

**Town of Hanover
Community Preservation Committee
Application for Funding**

Submit to Community Preservation Committee
c/o Community Preservation Coordinator
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Name of Applicant: Hanover Open Space Committee

Name of Co-Applicant, if Applicable: _____

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Name of Proposal: Hanover Rail Trail Development

Address of Proposal (or assessor's parcel ID): Railbed

CPA Category (circle all that apply):

Open space Historic preservation Affordable Housing Recreation

CPA Funding Requested: \$100,000.

Total Cost of Proposed Project: TBD

Expected Completion Date: TBD

If project is expected to continue over more than one year or if bonding the project is anticipated detail the cost of project on the following chart (explanation may be attached on a separate sheet.)

Fiscal Year	CPC Funds Requested	Total Cost	Other Funding Sources
2022	\$100,000.	TBD	Grant Funding
2023			
2024			
Total	\$100,000.		

¹ If the proposal is on Town-owned land, either the applicant or the co-applicant must be the Town Board, Commission, or Department in control of the land.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Attach answers to the following questions. Applications will be returned as incomplete if all requested information is not provided. Include supporting materials as necessary.

1. **Goals:** What are the goals of the proposed project?
To start first phase of Rails to Trails project, extending Rockland Rail Trail through West Hanover to Drinkwater River railroad bridge on Commonwealth of MA property. Funding to be used as match for Grant funding proposals.
2. **Community Need:** Why is this project needed? Does it address needs identified in existing Town plans? (Note: Hanover Master Plan)

This will bring a highly popular paved recreational trail into Hanover, linking our town with an already developed trail in Rockland and Abington.

The 2018 Hanover Master Plan identifies West Hanover Village as one of five major commercial areas in town. "The Rockland Rail Trail ends at the terminus of Circuit Street in West Hanover, very near the West Hanover commercial district, where a potential connection is feasible". Bringing the trail through the area would be beneficial for those businesses. The project would be consistent with Economic Development "Goal 3: Develop a supportive infrastructure to enhance economic development."

In the Transportation & Circulation section of the Master Plan, "inadequate bicycle infrastructure" is cited as a Key Finding. "One way to improve biking infrastructure in Hanover would be to extend the rail trail that passes through nearby Rockland....Building on this connection could better link Hanover with neighboring municipalities"

The 2018 Hanover Open Space and Recreation Plan notes that "A way to improve bicycle infrastructure in Hanover would be to extend the rail trail that passes through Rockland. The existing trail in Rockland is part of the LandLine Greenway Network, which was developed by MAPC in an effort to improve the connectivity of the region's bike and rail trails. Building this connection could better link Hanover with neighboring municipalities." In addition, the Plan notes "residents support the construction of a paved bike path in town, and there is a great deal of support for continuing (the Rockland rail trail) through Hanover." Bike paths, on-road and off-road, were noted as priorities in the resident survey conducted at that time.

3. **Community Support:** What is the nature and level of support for this project? Include letters of support and any petitions.

This project is proposed by the Open Space Committee, and has the support of the Conservation Commission. Additional letters of support will follow.

4. **Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones?

A feasibility study will be completed by the end of 2020 by Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors. The scope of the study includes inspection and documentation of the rail bed conditions and development of a practical rail removal process. It will also evaluate and identify development considerations for the entire project, such as planning, designing, phasing and construction. Merrill will evaluate and recommend trail surfaces such as pavement/aggregate vs. natural trails and each option's construction and general future maintenance costs. It will help establish estimated costs for preliminary design through construction, including estimated revenues or expenses from the removal of the rail and wooden ties. Merrill will identify current ownership along the project and possible land acquisitions or easement opportunities. Preliminary work has identified the section of the rail bed from the Rockland town line to the Drinkwater River (controlled by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) as the first phase of the project.

Once a budget is established, grant writing can commence for submission next summer. If grant awarded, work could commence as early as Spring 2022.

5. **Credentials:** How will the experience of the applicant contribute to the success of this project?

The feasibility study is being completed by Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors. Merrill is a leading civil engineering, site planning and land surveying firm serving commercial, industrial, municipal, utility and

residential clients throughout New England. They offer a complete range of survey, planning, design, permitting and consulting services.

6. **Success Factors:** How will the success of this project be measured?

Community usage, increased foot/bike traffic in West Hanover.

7. **Budget:** What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified. Distinguish between hard and soft costs and contingencies. (NOTE: CPA funds may NOT be used for maintenance.)

Budget to be determined based on feasibility study. This CPA allocation will be used as funding for any needed match in grant applications, where the majority of funding will be sought.

8. **Other Funding:** What additional funding sources are available, committed, or under consideration? Include commitment letters, if available, and describe any other attempts to secure funding for this project.

