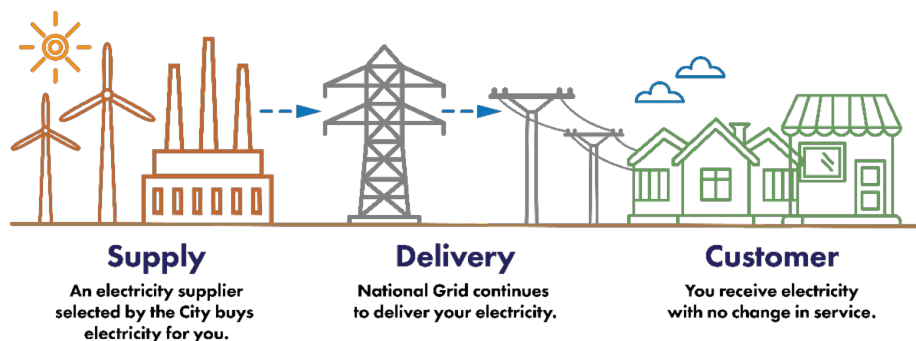




Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) April 2025 Newsletter



Municipal Aggregation Launches June 1st

Starting in June 2025, Revere Power Choice will provide residents and businesses with 30 months of stable electricity supply prices, helping to protect against market fluctuations and support predictable energy costs. Any resident that is enrolled in the default National Grid supply will automatically be enrolled into this program. **May 12th is the deadline for any residents that would like to opt-out or change their supply option.**

On April 28th, DPCD and Mass Power Choice reps [spoke to the City Council to answer some questions](#) about the program. **There will be an additional meeting at the Revere Senior Center Thursday May 8th at 10:30am if folks have additional questions.**

You can find more details about the program on the [Revere Power Choice website](#), including how to contact customer support service that can be found at "[Customer Support](#)" tab. 311, DPCD and the Mayor's Office are also available for local support.



Revised ADU Legislation Approved by Revere City Council

At the April 28th meeting of the Revere City Council, the Council amended its ADU ordinance to comply with new state guidelines, which allow ADUs by-right in all single-family zoning districts.

The new law will allow by-right ADUs in the RA and RB neighborhoods, subject to reasonable regulations placed by the Council related to dimensional and parking standards. The regulations include a clause that no variances will be granted for this use, and the ADUs must comply with health, building code and other regulations (i.e. Conservation Commission) that may impact a particular property. You can find the updated regulations [here](#), which went into effect on April 29th.



Save the Date: Walk/Bike/Roll Fair, May 21st, 3-6

On May 21st, the City of Revere, in partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, will be hosting an Walk/Bike/Roll Fair in celebration of the completion of Revere's Walk, Bike Roll Master Plan. It will be held in the courtyard of Revere High School.

The event, which will start at 3:00PM, will highlight some of the findings of the plan—such as a proposed goals, a network map, and conceptual designs—and will also include tables by community organizations highlighted opportunities to improve conditions for folks to walk, bike and roll in the city. Please mark your calendars!

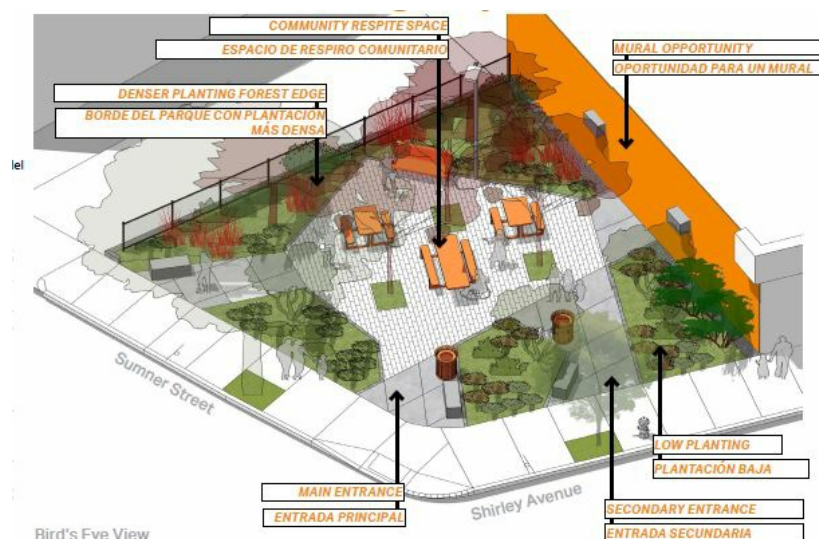


Downpayment Assistance Program Re-Launches with Additional Funding

The City of Revere and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund have reopened the First-Time Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance Program, thanks to an additional \$75,000 earmark secured by Senator Lydia Edwards. Eligible Revere residents can receive funding to purchase a condo or single-family home at an affordable or market price rate. If buying a 2-3 family home, applicants must agree to rent all non-owner-occupied units below market rate per EOHLC guidelines.

This first-come, first-served program requires a completed application with supporting documentation, proof of eligibility, at least two years of Revere residency, and an income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.

You can find the application on the City website [here](#).



