



Ipswich

Historic Preservation Considerations in a 3A District

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Ipswich *at a glance*



Photo by Stoney Stone



Town with almost 14,000 residents ~30 miles northeast of Boston



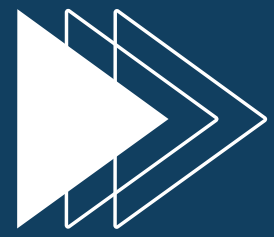
Rural coastal community



Largest collection of pre-1725 historic homes than any other community in the U.S.



Historical and Architectural Preservation District Commissions



3A in Ipswich

Commuter rail community

- 971 multifamily units as of right zoning allowance
- 40% in Town Center

Centering design & streetscape considerations

- 6 historic districts on the National Register all located within/nearby Town center

Task Force-led response

- 8 community members/leaders, including 1 Historical Commission member

What's come out of conversations about 3A & Ipswich's historic considerations?

- Goal to create historic master plan
- Importance of centering architectural and design considerations on all planning projects
 - Streetscapes guidelines created by Historical Commission
- Relationship between housing and Ipswich's history



Housing & history

- 2 of Ipswich's historic districts on the National Register - the Brown Stocking Mill Historic District & Ipswich Mills Historic District - are mainly millworker housing
- Ipswich's workforce housing is historically significant & has played an integral role in the community's history and shaping its present

Part of honoring Ipswich's history is by continuing the Town's historical legacy of allowing for affordable & workforce housing