Applications for funding will be made to the Recreational Trails Program – MassTrails Grant Program. Rockland received its funding from this source.

Assistance may also be sought from MAPC.

9. **Maintenance:** If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded?

This will be determined in the feasibility study.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Provide the following additional information, as applicable.

10. Documentation that you have control over the site, such as Purchase and Sale Agreement, option, or deed.

Property in Phase 1 is controlled by Commonwealth of MA. Permission for usage to be requested when Grant applications completed.

11. For projects that include construction or rehabilitation, include the existing and proposed site plan, floor plans, elevations, and any other drawings as necessary to visually describe the proposal.

Feasibility study will include.

12. Evidence that the project is in compliance with the zoning ordinance, Architectural Access Board Regulations, or any other laws or regulations. Or, if zoning relief is required, specify what relief is needed and when an application will be made to the town for zoning review.

No zoning changes are required.

13. Evidence that the appropriate Town Boards and Commissions have approved the project (for example, proposed new uses on Parks & Recreation land requires approval from the Parks and Recreation Committee)

N/A

14. Evidence that the proposed site is free of hazardous materials or that there is a plan for remediation in place.

Rails and ties to be removed prior to paving.

15. Evidence that appropriate professional standards will be followed if construction, restoration or

rehabilitation is proposed. All historic resources rehabilitation projects must comply with the Standards for Rehabilitation stated in the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

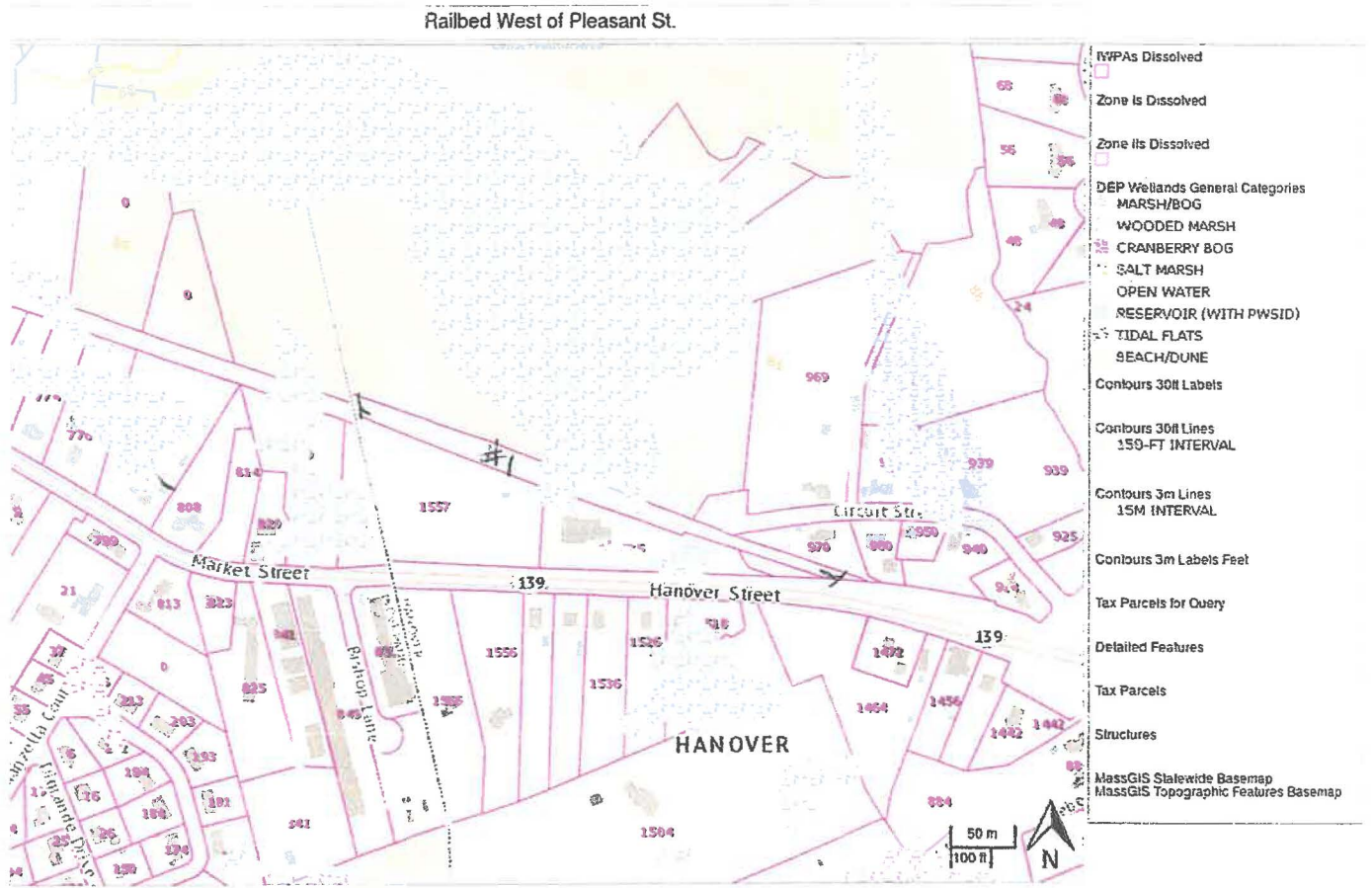
Selected vendors will submit prior to start of construction.

