

Scituate Community Preservation Committee Funding Request Form

DATE and YEAR of Application: June 23, 2021

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Project Sponsor or Organization: Conservation Commission

Contact Name & Address: Andrew Gallagher; 15 Bell Tower Lane, Scituate, MA 02066

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PROJECT INFORMATION

CPA CATEGORY (check all that apply):

OPEN SPACE

RECREATION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMUNITY HOUSING

NAME OF PROJECT: Appleton Field Community Garden

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Appleton Field has been approved for community gardening and this project will provide funds for fencing, well installation and accessible plots that will allow the space to be used for personal gardening, food pantry support and education.

Attach additional pages including summary, budget, estimated timeline and justification of need.

Project Location or Address: 0 Clapp Road, just east of 253 Clapp Road, Scituate

Include map, photo and other imagery for ALL category projects.

If Open Space or Community Housing:

Assessor's Map Page, Block & Lot Number: _____

Number of acres in parcel: _____

Current Zoning Classification: _____

Assessed Value: _____

Title in name of: _____ Title Abstract Date: _____

Number of housing units proposed: _____

Summarize how this request benefits the Town of Scituate and meets the goals of the Community Preservation Act.

This project would allow citizens to grow their own organic produce, grow produce for the Scituate Food Pantry, create outdoor recreation opportunities focused on gardening and ecology and create a hands-on learning space for citizens of all ages and ability.

PERMITS AND APPROVALS

What permits and approvals are required? Have they been obtained or have you filed for them?

| Name of Permit | Filed? (Y/N) | Filed (Date) | Obtained (Date) |
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Have you met with any other Town Boards or committees? If so, what were the outcomes of those meetings? (Letters of support from other Boards and committees should be included in the application or supplied at a later date.)

Commission on Disabilities - In progress to assure accessibility is managed correctly.

The Selectboard approved this community gardening effort in April 2021.

Notes: _____

What non-financial support and services are necessary, and how will these be provided?

Ongoing management of the garden and leadership of educational opportunities and food pantry support are needed. These are provided by a volunteer leadership team and via a partnership with Holly Hill Farm.

FUNDING

Describe the proposed funding for this project. Identify other sources you are seeking funds from, and whether those funds are secured. Identify any funds you or your organizations are willing to provide.

This project would provide funding for key start-up costs of the community garden at Appleton Field. The funding requested from CPC would cover permanent fence installation and installation of ADA compliant paths and raised garden beds. Start-up efforts began in spring 2021 and a grant from the Scituate Education Foundation allowed for the purchase of compost and soil amendments to begin preparation of the growing area and for basic supplies and for the temporary repair of a decaying fence that exists on the property. Individual donations from plot holders also contributed to this start-up effort. This funding from CPC would make the garden accessible to people of all abilities and construct a permanent fence - the key step to allow full growing efforts with plots protected from animal browse. Additional funding will be pursued for well-installation, but water storage tanks will provide adequate water for early growing seasons.

Proposed Funding

| Total Project Cost | CPC Funds Requested | Sources of Funds other than CPA | Amount | Funding Secured? (Y/N)* |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| \$ 46,754 | \$ 46,754 | | \$ 46,754 | |
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** If the request is still outstanding, when do you expect to hear a decision?*

OTHER COMMENTS

Provide any other information you think the CPC should be aware of in evaluating your request for funding.

By signing below, the Applicant represents he/she is duly authorized, agrees to the terms and conditions and all other requirements of this Application and agrees to be bound thereby if funding is granted for the Project.

Date: 6/29/21 Signature: Andrew J. Gallagher

FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE USE

This request received by Scituate CPC on _____

Copies provided to CPC Members on _____

Additional information required: _____

Committee Vote

| Votes: | Yes / No | Votes: Y/N/Abstain | Date |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------|
| Recommend to Town Meeting | | | |

Other: _____

Appleton Field Community Garden
Prepared by The Conservation Commission
March 15, 2020

Overview

Owned by the Town of Scituate and open to the public, Appleton Field offers just over three acres of scenic, cleared, agricultural land and presents an opportunity for members of the Scituate community to use the property to grow local, organic produce; offer educational opportunities for people to learn about farming, ecology and food sourcing; and create new community-building activities centered around farming and getting outdoors.

