

Town of Sudbury
Community Preservation Committee
Annual Reporting Form

Name of Project including year of Town Meeting and Article Number: Removal of Invasives Species From King Philips Woods, 2020 Town Meeting, Article 43

Date of Report: October 19, 2026

Date of Town Meeting Approval: September 13, 2020

Project Proponent: Sudbury Conservation Commission

Recipient of CPC Funds: Sudbury Conservation Commission

Name of Person Completing Form: Lori Capone, Conservation Coordinator

Description of Project: This project seeks to restore the ecological and historical assets in King Philip Woods, through the removal of invasive species. Work will restore the historic Old Berlin Road, the original stagecoach road from Lancaster to Boston; foundations from the infamous "Tavern of the Dammed"; and historic stone walls. This project includes interpretive signage to link the Native American history of this land with the adjacent Haynes Garrison House, as well as, provide educational signage of the ecological resources this land offers, including endangered species habitat and vernal pools.

Total Project Budget Through CPC: \$47,600

Total Spent in FY 26: \$41,580

Total Spent in prior fiscal years: \$2,591

Balance Remaining: \$3,429

Is the project completed? No

Description of status of the project: In August 2025, we hired Beaver Solutions to install a beaver deceiver under Old Berlin Road with CPC funds, to lower the water in the pond back to normal conditions and dry out the work area so we can perform the work associated with this project.

After obtaining the required permits in the winter/spring of 2026, we accomplished all the restoration work in the summer of 2026. This included hiring Parterre to perform the invasive species removal and installation of water bars and drainage in a portion of Old Berlin Road. This work unearthed the stonewalls that line Old Berlin Road and the stone foundations of the Tavern and Barn structures associated with the Tavern of the Damned. This work was accomplished with a combined effort between the consultant and Conservation staff.

The only remaining item is to develop and install appropriate historical and environmental signage within the property. I have reached out to a representative from the Nipmuck Nation Tribal Council and a local Native American teacher to assist with appropriate historical signage. I am requesting the appropriation of the remaining \$3,429 be extended in FY27.

Management moving forward will be critical to keep the landscape in its open state. The Conservation Department is committed to making this one of our priority efforts each year.

Project results, including any changes since Town Meeting:

Below are some representative photos to show the results of this project.



Photo 1: Pre-existing portion of Old Berlin Road



Photo 2: Same area following initial clearing



Photo 3: Old Berlin Road from Route 27



Photo 4: Old Berlin Road water bars



Photo 5: Foundation of the Tavern



Photo 6: Foundation of the Barn



Photo 7: Stone Well



Photo 8: Conservation Department removing vegetation