

Projects Funded by the Stoughton CPA

Here is a sampling of projects funded by Stoughton's CPA fund:

Completed Projects:

- Glen Echo Purchase and Development of Public Recreation Facilities
Stoughton's first CPA project was to purchase over 90 acres of land from the Gibson family on Glen Echo Pond. Historically a popular outdoor recreation spot, Glen Echo is open once again and able to provide the public a healthy outdoor experience, thanks to CPA funding.
- Levitz Playground behind the Wilkins School
The CPA funded the design and reconstruction of the playground, including the correction of a long-standing drainage problem that had rendered the playground unusable after rainstorms.
- Community Amenities at new Stoughton High School, including:
 - Knights Walk Public Pocket Park along Pearl Street
This park is the first of its kind in Stoughton, and serves as a spot to relax, play chess, or meet a friend.
 - Lighting for Tennis Courts
Because the tennis courts are available to all ages, the addition of lights means that play can continue into the evening.
 - Lighting for Soccer Field
This multi-use field is also used for field hockey, and the lighting allows games to continue after dark.
 - Scoreboard
An additional scoreboard to serve the field hockey/soccer field. Without the CPA, either this field would not have had a scoreboard, or it would have had to have been paid for from the Town budget.
- Reconstruction of Halloran Playground on Pierce Street
This playground's equipment was at the end of its useful life. The CPA fund paid to replace it with modern fixtures for Stoughton's children to continue to enjoy.
- Covid Emergency Housing Fund
Created in response to the pandemic, the Covid Emergency Housing Fund helped over forty affected Stoughton families avoid eviction.
- Stoughton Water Works Façade Brickwork Repointing
Stoughton's iconic 1892 Water Works building was repointed using CPA funds, preserving its exterior and helping protect it from deterioration.

- Cedar Hill Golf Course Improvements
This project involved a re-design of Stoughton's municipal golf course. In addition to course improvements, the CPA paid for revamped drainage and irrigation to make the course more water-efficient. This project has resulted in a marked increase in usage, and a more solid financial footing for Cedar Hill.
- Town Hall Cupola and Cornices Rehabilitation
The unique cupola at the crown of Town Hall and the building's decorative cornices were restored using CPA funds.
- Lucius Clapp Memorial Building Window and Door Historic Preservation
The Lucius Clapp Building windows and doors had poor insulation and were not all operating. This project included restoration of the historic original windows, updated to provide improved insulation and energy savings.
- Atkinson Avenue Extension Property Acquisition
The Town was recently gifted a large amount of open space in the Cedar Swamp area by the Goulston family. These two small parcels will allow residents to access that open space, and will provide a perfect location for the entrance to new trails that will form an "Emerald Gateway" to the adjacent wildlands the Town now owns.
- Stoughton Ancient Documents Preservation
These documents go back to Stoughton's earliest days in the Colonial era, and some are over 300 years old. This project was done in conjunction with the Canton Historical Society (Canton was once part of Stoughton). The individual documents, fascinating to read, have been digitized, and are available online at: <https://www.stoughton.org/341/Stoughton-History>
- Cedar Hill Golf Course New Tee Boxes and Other Improvements
As a follow-up to its previous successful project, Cedar Hill relocated and replaced tee boxes and improved the irrigation system, along with relocating portions of the golf cart path. This project helps ensure that Cedar Hill will remain financially self-sustaining.
- Acquisition of Open Space off Benson Road
The Town acquired twelve acres of prime open space to preserve an area that includes Dorchester Brook, and abuts fifty acres of existing Town-owned open space on the former Goddard property.
- Restoration of Antique Stoughton Fire Engine
The total restoration of Stoughton's 1928 fire engine. See photo at: <https://www.stoughton.org/1725/Restored-Original-1928-Stoughton-Fire-En>

Ongoing Projects:

- Capen Reynolds Grounds Project
The Capen Reynolds Committee is rapidly moving toward completion of a Dog Park and Community Gardens at the historic Capen Reynolds site.
- Hansen School Playground
Reconstruction of the playground at the Hansen School is in the design stage, with construction expected to begin in Spring of 2025. This project will replace equipment at the end of its useful life with new apparatus, and will include equipment which will accommodate children with handicaps.
- Atkinson Ave Public Access
The Conservation Commission will construct a parking area and a trailhead off Washington Street adjacent to the Goulston property on the property it acquired in 2022 using CPA funds.

Projects Approved at 2024 Annual Town Meeting:

- Marks Field Rehabilitation
Stoughton Youth Lacrosse (StoLax) will direct this project to make this abandoned Town-owned field usable again for lacrosse and other sports.
- Elm Street Athletic Fields Complex Improvements
This project will replace the rusted fencing and install new scoreboards at the Elm Street Complex, among other upgrades. Stoughton Youth Baseball will be overseeing this project.
- Bird Street Conservation Area Entryway Improvements
This project will provide an electronic gate, landscaping, signage and other improvements to make the new parking area more safe and usable.
- Historic Site Signs Group II
This project will provide signs for fifteen additional historic sites around Stoughton, including at its historic cemeteries, explaining their significance in the history of Stoughton.