

TOWN OF DEERFIELD

DEERFIELD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

CPA Funding Application

Applications Due: November 1, 2025

APPLICATION FORM

Title of proposal KING PHILIP ISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN CREATION

Name and address of individual or organization submitting application ____

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Category (check all that apply) **Open Space** **Recreation** **Community Housing**
 Historic Preservation

CPA Funds requested \$ ____ 550.00 ____ * A detailed, documented proposal for costs including a budget and professional estimates should be included in order for application to be deemed complete.

__ You have submitted the Capital Improvements Committee form required when you seek more than \$10,000.

Summary of Proposal

The island at the end of King Philip Ave is not town maintained on a regular basis. In 9 years that I have lived here it was cleaned one time in May 2025. It is frequented only by dog owners and its primary function is a dog potty facility. I'd like to see this converted to a usable and pleasant space for our neighbors and something that is visually appealing and brings neighbors together.

Supporting documentation (all may not apply, please list and number each attachment):

_ Property location

- The property is at the end of King Philip Ave in the cul de sac. It is a large island with a massive pine tree and a lot of pine debris.

_ Budget (projected revenues; purchase price, construction costs).

- Initial budget would be used for compost/loam material to enhance the soil (\$300) and mulch (\$250)
- The newly planted plants will require to establish new plants. I'm not sure how to request a credit for this water usage. I need to include this for consideration purposes. I was planning to use my home as the primary water source.

_ Timeline with major milestones.

- August 2025 – clearing and cleaning several decades of debris to prepare for planting
- September/October 2025 – plant several varieties of plants
- October/November 2025 – add benches (I have two benches I was going to clean/renew and donate).

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE- ALL CATEGORIES

NOTE: Respond to ALL questions, and expand as necessary with attached pages. Do not delete any questions in this Questionnaire or the Category Questionnaire. Non-applicable questions should be answered with "N/A". Incomplete applications may result in ineligibility for consideration for the current cycle.

1. How would your proposal realize visions and goals set out in our Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan?
 - This would create an open and usable space for the neighbors to recreate, a resting spot for dog walkers, and others, a beautification of a current eyesore.
2. How would your proposal preserve the character of Deerfield?
 - It is visually appealing which is what the neighbors expect.
3. Explain what other sources of funding you are pursuing, if any, to match the CPA Funds you are requesting. N/A
4. If your proposal requires urgent action, explain why.
 - The land has been cleared of scrub on 8/3, and is presently being cleaned of decades of pine debris and invasive weeds.
5. If your proposal serves a currently under-served population, explain how. N/A
6. If your proposal preserves a threatened resource, explain how. N/A
7. Does your proposal fit within the current zoning, environmental, building, and other regulations? Yes, it's a proposed flower garden with benches.

8. If your proposal would require ongoing support for upkeep, explain the projected means to provide maintenance once CPA funds have been spent.

- I would provide the necessary upkeep with little required from the town. I do expect that water usage make continue to be required as we continue to add new plantings over time, or experience extreme drought conditions.

9. If your proposal involves currently-owned Town assets, explain which ones. N/A

10. What community support does your proposal have?

- N/A – I will work with Carin Nelson and can seek community support and further ideas if needed.

11. If any Town boards or committees support your proposal, provide written endorsements. N/A

12. How would the proposal meet all requirements for disability accessibility?

- All abilities can access the space

13. If your proposal will reclaim abandoned or previously developed resources, please explain.

- The town has largely left this spot unmaintained and has been maintained by the homeowners in the cul de sac for many years.

14. Is there is a volunteer component to your proposal, which could offset the need for CPA funds, what volunteer activities have been completed or pledged and by whom?

- It is primarily a volunteer/community effort. Myself and Carin Nelson will clear and provide the initial plants from our gardens (seeds, plants, etc.)

15. How will this proposal conserve energy or other resources?

- By planting a primarily perennial garden it will reduce the need to constant upkeep and mowing while improving the beautification of this vacant spot.
- Some initial water resources mentioned earlier will be required for establishing the plants.

16. What considerations does your proposal include for vehicle and bicycle parking?

- There is adequate space for both.

17. What considerations does your proposal include for public transportation? N/A

Category: **OPEN SPACE QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. Does your proposal address land within a delineated wellhead protection area? N/A
2. Would your proposal enhance protection of a public water supply? N/A
3. Is wetland protection a consideration? N/A
4. Is vernal pool protection a consideration? N/A
5. Is stream and bank protection an issue? N/A
6. Does your proposal involve land in a Natural Heritage Endangered Zone? N/A
7. If your proposal would contribute to the establishment or preservation of forested land:
 - a) What is the current status of the forest? N/A
 - b) When was the most recent logging and was it done subject to a forest management plan? N/A
8. If your proposal would preserve farmland, how is the land currently being used? N/A
9. Would your proposal protect other parcels of land? N/A
10. Does your proposal address land which abuts protected land? N/A
11. Does it address land which supports a significant wildlife habitat? N/A
12. Does it address land that is at risk for development or is it listed for sale? N/A
13. Did this land have a past proposal for development? N/A
14. What is the historic significance of the land addressed in your proposal? N/A
15. Are there any old building foundations located on the land? N/A
16. Does the land addressed in your proposal have any old roads, trails, cart paths, or scenic vistas? N/A
17. Are there any active or passive recreation possibilities associated with this land? Not currently – with the exception of this request.
18. Is the land addressed in your proposal suitable for a community garden or farm? Yes
19. Is it suitable for nature observation and educational programs? It could be
20. Does the owner have clear title to the property? N/A
21. Is the owner willing to have a permanent restriction attached to the property? N/A

Category: **RECREATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

NOTE: *If this recreation project is for land, please complete the “Open Space” questionnaire also.*

1. What age groups would benefit from your proposal? ALL

2. How many people could use the recreation resource at once? I'M NOT SURE

3. Could the proposed recreation project be used for more than one activity (multi-use)?
Yes

4. Could the recreation project be used by young people who are unsupervised by an adult?
Yes

5. In what ways would the proposed project protect and/or endanger Deerfield's natural resources? N/A

6. What town resources (Highway Department, for example) would be needed for maintenance?

- Maybe once a year to support removal of pine needles and debris for an hours worth of time.

7. What are the anticipated costs for annual operations and maintenance for the project and what sources of funding would be utilized to fund those costs?

- After initial start up I wouldn't expect much in terms of costs/maintenance since most of this is my labor, and plants I rescue from Lowes.

8. In what ways might the proposed recreation project increase appreciation for Deerfield's resources?

- I think the neighbors who utilize King Philip Ave as a quiet walking, running, cycling route would enjoy seeing that a newly formed space has taken shape and it may encourage young people to actively participate fostering more community.

9. During what times of the year could the recreation project be used?

- All year

10. How would the proposed recreation project match the character of the surrounding areas? N/A

11. How would you ensure that all safety considerations are addressed?

- Regular maintenance will keep the area free of hazards. It's presently a mess of tree roots and invasive vines that are hazards when walking.

12. Does the proposed recreation project meet all building and safety codes? N/A

13. Does the proposal take advantage of connections to other recreation resources? N/A

14. Does the project include provisions and costs for parking and traffic control? N/A