservation is Open Space.

Project Summary: Since 2014, through appropriations from the Open Space Reserve Fund, the City successfully protected 10+ acres of land on Curzon Mill Road and a significant portion of the Colby Farm land on Low Street (pending). The existence of the Reserve allowed the City to take the opportunities when they were presented. Recent CPC funding rounds have restored the Reserve to its current balance of \$729,966. (Note: The CPC voted to approve the FY21 Artichoke River Woods Watershed Conservation Project request of \$225,000 to be funded from the Open

Space Reserve Account). The OSC continues to work on conserving open space based on goals and priorities described in the City's Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan. This application is a "placeholder," with the intention of submitting supplementary application(s) about specific projects, as agreements are reached, outside funding and project partners identified, and we are otherwise able to provide the project-specific details for your consideration. No funds will be appropriated from the Open Space Reserve Fund without the CPC's review and recommendation, and City Council's approval of the specific projects.

PROJECT NO. 6 CLIPPER CITY RAIL TRAIL: CLOSING THE GAPS

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$250,000 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the City of Newburyport Office of Planning & Development to support the Clipper City Rail Trail "Phase III" project addressing part of the gap at Parker Street and State Street, as well as the "Phase II" project of the riverfront gap behind the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF).

The CPA category is Open Space and Recreation.

Project Summary: The City of Newburyport has been working on the development of a vibrant, safe, off-road Clipper City Rail Trail for a number of years, and additional work is required to close the gaps along the Merrimack River to the north and along Parker Street to the south. This CPA grant request is intended to support the "Phase III" project addressing part of the gap at Parker Street and State Street, as well as the "Phase II" project of the riverfront gap behind the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). CPA funding will play a critical role in both of these projects.

The City's Phase III project to improve the dangerous State Street-Parker Street intersection for pedestrians and bicyclists and to extend the Rail Trail 500' along Parker Street is on track to be designed and constructed this year of 2020.

At the same time, the City is moving forward on addressing the riverfront trail gap behind the WWTF, part of Phase II of the City's Rail Trail project. A contractor is currently mobilized to the site for the PCB cleanup of a portion of that corridor. Additional PCBs were unfortunately discovered during post-excavation sampling and analysis, and the City is currently initiating a second phase of excavation, transport, and disposal. Along with associated work by the City's Licensed Site Professional (LSP), these additional requirements will consume the project budget's contingency and existing grant funding for this phase of the project. Concurrently, the City's consultants Stantec and GZA have developed preliminary revised plans for the anticipated revetment, berm, and riverfront trail. The trail needs to be raised several feet above the existing grade in order to be at or above the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Base Flood Elevation levels, and the shoreline needs to be protected by a reconstructed rough faced sloped-stone revetment. The raised revetment and berm will be on land outside of the WWTF that was purchased with CPA funding with the specific objective and legal obligation to create new public recreational use.

The design phase timeline and costs of the riverfront trail gap project are dependent upon differing requirements associated with two alternate construction funding scenarios. "Plan A" has been to seek an FY21 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant to support the bulk of construction as a municipal project, along with potentially a MassTrails grant and CPA funding for the match. As of CPC deliberations, there has been no indication the MVP funding stream for FY21 grants has been compromised and the Commonwealth has released its Request for Responses (RFR) for the FY21 MVP Action Grants on schedule in late April. The MVP Grant Program requires a 25% match, and CPA funding will play a critical role in leveraging this significant construction funding. However, if that grant or grants are unsuccessful or insufficient, "Plan B" is to utilize federal and state transportation funding through the Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO), similar to the approach taken to fund construction of the Phase I and other portions of the Phase II Rail Trail projects. As of CPC deliberations, the MVMPO

was planning to vote soon to include the project on the regional five-year Transportation Improvement Plan as eligible for the federal/state transportation funding.

Currently, trail users have been detoured along busy Water Street around this gap in the trail, and while this interim on-road detour has been functional on a temporary basis during the short-term it is not a desirable long-term connection due to the narrowness of the road and its sidewalks, the direct proximity, volume, and speed of thousands of motor vehicles every day, the pinch points created by utility poses and fire hydrants, universal access concerns, and its substantial length.

PROJECT NO. 7 ARTICHOKE RIVER WOODS WATERSHED LAND CONSERVATION PROJECT

The CPC recommends an appropriation to the City of Newburyport for the proposed Artichoke River Woods Watershed Land Conservation Project in the amount of \$225,000 be funded with the Open Space Reserve Account.

The CPA category is Open Space and Recreation.

