

# An Overview of the Community Preservation Act:

## CPA's Statewide Accomplishments (November 2025)

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**cities and towns have**  
adopted CPA - and over 70%  
of MA residents live in CPA  
community.

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The **amount raised** for community  
preservation funding **statewide**:

**\$3.7 billion**



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**39.860**

acres of open  
space preserved.

**4,400**

outdoor recreation  
projects including ball  
fields, trails, and parks.



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Housing units **created**:

**15,600**



Housing units **supported**:

**21,000**

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**8,100**

historic preservation  
projects.



CPA is a state law passed in 2000 that allows Massachusetts communities to conduct a referendum to add a small surcharge on local property taxes. When combined with matching funds from the statewide Community Preservation Trust Fund, this dedicated fund is used to build and rehabilitate parks, playgrounds, and recreational fields, protect open space, support local affordable housing development, and preserve historic buildings and resources.