

**Community Preservation Committee  
Report to Annual Town Meeting**

**March 27, 2023**

# What *is* Community Preservation?

The **Community Preservation Act**, passed in 2000, allows Bedford taxpayers to assess a surcharge on our property taxes and receive state matching funds to pay for:

- **open space**
- **affordable housing**
- **historic preservation**
- **recreation projects**

# Who is on the Committee?

- Lee Vorderer, At-Large & Chair
- Erin Dorr, At-Large & Vice Chair
- Lauren Crews, Housing Authority
- Margot Fleischman, Select Board
- Chris Gittins, Planning Board
- David Goldbaum, Historic Preservation Commission
- Steve Hagan, Conservation Commission
- Robin Steele, Recreation Commission
- Christina Wilgren, Bedford Housing Partnership

# How do we decide which projects to fund?

- Urgency
- Serving multiple needs and populations
- Value to Bedford
- Preservation/enhancement of town assets
- Consistency with long range plans
- Environmental impact
- Feasibility of completion in requested year

# **Community Preservation Budget**

Fiscal Year 2024

# Estimated FY24 Income

<b>FY24 Bedford CPA Estimated Surcharge</b>	<b>\$1,951,850</b>
<b>State Trust Fund Estimated Match (20%)</b>	<b>\$425,820</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>FY23 Undesignated Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,320,659</b>
<b>Estimated Abatements</b>	<b>(\$78,074)</b>
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$5,625,255</b>

# Proposed FY24 Appropriations

<b>Administrative</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Bond Payments</b>	<b>\$906,203</b>
<b>Affordable Housing Projects</b>	<b>\$75,817</b>
<b>Historic Preservation Projects</b>	<b>\$175,340</b>
<b>Recreation Projects</b>	<b>\$243,800</b>
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>	<b>\$1,411,160</b>

# Recommended FY24 Appropriations

- Administrative
- Payments for projects bonded in the past
- Continuing projects
- New projects



# Administrative

## **Administrative Expenses**

\$10,000

- expenses including public notices, occasional legal fees, and dues

# FY24 Bond Payments

350A Concord Road (last payment in FY2026)	\$331,913
Town Hall MEP Project (last payment in FY2026)	\$91,375
Liljegren/Mudge Way Athletic Field (last payment in FY2027)	\$111,500
Bedford Village (last payment in FY2028)	\$167,790
Fawn Lake Rehabilitation (last payment in FY2030)	\$203,625
<b>Total Bond Payments</b>	<b>\$906,203</b>

# Affordable Housing

## **Affordable Housing Consultant Services**

**\$38,000**

- Monitor compliance with state and federal programs
- Advertise affordable units in Bedford
- Run housing lotteries for affordable units

# Affordable Housing

## **Bedford Housing Authority Life Management Program**

\$37,817

- Designed to increase household income and access opportunity for low-income renters

# Historic Preservation

## **Conservation and Digitization of Early Town Record Books**

\$28,270

- Will preserve historically significant records from 1800-1943



# Historic Preservation

## **Job Lane House Roof Rehabilitation**

\$71,500

## **Old Town Hall Elevator Controls Replacement**

\$75,570



**Job Lane House Roof Current Condition**



# Recreation

## **Athletic Field Fencing**

\$43,000

## **Springs Brook Park Walkway Rehabilitation**

\$37,800

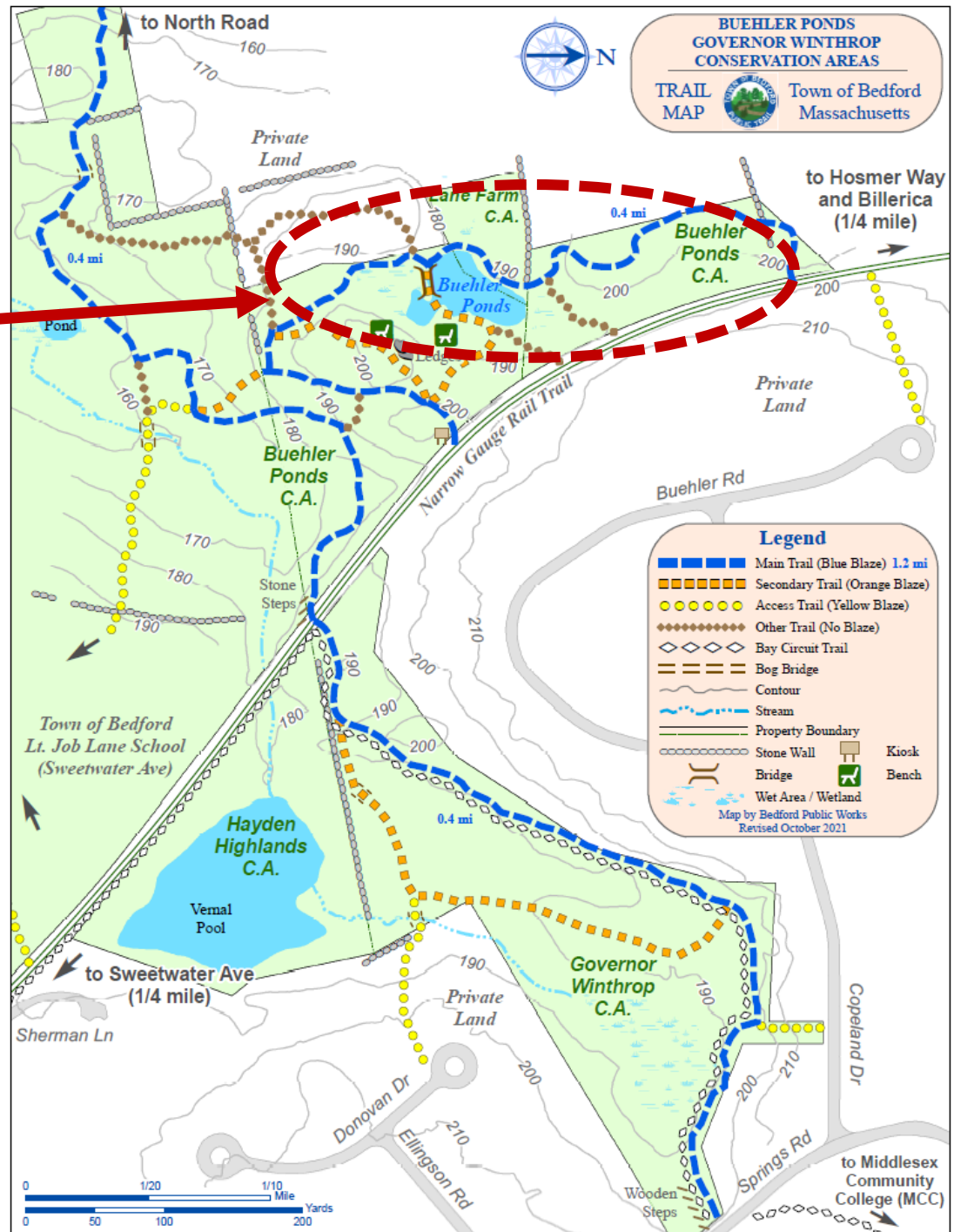
## **Buehler Conservation Area Rehabilitation**

\$152,000

## **Pedestrian Bridges, Stone Dust, and Trail Infrastructure**

\$11,000

# Buehler Ponds Conservation Area Location





## **Trail Infrastructure: Pedestrian Bridges**



**Thank You** for your continuing support  
for the preservation of Bedford!