Project Summary: The Artichoke River Woods Watershed Land Conservation project will protect 38 acres of pristine woodland adjacent to Newburyport's Artichoke Reservoir drinking water supply. This CPA grant application is to support purchase of a Conservation Restriction. The subject property is threatened by development. Appraisers have determined that the 38-acre property is developable with a 1,600-foot long subdivision road and 10-13 houses. Conservation of the property will ensure that the land is forever managed and protected for drinking water, climate change resiliency, wildlife habitat, intact forests, scenic landscapes, and outdoor public passive recreation. The Artichoke Reservoir is part of the interconnected surface water reservoirs that provide 86% of Newburyport's drinking water. Protecting this property from residential development provides valuable benefits to the public water supply by averting the threats inherent in septic systems, household hazardous waste, and pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers associated with lawns. Maintaining watershed land as forests reduces stormwater runoff and prevents flood risks, lowers summer air and water temperatures, and cuts streambank erosion and resulting sediment and nutrient contamination, all of which lessen the need for upgrading costly water treatment facilities and infrastructure. This project complements the City's current resource planning and management.

This watershed land conservation project is a partnership of the City of Newburyport, the Essex County Greenbelt Association, the Town of West Newbury, and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The property will be preserved in perpetuity with a Conservation Restriction co-held by the City of Newburyport, The Town of West Newbury, and MA DCR, and the restricted fee simple interest will be owned by Greenbelt. Agreement has been reached with the landowners to acquire the property for a total of \$985,000. The appraised value of the property is \$1,240,000. The cost of the acquiring the property will be shared as following – EOEEA Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant (\$300,000), West Newbury Community Preservation Committee (\$175,000), MA DCR (\$175,000), Greenbelt (\$145,071 and transaction costs) and City of Newburyport CPA (\$225,000). The City owns adjacent watershed land in West Newbury.

PROJECT NO. 8 HERITAGE TREE PRESERVATION

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$10,000 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the Proprietors of Oak Hill Cemetery for the Heritage Trees of Oak Hill preservation project.

The CPA category is Open Space and Historic Preservation

Project Summary: The Heritage Trees of Oak Hill Cemetery are some of the largest and oldest in Newburyport. The rural garden cemetery was designed by interested citizens including Edward Strong Moseley, who guided staff in planting over 260 species of shrubs, trees, and flowers during the 1860's. Today, most of these plantings are gone

but some trees remain from the late 1800's and are in need of immediate critical care. There are over 100 trees that are at least 125 years old and the mixture of species is one of the most impressive in northern New England according to the late arborist Jeff Ott of Northeast Shade Tree. Ghlee Woodworth has raised over \$100,000 during the past 12 years to fund: Brown Chapel restoration, heritage tree preservation (CPC \$35,000), gravestone restoration, and tree planting. The CPC grants of 2009 and 2010 preserved over 60 heritage trees. In the following years this preservation work prevented massive tree destruction and gravestone damage during wind storms. During the next 10 years, over 50 trees could be lost due to disease and deterioration seriously affecting natural scenic views and wildlife habitats. The Proprietors of Oak Hill Cemetery will continue to preserve one of the most impressive tree stands in the community and northern New England. Additional funding will assist this goal of preservation. Going forward, the plan is for arborists to walk through the cemetery in October 2020 to make recommendations for tree and/or branch removal based on safety and tree health.

PROJECT NO. 9
BARTLET MALL HISTORIC RESTORATION- NORTHWEST CORNER IMPROVEMENTS

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$100,000 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the Newburyport Parks Department and Commission for a portion of the Bartlet Mall Park Restoration project.

The CPA category for this reservation is Recreation.

Project Summary: The Bartlet Mall Park Restoration project is a phased project that will restore, preserve and protect the historic integrity of Bartlet Mall according to the original plans of landscape architect Charles Eliot. The portions of work which currently make up this funding request are indicated in the list below:

- Restoring the historic driveway access to Frog Pond from Auburn Street;
- Returning the pedestrian promenade with trees extending the promenade to Auburn Street;
- Renovating the play area (today's renovation of the playground located there will create a fully inclusive recreational space);
- Finishing construction begun in 1887 by the Mall Improvement Association to form steep slopes at the northwest corner of the park to support a raised recreational area.

PROJECT NO. 10
PERKINS PARK SHADE

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$12,062.25 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the Newburyport Parks Department and Commission for a new Perkins Park shade structure.

The CPA category for this reservation is Recreation.

Project Summary: The Newburyport Parks Department plans to install a shade structure at Perkins Park, a popular south end park with playground, tennis court, basketball courts, and ball field. The park is used by neighbors, little league and by Newburyport Youth Services for their spring and summer recreational programming. Shade has long been requested by Youth Services to support their programming.

PROJECT NO. 11
NEWBURYPORT HIGH SCHOOL WORLD WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD PROJECT BOND DEBT
PAYMENT

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$124,130 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the City of Newburyport for the fifth annual payment of interest and principal on the World War Memorial Stadium Multi-Purpose Field Project Bond.

The CPA category is Recreation.

