



Northern Middlesex Council of Governments

Events and Opportunities



At Home in Greater Lowell Kickoff Summit Postponed to Tuesday, March 12

Due to inclement weather, the kickoff summit for *At Home in Greater Lowell* has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 12 from 1:00 to 4:00pm at Mill No. 5 in Lowell. *At Home in Greater Lowell* is a year-long planning process in which residents of Greater Lowell and experts from the local, state, and federal levels will come together to develop solutions for our region's most pressing housing problems. This discussion will cover all facets of housing, including homelessness, subsidized and market rate housing, fair housing, and more. An updated list of speakers and panelists will be announced shortly. In the meantime, [RSVP](#) for the March 12 meeting today!



Upcoming Opportunities to Participate
in the Greater Lowell Vision Zero Plan
Register for the 2/27 public forum; take the survey

[Register to join](#) NMCORG's virtual public forum for the Greater Lowell Vision Zero Plan on February 27 from 6:00 to 8pm. During the event, our consultant WSP will present data on the region's high-injury crashes and high-risk networks.

Whether or not you can attend the public forum, we need to hear from you! Take the Greater Lowell Vision Zero survey to share your input on regional safety issues, inform future projects, and propose roadway improvements.

- [Register for the 2/27 public forum](#)
- [Take the survey](#)

“Vision Zero” planning uses a data-driven approach, emphasizes equity, and presents a shift from traditional transportation planning. This new strategy emphasizes a human-centered approach that acknowledges that humans make mistakes and that we can make roads safer by improving design and planning for human error.

Citizen Planner Training Collaborative 20th Annual Conference

Mark your calendars for the 20th annual CPTC Conference, scheduled for Saturday, March 16 at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. The Annual Conference includes three sessions of workshops, continental breakfast and buffet lunch. A list of workshops and the full conference schedule will be available in mid-February; additional information and registration details are available on the [MassCPTC website](#).

Grant Opportunities

Massachusetts Historical Commission Accepting Applications for MA Preservation Projects Funds Grants

The Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) is a state-funded 50% reimbursable matching grant program to support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites (cultural resources) listed in the State Register of Historic Places. The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) has announced Round 30 of the MPPF grant program; municipalities or nonprofit organizations are invited to apply for funding for planning and predevelopment projects, construction activities for historic preservation, and acquisition projects. Applications are due by March 15, 2024. [Learn more and apply](#).

Community One Stop for Growth FY25 Expression of Interest Now Open

The Healey-Driscoll Administration recently announced the opening of the [FY25 One Stop Expression of Interest \(EOI\) application](#). The EOI is a short, online form that gives prospective applicants the opportunity to receive guidance on priority projects before submitting a Full Application. The deadline for submitting an EOI is April 30, 2024.

While optional, all applicants who submit an EOI will receive a Feedback Report letting them know whether their project is a fit for the funding offered through the One Stop, where the project falls on the Development Continuum, the program that best fits the project, tips on how to be

competitive for the program, and important project budget and timeline considerations. For FY25, twelve programs will be administered through One Stop, including the state's new [HousingWorks Infrastructure Program](#)—a competitive grant for infrastructure related activities to support and unlock housing opportunities.

For more information on the Expression of Interest, and FY25 Round of the One Stop in general, visit www.mass.gov/onestop. Questions can be sent to onestop@mass.gov.

Landscape Partnership Grant Program

Deadline: Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 3:00pm

The Landscape Partnership Grant program provides financial assistance for the protection of large blocks of conservation lands (must achieve protection for 100-500 acres depending upon the County in which the project is located) that promote ecological integrity and connectivity as well as contribute to local forest and agricultural economies. Applications must be submitted jointly by partners representing a minimum of two eligible categories of applicant such as municipalities, 501 c3 conservation non-profits (e.g. Land Trusts), State and Federal Land protection agencies.

An in-person information session will be held at 1:00pm, Monday, February 26, 2024 at MassWildlife Field Headquarters in Westborough, MA and a virtual meeting will be held via MS Teams at 2:00pm, Wednesday, February 28. Advanced registration is required for either information session: email vanessa.farny@mass.gov with the date you will attend.

More information, including the application is available at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-landscape-partnership-grant>

NMCOG Welcomes New Staff

Welcome, Meghan Tenhoff, Sustainability Planner

Meghan joined NMCOG in January 2024 at a Sustainability Planner II. Using a climate justice lens, Meghan supports NMCOG's communities in sustainability planning through climate mitigation and adaptation projects and programs, hazard mitigation, community engagement and education, capacity building, water resource management, and grant writing.

Before joining NMCOG, she was a Climate Resilience Planner and Project Manager for Launch Consulting out of Charlottesville, Virginia, where she supported counties, cities, and utilities in preparing emergency response plans, hazard mitigation, climate action/adaptation plans, and led equity-focused community engagement and education projects.

Meghan holds a B.A. in Anthropology and Environmental Studies from the University of Washington and an M.A. in Urban & Environmental Policy & Planning from Tufts University. Her award-winning 2021 Master's Thesis explored the gendered differentials of climate action plans. Meghan is a member of the American Planning Association (APA), the American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP), and EcoDistricts. Additionally, she holds a Certificate in Fundraising Management from the University of Washington and the ENV SP credential.

Employment Opportunities

Now Hiring Transportation Planning Program Manager

Come join our team! Are you passionate about helping municipalities and the region advance transportation and mobility initiatives? NMCOG is seeking a dynamic mid-career transportation

professional to lead our team of specialists and direct MPO and other mobility-related programs. If this sounds like the opportunity for you, please check out our open position of Transportation Planning Program Manager: <https://www.nmcog.org/employment>.

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