69 Shirley Ave: Urban Forest Project Bid Awarded

Worcester-based JAM Corporation was awarded the bid for the 69 Shirley Avenue Forest Pocket Park (pictured above). The project will transform an asphalt corner lot into a green respite amid our urban landscape. This project was selected as the top priority initiative by community members that voted in the Shirley Ave Participatory Budget process.

The design of the project was a thoughtful journey that included multilingual outreach to the neighborhood and community with slide presentations that described draft concept plans to solicit feedback from residents. The project will be completed by the fall of 2025.

ROAD to REVERE

Join us for a showcase featuring work from **Road to Revere**, a study of Revere's **MA-60 / Squire Road Corridor**.

A joint project of the **City of Revere** and the Master of Urban Planning program at the **Harvard University Graduate School of Design**, Road to Revere examines what works and doesn't work about the Corridor and presents a vision—informed by extensive stakeholder feedback—for what it can be in the future. Can MA-60 / Squire Road be safer? Greener? More pedestrian-friendly?

Stop by the showcase to see our ideas and tell us what you think!

Thursday, May 1st, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Rumney Marsh Academy Cafeteria
140 American Legion Hwy #3



Food and refreshments will be served! Families welcome! Child-friendly activities will be offered



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Save the Date: May 1st @ 6:00 Harvard Student Showcase @ Rumney Marsh Cafeteria

Over the past semester, a student group at Harvard's Graduate School of Design has been working on a corridor study for Squire Road/Route 60 in Revere. Their goal was to create a study that included an analysis of how it works, what does and doesn't work about it, and create a vision--informed by extensive stakeholder feedback--for its future.

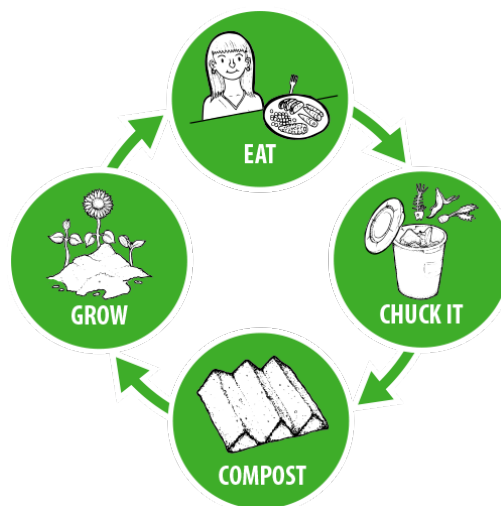
This Thursday, May 1st, the team will be presenting their findings to the community in the cafeteria at Rumney Marsh Academy. Food and refreshments will be provided, along with child-friendly activities. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend and learn more about their findings!



Schematic Designs Completed on the McKinley School

The design team at Cambridge Seven has completed Schematic Designs for the McKinley School renovations, an important milestone in project design. The project, pictured above, will combine an early childhood center, a [growing](#) regional emergency communications center, and a commercial kitchen incubator.

After Schematic Designs, the team will then move on to Design Development, where designs will be refined from May until August. The goal will be to have completed construction drawings before the end of the year, with a goal to begin construction shortly thereafter.



Residential Organic Food Waste Collection to Pilot in Revere

The City of Revere has selected [Garbage to Garden](#) as its Preferred Composter for a curbside composting program. Garbage to Garden will provide Revere residents with a free composting starter kit and discounted weekly curbside organics collection, making it easier for our community to participate in food waste diversion and sustainability efforts.

These initiatives reflect Revere's commitment to affordability and environmental responsibility, and align with the [ordinance change initiated](#) by Councillors Guarino-Sawaya and Jaramillo in 2024. Stay tuned for more details on how to take advantage of these programs and participate!



Suffolk Downs Mitigation Improvements Begin this Spring

The City of Revere along with HYM will began work infrastructure improvements associated with the Suffolk Downs Redevelopment Project on April 15th, 2025. Planned improvements include:

Winthrop Avenue at Revere Beach Parkway/Harris Street Intersection

The installation of two southbound left-turn lanes on the Route 16 connector from Route 1A which will allow for left turns to Winthrop Avenue eastbound, the installation of a second exclusive right turn lane on Route 16 on the northbound approach, piloting new traffic patterns on Harris Street from a two-way street to a to one-way away from Winthrop Avenue to Sewall Street, and improving and optimizing traffic signal timing and phasing plan.

Route 60/Harris Street Pedestrian Crossing

Providing a new signalized pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Harris Street and Route 60. The crossing location is consistent with the southerly boundary of the Rumney Marsh Academy, providing a safe crossing for Revere High School students and the general public to cross Route 60 without travelling to Bell Circle.

These improvements will be funded through a MassWorks Infrastructure Improvement Award received in 2024.



Beachmont Fire House Roof Replacement Completed

Ward One Councilor Joanne McKenna and a focused working group met over the duration

of 2023-2024 to discuss the opportunities to repurpose the Beachmont Fire Station as a community art center.

As a first step towards preserving the building, the City has replaced the roof at the decommissioned Beachmont Fire Station. This project was advocated for following a building structural assessment that highlighted that the replacement was necessary to avoid a breach that would cause water damage inside the facility. We are pleased to report that the roof replacement project has been completed.

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