



# Town of Orleans

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## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT APPLICATION

**Project Title:** ORLEANS OUTDOORS: Kayak Racks and Waterways Education  
**Submission Date:** 11/23/20

**Applicant (note if Town, individual or non-profit):** Recreation Advisory Committee, Town  
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**Co-Applicant, if any (note if Town, individual or non-profit):**  
**Address:**

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**Federal Tax Identification Number (if non-profit):**

**Project purpose (Check all that apply):**

Open Space       Historic Preservation       Community Housing       Recreation

**Project Location/Address:** see below: *Kayak rack placement considerations*

**Community Preservation Funding Request:** \$15,000

### **Brief Project Summary, Including Justification of Project Category Checked Above:**

#### ORLEANS OUTDOORS

The Orleans Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) had completed a survey of residents in 2019 to evaluate and rank the opportunities for enhancements to the recreation offerings within the town. Over 500 residents of all ages completed the survey. The survey results were sent via email to participants in the town recreation programs and a follow-up Zoom meeting was held. The survey and follow-up communications provided RAC with a roadmap for applying for CPA funds under the Recreation Category.

Of the ranked ideas that fall within the CPA guidelines, applications will be submitted for:

- Bike Racks
- Bike Paths (Bike & Pedestrian Committee will be submitting)
- Kayak Racks and Waterways Education
- Enhanced Trail Signage
- Storybook trail
- Picnic Area
- Design and engineering services for basketball court
- Pickleball Court

Each topic will have its own specific application with the supporting documentation and contact person. Tracy Murphy, Chair of RAC, can be contacted on any application.

### **Kayak Racks and Waterways Education**

**Detailed narrative:**

This project will pair kayak rack placement with waterways education. The goal is to enhance safe access to our many waterways, increase awareness and protection of the sensitive coastal environment and to improve shared waterways use.

Orleans has close to 45 miles of saltwater shoreline and 60 freshwater ponds. Yet, residents surveyed over the decades and just last year repeatedly ask for improved water access. This wish, paired with a clearly voiced interest in kayaking, leads us to propose this program: kayak racks and waterways education.

This crux of this program will be the placement of kayak racks throughout Orleans at edges of fresh and salt waterways. Each will have 8 rentable spots for kayaks, SUP boards or canoes. It is the education piece, however, that will be key to fulfilling goals. The program will begin a safety and environmental protection curriculum. Over time, we will include material that maps paddling trails, educates paddlers about “rules of the road,” and promotes use of access points. Rack placement will serve to enhance knowledge among the whole kayaking community of lesser known access points. The program will enhance passive use of Orleans conservation lands, educating the citizens of Orleans of our many outdoor recreational possibilities.

Some specifics: the racks will be constructed of wood and designed to hold 8 kayaks, SUP boards, or canoes. The spots on the racks will be permitted and fee based. Permitted users can lock kayaks and paddles in place. (Additional storage will be possible by locking a wet bag). Along with such storage, nearby bike racks will encourage “self-powered” access, without cars taking up parking sites. There will be a policy for permit holders that defines duration of use, safety, and courtesy expectations. Each kayaking season, information sessions, clinics, and safe kayaking promotion will be conducted. A501(c)(3) “Friends Group” will function to enhance Orleans Recreation by being a volunteer recruitment tool and a repository for donations to Orleans Recreation. Its first order of business will be to establish a Kayaking Stewards group. The Stewards will work with the permit holders to troubleshoot, visit rack sites at regular intervals to monitor compliance, and contact Natural Resources for removal of non-compliant vessels.

What remains to be determined: the placement of 10 racks will be chosen by the Kayak Stewards group. They will work closely with the Conservation Commission, the Natural Resources Department, Orleans Conservation Trust and the Shellfish and Waterways Improvement Advisory Committee. All these groups have been part of preliminary discussions and all have expressed strong interest in having input into the details of the program. We also will include knowledgeable kayakers and any other appropriate groups or individuals in Orleans. The first year, two to three racks will be placed after such consultations. (See the list of currently considered sites in the document attached. Other sites can be considered and not all of these listed will ultimately receive racks.)

