

**Town of Nahant
Community Preservation Committee**



Grant Application FY 2024

Applicant:

Applicant's address and phone number:

TOWN OF Nahant
334 NAHANT RD
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Town committee or board (if applicable):

Application Purpose:

(please select all that apply)

- ☒ Open Space
☐ Community Housing
☐ Historic Preservation
☒ Recreation

1) Project Name: Kelly Greens Tree Planting and recreational upgrades

2) Project Description: Kelly Green's golf course has experienced a significant loss of trees over the recent years. Planting new trees in this area will provide multiple benefits including:

- Wildlife habitat and biodiversity
- Reduce climate change impact and provide carbon sequestration
- Soil/Turf protection
- Water conservation and improvement of water quality
- Reduce liability by providing protection to people in the area
- Reduce noise and provide shade coverage

The cost of purchasing mature trees with at least a 2.5'' caliber trunk and having them planted is about \$1,000/each. The Town would like to purchase and plant 10 to 15 trees around the course.

Additionally, the Town would like to restore the historical pedestrian bridge at bear pond and make other property upgrades in the area to improve the open space and recreational characteristics. The purchase and installation of additional pedestrian/golf cart bridges throughout the course would help restore the flow of storm and groundwater creating a healthy ecosystem of a valuable open/recreational space in Nahant. The restoration of the existing pedestrian bridge at bear pond is estimated to cost \$10,000 and new

pedestrian/golf cart bridge is estimated to cost \$5,000 each. The Town would like to restore the open flow of ground and storm water in 5+ locations.

3) Grant Amount Requested: \$50,000

4) Contribution to the preservation Nahant's unique character:

Having a healthy existence of trees on the island of Nahant has been recorded throughout our Town's history. It is said that trees were cleared from the island in the 17th century to make room for farmers and their grazing animals.

Also, Kelly Greens golf course has a long history dating back to the first World War, when the U.S. Army took over the spot to use it as a base. The site was demolished twice — once during World War I and again in World War II — before it was remodeled into the version residents are familiar with today.

This project may include some interpretive signs in the area of Bear Pond to help tell the history of the property and the benefits it provides the Town of Nahant today.

5) Planning Context: Is the project part of a general Town planning study (e.g. Open Space and Recreational Plan, Master Plan etc.)? If so, when was the plan prepared and who has approved the plan?

_____ Is **NOT** part of a Program Plan

X **Is** part of a Program Plan prepared on _____ and approved by Open Space Plan, Tree Task Force, and Lowlands stormwater analysis

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6) Evaluation Criteria: Provide a brief description of how this project meets as many of the selection criteria as may be applicable. Refer to Selection Criteria attached as Appendix A (Page 10).

I will copy and paste the criteria that apply and provide responses:

- How will the proposed project contribute to the preservation of Nahant's unique character and enhance our quality of life?
-Investing in Nahant's open space and recreational areas in ways like this application is requesting provides a multitude of benefits through the experience of utilizing the space, through the environmental benefits to our land and air, and through the improved stormwater management that will positively impact the golf course land and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Is the proposed project consistent with town planning documents that have received wide input and scrutiny?
-The Open Space and Recreational plan discussed the importance of adding trees across our community. In this particular case, adding trees in strategic locations will also provide benefits to the abutting properties such as the recreational fields and courts on Flash Road.

-The Lowlands stormwater analysis speaks to the importance of improving the flow of ground and stormwater to bear pond. The ditch network throughout the golf course includes culverts and underground piping. By opening these areas and installing pedestrian/cart bridges, it will improve the recreational elements of the course while also providing a town-wide benefit of stormwater management.
- Is the proposed project feasible?
-Yes. Planting trees will be done through the coordination of the Tree Task Force, DPW, Kelly Greens management team, and Conservation Commission.
- How "time sensitive" is the project? Is it urgent?
-This project is urgent because of the number of trees that have been lost over recent years and it will take a significant amount of time for new trees to become fully established. The improvements to Bear Pond and the ditch system will provide immediate significant stormwater impacts.
- In general, will the project serve multiple needs?
Yes- see above
- Specifically, will the project serve more than one CPA category (*i.e.* affordable housing, open space, historic preservation or recreation)?

