

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, June 1, 2026

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87601949255>

Meeting ID: 876 0194 9255 Password: 066791 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656

This meeting/hearing of the Selectboard will be held in person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:30PM Selectboard opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken

2. 6:30 **Annual Board Reorganization**
 - Welcome new member Nate Card Schiffbauer
 - Elect Selectboard Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk

3. 6:30 Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meeting: May 26, 2026, if available

4. 6:32 **Public Comment Period:** Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment

5. 6:32 **Community Development Block Grant Business with Brian McHugh, Community Development Director at Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority**
 - Public Hearing for the FY24 Montague CDBG Program to update the public on grant activities being administered by the FCRHRA on behalf of the Town of Montague.
 - Request to approve an FY24 grant extension to 12/31/26 to allow additional time to complete grant activities
 - Approve Invoice #3 in the amount of \$603 for the period April 1 to April 30, 2026, payable to Berkshire Design Group, Inc. for bidding and construction oversight for Avenue A Streetscape 5.1 Construction Project

6. 7:00 **Licensing**
 - Use of Public Property and Entertainment License, and permission to close Second Street for 2026 Summer Events at Peskeompskut Park and Unity Park including music and movies. Applicant: RiverCulture and Montague Parks and Recreation Department

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7. 7:05 **Police Business with Chief Haskins**
- First Reading of Intermunicipal agreement between the Montague Police Department and the City of Greenfield Fire Department/ Emergency Management Department regarding the use of City-owned unmanned aircraft system (UAS or drone).
 - Police Department updates
8. 7:20 **Community Electricity Aggregation Program**
- Program overview with Paul Gromer from Peregrine Energy Group
9. 7:40 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**
- Announce award of \$852,102 from the MassDOT Municipal Small Bridge Program for Swamp Road over Goddard Brook repairs
 - Discuss Opportunity Zone 2.0 designation eligibility, selection process
 - Project updates, grant submittals
10. 7:55 **Town Administrator's Business**
- 34 Central Street (Head Start) Lease with Pioneer Valley Community Action ends 8/1/2027. Discuss intentions and timeline to solicit proposals for a new lease.
 - Set dates for Selectboard strategic planning retreat and Town Staff appreciation lunch.
 - Topics Not anticipated within 48 hours posting requirements

Next Meeting

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00pm via ZOOM

LEGAL NOTICE
FY2024 CDBG Program Updates
PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Montague

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If residents are unable to be present at the Public Hearing written comments can be made to Christopher Nolan-Zeller, Assistant Town Administrator, Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376

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Selectboard
Town of Montague
The Montague Reporter
May 14, 2026

AGENDA

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Monday, June 1, 2026 6:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING**READ LEGAL NOTICE**

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UPDATE OF FY 2024 CDBG PROGRAMS (Estimated Program Completion: December 31, 2026)**Grant Awarded = \$938,328.00****Housing Rehabilitation – \$490,000 (\$114,116.50 contracted to projects)**

7 Units of Housing Rehab – 7 applicants/projects have been approved. Initial lead inspections and housing rehab specialist inspections are underway.

2 units are under construction

2 additional units have been inspected, and project write ups are underway so projects can be put out to bid

3 additional units have been approved and inspections are forthcoming

Parking Lot Re-Paving Construction Project - \$125,953 COMPLETE

The project resulted in the re-paving of two town-owned, free public parking lots in Turners Falls, MA. (one on Third Street, one on Fourth Street)

Bids came in under budget (\$71,632.18), leaving an uncommitted balance of \$54,320.82.

Public discussion on the possible re-allocation of uncommitted funds to a CDBG-eligible project.

Social Services – \$97,176.00/ awarded to 4 agencies (three at \$25,000, one at \$22,176)**All programs are complete as of 09/30/25**

- Montague Catholic Social Ministries – “Families Learning Together” – a program to provide a literacy education program for immigrant families.
- LifePath Inc. – a program to provide Home Delivered Meals and Wellness Checks to homebound elders
- LifePath, Inc. – an elder Self-Sufficiency Program to offer older residents assistance re: housing, health, comfort, access to health care, and financial stability
- Wildflower Alliance – a program to provide direct outreach and peer support for people in recovery; Alternatives to Suicide Mutual Support Group; Arts and Wellness Group

NEEDED TODAY:

- The Town will need a vote to request extension of the period of performance for FY24 grant activities to 12/31/26.
- If decided at this meeting, the Town will need a vote as to how they wish to use uncommitted funds in the amount of \$54,320.82 from the Parking Lot Re-Paving Project.
 - *If no decision is made, a vote is not needed at this time, but an additional Public Hearing will be required. The minutes of this Public Hearing should reflect and capture specific discussions of potential uses of these funds.*

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Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program
Chapter 3 Grant Management Forms

Budget and Program Revision Form

Community/Grantee: TOWN OF MONTAGUE	Original Award: \$ 938,328.00
Program Name/Year: CDF-G-2024-Montague Grant #: 01001	Revision #: P-number (program revision) B-number (budget revision) E #2 E-number (extensions)
Contract End Date: 06 / 30 / 26	Date Revision Submitted: 06 / 02 / 26

This request is for the following change(s). Grantee check all "Requested" that apply; DHCD will initial those that are approved in the approved column

Grantee Requested	An X in the left column indicates the item is included by the Grantee, an X in the right hand column indicates DHCD approval of the item when the form is signed.	DHCD Approved
	Budget Amendment to increase the grant award to \$	
	Budget Revision for:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in administrative dollars Transfer of funds from construction to non-construction or vice versa Cumulative transfers among separately budgeted activities which exceed or are expected to exceed 10% of the approved grant award if the grant award exceeds \$100,000 	
X	Program Extension (to increase period of availability of funds/period of performance) to 12 / 31 / 26	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This extension will extend period of performance beyond the end of the term of the current grant agreement 	
	Program Revision for:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision in scope or effectiveness of a project/program design or significant change in the accomplishment of the national objective or beneficiaries to be served. Changes in key personnel For non-construction projects, contracting out or subgranting or otherwise obtaining services of a third party to perform activities which are central to the purposes of the award if not specified in the application or grant award Other, specify 	

This request is submitted and all relevant information specified on page 4 is provided in attachments. I understand that the revision or extension requested is not approved unless and until this form is countersigned as "approved" or "approved with revisions" by the Associate Director and returned to me.

