



## SERVICES TO LEYDEN IN 2023

### CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND USE

- Assisted the Town Coordinator and Selectboard prepare an application to become a designated Green Community.
- Prepared a memo summarizing known short-term rental numbers in Franklin County, revenues for towns that have opted to implement the lodging tax, and existing bylaws across the state related to short-term rentals. Towns can use that information to develop policies and bylaws, if desired.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Conducted the annual student health survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Pioneer Valley Regional School (PVRS) administrators on results from 90 Pioneer students, representing 64% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the school district.
- Worked with PVRS District administration and staff to implement Restorative Practices school climate improvements.
- Supported Leyden Mass in Motion Age-friendly workgroup on age- and dementia-friendly municipal planning initiative. With Mass in Motion funding, the workgroup updated, printed, and mailed out the new Leyden Factbook, including resources for older adults.
- Supported town officials with information and technical assistance on spending opioid settlement funds.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Supported town's request for local digital equity planning services from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, and began working on the eight-town Franklin County Cooperative Digital Equity Plan.

### SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- Leyden contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment, heating and vehicle fuel, elevator maintenance, fire alarm services, school district fire extinguisher services, and dog tags and licenses. Staff conducted a bid for deck repairs on 10-Mile Bridge, and also assisted with a collective five-year bid for Student Transportation encompassing nine Franklin County School Districts, including the Franklin County Technical School.
- The Franklin County Cooperative Inspections program issued 50 building permits, 18 electrical permits, 19 plumbing/gas permits and two certificates of inspection for Leyden in 2023.
- FRCOG staff organized and facilitated educational meetings for members of town energy committees.
- Leyden is a comprehensive member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a regional health district based at the FRCOG. CPHS Staff:
  - Facilitated COVID-19/flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors and local schools, libraries and senior centers. Clinics in CPHS towns served 726 individuals and provided 1075 vax doses.
  - Hosted drop-in nursing hours at town offices and town hall lunches, serving 43 different people in 72 separate contacts.
  - Gave 259 Flu and 257 COVID vaccinations at drop-in nursing hours and home visits. Leyden residents received 24 vaccines, including three at home visits.
  - Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, including for nine Leyden cases.
  - Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at all drop-in nursing hours: 69 boxes exchanged.

- Offered tick-bite prevention outreach by providing educational materials and co-hosting seven permethrin “shoe spraying” events with boards of health.
- Through a CPHS district program and MA Department of Public Health subsidy, Leyden residents sought 13 low-cost tick tests, saving a value of \$455. Of the tested ticks, 47% were positive for the Lyme disease pathogen and 8% tested positive for the Anaplasmosis pathogen.
- Began hosting district “Train the Trainer” events. The first taught community members to train peers to recognize and respond to opioid overdose.
- In an FRCOG/library collaboration, presented another training on overdose identification and response.
- Assisted businesses, organizations, and individuals with the CPHS on-line public health permitting system; reviewed and made determinations on 30 applications for Leyden, and on an additional 14 applications for regional permits. Among these, inspectors reviewed five food and temporary food establishment permit applications, involving six inspections; and reviewed three well permit applications.
- To enforce septic code for the town, inspectors witnessed seven soil evaluation/percolation tests for septic systems, reviewed and issued one local upgrade approval and four septic installation permits, and witnessed four septic inspections prior to property transfer.
- Assisted businesses and residents with sanitary code compliance, and responded to and managed multiple housing cases with varying degrees of complexity.
- Provided guidance to the Board of Health, and regularly attended board meetings.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

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

### Emergency Preparedness

Firefighter Fire Response – 4

### Municipal Officials’ Continuing Education

One-Stop Municipal Grants Information Session – 1

### Planning, Conservation & Development

Environmental Protection Grant Information Session – 1

Short Term Residential Rentals – 1

### Public Health & Community Awareness

Age and Dementia-Friendly Community Talk – 6

Cannabis Regulatory Updates for Municipalities – 1

Food Safety – 3

Mass in Motion Community Engagement – 1

4State Tobacco Updates – 1

USDA Rural Development Grant Information Session – 1

## TRANSPORTATION

- Provided technical assistance compiling a MassTrails grant application and created a map to be included.
- Conducted six traffic counts on Brattleboro Road, East Hill Road, Eden Trail, Frizzell Hill Road, Mid County Road, and West Leyden Road.
- Provided technical assistance initiating participation in the MA Complete Streets Funding Program.
- Created a neighborhood map for Emergency Management Director to mail to every resident.