

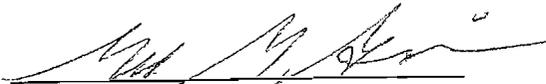
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM**

**TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
FISCAL YEARS 2006 – 2012**

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PLAN DESCRIPTION

A Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a schedule of anticipated capital expenditures over an extended time period. Section 8-160 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which relates to certain state financial aid to municipalities, defines a capital improvement plan as a “priority schedule of any and all necessary municipal capital improvements projected for a period of not less than six years and so prepared as to show the general description, location, and estimated cost of each individual capital improvement and including the proposed method of financing.” Capital improvement means a major improvement of betterment of a non-recurring nature to the physical plan of the municipality as differentiated from ordinary repairs of maintenance of a recurring nature.

A CIP is a valuable planning tool for municipal financial planners. When regularly reviewed and updated, it forces local officials to determine equipment and facility needs well in advance of those needs and to schedule expenditures for them in a systematic manner. Early identification of needs allows for better evaluation of cost impacts on the overall municipal budget and provides more time to examine payment options.

To be effective, a CIP must be annually reviewed, updated to reflect changing needs, and extended to cover another year. It is not a simple process of adding additional items to a list. Priorities may be influenced by emergency conditions, unexpected growth, new technology, legislative mandates, or escalating costs.

This CIP reflects capital improvements needed in Voluntown over the next six year period. It is based on information compiled by the Board of Selectmen, and provided to the Board by the Voluntown Elementary School; the Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, Inc.; the Voluntown Recreation Commission; the Voluntown Community Ambulance Association; and the Voluntown Public Library.

**CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES APPLICABLE TO
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Sec. 8-160. Capital improvement programs. Definitions. As used in sections 8-160 to 8-162, inclusive, "capital improvement program" means a priority schedule of any and all necessary municipal capital improvements projected for a period of not less than six years and so prepared as to show the general description, location and estimated cost of each individual capital improvement and including the proposed method of financing; "capital improvement" means a major improvement or betterment of a nonrecurring nature to the physical plant of the municipality as differentiated from ordinary repairs or maintenance of a recurring nature, and "municipality" shall include a city, town or borough.

Sec. 8-161. Commissioner to assist. State payments toward preparation of program. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development is authorized to make available technical assistance to any municipality for the purpose of preparing a capital improvement program for such municipality. The commissioner shall adopt rules of procedures and methods of providing such technical assistance. Such assistance shall be rendered upon contractual agreement between the commissioner and the contracting agency of the municipality. Within the limitations of the amounts appropriated, the commissioner may provide up to three thousand dollars for the state's share of any such contractual agreement to any one municipality but in no case shall the commissioner provide more than fifty per cent of the total cost of preparation of such capital improvement program.

Sec. 8-162. Procedure for obtaining technical assistance. Any municipality may receive technical assistance from the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development for the preparation of a capital improvement program. The legislative body of the municipality by resolution shall designate an appropriate agency of the municipality to prepare the capital improvement program, appropriate the necessary matching funds and authorize such agency to contract with the commissioner for technical assistance therefore as herein provided. If such municipality has a planning commission operating under the general statutes or special act, such planning commission shall be designated to be the contracting agency for such purposes.

**IMPROVEMENT
DESCRIPTIONS**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TITLE: ADMINISTRATION> TOWN HALL ELECTRICAL POWER AND DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENT.

DESCRIPTION:

- (1) Contract for engineering design of improved electrical system with emergency generator within Town Hall
- (2) Replace existing 200 Amp service entrance panel with 400 Amp service entrance panel, with double existing circuit breaker capacity.
- (3) Contract CL&P to increase amperage capacity from 200 Amp to 400 Amp.
- (4) Install propane powered motor-generator set north of Town Hall for emergency power, as follows:
 - a. 50-75 Kw propane fueled Motor Generator Set
 - b. 500 gallon above ground/below ground propane tank
 - c. Automatic daily test capability.
 - d. Automatic bus transfer
 - e. Chain link fence surround generator, existing antenna tower and air conditioner.

LOCATION: Voluntown Town Hall, Route 138, Voluntown.

