

# Springfield Community Preservation Grant Application

Community Preservation Funds are available in four categories: Community Housing, Historic Resource, Open Space & Recreation. You may skip a question if it does not apply to your project. **\*IMPORTANT\*** If you click on any links in this application, you must use the back arrow to return to this application or you will lose your work. Be sure to save your application. Questions about this form? Call 413-530-1268 or by email [cpc@springfieldcityhall.com](mailto:cpc@springfieldcityhall.com)

INTRODUCTION Please read the [application instructions on the CPC website](#) before proceeding with this application. The link includes a guide to proposing a CPA project. Options to save and finish the application later are found at the bottom of this application. Helpful additional resource links can be found on the [Home page](#) <https://www.springfield-ma.gov/finance/community-preservation>. Review the [DOR Community Preservation Fund Allowable Spending Purposes Chart](#) to determine if your project qualifies for CPA funding. \*asterisked items are required.

**Applicant :**

Non-Profit Organization

**Neighborhood**

East Springfield

**Project/Program Title:**

Poor Brook Expeditionary Trail

**Location of proposed project**

Delta Hills Conservation Area

**CPA program area— check all that apply. Once you make a selection, only the questions relating to that selection(s) will appear.**

Open Space  
Recreation

**Anticipated Start Date of Construction**

5/1/2024

**Anticipated completion date of project**

12/1/2024

**Name of Organization or Individual**

Regreen Springfield

**Applicant Contact Name and Title**

David V. Bloniarz

**Applicant Contact Phone Number**

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**Applicant Contact Email**

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**Applicant Contact Address**

1 Federal St., Springfield, Massachusetts 01005

**Additional project partner and contact details**

## Grant Request

**Grant Request Amount**

**Will you be seeking multi-year funding?**

\$37,000.00

No

**Total Project Budget**  
\$37,000.00

**Total Sources of Committed Funding. If none write \$0.00**  
\$5,000.00

**CPA request as % of project**  
87

**List committed funds from all sources and agencies or write none.**  
Mass Trails

**Budget**  
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**Sustainability**

**Fair Wage Compliance Certificate. Applies only to non-municipal projects.**

<b>Parcel ID #</b>	<b>Maps</b>	<b>Applicant standing in property</b>
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**Open Space & Outdoor Recreation Questions**

If the project is on municipal land or conservation land, attach a letter of support from the Park Commission or Conservation Commission.

**Is this project in a wetland or does it  
abut a wetland?**  
Yes

**If so, has the Conservation Commission been informed?**  
Yes

**If your proposal involves a city park/property have you contacted Department of Parks Building  
Recreation Management?**  
Yes

**Has the appropriate city agency been contacted?**  
Yes

**Has the appropriate Neighborhood Civic Association been contacted?**  
Yes

**Project Details**

PLEASE NOTE: You have the option of typing in a response or attaching a file. If your responses are lengthy, please upload a document. Be sure to label each document with a title.

If selected for a grant, the Grantee shall submit quarterly progress reports and a courtesy copy to the neighborhood council (if applicable). The Final report will include before/after photos and a summary of the CPA work completed.

**Upload Narrative (200 words or less)**

**Or type Narrative (200 words or less)**

The proposed expeditionary trail in Poor Brook directly supports the CPA's Open

Space and Recreation Priority by enhancing public access to natural areas, promoting outdoor recreation, and contributing to environmental education. This initiative will not only provide a valuable recreational resource for the community but also serve as a platform for ongoing environmental stewardship and conservation education efforts. With an estimated budget of \$37,000, this project will cover the planning, development, and initial maintenance of the trail system. This includes the creation of sustainable trail designs that minimize ecological impact, the installation of informational signage about local flora and fauna, and the implementation of measures to prevent erosion and protect sensitive habitats. This funding will help leverage a grant from the MA DCR MassTrails Program, which is expected to fund the development of preliminary plans, specifications and initial mapping activities.

### **Upload Project Description (200 words or less)**

#### **Or type Project Description**

**Background and Need:** Poor Brook is a natural asset with significant potential for recreational use and environmental education. However, limited access and underdeveloped infrastructure have restricted community engagement with this area. By establishing an expeditionary trail, we aim to unlock the potential of Poor Brook, encouraging outdoor activity, fostering a deeper appreciation for the natural environment, and promoting conservation-minded behaviors among residents and visitors.

**CPA Criteria:** This project aligns with the CPA's priorities by improving access to natural open spaces, promoting recreation that is harmonious with conservation goals, and enhancing environmental awareness through direct engagement with the natural world.

**Expected Outcomes:** The completion of the expeditionary trail in Poor Brook will not only provide a new recreational resource but also serve as a catalyst for environmental education and conservation efforts. It will improve the community's quality of life, promote health and wellness through outdoor activity, and strengthen the community's connection to its natural heritage.

### **Upload Applicant Experience**

#### **Or type Applicant Experience**

Our organization has a proven track record of successfully managing similar projects focused on outdoor recreation and environmental conservation. Our team brings expertise in project management, environmental science, and community engagement, ensuring the successful execution of this project. Previous initiatives have included the restoration of local parks, the development of community gardens, and the organization of educational programs focused on environmental stewardship.

### **Comments or additional information**

**User experience. If you have suggestions to improve the form please let us know.**

**Upload any additional files or attachments.**

**Provide a list of all attachments included in this application.**

## **Signature to Submit Application**

**The applicant certifies that all information in this application and all information furnished in**

**support of this application is given for the purpose of obtaining a Community Preservation Act grant and is a true copy and is complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief.**  
David V. Bloniarz