

You are cordially invited to join

Bob Durand, Secretary of Environmental Affairs

in partnership with

The Community Preservation Coalition

for a

Statewide Community Preservation Act Conference

*on Saturday, February 10, 2001
at Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA*

Continental breakfast and registration begin at 8:15 a.m.

*Program to begin promptly at 8:45 a.m.
and conclude by 12:30 p.m.*

Come and learn about the innovative Community Preservation Act, how it works and how to implement it in your community. Find out about the state's Community Preservation Initiative and assistance for community development planning. Share information about the community preservation efforts that are underway in your city or town and hear about other efforts across the Commonwealth.

**Free and Open to the Public
R.S.V.P.**

**By February 1, 2001
(617) 626-1166**



Dear Friend of Community Preservation:

On September 14, 2000, Governor Paul Cellucci and Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift signed the Community Preservation Act into law, one of the most significant pieces of environmental legislation in the history of the Commonwealth.

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) allows communities to establish a dedicated revenue stream for open space protection, historic preservation and affordable housing. Funded by a surcharge of up to 3% on the real estate levy and a state matching fund, the CPA will raise millions of dollars annually for local priority projects. The CPA is an important tool for communities to use as they continue to grow and plan for their future. The CPA integrates with other important planning work including the buildout maps and analyses the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) is presenting to cities and towns across the state, as well as the Community Development Plan program funded by EOEA, the Department of Housing Communities and Development and the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Together, these municipal-state efforts will work to control the effects that sprawl has on our communities.

Now that the CPA is law, our challenge is to ensure that citizens benefit from this landmark Act. This Community Preservation Act Conference is designed to familiarize advocates, municipal officials and the general public with the major provisions of the CPA and to share insight as to how it can be implemented in your city or town. We must continue to work together to ensure that we preserve the unique character of our communities for future generations.

I hope you can join me at this important event.

Very truly yours,



Bob Durand

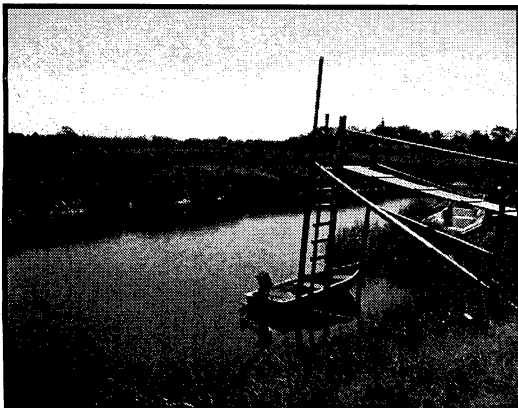
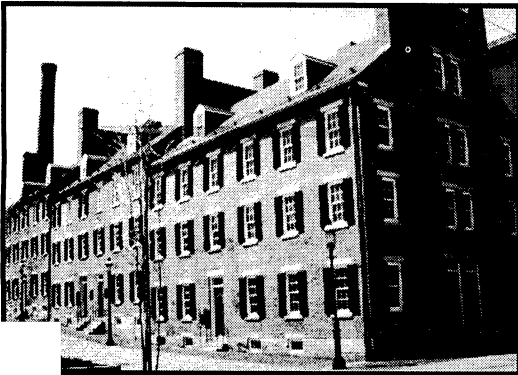
3 Easy Ways to R.S.V.P.

- 1) Phone: (617) 626-1166
- 2) Fax: Attention Cindy Cormier @ (617) 626-1181
- 3) Mail: EOE A, Community Preservation Conference, 251 Causeway St., Boston, MA 02114

Please provide the following information when you R.S.V.P.: name, address, affiliation, telephone number and email address.

In case of adverse weather conditions, the Conference will be held on February 24, 2001. Please call (617) 626-1166 for information about the postponement and to register for February 24, 2001.

Please visit the EOE A web site at www.state.ma.us/envir to find out more information about Community Preservation, local buildout map presentations and other EOE A programs.



