

We all recognize the need for more open spaces on Cape Cod.



But we must act today if we are to protect
remaining
precious resources for tomorrow.



We need to protect
our resources on land



as well as those in water and the actual resource of water itself.



Protecting land, waterways and related resources often involves becoming stewards of land, especially shoreline.



Fortunately,
The Community Preservation Act
offers a pot of gold to help save
some of these resources and treasures.

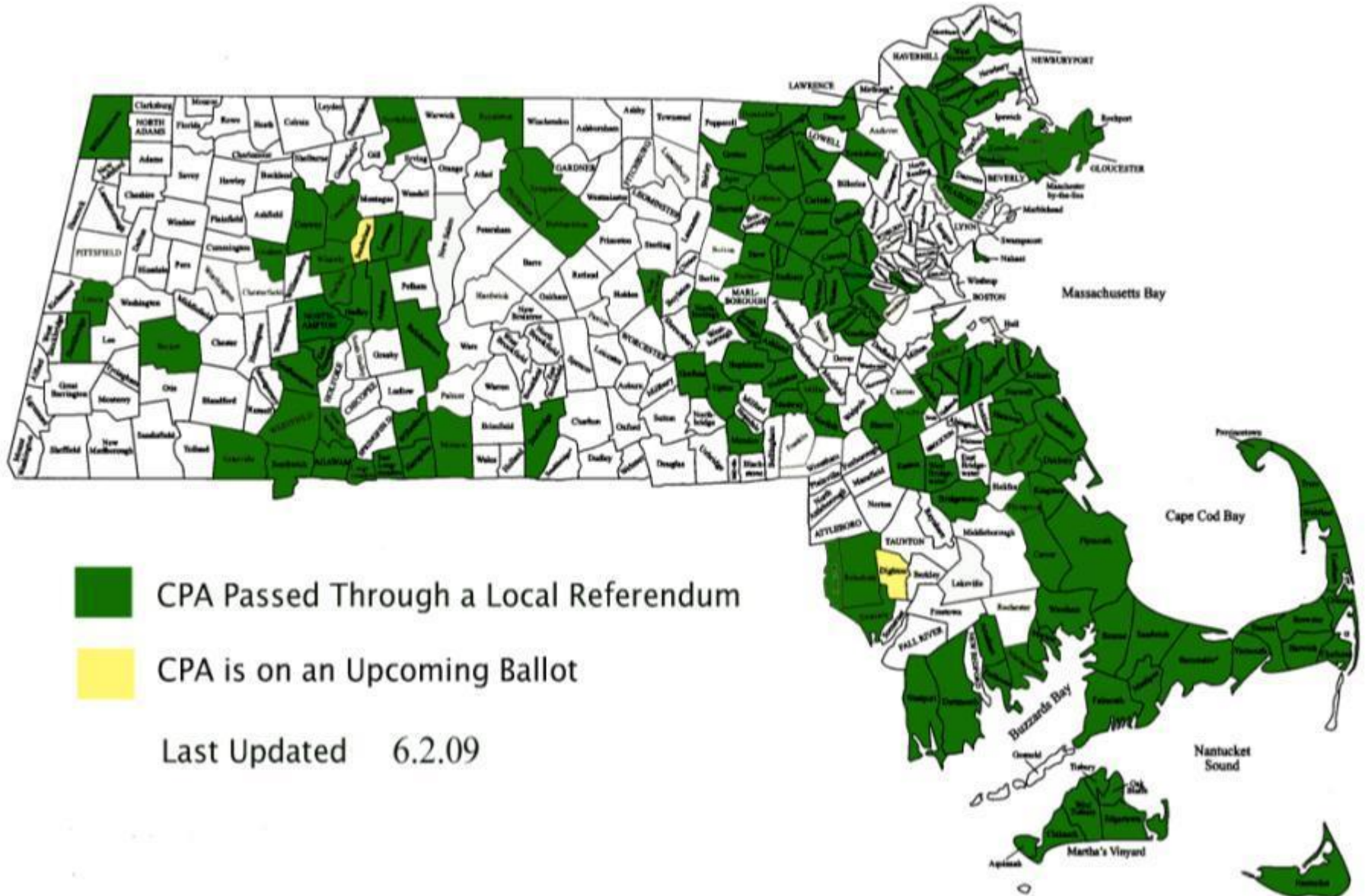




The Community Preservation Act



Status of CPA Implementation – 142 Communities



CPA by the Numbers *(as of Sept 2009)*

- 13,342 acres of land preserved for CPA purposes
- \$165M in funding for over 3,185 housing units and other affordable housing programs
- \$164M and over 1,600 appropriations for historic resources
- Over 500 appropriations for recreation projects
- Over \$820 million dollars for CPA projects! (surcharge + match)!