The Kayak Stewards will develop rental policies and then become Stewards of the kayak rack sites; enforcing appropriate use. The Natural Resources Department will administer the permits, manage the records, collect the fees, and maintain the racks. The Natural Resources Department will back up the rack Stewards by removing identified non-compliant vessels.

## **Timeline:**

The timeline: the first year, three sites will be selected. The success and feedback from this first year will guide the policies and placing of the next seven racks. Ongoing community feedback will guide the subsequent choice of clinics and other modes of education. The presence of a 501(c)(3) organization will help the sustainability of this program over years. The organization will be a means of recruiting volunteers and eliciting donations for Orleans recreation. The kayak rack and waterways education program can be a model for promoting all kinds of outdoor recreation in Orleans.

## **Financial Data:**

The funding requested is \$15,000. This would address the cost of racks, assembly and installation (\$1,100 each), the legal fee for creation of a 501(c)(3) citizens group (\$1,500) and the cost of producing an on-line, printable safety brochure, map, and educational videos and clinics (\$2,500) for one year.

## **Kayak Rack placement considerations:**

### **TOWN LOCATIONS**

Cove Road, by landing\*

River Road by landing\*

Tonset Road by landing

### **JOINT OCT/TOWN**

Mill Pond by landing\*

### **CONSERVATION PROPERTY**

Crystal Lake by public beach\*

Pilgrim Lake by public beach\*

Kent's Point \*

Peck property at Arey's pond river\*

Paw Wah Point \*

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\*Proposed or existing bike rack nearby.

## GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT SUBMISSION

Please submit **one paper copy** of the application materials to the Community Preservation Committee, c/o Town Administrator, Town of Orleans, 19 School Road, Orleans, MA 02653 by Nov. 23, 2020. **Applicants must also email complete applications in PDF** to Myra Suchenicz, Administrative Assistant, at [msuchenicz2012@gmail.com](mailto:msuchenicz2012@gmail.com). A single PDF file which appends materials described in item 3 to the application form is preferred.

1. Applications must be received by Monday, November 23 to be considered for recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting.
2. Funds will be available on July 1<sup>st</sup> following the Annual Town Meeting.
3. Applicants may include any maps, diagrams, and/or photographs pertaining to the project. Letters of Support for the project from community organizations or other sources may also be submitted.
4. The Community Preservation Committee may require additional (or more detailed) information or further clarification to a submitted application.
5. Prior to submission of funding applications, applicants should review the Community Preservation Act (MGL, Chapter 44B, through the Community Preservation Coalition Web site), the Orleans Community Preservation Plan and the Orleans Community Preservation Bylaw, copies of which are available on the Town Web site at <https://www.town.orleans.ma.us/community-preservation-committee>. Nonprofit organizations applying for historic preservation funds for historic structures should obtain a sample copy of an acceptable historic preservation deed restriction (available from the Town Administrator's office) since this type of document will be required. Applicants other than the Town of Orleans should also obtain a sample copy of the Agreement with the Town of Orleans that all successful nonprofit applicants will be required to sign. Please contact the Administrative Assistant by email with any questions.
6. Eligible projects must address one or more of the uses outlined in the Community Preservation Act, Sections 2 and 5 (2), as follows:

### **Open Space**

Acquisition, creation and preservation of land to protect existing water supply/aquifer areas, agricultural and forest land, coastal lands, frontage to inland water bodies, wildlife habitat, nature preserves and scenic vistas.

### **Community Housing**

Acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing defined as housing for low and moderate income individuals and families, including low and moderate income senior housing. The Community Preservation Committee is required to recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

### **Historic Preservation**

Acquisition, restoration, rehabilitation and restoration of historic structures and landscapes that have been determined by the local historic preservation commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture or culture of the Town or that are listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

**Recreation**

Acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for active and passive recreational uses, including land for community gardens, trails and noncommercial youth and adult sports and the use of land as a park, playground or athletic field and for preservation and restoration of recreational facilities. (Community Preservation funds cannot be used for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure or for the acquisition of artificial turf for athletic fields.)