	06/01/26
Authorized Signature for Grantee:	Date / / Print Name & Title:

Program Rep. initial and date:	Program manager signature and date:
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This request # _____ is	_____ approved as requested
_____ approved with the modifications shown on the	_____ denied
following pages numbered _____.	

Authorized signature for Mass. CDBG	<u>Sandra L. Hawes, Associate Director, DCS</u>
	Print name, title, and date



**Franklin County Regional Housing
& Redevelopment Authority**

241 Millers Falls Road
Turners Falls, MA 01376

Tel: 413-863-9781
Fax: 413-863-9289
www.fcrhra.org

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**AUTHORIZATION TO DISBURSE
Invoice # 2026-023-3
Project No. 2026-023
TOWN OF MONTAGUE FY2025 CDBG
FY25 Avenue A Streetscape Improvements 5.1 Construction Project (6B)
Contractor: Berkshire Design Group
4 Allen Place
Northampton, MA 01060**

Date: June 1, 2026

Total Contract	30,000.00
Total Paid to Date:	4,947.00
Balance:	25,053.00
This Invoice:	603.00
Balance:	24,450.00

Work Items Complete: Professional landscape architectural, civil engineering and land surveying services listed on the attached invoice, for the period April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026

See attached invoice dated: May 26, 2026	FY2025 MONT \$603.00
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I reviewed this invoice on May 27, 2026 and found that the tasks have been completed, as noted. I recommend approval of this pay request for **\$603.00**

Director of Community Development – HRA

We hereby authorize the above payment

TOWN of MONTAGUE (2 of 3 required)

Authorized signature
Chair, Selectboard

Authorized signature
Selectboard

Authorized signature
Selectboard



4 Allen Place, Northampton, MA 01060
413-582-7000 t • 413-582-7005 f

Town of Montague Planning Dept.
Attn: Mr. Brian Mchugh
241 Millers Falls Rd.
Turners Falls, MA 01376

INVOICE # 2026-023-3

May 26, 2026

Project No: 2026-023

Re: Montague - Avenue A Streetscape 5.1 Bidding & Construction Administration

For professional landscape architectural, civil engineering and land surveying services listed below for the period April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026:

Email invoices to: bmchugh@fcrhra.org

Task	Fee	% Complete (to date)	% Complete (this period)	Amount Due (this Period)
Bidding & Construction Administration	\$30,000.00	18.50%	2.01%	\$603.00
	<u>\$30,000.00</u>			
Subtotal Task Charges				\$603.00
INVOICE TOTAL				\$603.00

Please make check payable to: The Berkshire Design Group, Inc. Please note Project # on check.

Terms: Due upon receipt. A 1.5% late payment charge may be applied to the balance due, if payment in full is not received in 30 days. Thank You.

TOWN OF MONTAGUE
APPLICATION FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE
SPECIAL AND REGULAR

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 140, SECTION 183-A (SEVEN DAYS)
CHAPTER 140, SECTION 181

Date of Application: 5/11/26 Date Approved: Fee: [initials]

To the Local Licensing Authority:
The undersigned respectfully applies for an Entertainment License for daily operation, calendar year 20 during the following hours:

Table with 6 columns: Day, from, to, Day, from, to. Rows include Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Legal Holiday.

This is a "special entertainment permit" request? DATE: { yes } { no }

This is an annual renewal? [initials] { yes } { no }

1. NAME OF APPLICANT: Suzanne LoManto TELEPHONE: 413-863-3200

Jon Dobosz River Culture ext. 115

2. D/B/A: PARKS & REC.

3. PREMISES: BUSINESS PHONE:

4. The specific categories of licensed entertainment sought to be approved are:
Radio Jukebox Video Jukebox Pinball Machines
Wide Screen TV Television/Cable Pool Tables

Automatic Amusement Devices: Video Games, Number of: Type: Video or Keno

Dancing by patrons size of floor
[X] Instrumental Music number of instruments & amplifiers
[X] Live Vocalists number of persons/type of show
Exhibition type
Trade Show type
Athletic Event type
Play type
Readings of Poetry or other
New Years Eve "after midnight entertainment"

See attached

Indoors: Size of area to be used: Allowed: Number of People: Allowed:
Outdoors: Size of area to be used: Available Parking:
Alcohol to be served:

Applicant Signature
*****OFFICE USE ONLY*****

Board of Health Date 5/14/26
Police Department, Chief Date
Fire Department, Chief Date
Board of Selectmen, Chairman Date

Inspector of Buildings Date



Board of Selectmen Town of Montague

1 Avenue A (413) 863-3200 xt. 108
Turners Falls, MA 01376 FAX: (413) 863-3231

REGISTRATION FOR ASSEMBLY, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION, OR USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY (Not for Peskeompskut Park or Montague Center Common)

Street closure

All information must be complete. This form must be returned to the Board of Selectmen within a minimum of 10 days prior to the assembly.

Name of applicant: Suzanne Lo Manto / Jon Dobosz

Address of applicant: 1 Avenue A Turners Falls

Phone # of applicant: 413-863-3200 ext. 115

Name of organization: River Culture / Parks & Rec

Name of legally responsible person: T.O.M.

Location of assembly: Second Street

Date of assembly: June 13. (June 14, 2026 RAIN)

Time of assembly: Begin: NOON End: 8pm

Number of expected participants: _____

If a procession/parade:

Route: close Second Street for event.