CPA Success Story: Bradstreet Farm, Rowley



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- The Town of Rowley purchased the 120+ acre farm using \$2.75M CPA funds in November, 2006
- Farm had been in the Bradstreet family since 1635 when the land was granted from King Charles I of England to Humphrey Bradstreet.
- Includes an early 19th century farm house and 18th century barn in addition to upland meadow, woodland, and marsh.
- Land use plan for the property includes all four of the CPA purposes:
 - 103 acres for conservation and passive recreation
 - 9 acres for active recreational use
 - 2 acres to construct affordable housing
 - 7 acres containing the historic farm house and barn, which will be protected with a preservation restriction and resold

CPA Success Story: Rice Nature Preserve, Wilbraham



- 240-acre open space and agricultural preservation project.
- The total project cost of \$2.51M, of which \$903K was CPA funds (funded through a combination of CPA funds, Town Conservation Fund, Mass. Self-help Grant, Mass. Ag. Preservation Restriction Program, and private fundraising from the Minnechaug Land Trust).
- The 150-acre Rice Nature Preserve was subdivided from the larger 240-acre property and purchased by the Town.
- The remaining 90-acres were protected through the purchase of an agricultural preservation restriction, and are a productive peach orchard, one of the oldest in Massachusetts.

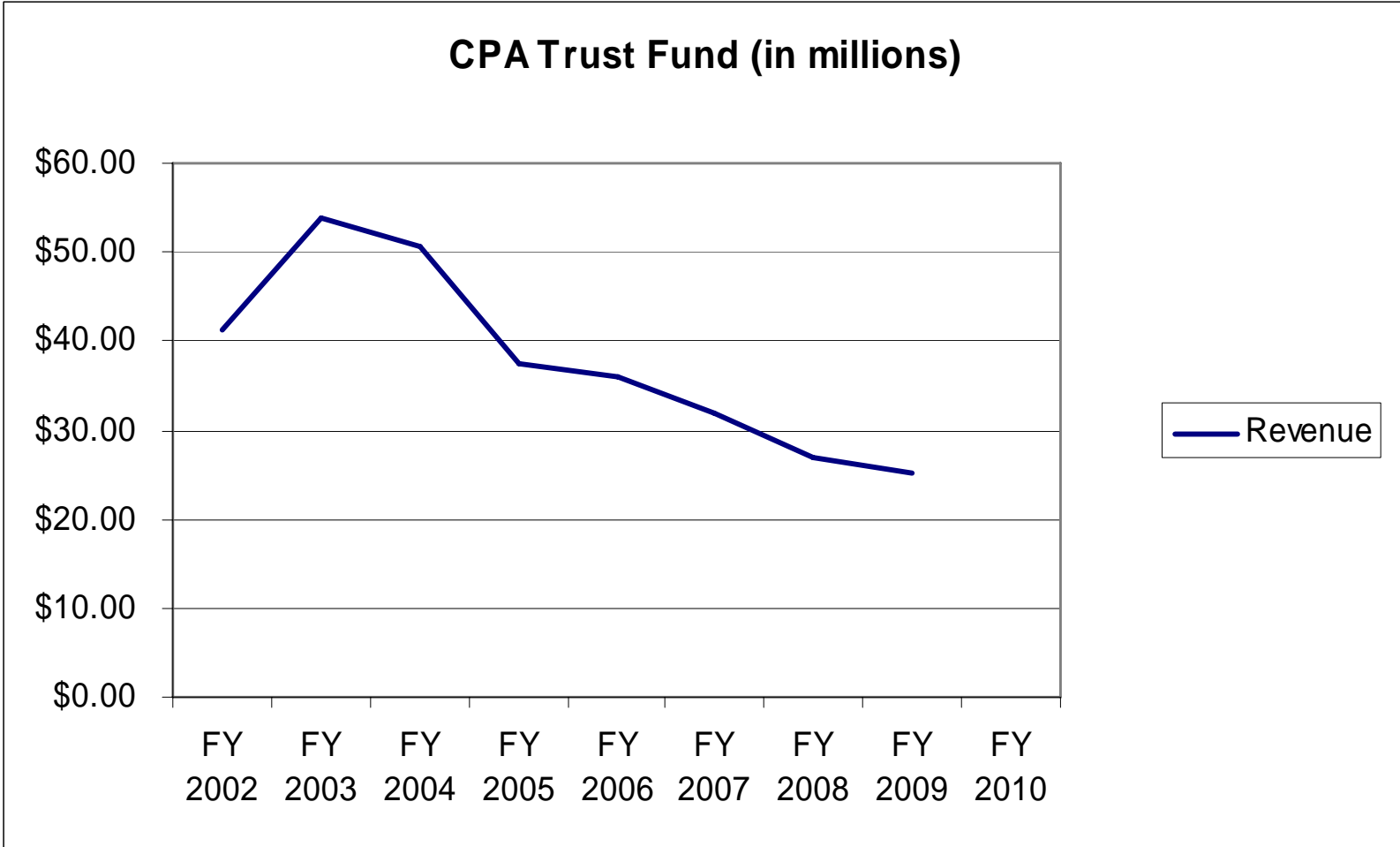
CPA Success Story: Cole Property, Carver



