

City of Revere DPCD April Newsletter



Revere Bike/Ped Plan Seeks Working Group Members

The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD), in partnership with the **Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)**, is beginning a planning process to improve walking, biking, and rolling conditions in the city.

We are seeking residents to form a working group to guide and inform the process, build relationships with local organizations and groups, and conduct outreach to ensure that the voices of residents in every neighborhood are heard and reflected in the final plan. Applicants do not need to have any previous knowledge or expertise on transportation issues, just a passion for making Revere a safer, better place for everyone.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the brief survey here. The survey closes on May 3rd. We'd love to hear from you!



May 2nd Community Meeting to Discuss Resiliency in Beachmont

A community forum for the Resilient Bennington Street and Fredericks Park Project will take place on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 2nd from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Zoom</u>.

Here is a link to the **event page** for the meeting on the City of Boston website, where you can find the Zoom registration link (click on the blue button that says "RSVP for the Event") and the project webpage.

We are Hiring!

DPCD is hiring! Our **Community Development Program Manager** is responsible for supporting our CDBG programming, and also works to secure and support other grant funding opportunities in the City. Please find the position description <u>here</u>.

The North Suffolk Office of Resiliency and Sustainability is hiring a Sustainability Manager. This position will work across Revere, Winthrop and Chelsea, and will be primarily based at Revere City Hall. Please find the position description **here**.

Come join a great team working on some amazing projects in the city. If you'd like to learn more, please contact **DPCD Chief Tom Skwierawski**.



Broadway Master Plan Kicks Off, Online Survey Closes April 30th

On April 1st, the City of Revere formally kicked off the <u>Broadway Master Planning</u> process at the Hill School. City officials were joined by the team at Gamble and Associates, Landwise Partners, and a packed room full of residents, businesses and stakeholders engaged in envisioning the future of this critical commercial corridor. You can view the presentation here. Missed it but have thoughts you'd like to share. The **survey is**

open until the end of the month (**English**) (**Spanish**), and there will be another meeting later this summer to discuss our preliminary findings.

Survey QR Code Below

(English) (Spanish)





\$500k Secured from Congresswoman Katherine Clark for Gibson Park

This past month, it was announced that <u>Representative Katherine Clark's Office</u> <u>secured \$500,000 in funding for</u> the renovation of Gibson Park. This comes on top of the \$1.9m secured the previous year, all of which will help DPCD see the Riverfront Master Planning process through to fruition. We are grateful for Congresswoman Clark's continued support of Revere projects.

Overall, in FY23, DPCD secured nearly \$20m in grant funding to support projects in the Revere, and anticipates securing a similar amount this year, in projects ranging from transportation planning and housing, to sustainability and resiliency.



McKinley School Reuse Project Seeks Owner's Project Manager

DPCD, in partnership with the Department of Health, Revere Public Schools, and the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC), are teaming on an ambitious plan to repurpose the former McKinley School into an Early Childhood Care facility, 911 Call Center, and the "Revere Food Hub", a shared commercial kitchen.

The City has reached a critical milestone in the planning for this project, and is seeking an **Owner's Project Manager** to oversee this work. Bids for this project close today.



CDBG Funding Plan Released, Open for Comments Until May 2nd

This month, the City has released funding plans for the next round of Community Development Block Grant money. For more information, please read the Revere Journal article **here**. DPCD anticipates supporting projects in the following areas:

Administration & Planning	\$128,000
Public Services	\$90,000
Continuation of Business Loan Program	\$125,000
Business Technical Assistance	\$75,000
Park Improvements	\$335,000
Complete Streets including Traffic Calming	\$400,000
Green Infrastructure	\$150,000

The full annual plan can be found <u>here</u>. Written comments may be submitted to <u>cdbgprogram@revere.org</u> and must be received by 4:00p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024.



Questions about Developing Property? Starting a Business? There's a Guide for that!

In response to many questions from residents and businesses, we have compiled some guides to help the community better understand the process.

Our <u>Land Development Guide</u> outlines the key steps in the permitting process, includes links regarding fees and various Boards and Commissions, and answers some Frequently Asked Questions that come to our office.

Our <u>Business Checklist Page</u> outlines the various steps involved in starting a business and includes links to resources and tools to guide you throughout the process.

Read these and still have questions? Reply to this email with any questions or suggestions you might have on how to improve these guides.



Affordable Housing Trust Fund Secures Two Additional Affordable Units at 133 Salem Street

On March 28, 2024, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund granted approval for the acquisition of two market rate condominiums from the 133 Salem St project. These two condominiums will be resold at an affordable rate and included in the reopening of the lottery application. The 133 Salem St project marks Revere's first venture into affordable homeownership development. Out of the total seventy-one units, twenty units will be designated for affordable homeownership housing. The substantial increase in affordable units, from just seven initially, was made possible thanks to the invaluable support of the Commonwealth Builder program and Revere's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

If you are interested in applying for one of these affordable units, make sure to mark your calendar. The application period for the lottery will re-open from May 1, 2024 until June 30, 2024!

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