Appleton Field is located in the Crosbie Family Preserve which offers woodland hiking trails to the public. The Town of Scituate recently invested in the installation of a driveway and parking lot at the property. These new features created convenient access to the field for gardeners.

In 2012 a soil analysis was done for an NRCS Conservation Plan and the entirety of the field was deemed prime farmland (Montauk fine sandy loam and Scituate gravelly sandy loam). The field has historically been used for farming and was quite recently used for vegetable production. While it has sat unfarmed for several years, as of the fall of 2020, the field remains in fair condition when it comes to habitat and plant diversity. Pollinator species, including milk weed and goldenrod, are present in good number in the field, but invasive species including Japanese barberry, multiflora rose and oriental bittersweet are quickly taking hold. It will become more challenging and more costly to restore the ecological health of the field the longer it is left untended.

Gardening and local food production are a focus of many community members right now. Scituate's Teak Sherman community garden filled its individual plots in 2020. There is a demonstrated interest in local, organic farming and growing one's own food. Appleton Field provides the Town of Scituate an opportunity to offer new and exciting educational, recreational and healthy community-building activities.

Vision

All growing on the property will be organic. The field's is adjacent to the South Swamp, making this particularly important. The group-tended sections will use no-till farming practices that promote healthy soil ecology, discourage erosion and aid in carbon sequestration to fight climate change (<https://regenerationinternational.org/2018/06/24/no-till-farming/>). Individual plot holders will also be encouraged to use this method. Appleton Field can be a dynamic outdoor learning space for children and adults alike to engage in hands-on lessons about soil health, ecology and climate change.

Maintenance of the field will also prioritize a healthy ecosystem through the planting and maintenance of native pollinator species, the removal and prevention of invasive species and the responsible usage of natural resources on the property.

Field Usage

One section of the field will be reserved for volunteers to use for a group effort to grow crops for the Scituate Food Pantry. This section will be a valuable education space as volunteers learn or grow skills in organic, no-till farming practices.

A second section of the will be reserved for individual community garden plots. Plot holders will be assigned space for their own growing use. All growing will be organic. Once the field is fully operational with a water source and fencing, plots will be offered for a nominal fee. Fees should help cover some expenses for the field but be accessible for community members. Individual plot holders will be assigned responsibilities in the larger community areas as part of their access to plots. In year one, eight community member have already signed up for a plot. In year two the goal is to establish and recruit tenants for 10-20 plots.

Already, volunteers have begun to prepare a section of Field 3 to set the foundation for a growing operation, even while on-site water will not be available. Five-10 individual plots should also be established and offered to gardeners in spring 2021. No fee will be expected in year one since water and supplies will be lacking. The establishment of a small number of plots and a group growing effort will bring attention to the field and establish community interest.

Organization and Supervision

The Crosbie Family Preserve and Appleton Field are under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. A member of the Commission has been identified to play a volunteer leadership role in these agricultural efforts. Volunteer leaders from the community will also be identified to lead the work and help manage and organize the individual plots. Currently Jon Belber, and educator at Holly Hill Farm and volunteer leader at Teak Sherman Community Garden, has volunteer to lead volunteer efforts and educational programs. Ken Swart, a key leader in setting up and operating Teak Sherman, has also volunteer his leadership.

Friends of Holly Hill Farm, a 501(c)(3) reputable farming organization based in Cohasset, will support the community gardening effort by overseeing the funds collected through annual dues. Sustainable Scituate has played this role at Teak Sherman, collecting and dispersing funds collected through dues. This arrangement will ensure funds are properly overseen as the they will sit under the professional oversight of the Holly Hill team and be subject to the organization's oversight and auditing practices.



