



# Town of Orleans

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## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT APPLICATION

**Project Title:** Overland Way Shared Use Path: A multi-use path recreational connection to Cape Cod Rail Trail

**Submission Date:** November 20, 2021

**Applicant (note if Town, individual or non-profit):** Town of Orleans Bike and Pedestrian Committee  
**Address:**

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

**Address:** C/O Alice Thomason Van Oot: 25 Blueberry Island Rd Orleans MA.

**Project Contact Person:** Alice Thomason Van Oot

**Telephone:** 508-255-1528

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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:** : Overland Way Orleans

**Community Preservation Funding Request:** \$105,000.00

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

This request is to support the second phase in the development of a short multi use path on town owned land to connect the Cape Cod Rail Trail to Overland Way. We are grateful to the Orleans Community Preservation Committee and town residents for the support received May 22, 2021 to do the necessary engineering study as a first phase of this project. The budget is intended to provide professional services needed for the construction of a short 0.2 mile multi use path which the Bike and Pedestrian Committee believes will open access and opportunity to a fairly isolated part of the Orleans community. The path will connect the neighborhoods of Bay Ridge Lane and Bakers Pond to the Cape Cod Rail Trail, thus also providing safe access to the downtown area including the schools and library for youngsters. The location has been under consideration by the town for some time and has been ranked as a priority by the Complete Streets project ranking process facilitated by the Cape Cod Commission in developing a Complete Streets Prioritization Plan for the town. Development of this path will further our goal of making the Cape Cod Rail Trail safely accessible to a larger part of our community, thus creating opportunity for both recreation and safe alternative transportation to other areas of town for users of all ages and abilities. We see this project as a definitive Community Preservation project primarily because it will open recreational opportunity to a relatively isolated and often left out part of the community.

**Please attach the following information with all applications:**

- **Detailed Narrative:**

The Orleans Bike and Pedestrian Committee was formed “to preserve, promote and enhance the safety of cyclists and pedestrians in Town” so that all members of the community could safely enjoy biking and walking for recreation, health and transportation. The Committee has been instrumental in educating the community to and promoting the practices of *Complete Streets* to meet this goal and successfully shepherded the adoption by the Select Board in January 2020 of a Complete Streets policy for Orleans (Appendix C). The Goals of the Complete Streets initiative include: access, public health, equity, safety, and environment. We believe the project for which we request financial support will expand recreational opportunities for the residents of an area of town that is geographically isolated because it is essentially bisected by RT 6A. The Overland Way path will open up the Rail Trail to the residents of Bay Ridge Lane, Oak Ridge Lane, Bakers Pond Rd, Opa’s Way, Long View Drive and others thus providing recreational opportunity and access. (See Town of Orleans: Trails and Walkways map):

<https://www.town.orleans.ma.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf3631/f/file/file/trails-walkways.pdf>

This project was identified through a Complete Streets Prioritization Plan development process that was open to the community. We used that community input and alignment with Community Preservation goals when identifying this project for a CPC application. Although participation in the MassDot Complete Streets program will enable the town to seek up to \$400,000 for project development, the town plans to reserve this funding stream to implement priority projects such as sidewalks, safety lighting etc. *that don’t meet the stated goals of the CPC.*

Bike and Pedestrian Committee members are committed to the goals of the Orleans Comprehensive Plan and the Orleans Community Preservation Plan’s goal “*to provide, improve, and where needed, expand opportunities, programs, and facilities for passive and active recreation during all seasons to support the needs of residents and visitors of all ages*”. This project will create a path for biking and walking and expand recreation opportunities for residents of the surrounding community by providing access to town facilities at the schools, the beaches and in town.

- **A complete and detailed description of the project including goals and objectives, consistency with Community Preservation Act goals, compatibility with the Orleans Community Preservation Plan and the Orleans Comprehensive Long Range Plan, and relevance to the community and its needs.**

We are confident that the goals and objectives of this proposal meet or exceed the stated goals of the following Orleans plans as well as goals of the Select Board and the mission of the town. The multi-use path, as proposed, is designed to increase recreational access to Orleans residents who live on the west side of town.

Attached as Appendix A is a copy of the Conceptual Construction Cost Estimate and as Appendix B the Construction Plan prepared by Vhb Civil Engineers, with whom the town works on DPW projects. Attached as Appendix C is a map of the area to be developed. Goals of this project are consistent with goals of documented town plans:

**Orleans Comprehensive Plan:**

- Vision Statement is that by 2020: “*Orleans will be a family vacation destination with ready access to its open spaces, recreational facilities, and beaches.*”

- A transportation goal is: *“To establish and maintain a multi-modal transportation system for present and future year- round and seasonal needs. This system should be safe, convenient, accessible, effective, economical”.*
- Policies to meet this transportation goal include the following: *“Transportation and circulation improvements should be consistent with the town character and accomplish the visibility and access of local merchants and encourage pedestrian and bicycle activity and give clear directions”.*

**Orleans Community Preservation Plan:**

*“The Community Preservation Act defines Recreational use as active or passive recreational use including, but not limited to, the use of land for community gardens, trails, and non-commercial youth and adult sports, and the use of land as a park, playground or athletic field”.*

**Conservation, Recreation and Open Space (CROS) Plan:**

The 2016 update of the Town’s “Conservation, Recreation and Open Space (CROS) Plan identified a list of recreational needs, one of which was bike trails.

- **Action Plan and Timeline:** Note the estimated dates for project commencement and completion and list (with an explanation) all action and steps that will be required for project completion, including any legal requirements or any impediments to implementation.

The project, as described will be facilitated by the Bike and Pedestrian Committee and implemented by the Orleans Department of Public Works. The project will go out to bid as soon as funds have been approved at the Annual Town Meeting 2022. We hope to have the project completed by the end November 2022.

- **Financial Data:** Provide financial information for the project including total cost, additional revenue sources (public, private, in-kind, volunteer time and services), basis for the fiscal estimates and any other fiscal details currently available. Applicants are encouraged to submit more than one quotation from potential contractors.

We are requesting \$105,000.00 to cover the Vhb stated costs (see Appendix B) and potential contingencies as advised by the Orleans Director of DPW including estimated construction inspection costs (\$30k).

## **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. 22, 2021. **Applicants must also email complete applications in PDF** to Jennifer Fountain, Administrative Assistant, at [genuinejenfountain@gmail.com](mailto:genuinejenfountain@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 22 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.)

*Sept 10, 2021*