



## SERVICES TO GREENFIELD IN 2023

### CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND USE

- Met with Greenfield City Planner and Department of Public Works Director to formulate a grant proposal to select and design storm water best management practices on municipal properties.
- Assisted the planning board in revision of the Open Space/Cluster Development Ordinance.
- Worked with the Greenfield Director of Energy and Sustainability to develop a Municipal Net-Zero Plan and a community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory.
- Prepared a memo summarizing known short-term rental numbers in Franklin County towns and revenues for towns that have opted in to the lodging tax, and a summary of existing bylaws across the state, related to short-term rentals. Towns can use that info to develop policies and bylaws, if desired.
- Provided technical assistance for a Community One-Stop Grant Application for a Housing Plan, which the City was awarded.
- Facilitated a monthly meeting with the MA Attorney General's Neighborhood Renewal Program, allowing Greenfield staff to facilitate the rehabilitation and eventual occupancy of abandoned housing.
- As part of a 6-town Complete Neighborhoods "Greenfield Area" grant project, FRCOG worked on a zoning analysis of Greenfield and other towns, with the goal of drafting recommendations to increase housing diversity.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Conducted the annual student health survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for evidence-based substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the school district.
- Provided resources to students groups for advancing racial justice in school districts/schools to the GPSD and to the FRCPS
- Provided 22 Greenfield children with summer camp scholarships through a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Foundation for Community Justice mini-grant to improve youth health.
- Provided a CHIP grant to Atlas Farm to bring a mobile farmer's market bus to Leyden Woods.
- Supported Greenfield Mass in Motion Age-friendly workgroup on age- and dementia-friendly municipal planning initiative. Mass in Motion funding supported two workgroup facilitators, who led the group in producing an Age-friendly Resource Guide.
- Provided outreach materials to cannabis businesses that focus on safeguarding children and pets from cannabis exposure by emphasizing safe storage, plus other tips and resources.
- Convened the Greenfield Safe Schools Safe Streets Coalition, which focuses on youth health outcomes in Greenfield.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Funded a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report Update for a public property.
- Supported access to the US EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program in Phase II Environmental Site Assessments of a non-profit and a public property.
- Provided assistance for the city's application for local digital equity planning services from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, and began working on the City of Greenfield's Digital Equity Plan.
- Provided technical assistance and coordinated a site visit by legislators and the Community Foundation of Western Mass for the Franklin County Cooperative's project at the former Wilson's Department Store.
- Prepared a site profile for the First National Bank Building property that was featured at the FRCOG's exhibitor table at the Western Mass Developer's Conference in Springfield in October.
- Participated in the Center for Rural Innovation's Tech Economy Workshop for the Greenfield area in March.
- Prepared a memo about supporting the construction trades industry for the Greenfield Area Development Corporation.
- Met with the new Community and Economic Development Director to review planning services and provide information.
- Completed three data requests for Greenfield based non-profit organizations.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Awarded funds for a Regional Prime Mover for Greenfield Fire Department (a heavy duty pick-up truck fitted with storage utility body, to haul regional resources such as shelter, public health, and Western Mass Tech Rescue Team trailers, and to support Greenfield Fire's Drone program.)

## SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- Greenfield participated in FRCOG's Highway Products and Services Collective Bids Program, including the rental equipment program and elevator maintenance for the Franklin Regional Housing Authority. Staff conducted a Collective five-year bid for Student Transportation encompassing nine Franklin County School Districts, including Greenfield Public Schools.
- FRCOG staff organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of town energy committees.
- FRCOG's Cooperative Inspection Program staff provided plumbing/gas and electrical inspection services to Greenfield, issuing 257 plumbing permits, 182 gas permits, and 565 electric permits to the city, totaling 1004 permits issued.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops, roundtables and training sessions that Greenfield public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

### Emergency Preparedness

- Advanced Medical Life Support – 2
- Child Emergency Assessment, Recognition, & Stabilization – 3
- Firefighter Fire Response – 2
- K-9 Life Support Certification – 21
- Response to Active Threat Trainer Certification – 7

### Municipal Officials' Continuing Education

- One-Stop Municipal Grants Information Session – 5

### Planning, Conservation & Development

- Environmental Protection Grant Information Session – 4
- Short Term Residential Rentals – 1

### Public Health & Community Awareness

- Age and Dementia-Friendly Community Talk – 14
- Cannabis Regulatory Updates for Municipalities – 1
- Food Safety – 2
- NARCAN Trainer Certification – 1
- Opioid Overdose Response – 1
- Overview of the Tanning Code – 1
- Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia – 24
- USDA Rural Development Grant Info Session – 4

## TRANSPORTATION

- FRCOG staff met with town staff and the FRTA to coordinate ways to use the Access program (and FRCOG earmark) to benefit the newly arrived immigrants staying at the hotel.
- FRCOG applied for a federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program to construct a sidewalk on a Leyden Road.
- FRCOG applied for funding through the federal Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program to complete a feasibility study to look at the options to address safety concerns and better accommodate bicycles and pedestrians on Turners Falls Road.
- FRCOG staff provided data as background and participated in the road safety audit completed by MassDOT in November 2023 as part of the Main Street redesign process.
- Continued marketing campaign for the Valley Flyer to support passenger train operation in the region.
- Participated in the Northern Tier Rail study to examine the feasibility of passenger rail service to connect North Adams, Greenfield, and Boston.
- Provided assistance with implementation of improvements to the Elm Street/Elm Terrace bus stop.
- Completed summary report for electric vehicle station survey in the town of Greenfield.
- Conducted truck survey and reporting at the Greenfield Park and Ride Greenfield for truck drivers.
- Engaged in contract to install Franklin County Bikeway wayfinding signs in spring 2024.