SCITUATE



SCITUATE TOWN TRAILS

THE CROSBIE FAMILY PRESERVE

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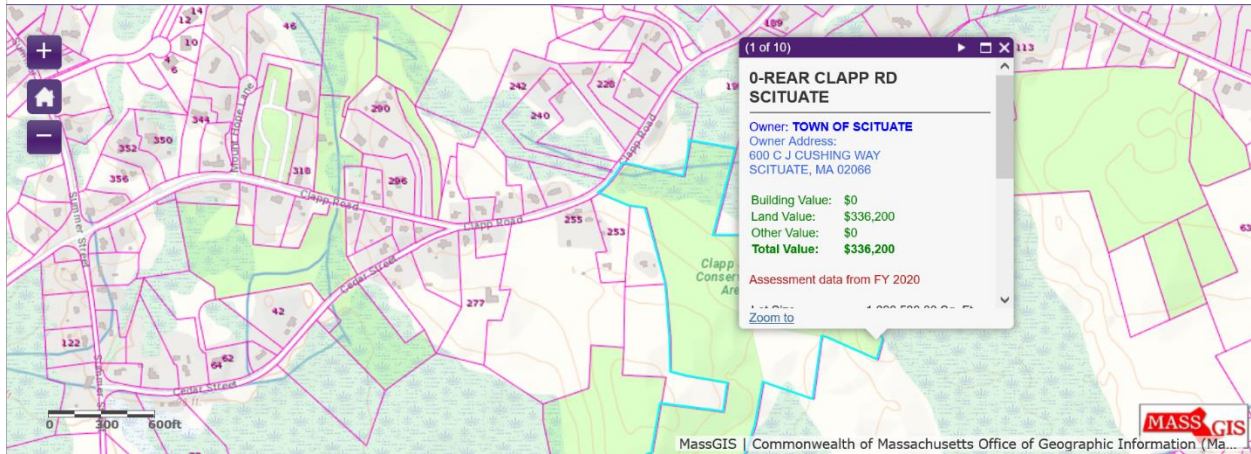
- Blue Trail (.15 mi.)
- Yellow Loop (.4 mi.)
- Orange Loop (1.25 mi.)
- Green Trail (.3 mi.)
- Connector (.1 mi.)

- Road
- Contour
- Dirt Road
- Intermittent Stream
- Trail Intersection
- Parking

- Rock Pile
- Holly Grove
- Stone Wall
- Abandoned Car
- Dead Red Pines
- Atlantic White Cedar

- Conservation Land
- Open Field
- Wetlands

Funded by the Community Preservation Committee.















EXPENSE BUDGET

Appleton Field Community Garden

| Item | Amount |
|---|--------------|
| Fence Installation | \$42,661 |
| Wheelchair Accessible Raised Beds (10 raised beds to equal 2 plots) | \$3,093 |
| Stone dust for accessible trail and plots. (20 yards @ \$43 per) | \$1,000 |
| Total | \$ 46,754.00 |

QUOTATION

This quotation is intended to be a preliminary presentation of the proposed work and may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within fourteen (14) days. All projects are governed by the signed Perfection Fence Corp. contract and related General Agreements and Conditions only. This quotation is not a part thereof.

Scope of Work

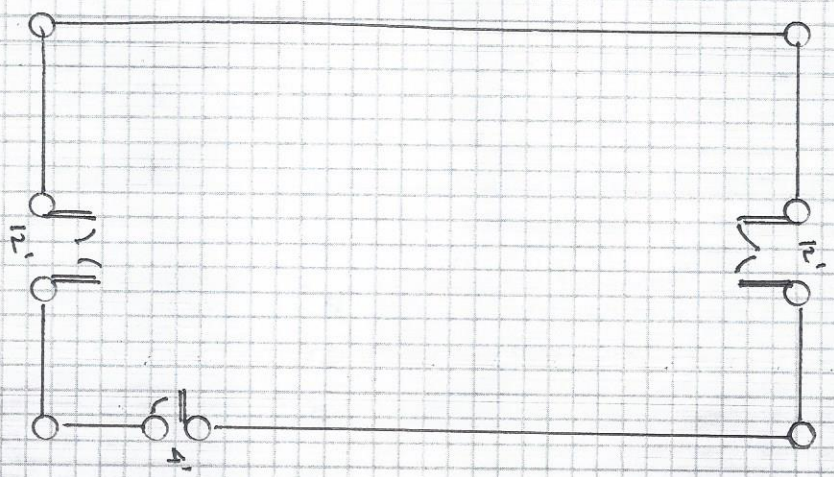
Provide install to 600' lin ft of
 8' Black 2" Mesh Chain Link Fence.
 Includes (2) 12' DD Gates and
 (1) 4' Man Gate. #8 GA Mesh. 2-1/2"
 Terminal Posts 12" Line Posts. 1-3/8"
 Top Rail. #6 GA Bottom Tension Wire.

