



## Please Co-Sponsor *“An Act to Preserve Community Preservation”*

Filed by Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (HD 2835) and Senator Cynthia Stone Creem (SD 746)

50% of cities and towns in Massachusetts have adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and rely on critical local aid from the statewide CPA Trust Fund. But with increasing CPA adoption rates and a decline in filings at the state’s Registries of Deeds, this longstanding state/local partnership is now in jeopardy. In 2018, the CPA Trust Fund could only match 13% of what cities and towns raised locally. Without legislative action, this match will fall close to single digits in 2019, preventing communities from funding vital community housing, recreation, historic, and open space projects.

**“An Act to Preserve Community Preservation,”** filed by Ann-Margaret Ferrante (HD 2835) and Senator Cynthia Stone Creem (SD 746), is a proposal to adjust the recording fees at the State’s Registries of Deeds that provide the revenue for the CPA Trust Fund. These fees haven’t been adjusted in 20 years, and the proposed legislation would raise the base match for your CPA communities to approximately 40%. More than 120 legislators signed on to support this legislation last session, and we hope we can count on your co-sponsorship this year.