- Property includes wildlife habitat, an ancient Native American trail, and five acres of cranberry bogs, and is a critical water supply area for the town.
- \$1M of CPA funding purchased 98 acres of conservation land that has been permanently protected through a Conservation Restriction held by Mass Audubon.
- The remainder of the land was purchased through the DEP's water protection program and a State Self-Help Grant, and \$890,000 from the town.
- The property's cranberry bogs are operated by volunteers. One day a year, the bogs are open to the public for citizens to pick their own cranberries.

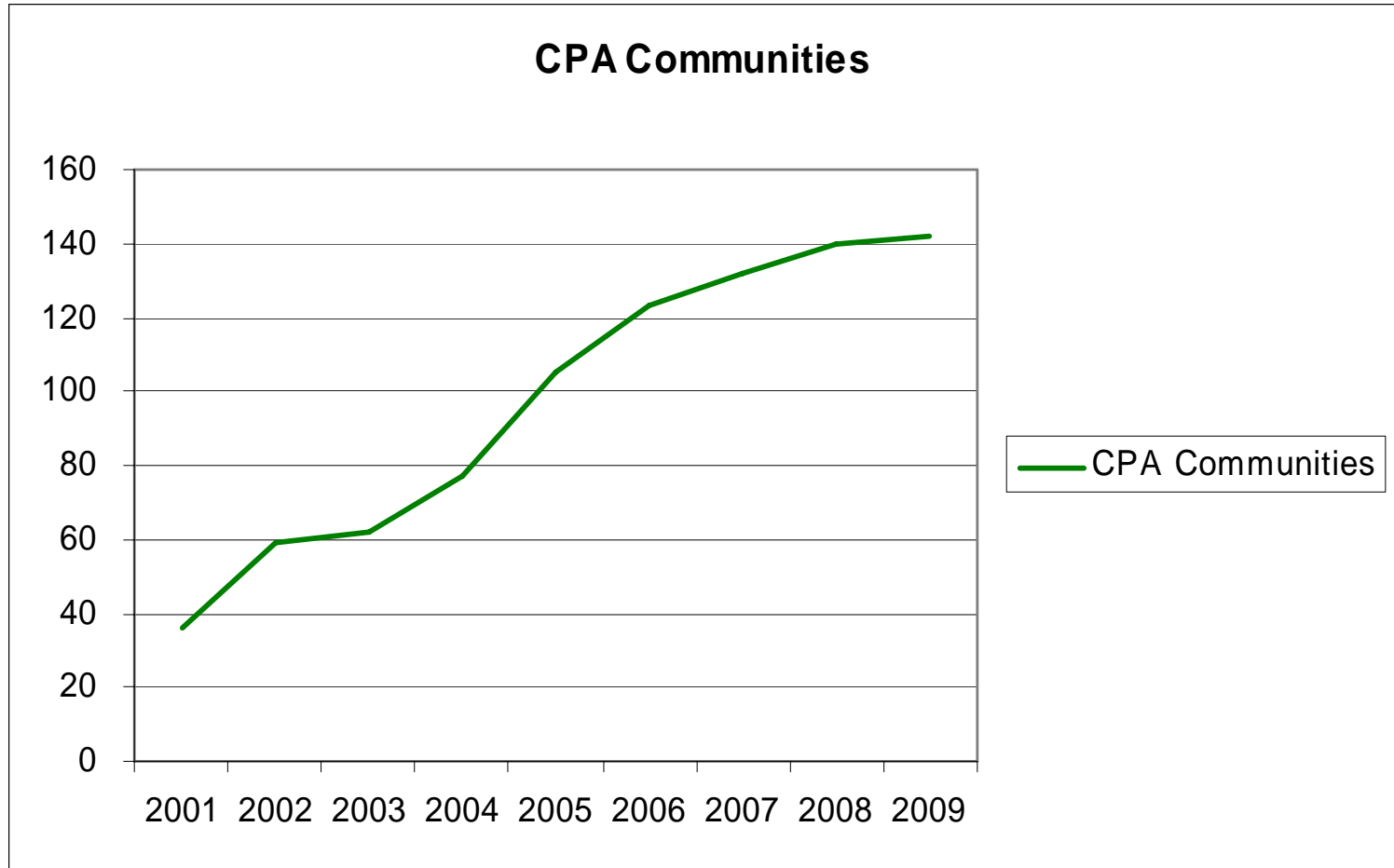