Number of people expected to participate: _____

Number of vehicles expected to participate: 10th Anniversary of

Subject of demonstration: the Skatepark

Attach a copy of your insurance policy or liability binder indicating a minimum policy of \$1 Million Individual/\$3 Million Group.

Signatures:

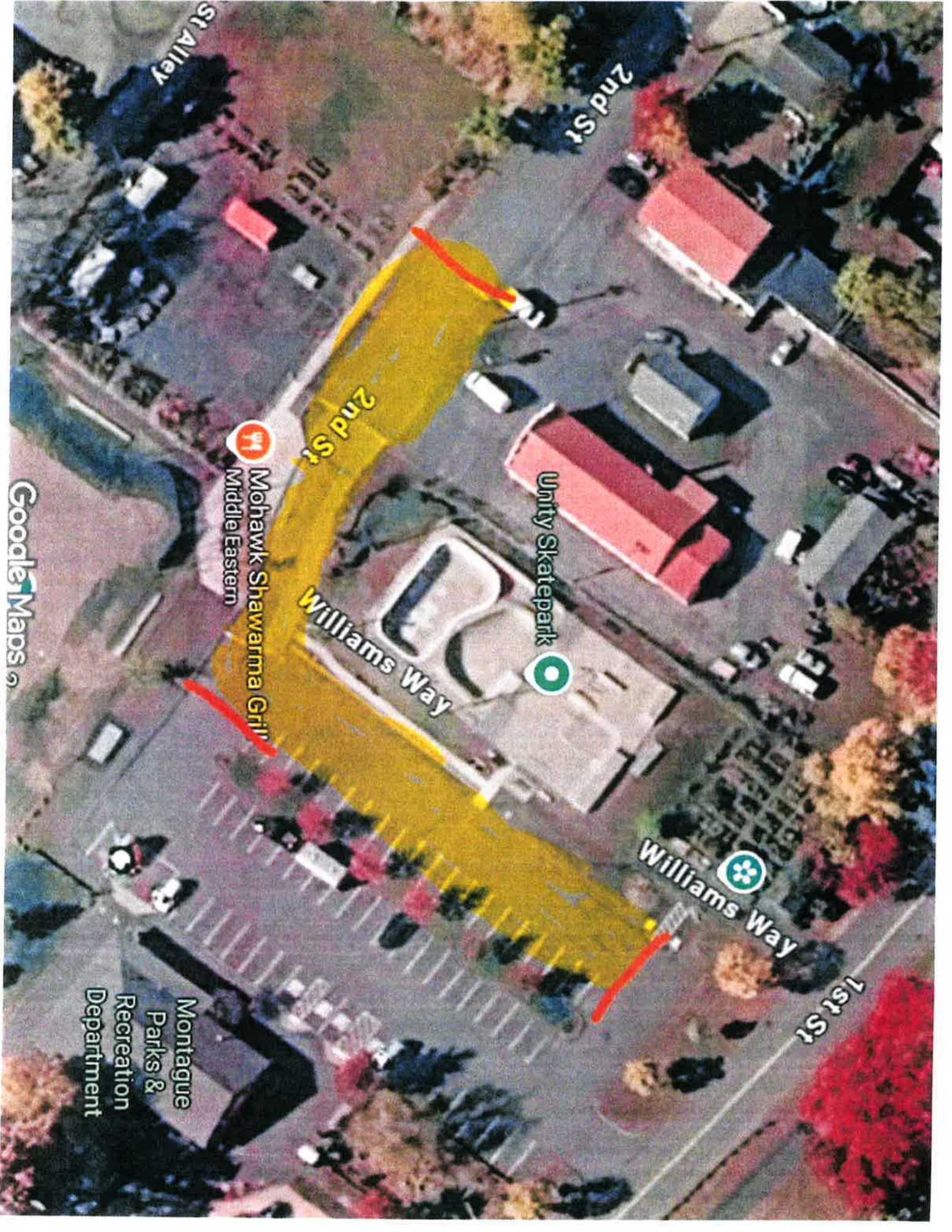
Police Chief: [Signature]

Date: 5/14/26

Comments/Conditions: _____

Board of Selectmen, Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Comments/Conditions: _____



St Alley

2nd St

2nd St

Unity Skatepark

Mohawk Shawarma Grill
Middle Eastern

Williams Way

Williams Way

1st St

Montague
Parks &
Recreation
Department

Google Maps



Board of Selectmen
Town of Montague

1 Avenue A (413) 863-3200 xt. 108
Turners Falls, MA 01376 FAX: (413) 863-3231

Event Application for use of
PESKEOMPSKUT PARK and MONTAGUE CENTER TOWN COMMON

Name of applicant Suzanne LoManto / Jon Dobosz

Name of business/group sponsoring proposed event if applicable: Riverculture / Parks and Rec

If applicable, number of years your organization has been running this event in Montague?

Address 1 Avenue A / Field House

Contact phone Contact email 413-863-3200 #115
413-863-3216

FID

Dates of proposed event See attached Location: Peskeompskut

Hours Set Up: Clean Up: park

Approximate number of people expected to attend

What provisions will be made regarding clean up of site?

- Will the proposed event be:
- Musical
 - Theatrical
 - Exhibitions
 - Amusements
 - Wedding
 - Other

Fully & specifically describe content of the proposed exhibition, show and/or amusements:

Summer programming including
music and movies

Fully & specifically describe the premises upon which the proposed event is to take place.

Bandshell
Park grounds

Use back of form or attach a map of the premises indicating parking area(s), entertainment area(s), vendor area(s), location & number of toilets, location & number of garbage receptacles, garbage storage area, camping area(s), and location of first aid/medical stations.

Will vendors be selling:

- merchandise
- food/beverage
- alcohol
- other services

N/A

Fully & specifically describe the extent to which the event and/or premises would affect public safety, health, or order. If serving alcohol, indicate separate serving area, approved server i.e. TIPS trained. (separate license required to serve alcohol)

None.

