

TOWN OF SUDBURY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM**

Submitter: Sudbury Historical Commission

Submission Date: December 19, 2007

Group or Committee Affiliation (if any):

Submitter's address and phone number:

Purpose (please select all that apply):

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- Open Space
- Community Housing
- XX Historic
- Recreation

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Project Name: Military Training Field Archaeological Survey

Project Description: This proposal requests funding in the amount of \$10,000 to conduct an archaeological survey of the Town-owned military training field located on Old County Road in Sudbury. The parcel is 3 acres in size and was laid out as a training field in 1713 for government storehouses for the West Side Militia drill where gun powder supplies were stored for the Revolutionary War. All manner of stores were dispersed from here when the British began to march westward in 1775 and 1776. The present companies of Sudbury Minute and Militia have trained here and were pictured in the local newspaper in May of 2005.

This is one of the oldest historical sites still in existence in Sudbury, having been first mentioned in Town Meeting records on February 13, 1687. The Town became its official owner in Article 33 of the April 1926 Town Meeting as presented by Forrest Bradshaw.

This property is under the watchful eye of the SHC and in 2007 over \$3,000 was budgeted for the clearing of the small trees and brush from the property which was accomplished by late spring. An \$800 kiosk was installed with the history and maps. The plans for 2008 are to install 20 feet of split rail fence, crushed stone in front of the original stone marker and reseeding of 2 acres. The Mass. Historical Commission has advised this survey be completed before the ground is disturbed, due to its historical importance. All documentation will be sent to Mass. Historical Commission, as well as be on record with the Town.

The Commission is presently soliciting bids from qualified archaeological firms for this project. Duncan Richie, from Public Archeological Laboratory, has given the initial price estimate.

Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount and source)
2008	\$10,000	\$10,000	
2009			
2010			
2011			
2012			
Total	\$10,000	\$10,000	

How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects?  
*See attached*

Does this project fall within the jurisdiction or interest of other Town Boards, Committees or Departments? If so, please list the boards, committees or departments, whether applications and/or presentations have been made, and what input or recommendations have been given.

*The Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, as property manager's for the Town, are aware of the Commission's interest and continuing efforts to restore this property, and have been supportive of all work completed to date.*

For Community Preservation Committee Use:

Form Received on: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Presented to CPC on: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Determination: \_\_\_\_\_

## **General Criteria**

The proposal to fund an archaeological survey of the Military Training Field on Old County Road meets the following Sudbury Community Preservation Committee criteria:

- The project is eligible for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding according to the requirements described in the CPA legislation.
- The project is consistent with the town's Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- The Board of Selectmen has previously endorsed efforts by the SHC to restore this property.
- This project will preserve the essential character of the town as described in the Master Plan;
- Save resources that would otherwise be threatened and/or serve a currently under-served population Documenting this property as an historical resource will remove it for consideration by others for other municipal uses, such as housing or wastewater disposal.
- Either serve more than one CPA purpose (especially in linking open space, recreation and community housing) or demonstrate why serving multiple needs is not feasible. The restoration project will serve both a historical purpose, as well as an open space and recreation purpose, as the property will be usable by the public;
- Demonstrate practicality, feasibility, urgency. Conducting the survey now will enable the SHC to properly document the resources, while allowing the seeding to be completed expeditiously this spring.
- Demonstrate that the project can be implemented expeditiously and within budget. The preliminary cost estimate was given by a professional in the archaeological field who is familiar with the site. We anticipate being able to complete the project within the requested budget.

- Preserve or utilize currently owned town assets. This property is owned by the Town of Sudbury, but is presently unprotected.

## **Open Space Criteria**

- Provide opportunities for passive recreation. This property will enable picnics and enjoyment by the public once it is restored.
- Protect or enhance wildlife corridors, promote connectivity of habitat or prevent fragmentation of
- Border a scenic road. Old County Road is a designated Scenic Road. This project will substantially add to the quality of the scenic and historical assets in that neighborhood.

## **Historic Criteria**

- 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 town-owned properties, features or resources of historical significance;
- Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate the historical function of a property or site;
- Project is within a Sudbury Historic District, on a State or National Historic Register, or eligible for placement on such registers, or on the Sudbury Historic Properties Survey;
- Project demonstrates a public benefit; and
- Project demonstrates the ability to provide permanent protection for maintaining the historic resource. The SHC is currently investigating the benefit of placing a historic preservation restriction on the property.