Project Summary: In April 2014, the City Council authorized bonding up to \$1,500,000 against future CPA revenue for the renovation and improvement of the Newburyport High School's World War Memorial Stadium athletic field. Debt payments on the bond will continue through 2030. The CPC is advised that it is necessary to appropriate the debt service payments annually.

PROJECT NO. 12
CHERRY HILL PARCEL B SOCCER FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BOND DEBT PAYMENT

The CPC recommends the appropriate of \$12,140 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to the City of Newburyport for the fifth annual payment of interest and principal on the Cherry Hill Parcel B Soccer Field Improvement Project Bond.

The CPA category is Recreation.

Project Summary: In April 2014, the City Council authorized the bonding of up to \$134,000 against future CPA revenue for the redesign and construction of the Cherry Hill Parcel B athletic field. Debt payments on the bond will continue through 2030. The CPC is advised that it is necessary to appropriate the debt service payments annually.

PROJECT NO. 13
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$12,000 from the FY 2021 Estimated Revenues to fund the Community Preservation Committee's anticipated administrative costs. These costs include a stipend for the CPC administration liaison position in the Office of Planning & Community Development, annual membership dues in the statewide community preservation coalition, and other recurring expenses including note taking at meetings, legal advertising, and city solicitor review of legal documents when necessary. Excess funds remaining in this account at the end of the fiscal year revert to the general Community Preservation Fund.

The CPA category for this appropriation is Administration.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Newburyport Community Preservation Committee gives preference to proposals which address as many of the following general criteria as possible:

1. Eligible for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding according to the requirements described in the CPA legislation (Chapter 44B of Mass. General Laws).
2. Consistent with the Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, Land Use and other planning documents that have received public scrutiny and input.
3. Preserve and enhance the essential character of the city.
4. Protect resources that would otherwise be threatened.
5. Serve more than one CPA purpose or demonstrate why serving multiple needs is not feasible.
6. Demonstrate practicality and feasibility, and that the project can be implemented within budget and on schedule.
7. Produce an advantageous cost/benefit value.
8. Leverage additional public and/or private funds (eg. qualify the project for additional grants from other sources) or receive partial funding from other sources and/or voluntary contributions of goods or services.
9. Preserve or improve utility of currently owned city assets.
10. Receive endorsement by other municipal boards or departments and broad-based support from community members.

CATEGORY SPECIFIC CRITERIA

The Community Preservation Act funds three key community interests: open space, historic preservation, and affordable housing. Public recreation projects may also be funded.

1. **Open Space** proposals which address as many of the following specific criteria as possible will receive preference for funding:
 - Permanently protect important wildlife habitat, particularly areas that include:
 - locally significant biodiversity;
 - variety of habitats with a diversity of geologic features and types of vegetation;
 - Endangered habitat or species of plant or animal.
 - Preserve active agricultural use.
 - Provide opportunities for passive recreation and environmental education.
 - Protect or enhance wildlife corridors, promote connectivity of habitat or prevent fragmentation of habitats.
 - Provide connections with existing trails, protected open space or potential trail linkages.
 - Preserve scenic views.
 - Border a scenic road.
 - Protect drinking water quantity and quality.
 - Provide flood control/storage.
 - Preserve and protect important surface water bodies, including streams, wetlands, vernal pools or riparian zones.
 - Buffer for protected open space, or historic resources.
2. **Historic Preservation** proposals which address as many of the following criteria as possible will receive preference for funding:

- Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate historic, cultural, architectural or archaeological resources of significance, especially those that are threatened.
- Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate city-owned properties, features or resources of historical significance.
- Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate the historical function of a property or site.
- Demonstrates a public benefit.
- Ability to provide permanent protection for the historic resource.

3. Affordable Housing proposals which address as many of the following criteria as possible will receive preference for funding:

- Contribute to the goal of 10% affordability as defined by chapter 40B of Mass. General Laws.
- Promote a socioeconomic environment that encourages a diversity of income.
- Provide housing that is harmonious in design and scale with the surrounding community.
- Intermingle affordable and market rate housing at levels that exceed state requirements for percentage of affordable units pursuant to chapter 40B.
- Ensure long-term affordability.
- Address the needs of range of qualified household, including very low, low and low-to moderate income families and individuals.
- Provide affordable rental and affordable ownership opportunities.
- Promote use of existing buildings or construction on previously-developed or city-owned sites.
- Convert market rate to affordable units.

4. Recreation proposals which address as many of the following criteria as possible will receive preference for funding:

- Support multiple recreation uses.
- Serve a significant number of residents.
- Expand the range of recreational opportunities available to city residents of all ages.
- Jointly benefit Conservation Commission and Parks Commission initiatives by promoting recreation, such as hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing.
- Maximize the utility of land already owned by city (e.g. school property).
- Promote the creative use of railway and other corridors to create safe and healthful non-motorized transportation opportunities.