

# Land Use Update

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# Housing Production Plan

A Housing Production Plan (HPP) is a community's proactive strategy for planning and developing affordable housing in a manner consistent with the Chapter 40B statute.

Communities with CERTIFIED Housing Production Plans who meet their housing production targets earn "Safe Harbor" status. Communities in Safe Harbor may reject Comprehensive Permit Applications that are deemed inconsistent with "local needs" identified in the HPP.

### Production Targets:

1 Yr Certification : 10 Units

2 Yr Certification: 21 Units

### Current 40B Status:

0.9% out of 10%

### Statewide Community Status:

78 over 10% + 23 more between 9-10%



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# Hazard Mitigation Plan

Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) form the basis for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses. This plan is an update to the Town's 2016 HMP.

**HMPs consist of THREE components:**

1. Risk Assessment
2. Mitigation Strategy
3. Implementation Plan

HMPs are approved by MEMA & FEMA. This plan is a pre-requisite to access non-emergency disaster assistance/prevention funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program.

Both programs fund improvements related to stormwater, drainage and culvert improvements, infrastructure protection, property acquisition, and other projects aimed at protecting local infrastructure from hazards related to climate change.



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# Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

A Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP) is a public entity's assessment of its programs, services, and facilities; as well as current policies, practice and procedures. The self-evaluation identifies and corrects physical and/or programmatic barriers to access that are inconsistent with the Town's Title II requirements. **SETPs have been required by Federal Law since 1993. The State of Massachusetts is now requiring them as a pre-requisite to access many funding programs.**

SETP's consist of the following elements:

1. Review of policies, programs, and practices
2. A list of physical barriers that limit access to programs, facilities, or services
3. Outline of methods to remove barriers
4. Implementation Plan
5. Responsible Parties



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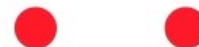
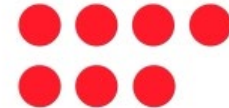
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# Village Center Visioning

The Planning Board is commencing a process to better understand local desires related to architectural design and land use in Dover's Village Center; this process may culminate in an effort to update zoning regulations to incentivize certain types and styles of development deemed most desirable.



Which style of bench do you prefer?



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# Hale Task Force

The Hale Task Force has contracted for an appraisal of approximately 590 acres in Dover that is currently occupied by the Hale Reservation. The reservation land within Dover includes the Grossman Camp facilities, a mountain bike skills park, as well as numerous trails, ponds, and scenic vistas.

A process to determine potential interest in acquiring a Conservation Restriction (CR), full fee interest in land, or some combination thereof will follow the completion of the appraisal.

## **TASKS AHEAD:**

1. Completion of the Appraisal
2. Creation & Adoption of a Public Participation Plan to review options
3. Implementation of Participation Plan
4. Draft Recommendations & Strategy
5. Report to BOS



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## Infrastructure & Resiliency

- South Natick Dam Removal
- Green Communities Act
- Funding Opportunities (Rural Communities, MVP, BRIC, & ARPA)
- Water Wednesdays & Water Resource Protection
- Failing Infrastructure Identification
- Complete Streets
- Regional Partnership Opportunities

NOTE: It is anticipated the DPW Director will assume some of these responsibilities.



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# Open Space and Recreation

The Open Space Committee is currently completing an update to the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). Updates must be completed every 5-7 years in order to maintain funding eligibility. ADA audits have been required as part of OSRP's since 2018.

## Open Space Priorities

1. Complete the OSRP
2. Establish an Open Space Acquisitions Prioritization Plan
3. Implement an Open Space and Conservation Trust Fund and Recruitment Program for Conservation Restrictions
4. Easement Acceptance & Trail System Conflict Detection







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# Zoning Initiatives

The Planning Board is seeking to address “low hanging fruit” as well as critical regulatory updates at Annual Town Meeting in Spring 2022.

**The Planning Board has sought grant funding to develop two bylaws:**

1. Natural Resource Protection Zoning Bylaw
2. Tree Preservation General Bylaw

**Other Regulatory Work:**

1. Accessory Apartments Bylaw
2. Zoning Diagnostic
3. Village Center Zoning
4. Dark Skies Bylaw
5. Definitions
6. Planning Board Rules & Regulations Update

Thank you for your time.

Questions and Comments?