ESTIMATED COST:

TBD

METHOD OF FINANCING:

- (1) Appropriation from Fund for Capital and Non-recurring Expenses.
- (2) Town Hall Improvement Fund

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**TITLE: TOWN ROADS – PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND
INSTALLATION OF A NEW TOWN GARAGE AND SALT SHED**

DESCRIPTION:

Acquisition of approximately ten acres of land near center of town. Installation of a 50 ft. x 60 ft. metal structure on a concrete slab. This new building would be utilized for the storage of town road equipment (i.e., backhoe, tractor, trucks, van, car, etc.) Storage within the building is desirable because of previous vandalism to town property.

Installation of building for environmentally safe storage of salt/sand mixture.

Existing town garage building would be utilized by the Voluntown Recreation Commission for storage.

LOCATION:

To be determined.

ESTIMATED COST:

\$200,000	Land
\$150,000	Garage
\$50,000	Salt/Sand Storage
\$25,000	Fencing

METHOD OF FINANCING:

USDA Rural Development Grant and/or low interest loan
State Grants

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TITLE: VOLUNTOWN RECREATION COMMISSION; PICNIC AREA /
WATERFRONT AREA

DESCRIPTION:

Development of the area lying between the new soccer field and Sawmill Pond. Development would consist of at least two independent phases: (1) Improvement of subject area by removal of brush and selected trees; grading and installation of loam in a manner not to interfere with existing inland wetlands areas; seeding with a low maintenance grass seed mixture. (2) Installation of a number of picnic tables (total number TBD) and charcoal grills to provide a picnic area adjacent to Sawmill Pond. This area may possibly also include a covered pavilion containing a number of picnic tables.

Development of this area would present the townspeople with an alternative to picnicking in Pachaug State Forest. The area (Sawmill Pond) lends itself to fishing and canoeing. Total cost would be relatively low, due to the town currently owning the property and the low cost of the proposed improvements.

LOCATION:

West of new soccer field.

ESTIMATED COST:

Picnic Tables	\$800
Fire Pits	\$800
Benches	\$1000

METHOD OF FINANCING:

Financing might be obtainable from the USDA Rural Development Program. Funding utilizing future LoCIP grants could be used. Partial funding could be obtained through the Voluntown Recreation Commission.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**TITLE: BEAUTIFICATION OF AREA BETWEEN SCHOOL &
CONSTITUTION FIELD**

DESCRIPTION: Regrade landscape and terrace hill to improve safe passage from school gym to recreation field.

LOCATION: Voluntown Elementary School to Constitution Field

ESTIMATED COST: To Be Decided

METHOD OF FINANCING:

- (1) PTA Fundraisers**
- (2) LoCIP**
- (3) Possible State Funds**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TITLE: SCHOOL PARKING LOT UPGRADE

DESCRIPTION: Seal and repaint old parking lots at the school.

LOCATION: Voluntown Elementary School

ESTIMATED COST:

\$7,000 - \$10,000

METHOD OF FINANCING:

- (1) LoCIP
- (2) Budgeted Funds

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TITLE: BENNETT ROAD/CIRCLE DRAINAGE

DESCRIPTION: Have an engineering study done with plans drawn to remove and replace existing drainage in order to upgrade the system as funding becomes available.

LOCATION: Bennett Road/Circle

ESTIMATED COST: \$20,000

METHOD OF FINANCING:

- (1) Town Aid Roads**
- (2) Grants**
- (3) LoCIP**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TITLE: SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT

DESCRIPTION: Remove and replace existing boilers in Voluntown Elementary School

LOCATION: Main Street, Route 138, Voluntown, CT

ESTIMATED COST: \$265,000

METHOD OF FINANCING:

- (1) Cost Sharing from State of Connecticut**
- (2) Appropriation from fund for Capital & Non-recurring Expenses**
- (3) LoCIP**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TITLE: DOG POUND

DESCRIPTION: Construction of a new Dog Pound

LOCATION: To be decided.

ESTIMATED COST: \$150,000

METHOD OF FINANCING:

- (1) Appropriation from fund for Capital & Non-recurring Expenses**
- (2) LoCIP**