16. Information indicating how this project can be used to achieve additional community benefits.

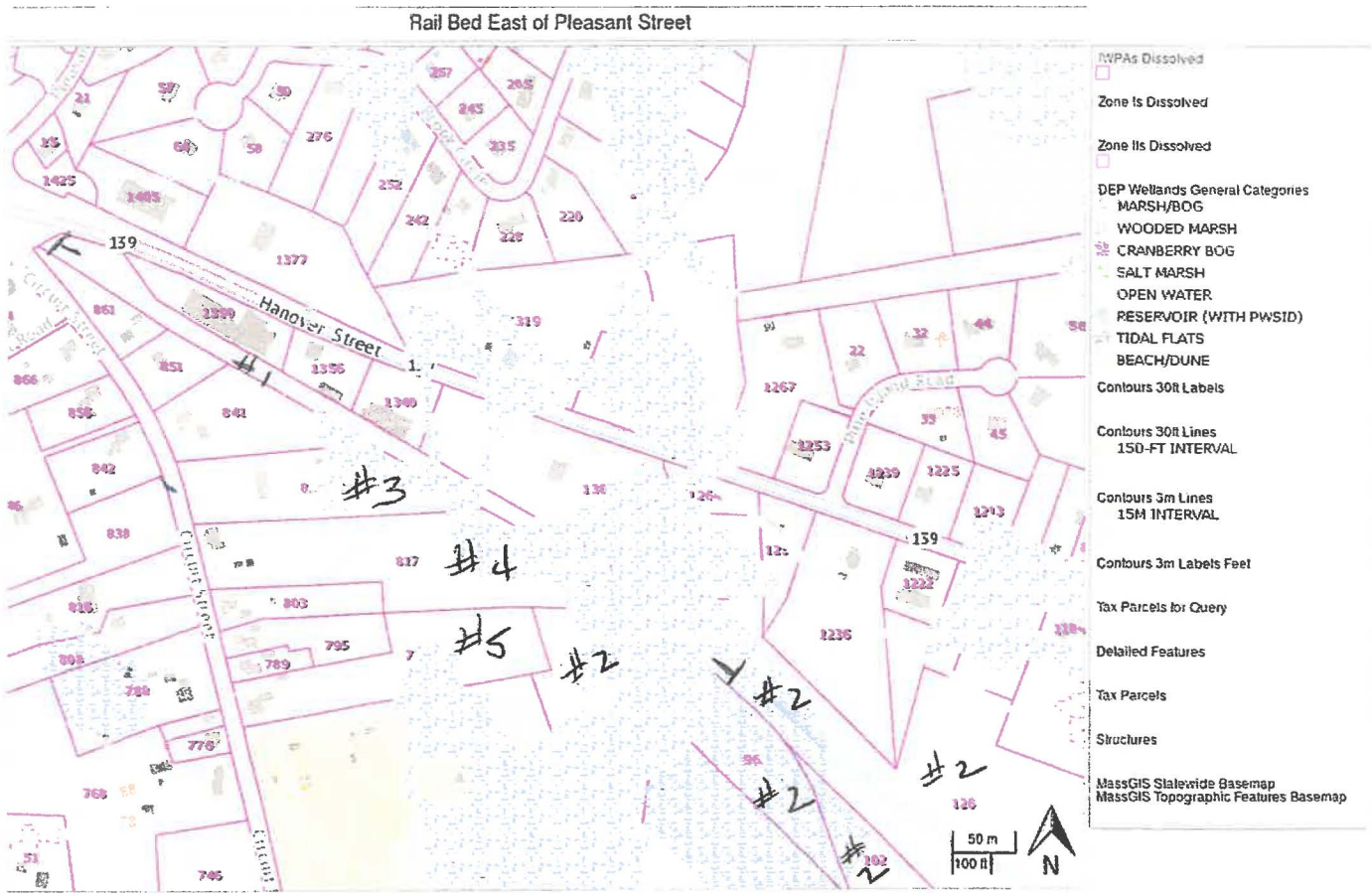
See #2 above.

NOTE: If the requested funds are for a real estate acquisition, an independent appraisal will be required which the applicant will be required to fund. No funding decisions will be made without an independent appraisal.

The application deadline is Friday, October 30, 2020 at 12 noon.



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