Describe the appropriate level and nature of security and/or traffic control that would be needed and what provisions have been made.

Supervision by 1 or more
municipal staff

What provisions will be made regarding first aid and emergency medical care?

on site kit

Are you also applying to place signs within Montague to advertise or give directions to your event? (See the Montague Building Inspector)

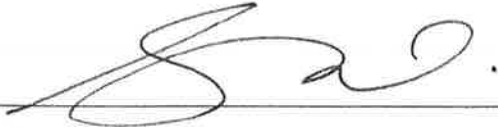
If so, at which locations? No

Attach a copy of your insurance policy or liability binder indicating a minimum policy of \$1 Million Individual/\$3 Million Group.

I attest that to my knowledge the information provided in this application is accurate and not misleading.

N/A

Signature of applicant _____



Date _____

5/11/26

License fees:

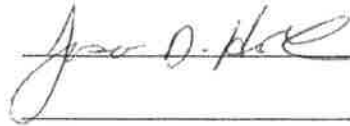
Monday – Saturday = \$25.00 per day

Sunday = \$50.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – Approval

Date: _____

POLICE CHIEF - Approval / Comments



Date: _____

5/14/26

BOARD OF HEALTH – Approval / Comments

Date: _____

Montague Select Board
From: Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture
Jon Dobozy, Montague Parks & Recreation

Montague, May 11, 2026
RE: 2026 Summer Programming. Use of Public Property
*Not Permissions for the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival

Please reserve the following list of dates for **summer events at Peskeompskut Park**.
Include the following dates for an entertainment license:

Friday, June 10: Movies in the Park. 4pm-9pm
Thursday, June 18: Recovery Project Partnership. 4pm-9pm (6/25 Rain Date)
Saturday, June 27: Montague World Music Mini Festival, All Day. (6/28 Rain Date)
Friday, July 10: Movies in the Park. 4pm-9pm
Sunday, July 19: Do it Now, 1pm-6pm (7/26 Rain Date)
Friday, July 31: No Strings Puppet Show, 10am-1pm
Friday, August 7: Movie in the Park, 4pm-9pm
August 6: Music t.b.a.
Thursday, August 20: Wes Brown, 4pm-9pm (8/27 Rain Date)
Saturday, September 19: One Love Reggae Festival, All Day (9/20 Rain Date)

Permission to close Second Street between Nova Motorcycle and the Unity Park Garden
Saturday, June 13: 10th Anniversary of Unity Skatepark. Noon-7pm (6/14 Rain Date)
Include this date as part of the entertainment license




7A

GFD & MPD Drone MOU

From Jason Haskins <jhaskins@montague-ma.gov>

Date Wed 5/6/2026 4:33 PM

To Walter Ramsey <WalterR@montague-ma.gov>

 1 attachment (3 MB)

GFD and MPD Drone MOU.pdf;

Walter,

I am asking the Selectboard to sign this MOU between the Greenfield Fire Department/Emergency Management and the Montague Police Department Regarding the use of City-Owned unmanned aircraft system (Drone).

While it seems a little confusing, there are actually two Drone programs in Greenfield. One is run by GFD and the EMD and the other is part of the FCRSRT which we already have an MOU with. Upon leaving GPD, I was the Drone Commander for the Police side. They have asked me to continue in that role, and I would like to continue doing that. During my time on the drone team, we have been deployed several times to Montague. During my time in Montague, the Drone has been deployed several times as well. This MOU would allow me, and other members of the Montague Police Department to become members of the GFD/EMD Drone (This is the exterior drone program whereas the SRT drone is interior operations).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jason

**INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
TOWN OF MONTAGUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND THE
CITY OF GREENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT /
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**REGARDING THE USE OF CITY-OWNED UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS or
DRONE)**

This Intermunicipal Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between:

The Town of Montague Police Department, a municipal law enforcement agency organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with its principal offices located at 180 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376; and

The City of Greenfield Fire Department / Office of Emergency Management, a municipal fire and emergency management agency organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with its principal offices located at 41 Main Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301.

Montague PD and Greenfield Fire/OEM are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Greenfield Fire Department / Office of Emergency Management owns and operates an Unmanned Aircraft System for purposes of public safety, emergency management, search and rescue operations, and related governmental functions;

WHEREAS, the Town of Montague Police Department has personnel who hold valid Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Remote Pilot Certificates and are qualified to operate UAS equipment in support of law enforcement and public safety operations;

WHEREAS, both Parties find it to be in the best interest of public safety and the welfare of their respective communities to enter into a cooperative arrangement permitting authorized members of Montague PD to operate the Greenfield Fire/OEM Drone under specified conditions;

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4A, and any other applicable laws governing intermunicipal cooperation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which designated and FAA-certified personnel of the Town of Montague Police Department may operate the UAS owned by the City of Greenfield Fire Department / Office of Emergency Management for lawful public safety, law enforcement, search and rescue, and emergency management purposes.

ARTICLE II — AUTHORIZED MONTAGUE PD OPERATORS

2.1 Only the following specifically named and FAA-certified personnel of the Town of Montague Police Department are authorized to operate the Greenfield Fire/OEM Drone under this Agreement. Authorization is non-transferable and limited to the individuals listed below:

#	Full Name	FAA Remote Pilot License #	Rank / Title
1			
2			

2.2 Greenfield Fire/OEM reserves the right to deny, suspend, or revoke authorization for any individual listed above at any time, with or without cause, upon written notice to the Chief of Police of Montague PD.

2.3 Montague PD shall promptly notify Greenfield Fire/OEM in writing if any authorized operator's FAA Remote Pilot Certificate is suspended, revoked, or lapses. Upon such notification, that individual's authorization under this Agreement shall be immediately suspended pending review.

2.4 Any request to add additional authorized operators must be submitted in writing to Greenfield Fire/OEM for approval and shall require a formal written amendment to this Agreement executed by both Parties.

2.5 Operators listed above shall attach copies of their FAA Licensure and their driver's license to this document at time of execution.

ARTICLE III — PERMITTED USES

3.1 Authorized Montague PD operators may use the Greenfield Fire/OEM Drone for the following purposes only:

- (a) Drone unit activations authorized by the Greenfield Emergency Management Director
- (b) Any other use expressly approved in advance and in writing by the Greenfield Emergency Management Director.

(c) Training flight time authorized by the drone unit coordinator.

3.2 Use of the Drone for any purpose not listed in Section 4.1 is expressly prohibited without prior written authorization from Greenfield Fire/OEM.

3.3 All flights conducted under this Agreement must comply with applicable Federal law, including but not limited to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations (including but not limited to 14 C.F.R. Part 107), as well as Massachusetts state law or regulations and all applicable local ordinances governing UAS operations.

3.4 All drone activities are governed by the Emergency Management Director of the City of Greenfield. All activities shall have a strict adherence to the drone policies and procedures managed by the Emergency Management Director and the City of Greenfield.

ARTICLE IV — REQUEST AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

4.1 The Emergency Management Director (or their designated representative) will notify the Montague Police Department if there is a request for pilots that go unfilled within the City of Greenfield's agencies.

4.2 Following each deployment, the authorized Montague PD operator shall complete and submit to both Montague PD and Greenfield Fire/OEM a written post-operation report within forty-eight (48) hours, documenting the nature of the operation, flight duration, any incidents or anomalies, and the condition of the Drone upon return.

ARTICLE V — CARE, CUSTODY, AND MAINTENANCE

5.1 Greenfield Fire/OEM shall remain responsible for all routine maintenance, storage, insurance, and registration of the Drone. Montague PD shall bear no cost for routine maintenance or upkeep of the Drone.

5.2 Authorized Montague PD operators shall handle the Drone with reasonable care and in accordance with all manufacturer operating guidelines and FAA regulations. The Drone shall be returned to its designated storage location in the same condition as received, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

5.3 In the event of any damage, malfunction, loss, or accident involving the Drone during operation by Montague PD personnel, the authorized operator shall immediately notify Greenfield Fire/OEM and shall prepare a written incident report within twenty-four (24) hours.

5.4 The cost of repairing or replacing the Drone due to damage caused by negligence, misuse, or willful misconduct of Montague PD personnel shall be the responsibility of the Town of Montague. Determination of fault shall be made through a joint review process conducted by both Parties.

ARTICLE VI — LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

6.1 Each Party shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its own employees, officers, and agents in connection with activities conducted under this Agreement, to the extent provided by law.

6.2 The Town of Montague shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Greenfield, Greenfield Fire/OEM, and their respective officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or resulting from the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of Montague PD personnel in connection with the use of the Drone under this Agreement.

6.3 The City of Greenfield shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town of Montague, Montague PD, and their respective officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or resulting from the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of Greenfield Fire/OEM personnel in connection with this Agreement.

6.4 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or waive any sovereign immunity or other legal protections available to either Party under Massachusetts law, including but not limited to the Massachusetts Tort Claims Act, M.G.L. c. 258.

ARTICLE VII — INSURANCE

7.1 Greenfield Fire/OEM shall maintain hull and liability insurance (or equivalent self-insurance) covering the Drone. Montague PD shall be named under departments authorized operators and covered by the same.

ARTICLE VIII — DATA, RECORDINGS, AND PRIVACY

8.1 All video, photographic, and data recordings captured by the Drone during operations utilizing the Montague PD shall remain the property of the City of Greenfield and shall be retained, managed, and disclosed in accordance with Federal and state law, including but not limited to applicable Massachusetts public records law, M.G.L. c. 66, and the City of Greenfield's internal data management policies.

8.2 Both Parties shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws governing privacy, civil rights, and the collection of aerial imagery, including but not limited to any applicable Massachusetts UAS use restrictions or privacy protections.

8.3 Montague Police may request copies of recordings made during joint or coordinated operations for emergency management and after-action review purposes. Such requests shall be made in writing and processed in accordance with applicable law.

ARTICLE IX — TERM AND TERMINATION

9.1 This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by both Parties and shall remain in force for a period of one (1) year, unless sooner terminated as provided herein. This Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms unless either Party provides written notice of non-renewal at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the then-current term.

9.2 Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time, without cause, upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other Party.

9.3 Either Party may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice in the event of a material breach by the other Party that remains uncured for ten (10) days following written notice of such breach.

9.4 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, Montague PD personnel shall immediately cease all use of the Greenfield Fire/OEM Drone, return any equipment, and ensure all outstanding post-operation reports are submitted.

ARTICLE X ---PERSONNEL AND COMPENATION

10.1 Each Party shall retain sole responsibility for the of all wages, salaries, stipends, overtime, and other compensation due to its personnel, as well as all applicable taxes, withholdings, insurance, and employee benefits for fulfilling responsibilities under this Agreement. No employee of one Party shall be deemed, for any purpose under this Agreement, to be an employee, agent, or contractor of the other Party.

10.2 Each Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other Party from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or related to the employment, compensation, or benefits of its own personnel.

10.3 Unless as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party shall have any obligation to compensate or reimburse the other Party for personnel costs incurred in connection with this Agreement

ARTICLE XI — AMENDMENTS

11.1 This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both Parties. No oral amendment, modification, or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be binding upon either Party.

ARTICLE XII — ENTIRE AGREEMENT

12.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, warranties, and understandings of the Parties, whether oral or written, with respect to such subject matter.

ARTICLE XIII — GOVERNING LAW

13.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any disputes arising under or related to this Agreement shall be resolved in the courts of Franklin County, Massachusetts, or as otherwise agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE XIV — NOTICES

14.1 All notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand, first-class mail, or electronic mail with confirmation of receipt, addressed as follows:

MONTAGUE PD Chief of Police Town of Montague Police Department 180 Turnpike Road Turners Falls, MA 01376	GREENFIELD FIRE/OEM Fire Chief / Emergency Management Director City of Greenfield Fire Department 41 Main Street Greenfield, MA 01301
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ARTICLE XV — COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

15.1 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Electronic signatures shall be deemed valid and binding to the same extent as original signatures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

The authorized representatives of the Parties have executed this Intermunicipal Agreement as of the date first written above.

**TOWN OF MONTAGUE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

**CITY OF GREENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT /
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Signature of Chief of Police

Signature of Fire Chief / EM Director

Printed Name & Title

Printed Name & Title

Date

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Selectboard, Town of Montague

Mayor, City of Greenfield

— END OF AGREEMENT —

Overview of Municipal Electricity Aggregation

February 2026

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Overview

Municipal electricity aggregation is...

- ▶ A form of group buying for electricity in which a municipality secures an electricity supply contract for its residents and business owners.

More than 200 Massachusetts cities and towns have aggregation programs already.

Program benefits include:

- ▶ Stable electricity prices with a potential for savings (*savings cannot be guaranteed*)
- ▶ New electricity choices
- ▶ Cleaner electricity

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Three ways to buy electricity in MA

- 1** The utility (EVERSOURCE) buys it = **Basic Service**
- 2** Individual customers sign a private contract with a commercial electricity supplier they choose.
- 3** The Town signs a contract with an electricity supplier that residents and business can benefit from.
= **municipal electricity aggregation**

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How aggregation works

BEFORE the aggregation launches

EVERSOURCE provides two services:
They both deliver and supply electricity.

Supply & Delivery
Eversource both delivers and supplies your electricity.

Customer
You receive electricity.

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How aggregation works

AFTER the aggregation launches

EVERSOURCE continues to deliver electricity, but the town buys cleaner electricity from a supplier that it chooses.

Supply
An electricity supplier selected by the town buys electricity for you.

Delivery
Eversource continues to deliver your electricity.

Customer
You receive electricity with no change in service.

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Participating in an aggregation

will change your electricity supplier and your electricity supply price... which is the price that is used to calculate your electricity supply charge.

EVERSOURCE
Account Number: 0000 0000 0000
Statement Date: 12/28/25
JOHN J. D'AMICO

Current Charges for Electricity

Supply	\$65.92
Delivery	\$67.53
Total	\$133.45

Electric Usage History

Electric Usage Summary

Notes For You: Electric usage is based on metered data. If a meter is not available, the meter number and meter type are not included. For more information, please contact your meter technician.

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Stable prices and potential savings

By providing a longer-term fixed price, municipal aggregation programs protect customers from seasonal utility price swings with a goal of beating the utility prices on average over the term of the electricity supply contract.

■ Aggregation price ■ Eversource's residential electricity supply price

The graph shows actual prices for an aggregation program in the Eversource service territory. Because Eversource's future basic service prices are unknown, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

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New consumer-friendly choices

The examples below are for a 2-option program. The Town can have more options in its program if it wishes.

Standard	100% Green
<p>Auto-enrollment</p> <p>Lower fixed price</p> <p>Town determines renewable content</p> <p>Price fixed / guaranteed for longer than 6 months (typically 2 - 3 years)</p>	<p>Available by request</p> <p>Higher fixed price</p> <p>100% from renewable sources</p>

EVERSOURCE

Basic Service
<p>Opt out</p> <p>Variable price</p> <p>Minimum from renewable sources required by state law</p> <p>Price changes every 6 months or less</p>

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Additional program features

- ▶ **Eversource continues** to deliver the electricity, maintain the poles and wires, and restore power when it goes out.
- ▶ Customers receive just **one bill** – the same Eversource bill they receive today.
- ▶ Customers eligible for a **low income discount** or fuel assistance continue to receive those discounts with **no change**.
- ▶ Customers with **solar** net metering or community solar continue to receive those benefits with **no change**.
- ▶ Customers on Eversource's Basic Service are **enrolled in the program automatically**, but they can **opt out at any time at no charge**, either before the program begins or after.

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Key steps

- 1** Engage an aggregation consultant.
- 2** Hold **Town Meeting vote** authorizing the Town to initiate the process. (This does not commit the Town to launch a program.)
- 3** Develop a municipal **Aggregation Plan**.
- 4** File the Aggregation Plan with the state Department of Public Utilities for **review and approval**.
- 5** Conduct a competitive procurement for an **electricity supplier**.
- 6** Provide **public education**.
- 7** Program **launch**.

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Maura Healey, Governor
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Phillip Eng, Interim Secretary of Transportation
Jonathan L. Gulliver, Undersecretary and Highway Administrator



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May 19, 2026

Christopher Nolan-Zeller
Assistant Town Administrator
Montague
1 Avenue A Turners Falls
Montague, MA 01376

Via email: chrisn@montague-ma.gov

Dear Christopher Nolan-Zeller:

Thank you for your MassDOT Grant Central Fully Integrated Application submission during the **Fiscal Year 2026 application solicitation**. Your project was considered for funding under the **Municipal Small Bridge Program**.

I am pleased to notify you that **Montague's application for Swamp Road over Goddard Brook has been approved for a Construction grant in the amount of \$852,102.00.**

Awarded municipalities will enter into a contract with MassDOT for the completion of approved work. A member of the Community Grants Group will reach out shortly to gather all necessary information to begin the contracting process. The contract Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued 4 to 6 weeks after all required documentation is provided to MassDOT, and the deadline for all contracted work will be December 31, 2027. MassDOT-funded work may not proceed until the NTP is issued.

This grant award is reimbursement-based, similar to the Chapter 90 Program. Grant recipients may submit reimbursement requests as costs are incurred through MassDOT's Grant Central. Additional information on reimbursement and program requirements is available on the Grant Central portal.

Please email SmallBridgeProgram@dot.state.ma.us with any questions related to this award. Thank you for your commitment to improving transportation infrastructure. We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

Jonathan L. Gulliver
Undersecretary and Highway Administrator

cc: Cassandra Gascon, Chief of Municipal Aid & Partnerships
Kristen Rebelo, Community Grants Administrator



Office of the Selectboard
Town of Montague

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1 Avenue A (413) 863-3200 Ext. 107
Turners Falls, MA 01376 FAX: (413) 863-3231

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 28, 2026
To: Selectboard
From: Chris Nolan-Zeller, Assistant Town Administrator
Re: Opportunity Zone 2.0 Designation

The Town has been invited by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development to participate in the Opportunity Zone 2.0 designation process.

Federal legislation established the Opportunity Zone program in 2017, and the program was made permanent in 2025. The program offers federal tax benefits for private investors on projects located in economically-distressed communities (based on median family income and poverty rates as reported by the US Census).

Census tract 25011040701 (which includes all of downtown Turners Falls, the Canal District, and the Patch, as well as portions of Montague City and the Hill neighborhood) is one of the state's 410 eligible census tracts based on this economic data. By completing a simple intake form, this census tract will be considered for nomination as a 2026 Opportunity Zone, a designation which would last 10 years. The Governor is responsible for selecting which of the eligible census tracts will move forward for review and final approval by the US Treasury. No more than 103 census tracts across the state will receive this designation.

The Town participated in the initial round of the Opportunity Zone program with this same census tract in 2018. While it did not lead to any new investment, continuing to hold Opportunity Zone designation could potentially assist with several of the Town's economic development goals, including housing development at the former Farren site, housing and light industrial development in the Canal District, and housing and light industrial development in the Rastallis Street / Montague Machine neighborhood, all of which fall within the eligible area.

The intake form for us to be considered is due by June 17. The Governor will be moving forward a list of selected areas later in 2026, with a final Opportunity Zone map to be approved by the US Treasury to take effect on January 1, 2027.

The Town of Montague is an Equal Opportunity Provider & Employer.

Tract 25011040701



Zoom to

GEOID (2020)	25011040701
Median Family Income	\$78597
Ratio of Tract MFI to Area MFI	0.5969
Poverty Rate	13.91%
Rural Status (Treasury-Determined)	Rural
Population	3965
Eligibility for OZ Designation	OZ Eligible

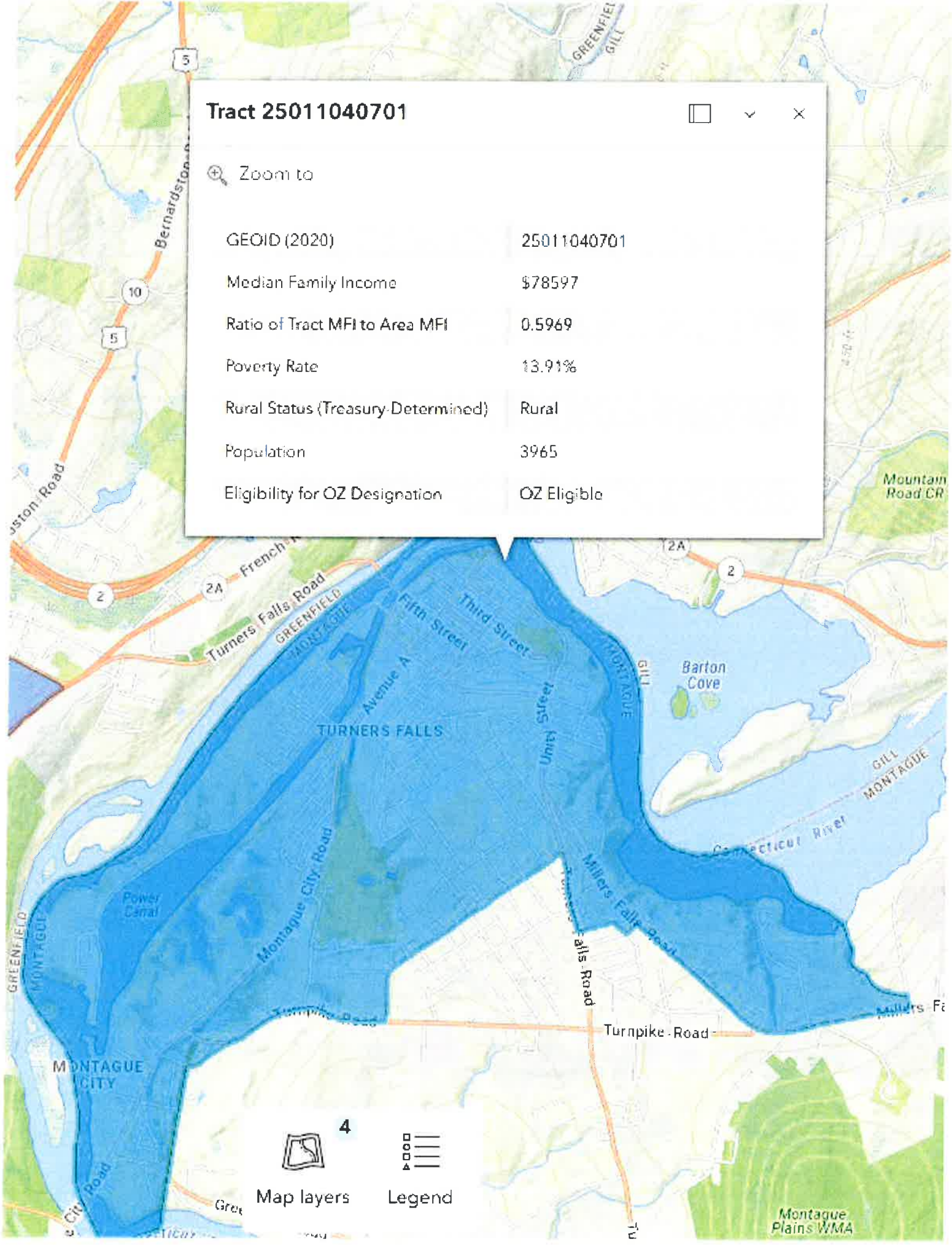


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Map layers



Legend





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2026 Massachusetts Opportunity Zone Program

The Opportunity Zone Program is a federal capital gains tax incentive that encourages private investment in economically distressed communities. Massachusetts is preparing to designate a new map of Opportunity Zones in 2026 under updated federal rules.