Price

\$ 37,096

Terms:

1. Price Includes ALL MATERIALS Labor & Tax.
2. 50% Deposit Balance Upon Completion



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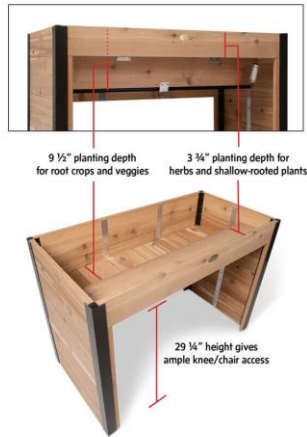
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| Custom Designed For | ANDY | BALLAGHER | Date | 6/20/11 | |
| Street | | | | Drawn By | ANDY |
| City | SCITUATE | State | MA | Zip | 02066 |
| Phone | 781-789-5188 | Fax | | Drawing No. | 01-011 |
| Email | gallagher.andrew.j@gmail.com | | | | |

| CHECKLIST | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ADD'L DRAWINGS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| STAIN | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CLEAR FENCE LINE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TREES/STUMP IN FENCE LINE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PAVED AREAS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FENCE ON WALL | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CORE DRILLING | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| COMPRESSCG | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TAKE DOWN EXISTING FENCE STACK | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DISPOSE OF FENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| STEP SECTIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PACK SECTIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TOP OF FENCE LINE STRAIG | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| UNDERGROUND PIPE OR CABL | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DIG SAFE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

[ALL Planters & Raised Beds](#) [Elevated Garden Beds](#) [Elevated Planters](#) WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE ELEVATED GARDEN BED



Wheelchair Accessible Elevated Garden Bed

Exclusive

Details

Item#: 8610921

\$269.00

ADA-Compliant Adaptive Planter Box Gets You Growing Again

- Ample clearance for wheelchair users
- Two planting shelves for a variety of plants
- Sturdy, durable construction

This one-of-a-kind, ADA-compliant elevated raised bed has a shallow planting shelf in front to allow plenty of room for your wheelchair to roll underneath. This area is intended for herbs and low-growing greens that will be harvested regularly. A deeper planting area in back is ideal for root veggies and larger plants like tomatoes. Thoroughly tested, it's designed not only for your wheelchair to fit comfortably underneath but also allow you to tend even the furthest corner without uncomfortable or dangerous overreaching.

Our signature rustproof lifetime aluminum corners work to contain the naturally rot-resistant wood sides.

Product Details

- Cedar or cypress, aluminum, fabric liner
 - 48" W x 24" D x 34" H
 - Front planting area: 46" W x 8-1/2" D x 3 3/4" H
 - Back planting area: 46" W x 13-1/2" D x 9-1/2" H
 - 29-1/4" clearance for a wheelchair
 - Soil capacity: 106 qts
 - 7 sq. ft. of growing space
 - Made by us in Vermont
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- Gardener's Supply Exclusive

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Stone Products

| Price per 3-4 yards | Price per 5-9 yards | Price per 10+ yards |
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Stone Dust

Our stone dust is extra fine with a blue/gray color. You can use it for a base and between bricks, cobbles and pavers. Also used for walkways.

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| \$47/yard | \$45/yard | \$43 |
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