

CPC USE ONLY:
Application # **FY2014 – 2**
Qualifies: _____
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INITIAL ELIGIBILITY PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

DUE BY DECEMBER 1

TOWN OF NEEDHAM
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
c/o Park & Recreation Department
Public Services Administration Building
500 Dedham Avenue, Needham, MA 02492
www.needhamma.gov/CPC

1. **Applicant:** **Board of Selectmen/Town Manager** **Submission Date: 9/3/13**

2. **Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email:** 3. **Purpose:**
(Please select all that apply)

1471 Highland Ave Avenue
Needham, MA 02492

Contact Name: Kate Fitzpatrick

☐ **Open Space**
☐ Community Housing
☐ Historic Preservation
☒ **Recreation**

4. **Project Name: Rail Trail Insurance**

5. **Project Location/Address/Ownership (Control):**

The leased railroad right-of-way between Chestnut Street/Needham Junction and the Needham/Dover line (Charles River).

6. **Amount Requested:** **\$ 45,000**

The Town is eligible to apply for a grant through the Commonwealth that would reimburse the CPC for 50% of the final cost.

7. **Estimated Total Project Cost (If Different):** **\$**

8. **Critical Dates: (If Applicable) November, 2013**

The Town will seek authorization to lease the right of way at the November Special Town Meeting.

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9. Project Summary: In 100 words or less provide a brief summary of the project:

The Town Manager is negotiating a 99 year lease agreement with the MBTA for use of an unused rail right-of-way to be used as a shared use recreation trail from Needham Junction to the Needham/Dover Town line. The Town has coordinated the study of this project with the non-profit Bay Colony Rail Trail Association (BCRTA). As part of the lease agreement, the MBTA requires the Town to purchase a one-time environmental insurance policy that covers a 5 year period. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a grant program that would reimburse the Town for 50% of the purchase price, all of which would be returned to the CPA Fund, along with any unspent funds.

10. Community Need: In 100 words or less provide a brief statement of the need for and the benefits to the community.

The rail trail will create a wide, level-surfaced path for use by residents of all ages. Subject to negotiations with the MBTA, the trail will start at Chestnut Street or at Rock Street. The trail will connect residents to trail systems at the Town Forest, Farley Pond property, MA Division of Conservation and Recreation's Red Wing Bay, and Trustees of Reservation's Charles River Peninsula. BCRTA is in the early stages of raising funds for the creation of the trail. BCRTA has indicated that a full campaign will be most successful once the Town holds the lease.

Note: This application enables the Community Preservation Committee to review the request to assess eligibility. You shall be notified by January 1 of your eligibility. If eligible you will be requested to supply additional information by February 1.