Directions

From the West: Take Mass. Turnpike East to exit 10 (Rt. 290 East). Follow Rt. 290 East to exit 16 (East Central Street). Take a left onto Central St. Then take a left onto Summer St. Follow Summer St. to Rotary at Washington Square. Enter Rotary and take first right. At the set of lights, take a right onto Worcester Center Blvd. Continue through 3rd set of lights (at Commercial St.) and take the next right onto Waldo St. You will see a Fleet Bank parking lot, and next to that is the rear entrance to Mechanics Hall. There are parking lots in the immediate area.

From the East: Take Mass. Turnpike West to exit 10 (Rt. 290 East). Follow Rt. 290 East to exit 16 (East Central Street). Take a left onto Central St. Then take a left onto Summer St. Follow Summer St. to Rotary at Washington Square. Enter Rotary and take first right. At the set of lights, take a right onto Worcester Center Blvd. Continue through 3rd set of lights (at Commercial St.) and take the next right onto Waldo St. You will see a FleetBank parking lot, and next to that is the rear entrance to Mechanics Hall. There are parking lots in the immediate area.



Conference Program:

8:15 - 8:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast

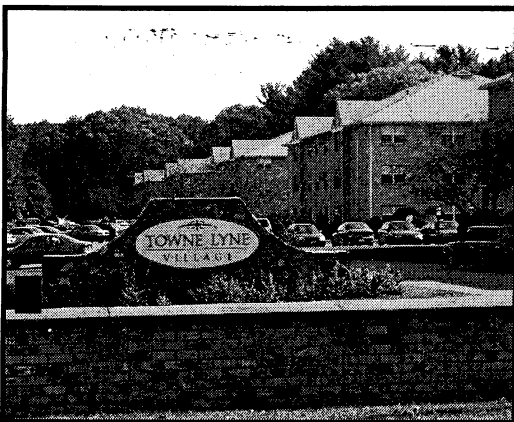
8:45 - 9:30 Welcome – Bob Durand, Secretary of Environmental Affairs
*Introduction to the Conference and an overview of the state's
 Community Preservation Initiative and Buildout presentations.*

9:45 - 11:55* Understanding the Community Preservation Act
*Panelists from the legislature, advocacy groups and state agencies will
 walk through the provisions of the Act and answer questions on
 specific requirements.*

Community Action – How to Get the Act Adopted Locally
*Panelists from the legislature and advocacy groups will offer insight
 into local campaign organization and bringing the Act to the ballot.*

*These two 60-minute workshops will run concurrently and will be
 offered twice to accommodate all attendees.

12:00 Closing Remarks





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January 11, 2001

Representative Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House, Room 39
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Toomey:

As you know, last year the Legislature passed and Governor Cellucci signed the Community Preservation Act, one of the most significant pieces of environmental legislation in the history of the Commonwealth. This Act allows the residents of Massachusetts to vote to create their own local preservation fund for the purpose of protecting open space, preserving historic resources, and developing low and moderate income housing. It empowers cities and towns by offering them a separate funding mechanism to help preserve the special character of their communities.

I am pleased to invite you to a Community Preservation Act Conference, designed to help advocates, elected officials, and the general public better understand the requirements of the Act. The conference will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2001, at Mechanics Hall in Worcester (invitation enclosed).

The conference is free and open to the public, and I encourage you to invite advocates and residents of your district (draft press release enclosed). The conference will be an ideal opportunity to learn about the various Community Preservation efforts underway in cities and towns across Massachusetts, discuss what is happening in both your community and communities throughout the Commonwealth, and find out about the state's Community Preservation Initiative and assistance with community development planning.

Thanks to your efforts, we were able to pass into law the Community Preservation Act last year. Today, many communities face a greater challenge of implementing this Act locally. Your attendance and participation at the conference will greatly contribute to the success of this event. I hope to see you on February 10th.

Very truly yours,

Bob Durand

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Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
City Councillor

January 25, 2001

Ms. D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

Please include the attached letter as part of the record for the upcoming City Council meeting for Monday, January 29, 2001 under the heading of Communications and Reports for City Officers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
City Councillor

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**Communications and Reports
from City Officers #1**

A communication was received from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., transmitting a communication from Bob Durand, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs regarding the Community Preservation Act Conference to be held on Saturday, February 10, 2001, at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

In City Council January 29, 2001

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