CPA Trust Fund Revenue Stream

a victim of the recession



CPA Communities

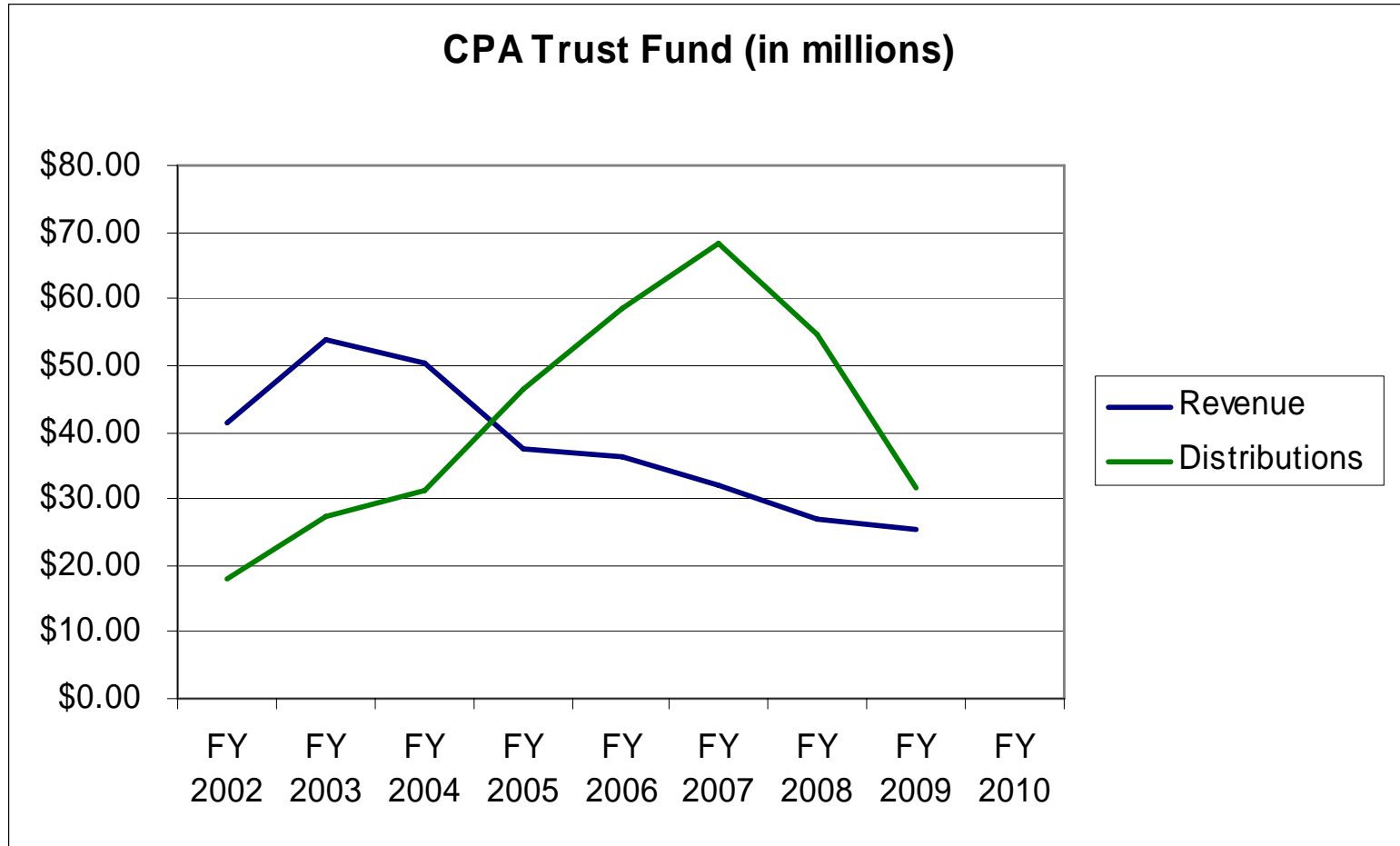
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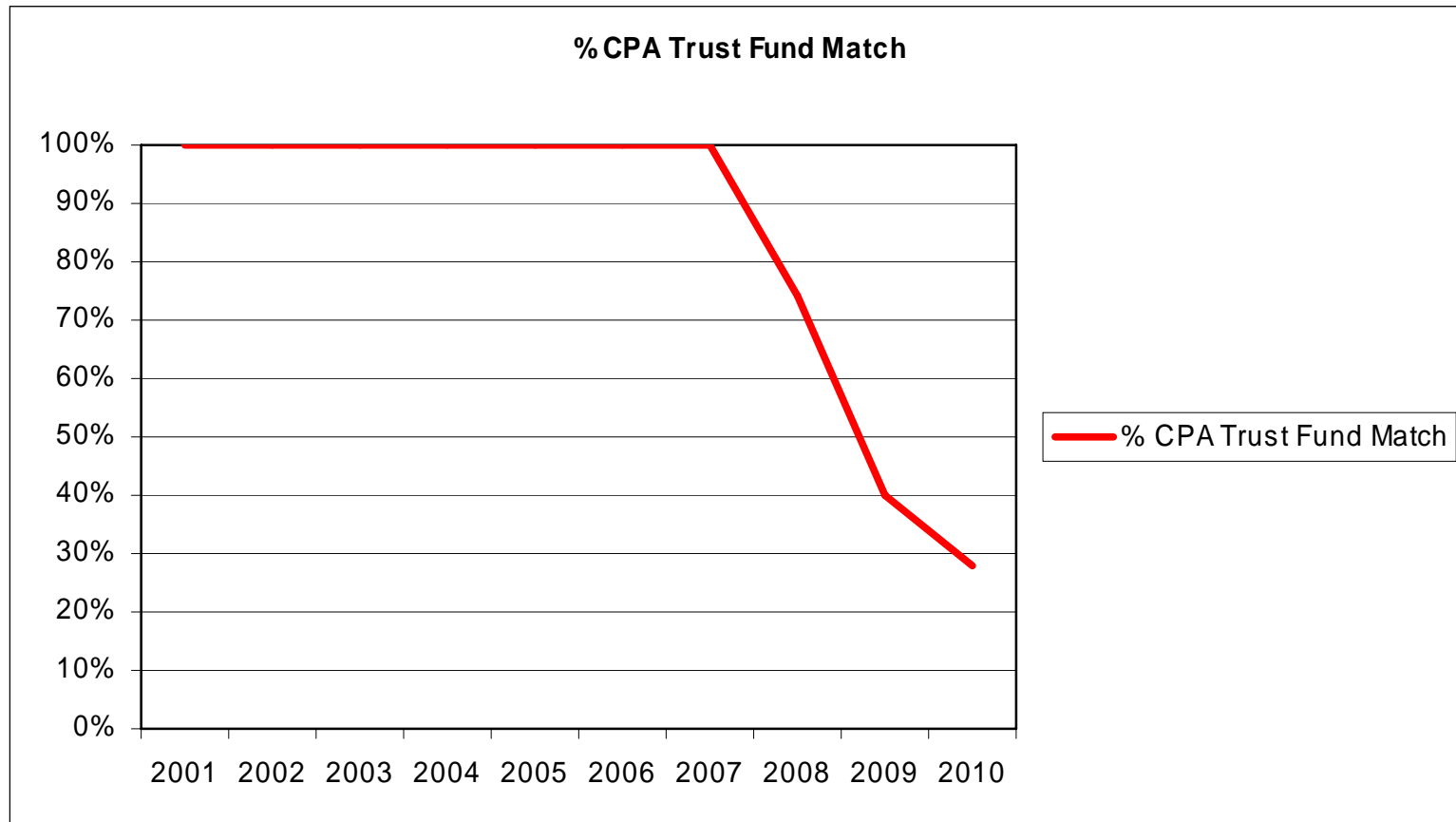
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What does this mean for your Community?



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Solution: SB90 “An Act to Sustain Community Preservation”

1. Increase trust fund revenue to guarantee a 75% match on first round.
 - Fees paid at the Registry of Deeds would increase from \$20 - ~\$40 per filing. Total fees paid would still represent just .045% of the cost of the average \$305K home sale (Aug. 2009). That’s less than five hundredths of one percent!
 - If above happens...
2. More attractive adoption option for cities
3. Clarify recreation language



Progress and Next Steps

- 83 Sponsors!
- Favorable Recommendation to Committee on Community Development and Small Business on 11-10-09
- Now assigned to House Ways & Means



CPA funds used creatively to leverage other funding sources can protect and even improve Cape Cod's resources for future generations.



For more information:

www.communitypreservation.org



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