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ACTIVE FUNDED PROJECTS Below									
ALBEMARLE COMMUNITY COMMONS	Create an outdoor community classroom/park on a portion of the Halloran Sports and Recreation Complex, adjacent to the new playground.	250 Albemarle Road, Newtonville	Bob DeRubeis, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation	\$99,931	Proposal anticipated community fundraising for maintenance but listed no target amt. Considerable volunteer labor	7/14/2003	\$99,931	21-Sep-11	After discussing reasons why the project remains incomplete, the CPC voted 7-0 to leave the project act open for now but close it on 1 June 2012, regardless of any remaining incomplete tasks from the original, approved scope of work.
ANGINO FARM - Barn Interior Rehabilitation	Convert interior of the farm's late 19th-century barn for use as fully accessible space for the farm's community-supported agriculture program.	303 Nahanton St., Newton Centre, MA 02459	Maciej Konieczny, Newton Public Buildings Dept.	\$798,000	\$230,000 in private funds used to rehab barn's exterior.	3/15/2010	\$568,000	3-Nov-11	Near-final plans & estimates show significant potential gap between avail. funds & construction costs. Project team is working on cost reductions or phasing; have met with CPC staff and Newton Historical Commission about proposed changes & possible supplemental funding request.
CITY HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY	Identify the City's most historically significant buildings, evaluate their significant features, and make recommendations for their preservation, rehabilitation, and adaptive re-use, as part of City's overall Capital Needs Assessment.	citywide	Stephanie Gilman, Public Buildings Commissioner	\$509,000	City Capital Overlay \$395,000, CDBG \$20,000	3/21/2011	\$98,780	6-Dec-11	Pilot report from phase 2, detailed assessment and recommendations for most historically significant City buildings, discussed & approved at CPC mtg on 6 Dec 2011.
DURANT-KENRICK HOMESTEAD - 1: Building Restoration & Rehabilitation	Restore and adapt this private 1732 house museum for use as a public history museum. The Durant family participated prominently in Newton's Committee of Correspondence and other local events of the American Revolution.	286 Waverley Ave, Newton Corner, MA 02458	Cindy Stone, Director, Jackson Homestead	\$4,564,400	\$635,000 agreed to as matching fund requirement for this phase. (Total matching requirement \$900,000.) Historic Newton orig. estimated private \$1.37 million needed for project	6/4/2007	\$1,447,300	1-Dec-11	Fundraising & other requirements for release of CP funds have been met, grant agreement has been executed. Construction expected to begin early spring 2012.

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DURANT-KENRICK HOMESTEAD - 2: Landscape Preservation	Acquire a preservation restriction on the historic landscape next door to 286 Waverley Avenue, as context for the Durant-Kenrick Homestead.	286 Waverley Avenue, Newton Corner, MA 02458	Cindy Stone, Director, Jackson Homestead	\$0	\$265,000 agreed to as matching fund requirement for this phase. <i>See also phase 1 above.</i>	8/13/2007	\$1,270,000	20-Dec-11	Funds transferred to Newton Historical Society for purchase of landscape preservation restriction. <i>See also phase 1 of this project, above.</i>
EARLY ARCHITECTURE SURVEY, 1830-1850	Correct and expand existing partial surveys of Newton's earliest buildings, to guide regulatory preservation, including the demolition delay, as well as future decisions about preservation funding.	citywide	Katy Holmes, Newton Planning Dept.	\$77,833	Total cost & leveraged funds for combined surveys of all pre-1850 bldgs. \$16,700 Mass. Historical Commission grant & \$11,133 of Planning Dept. staff time applied to pre-1830 survey; new \$12,500 MHC grant request submitted for 1830-1850 survey.	3/21/2011	\$37,500	1-Nov-11	Preservation planners' work on pre-1830 survey revealed that the City has about 400 remaining buildings from 1830-1850, rather than the 140 originally estimated for 1830-1840. Staff pursuing additional grant from Mass Historical Commission, which asked that the survey cover 1830-1850. If that grant is not awarded, staff will document highest-priority 1830-50 bldgs using CPA funds only.
MUSEUM ARCHIVES - Design	Rehabilitate original stable wing of the 1809 Jackson Homestead to preserve the Museum's research collection & archives, allow for future collections expansion, and enhance public access.	527 Washington Street, Newton Corner, MA 02458	Alex Valcarce, Newton Public Buildings Dept.	\$397,564	Proposal included a private cash contribution of \$24,000; and \$13,164 of time to be donated by archivist (in retirement) to catalogue collections.	7/21/2008, 5/17/2010	\$101,345	1-Nov-11	Completed reviews: Design Rvw Committee (May 2011), Newton Historical Commission (Sept 2011). Reviews underway: Newton Commission on Disabilities (first mtg October 2011), Mass. Architectural Access Board, & Mass. Historical Commission. <i>See sep. entry for current construction funding request.</i>
MUSEUM EXTERIOR Preservation	Replace leaking roof and rotted wooden elements, then repaint the 1809 house and its 17th-century wing that house the Newton History Museum in historically documented colors.	527 Washington Street, Newton Corner, MA 02458	Art Cabral, Newton Public Buildings Dept.	\$155,144	\$18,900 for architects' fees through Newton Public Buildings Dept. (on-call architect)	5/18/2009	\$138,244	15-Nov-11	New rear gutter installed, fence being assessed -- may require replacement rather than repair.

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Newton HOME-BUYER ASSISTANCE Program	Downpayment assistance to low- and moderate-income households for purchasing a home in Newton, in return for permanent affordability restrictions.	Citywide	Rob Muollo, City of Newton Housing Planner	\$1,677,050	CDBG funds only for first several yrs, then a mix, then CPA only	5/17/2004, 3/20/2006, 10/6/2008	\$1,677,050	15-Nov-11	% spent of most recent appropriation only. Most recent case closed Nov 2011: low-income, single-person household received assistance in purchasing a small condominium in Newton Centre.
61 PEARL STREET (housing)	Create 3 units of permanently affordable rental housing, each with 2 bedrooms, for households at up to 50 percent of area-wide median income, in a building that dates to approximately 1870. First-floor unit will be fully accessible.	61 Pearl Street, Newton Corner, MA 02458	Josephine McNeill, Executive Director, CAN-DO	\$1,370,000	\$130,000 CDBG; \$350,000 HOME, \$175,000 bank loan, \$50,000 foundation grants	5/2/2011	\$665,500	15-Nov-11	First payments have been released for mortgage reduction, pre-construction costs & initial portion of developer fee.
RECREATION & OPEN SPACE PLAN	Hire a part-time consultant to help the City of Newton complete a new <i>Recreation & Open Space Plan</i> , to guide City acquisition, management & funding decisions; and to qualify the City for state and federal grants.	citywide	Jennifer Molinsky, Chief Planner for Long Range Planning, City of Newton	\$18,000	est. \$14,000 of City funds for consultants & contributed City staff time	8/8/2011	\$4,000	29-Sep-11	Working group has been appointed and is meeting monthly with Planning staff; see schedule & scope of work from http://www.newtonma.gov/cdbg/open-space-plan.htm . Public workshop tentatively planned for January 2012.
ACTIVE PROJECTS TOTALS				\$9,666,922			\$6,107,650		