



## Northern Middlesex Council of Governments

### Events and Opportunities

#### NMCOG Annual Meeting

Save the date for the NMCOG Annual Meeting, which will take place on October 18 at 6:00pm. Additional details will be provided in the coming weeks on [our Calendar](#).

### NMCOG News



#### NMCOG Council Takes Next Steps on Strategic Plan

The NMCOG Council met on June 24th at the Chelmsford Public Library for a second work session on the NMCOG Strategic Plan. The session built on work completed between the January kickoff of the planning process and the present, and was facilitated by Jennifer Raitt, Executive Director. The meeting included a presentation of work completed to date, key

issues identified during the Executive Director's meetings with member municipalities, discussion of NMCOG strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results, and an overview of results of an employee survey. During breakout group sessions facilitated by NMCOG staff, Council members discussed their aspirations and motivations for the Strategic Plan, along with potential partners in the region to help advance the work.

Learn more about the Strategic Plan process on the Council page of the [NMCOG website](#).

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#### NMMPO Endorses Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

On the June 28, Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization, the MPO voted to endorse the Unified Planning Work Program for the Federal Fiscal year 2024. Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to develop Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs) to govern work programs for the expenditure of federal funding. A UPWP is an annual or biennial statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. It includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. Visit our [website](#) to review the most recent UPWP.

On Tuesday, June 27, NMCOG staff, Billerica town staff, and Lowell DPW and Engineering staff participated in a MassTrails Site Visit to Billerica and Lowell, along with MassDOT Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board Peter Sutton. This was an initial step in identifying opportunities for collaboration and expanding our regional trail network. One of the locations for a proposed trail was located on a rail bed on Rogers St in Billerica, as shown at right. As part of the site visit, Middlesex Canal Association offered a preview of the new Middlesex Canal Museum and Visitors Center, which looks overprovides views of the historical Talbot Mills Dam in Billerica.



Tyngsborough's Parlee Farms

## Weights and Measures Program Expands

NMCOG has recently acquired Tyngsborough as a participant in our Weights and Measures services. Weights and Measures staff recently completed a sealing at Tyngsborough's Parlee Farms, a local "pick your own" farm with fresh fruits, vegetables, local honey, jams, fresh cider donuts made on the premises, and a small petting zoo to keep the little ones occupied. Visit our website for more information on our [Weights and Measures program](#).

## Employment Opportunities at NMCOG

Come join our talented team!  
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