

TOWN OF SUDBURY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

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Purpose (please select all that apply):

- X Open Space
- Community Housing
- X Historic
- X Recreation

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Project Name: Town Center Survey and Preliminary Engineering

Project Description: See attached

Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount and source)
2008	\$100,000	\$30,000	Requesting \$60,000 from town funds
2009	\$1.9 million	\$600,000	Other town funds will be requested for completion of the project
2010			
2011			
2012			
Total	\$2 million	\$30,000 in FY08	

How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects (see attached)? 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.

Board of Selectmen – supports
Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory – will review shortly
Sudbury Historical Commission – will review shortly

For Community Preservation Committee Use:

Form Received on: _____
Reviewed by: _____

Project Presented to CPC on: _____
Determination: _____

Project Description:

Thanks to funding from the Sudbury Foundation (\$50,000) and the CPC (\$15,000), the Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee has been working with a consultant team over the past 12 months to create a vision for improvements to the Concord Road/Hudson Road/Old Sudbury Road area, including traffic safety and pedestrian improvements, and landscape and historic preservation enhancements. Two public meetings have been held in May and September 2006. An interim report has been prepared (attached) which includes the community goals for the project, an evaluation of existing conditions, identification of resources and assets, discussions with stakeholders and feedback from the May public meeting. Concept design sketches have been prepared and are under serious discussion with the Board of Selectmen and key property owners in the center (concepts attached).

This CPC proposal requests funding for the second phase of the Sudbury Center project. The project has progressed to the point of design concepts for possible alternative road alignment scenarios at the intersection. The concept design plans are under discussion, and preliminary price estimates have been prepared by the consultant. These price estimates break out the historic preservation components as line items, and it is calculated that between \$400,000 to \$600,000 of the total project construction cost could be eligible for CPC funding under historic preservation and open space (see attached price estimates). These items include landscaping, stone wall construction, decorative walkways, ornamental lighting, and other site improvements to enhance the historic nature and open space qualities of the area. For this funding round, we are requesting engineering and design funding for the historical facet of the project, which is 5% of the construction amount, or \$30,000 (based on the highest estimate).

The plan was originally intended to combine engineering and construction into one phase, and request both CPA and town funds to complete the project in one fiscal year. However, issues relating to the project design need additional discussion time, and we have decided to proceed slowly and in two phases. The predominant issue requiring further detail deals with movement of the pavement onto abutting private property, which requires a baseline survey and preliminary engineering prior to final design of the intersection. If approved, these funds will be used for the survey and engineering, and enable the Town to proceed with the project while assuring abutting property owners and town residents that the concept designs are viable and important assets are protected, including community character. It is anticipated that funding for full engineering design and construction would be sought in FY09.

General Criteria

- This proposal is eligible for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding according to the requirements described in the CPA legislation;
- The proposal to improve the Town Center and enhance historical assets is consistent with the town's Master Plan, and is noted in the Transportation Element of the Master Plan (attached);

- This proposal is anticipated to receive endorsement by other municipal boards and departments, including the Department of Public Works, Planning Board, Historical Commission, Board of Selectmen, and Permanent Landscape Committee. All of these boards are represented on the Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee;
- This proposal seeks to preserve the essential character of the town as described in the Master Plan;
- This proposal serves more than one CPA purpose as it creates additional open space and recreational opportunities in addition to preserving significant historical assets in the Town Center;
- Additional funding sources will be sought for construction of this project, including capital expenses from the town budget, Chapter 90 road funding and state and federal transportation funding;
- The project has already leveraged other private funds with the initial \$50,000 grant from the Sudbury Foundation; and
- This proposal will preserve owned town assets, including the Hosmer House, Heritage Park, Grinnell Park and the land in front of Town Hall.

Open space Criteria

- This proposal will preserve and enhance Sudbury's rural character by creating additional opportunities for open space and recreation in the Town Center;
- This proposal will provide opportunities for passive recreation and environmental education by creating a historic walking trail in the Town Center;
- This proposal will provide connections with existing trails or potential trail linkages within and from Heritage Park, the town cemeteries and abutting open lands;
- This proposal will preserve scenic views and create historical landscapes in the Town Center;
- This proposal borders a scenic road (Concord Road);

Historical Criteria:

- Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate historic, cultural, architectural or archaeological resources of significance, especially those that are threatened; and in the case of proposals on private property, the proposal and/or proponent meet certain economic criteria as may be required by the Community Preservation Committee;
- This proposal enhances and restores town-owned properties and features of historical significance within the historic Town center, including Town Hall and the town common;
- This proposal is within the Sudbury Center Historic District;
- This project demonstrates a public benefit in the construction of a safer intersection for all Sudbury residents; and
- Project demonstrates the ability to provide permanent protection for maintaining the historic resource; and in the case of proposals on private property, the proposal and/or proponent have demonstrated additional protective measures and have met additional

criteria, as may be imposed by the Community Preservation Committee, to ensure the continued permanent protection of the historic resource.

Recreation Criteria:

- This proposal will expand the range of recreational opportunities available to Sudbury residents of all ages by creating new recreational opportunities in the Town Center;
- This proposal will jointly benefit Conservation Commission and Park and Recreation Commission initiatives by promoting passive recreation on town owned property in the center; and
- This proposal will maximize the utility of land already owned by Sudbury, including Heritage Park and the cemeteries in the Town Center.

Attachments:

Interim Report of the Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee, dated June 21, 2006

Design Sketches

Cost Estimates

Master Plan Transportation Element, page 94