Yes- this project will serve the open space and recreational categories of the CPA. The restoration of the bear pond pedestrian bridge is not quite historical but certainly an element of our community that has not been restored in many years.

- Does the project have demonstrated community support?
-Yes because both the Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Lowlands stormwater analysis has gone through robust public processes.
- Will the project preserve currently owned town assets?
-Yes, all areas impacted by these improvements are Town owned.

7) Estimated Cost and Schedule:

Attach cost estimates for construction projects and state how costs were derived.

		Single Year Projects - Anticipated Costs				
Project Timeline	Fiscal Year*	Stipend Request Guideline #3	Professional Services	Total of CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources	Total Cost
	2024		35,000	50,000		50,000
Sub Totals						
					Total	50,000

If your project is expected to continue over **more than one year**, detail the project's cost on the following chart (explanation may be attached on a separate sheet).

		Multiple Year Projects - Anticipated Costs				
Project Timeline	Fiscal Year*	Stipend Request Guideline #3	Professional Services	Total of CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources	Total Cost
Prior year						
First year						
2nd year						
3rd year						
4th year						
Sub Totals						
Project Total						

* **Note:** The fiscal year begins on July 1 of a given year and ends on June 30 of the following year.

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Other Funding Sources: Include total amount and all funding sources including any potential grants or gifts. List all sources approached even if denied funds.

List of independent funding sources		
Funding Source		Amount of Grant / Gift
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
Total		

8) For Acquisition projects, attach appraisals and agreements, if available. Please indicate name of present owner and attach a copy of most recent deed. In addition to property address, please provide Nahant assessor's office identification (Map, Block and Lot number).

9) Coordination: If the project is dependent upon one or more other projects, identify them and indicate what the relationship(s) are among the projects. If the project is not dependent upon, but should be linked to one or more other projects, identify them and indicate the proposed relationship.

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10) Previous Town Meeting Action: If the project has previously been included in the Warrant of a Town Meeting, indicate the year, warrant article number, and Town Meeting action.

11) Project Priority: If you are submitting applications for more than one project, indicate the priority of this project recognizing that your most important project may not be needed or be ready for action until two or three years from now.

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12) Time Sensitivity: Describe any time sensitive critical issues that may impact the ability to protect the resource or otherwise impact schedule and/or grant making decisions.

13) Contingency Planning: What are the consequences if CPA funding is not available for the current fiscal year? Describe alternate plans for temporary stabilization, long term solution.

If this application is not approved, the Town will apply for this funding again next year.

APPENDIX A
TOWN OF NAHANT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT
SELECTION CRITERIA

The Community Preservation Committee requires that all proposed projects be eligible for CPA funding according to the requirements described in the state's CPA statute. In addition, the following questions include the criteria, as applicable, that the Committee will use to assess proposed projects.

- How will the proposed project contribute to the preservation of Nahant's unique character and enhance our quality of life?
- Is the proposed project consistent with town planning documents that have received wide input and scrutiny?
- Is the proposed project feasible?
- How "time sensitive" is the project? Is it urgent?
- Is the cost of this project proportionate to its objectives?
- In general, will the project serve multiple needs?
- Specifically, will the project serve more than one CPA category (*i.e.* affordable housing, open space, historic preservation or recreation)?
- Does the project have demonstrated community support?
- Will the project preserve currently owned town assets?
- Will the project involve the acquisition and/or protection of threatened resources?
- Will the project involve multiple sources of funding, or will it leverage other public and/or private funding sources or in-kind services?
- If multiple sources of funding are involved, are commitments from other sources documented?
- Will this project stimulate other public/private projects in Nahant?

As the law requires, Town Meeting must approve all Community Preservation Committee funding recommendations.

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For Community Preservation Committee Use

Received on:

Associated Town Committee:

Reviewed on:

Determination: