

# STATE OF THE CITY

MAYOR BRODEUR  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023





American School & University

**2019 OUTSTANDING DESIGN**

Educational Interiors Showcase



# THE STATE OF THE CITY OF MELROSE IS



**VIBRANT**



**COMMITTED**



**CONNECTED**



**INVESTED**



**GENEROUS**







**OUR THOUGHTS ARE**

**with**

**TURKEY & SYRIA**



**THE GOOD WE'VE DONE  
TOGETHER**



# IN 2022 WE CAME TOGETHER AGAIN

**MSO  
Performances**

**City-Wide Art  
Show**

**White Ribbon  
Day**

**Healthy  
Melrose**

**Memorial Day**

**Juneteenth**

**Pride**

**Summer Stroll**

**4th of July**

**Kindergarten  
Welcome**

**Porchfest**

**Victorian Fair**

**Senior  
Resource Fair**

**Dance for  
Community**

**Downtown  
Trick-or-Treat**

**Home for the  
Holidays**

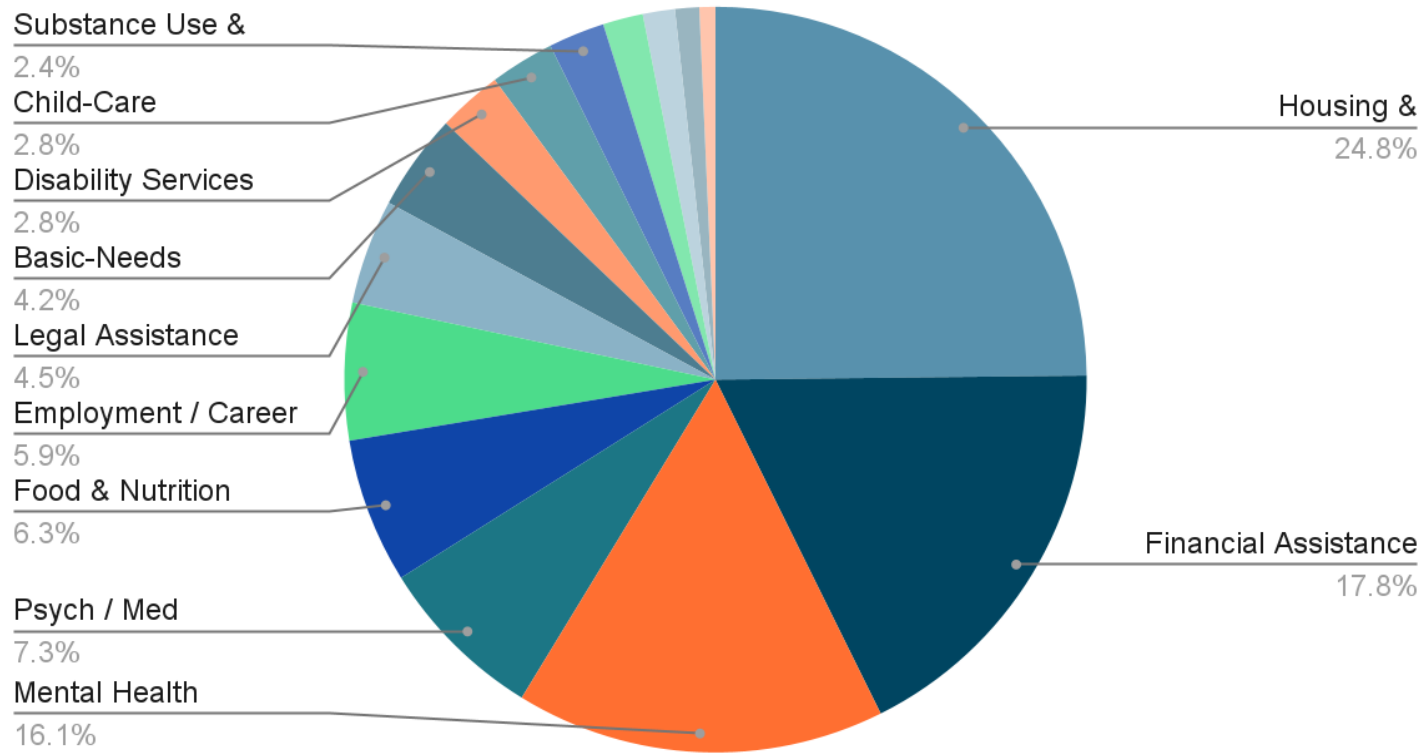




**IN 2022, WE  
FOCUSED ON  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
& WELLNESS**



# WE MET SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS



**171 RESIDENTS** RECEIVED INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION ON BEST FITTING SERVICES

**105 RESIDENTS** RECEIVED IN-DEPTH RECURRENT SUPPORT IN ACCESSING/NAVIGATING SOCIAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**126 RESIDENTS** RECEIVED COORDINATION OF INITIAL REFERRALS FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES

# YOUTH & ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING



THE CITY OF MELROSE PRESENTS

# MELROSE SUMMER OF WELLNESS PROGRAM



Local families are invited to join the City of Melrose and our local Boys & Girls Clubs for healthy outdoor activities this summer! This five- week wellness program will provide activities for a wide variety of ages promoting physical health, mental health & overall wellness.

PROGRAM DATES: WEEKDAYS, JULY 11TH -  
AUGUST 12TH 2022  
HOSTED OUTDOORS AT THE ROOSEVELT SCHOOL, MELROSE



City of  
**Melrose**  
MASSACHUSETTS



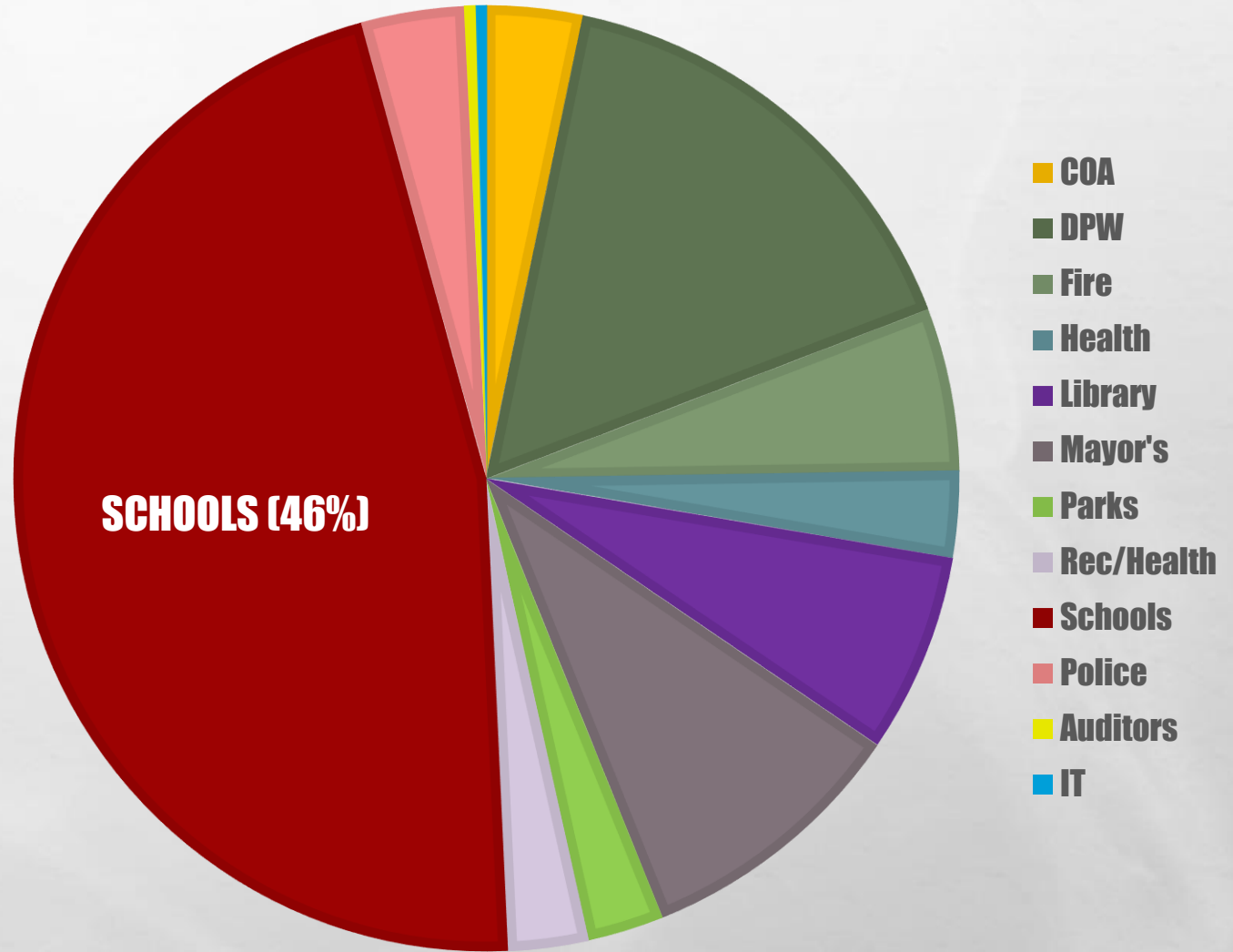
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF STONEHAM & WAKEFIELD

**STOP SCHOOL  
VIOLENCE**



**\$3.3 MILLION ARPA FUNDS  
ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS  
BUDGET STABILIZATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
INCLUDING:**

- **HS ELEVATORS**
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL AIR  
CONDITIONING**
- **FRANKLIN SCHOOL WINDOWS**









**IN 2022 WE  
SUPPORTED  
OLDER ADULTS**

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**Milano Center  
upgrades: HVAC and  
Patio Pavilion**

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**Age- and Dementia-  
Friendly Community**

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**Senior Tax and Fee  
Deferral Programs**





# DEMENTIA FRIENDS TRAINING



# Circuit Breaker Tax Exemption Program for Older Adults 65+



# IN 2022 WE WORKED TO BECOME A MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY



**DEI Equity Audit and Trainings**



**ADA Self Assessment and Transition Plan**



**Community Conversations to Promote Civic Dialog**

# IN 2022 WE SUPPORTED OUR SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS



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## MELROSE ARPA

Aiding local small businesses and nonprofit organizations as they continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Learn more: [cityofmelrose.org/business](https://cityofmelrose.org/business)





# **IN 2022 WE CARED FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

**202 trees planted**

**11 recycling events**

**Sustainability and  
Recycling Days**

**Home  
improvements for  
a Better Climate**

**EV Charger Event**

**EV 101 Webinar**

**Heat Pump 101  
Webinar**

**Sustainable  
Saturdays**

**Earth Week Clean  
Up**

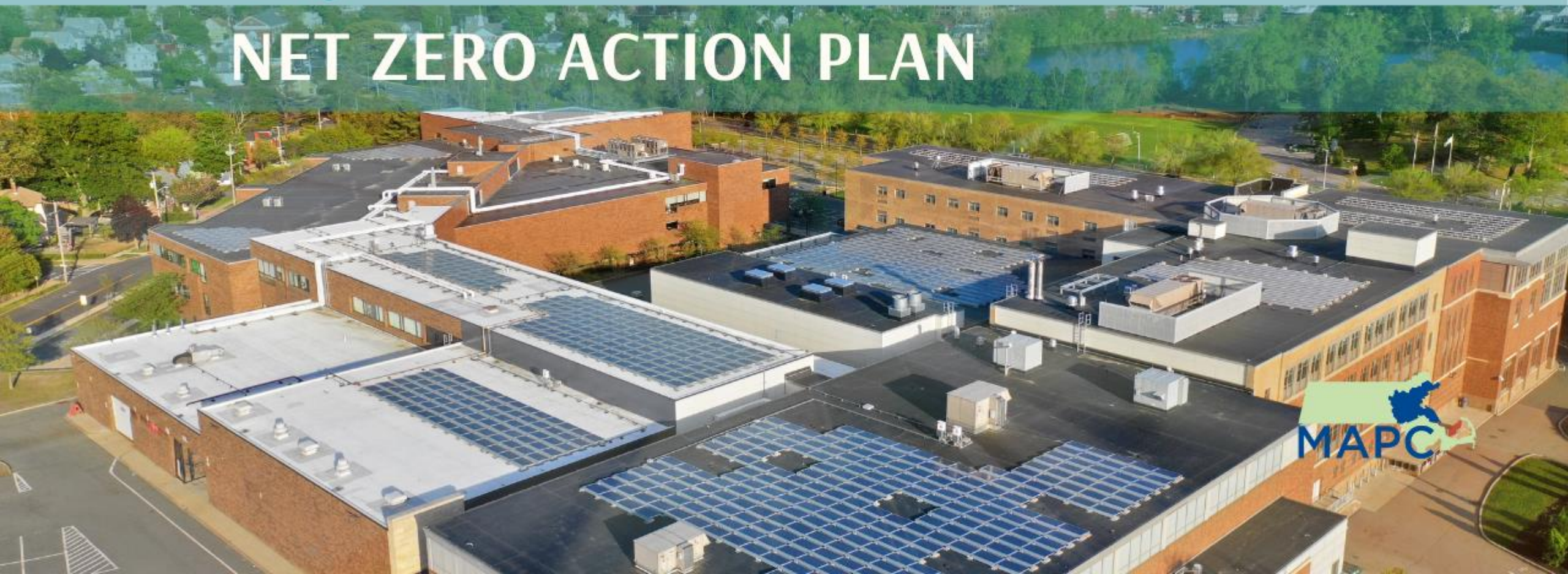


*Our plan to reduce greenhouse gas pollution to net zero by 2050*

April 2022

City of Melrose

# NET ZERO ACTION PLAN

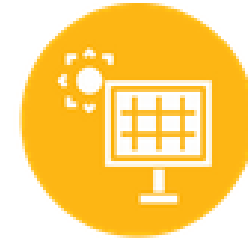




**Energy Efficiency**



**Heat Pumps**



**Solar**



**Electric Vehicles**



**Melrose Community Power**



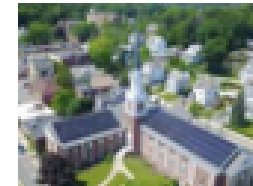
**Small Businesses**



**Renters and Landlords**



**Income-Eligible Residents**



**Houses of Worship**

# MELROSE ENERGY CHALLENGE





Melrose  
Community Power

**11.537** c/kWh

Melrose Local Green  
(through November 2024)

National Grid

**33.891** c/kWh

**National Grid Basic Service rate for Residential customers November 2022 - April 2023.  
Future savings cannot be guaranteed because National Grid rates beyond April 2023 are unknown.**



# LIBRARY RENOVATION GROUNDBREAKING





# MEMORIAL HALL RESTORATION

**IN 2022 WE  
INVESTED IN  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

- **HIGH SCHOOL ELEVATORS**
- **SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT**
- **MVMMS AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT**
- **FRANKLIN SCHOOL WINDOWS**
- **FRED GREEN FIELD TURF FABRIC REPLACEMENT**
- **HIGH SCHOOL BATHROOM UPGRADES**
- **LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT**



# PUBLIC SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE

- CITY HALL EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR
- FIRE STATION HVAC UPGRADE
- PUMPER TUCK
- LADDER TRUCK
- FIRE DEPARTMENT LIFE SAFETY APPARATUS
- FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING EQUIPMENT





**2022**



**2023**

**DPW CITY YARD SALT SHED  
REPLACEMENT**

# **We made Improvements to Our Parks and Open Spaces**

- **LEBANON FIELD RENOVATION**
- **FOSS PARK PICKLEBALL AND BASKETBALL COURTS**
- **ELL POND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION**
- **AMAZING GRACE BASKETBALL COURT**
- **VOLUNTEER PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND**



# STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING

- **\$1 MILLION STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE GRANT**
- **\$1 MILLION FEDERAL EAR MARK FOR ELL POND CLIMATE RESILIENCY**
- **\$100K STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EARMARK FOR PLACEMAKING**
- **\$100K STATE EARMARK FOR MEMORIAL HALL REPAIRS**
- **\$500K GREEN COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT FOR LIBRARY DECARBONIZATION**
- **\$615K MASSWORKS GRANT FOR CARUSO'S REDEVELOPMENT**
- **\$150K STATE EARMARK FOR FIRE HQ**
- **\$150K FOR HIGH SCHOOL ELEVATORS**

*And more!*

# STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING

- **Housing Choice Grant**
- **Massachusetts Office of Disability Grant**
- **State Budget Earmarks for New Fire Equipment**
- **Massachusetts School Building Authority Accelerated Repair Grant**
- **Community Compact Grants for Capital Planning & Fleet Management**
- **National Grid Grant for the Melrose Energy Challenge**



**FACING CHALLENGES  
TOGETHER**





# CITY FINANCES



# NET STATE AID INCREASE



# **WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

**ADA Self-Assessment  
and Transition Plan**

**Capital Investment  
Strategy**

**Fleet Electrification**

**Net Zero  
Implementation**

**Municipal  
Vulnerability  
Preparedness**

**Age and Dementia-  
Friendly Community  
Designation planning**

**Housing Production  
Plan**

**Open Space Plan**

**Public Safety Building  
Project planning**



# Public Safety Buildings Project



**Fire Headquarters, Built 1889**



**Melrose Highlands Fire Station, Built 1929**



**East Side Fire Station, Built 1964**



**Melrose Police Station, Built 1900**



# Public Safety Buildings Project

[www.melrosepsb.org](http://www.melrosepsb.org)

# GROWING OUR TAX BASE





# **INVESTMENTS IN PLACEMAKING AND PUBLIC ART**







# Melrose, Massachusetts

SMALL CITY, BIG OPPORTUNITY

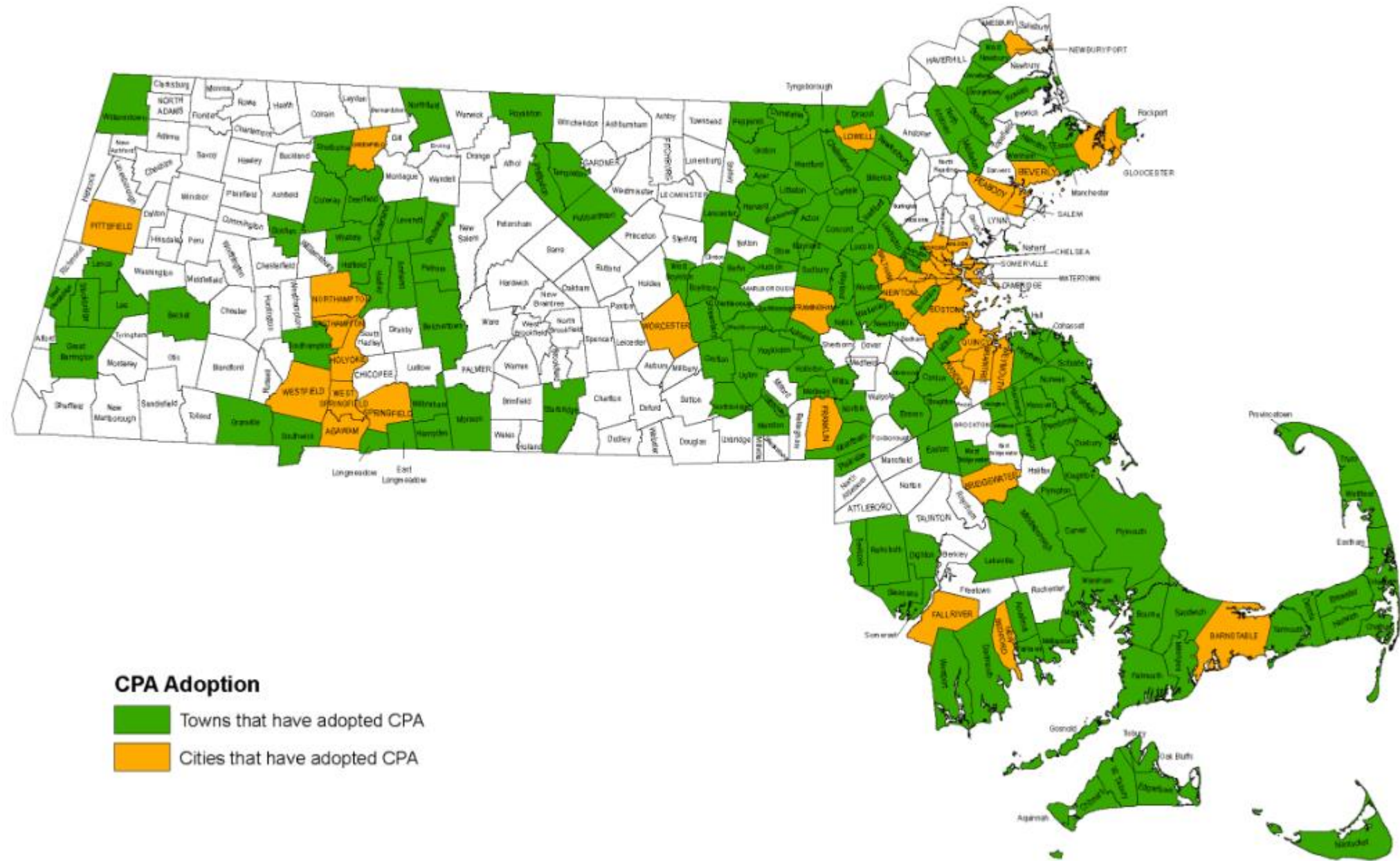
**ATTRACTING NEW  
BUSINESSES**

**LOOKING TO OUR  
SHARED FUTURE**



# Community Preservation Act Adoption

November 2022



**COMMITMENT TO  
PROGRESS  
ON OUR COMMUNITY  
GOALS**





# **MELROSE VISION 2030**

**“THERE IS NO POWER FOR CHANGE GREATER THAN A COMMUNITY  
DISCOVERING WHAT IT CARES ABOUT.”**

**– Margaret Wheatley**



**THANK YOU  
MELROSE!**