[Overview](#)

[How the Opportunity Zone Program Works](#)

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Overview

Opportunity Zones are federally designated census tracts where investors can receive tax benefits by investing capital gains through Qualified Opportunity Funds (QOFs). The program was originally created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to spur private investment in lower-income communities.

In 2025, federal legislation made the program permanent and established a new designation cycle. Governors may nominate a new map of eligible census tracts beginning July 1, 2026, with new designations taking effect January 1, 2027 and lasting 10 years. Nominations are due to the U.S. Treasury by September 28, 2026.

Massachusetts designated 138 Opportunity Zones across 79 municipalities in 2018. Under updated federal eligibility criteria, the Commonwealth will be able to designate 103 zones from a pool of 410 eligible census tracts in 2026.

How the Opportunity Zone Program Works

An Opportunity Zone is a low-income census tract nominated by the Governor and certified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Investors who direct capital gains into a Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) that invests in a designated zone may receive significant federal tax benefits on those gains. The size and structure of those benefits depend on the type of investment and how long it is held. Investors and fund managers should consult a qualified tax advisor or visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for detailed guidance on OZ 2.0 tax treatment.

Opportunity Zones in Massachusetts

Massachusetts Overview (2018 Designations)

- In 2018, the Baker-Polito Administration designated 138 Opportunity Zones across 79 municipalities. Once designated, the state had no formal role in the process.

What's Changing in 2026 (OZ 2.0)

The 2025 One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) made significant changes to the Opportunity Zone program, including:

- **Program Made Permanent:** The Opportunity Zone program, which was originally set to sunset, has been made permanent. New designation rounds will occur every 10 years beginning in 2027.

- **New Eligibility Criteria:**The OBBA established new, tightened criteria for program eligibility. To be eligible for 2026 nomination, a census tract must now meet updated income thresholds:
 - Tract median family income below 70% of the MSA Median Family Income (AMI) OR poverty rate above 20% AND median family income below 125% AMI — previous thresholds were median family income below 80% of MSA median family income OR poverty rate above 20% (no median income restrictions)
 - Contiguous tract designations (previously allowed) are no longer permitted
 - States may appeal individual tract eligibility determinations to Treasury
 - As a result of these stricter criteria, Massachusetts will be able to designate approximately 103 Opportunity Zones in 2026, down from 138 in 2018, from a pool of approximately 410 eligible census tracts.
- **Enhanced Benefits for Rural Areas:**
 - Rural OZ tracts require a 50% Substantial Improvement Threshold (vs. 100% for non-rural tracts)
 - 30% step-up in basis after 10 years for rural tracts (vs. 10% for non-rural)
 - Rural tracts use statewide AMI rather than MSA AMI for eligibility purposes
- **New Reporting Standards:**
 - The OBBA established new annual reporting requirements for Qualified Opportunity Funds, including data on property type, residential units, total asset value, employment, and specific census tracts where investments are made.

Please visit HUD's [summary comparison](https://www.hud.gov/opportunity-zones/updates) (<https://www.hud.gov/opportunity-zones/updates>) to learn more about the changes.

Massachusetts 2026 Designation Process and Timeline

The Healey-Driscoll Administration is preparing for the 2026 Opportunity Zone designation process. The Governor will nominate a new map of eligible census

tracts for U.S. Treasury review and approval later this year.

You may access a [map of the eligible tracts in Massachusetts](https://massgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/atlas/index.html?appid=2978e109b0f445b49f85e6f99c319182)

(<https://massgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/atlas/index.html?appid=2978e109b0f445b49f85e6f99c319182>).

This map also includes the 2018 designations, as explained by the map layers.

Governors may begin submitting Opportunity Zone nominations to the U.S. Treasury on July 1, 2026. The nomination window will be open for a period of 90 days (i.e. through end of September). The Administration is targeting an early September submission to allow time for a strong process. The designations are the Governor's responsibility under the program.

Subject to Treasury approval, the new map will take effect on January 1, 2027. These designations will be in effect for a period of 10 years.

For next steps:

- The Healey-Driscoll Administration will be engaging with municipalities that have eligible census tracts to identify the strongest candidates for designation.
- Investors, developers, community organizations, and members of the public are welcome to share input on how Massachusetts should approach OZ designation by completing this [Community Feedback Form](https://forms.office.com/g/OZs5SqTpEn) (<https://forms.office.com/g/OZs5SqTpEn>).

Developers and investors with interest in a specific community are also encouraged to engage directly with municipal leadership.

Additional Resources Section

Massachusetts Resources

- [List of Eligible Census Tracts for 2026 \(/doc/list-of-eligible-census-tracts-for-2026-0\)](#)

Federal Resources

- **US Treasury Guidance & Materials** (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/tax-policy/data-transparency/qualified-opportunity-zones>)
- **Treasury/IRS Newsroom** (<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/treasury-irs-provide-guidance-to-states-for-nominating-census-tracts-as-qualified-opportunity-zones-under-the-one-big-beautiful-bill>)
- **CDFI Fund OZ Nomination Tool information** (<https://www.cdfifund.gov/opportunity-zones>)
- One Big Beautiful Budget Act — OZ provisions (OBBBA Part IV, Ch. 4, Subchapter C, SEC. 70421)

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