

September 2025 **NSTF Projects Snapshot**

Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Hamilton, Manchester-by-the-Sea,
Marblehead, Middleton, Nahant, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Swampscott,
Topsfield, Wenham

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LAND USE + ZONING

Recently Completed:

- 3A zoning (Manchester, Wenham, Ipswich)
- Master plan (Wenham, Gloucester)
- MS-4 bylaw review (IRWA)
- ADU zoning (Wenham, Manchester)
- Floodplain bylaw (Wenham)

Actively Working On:

- Master plan (Swampscott, Marblehead)
- Downtown district mixed use (Manchester)
- Subdivision rules and regulations (Wenham)
- Senior housing (Manchester)
- ADU zoning (Beverly, Ipswich, Marblehead, Danvers)
- Zoning design standards (Beverly)
- Sign bylaw (Beverly)
- Specialized energy code (Wenham)
- Short term rental policy (Beverly)

On the Horizon:

- Sign code overhaul (Swampscott)

HOUSING + AFFORDABILITY

Recently Completed:

- Maplewoods 100% affordable senior housing (Wenham)

Actively Working On:

- DCAMM land disposition for affordable housing (Wenham)
- Housing production plan (Danvers, Gloucester, Essex)
- Inclusionary zoning ordinance threshold change (Gloucester)
- Open space residential development/cluster ordinance change (Gloucester)
- Housing action plan (Wenham)

On the Horizon:

- Community Development Block Grants (Beverly)
- Housing production plan (Manchester)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Recently Completed:

- Harbor plan (Gloucester)
- Capital improvement board reboot (Gloucester)
- Hiring an economic development director (Gloucester)

Actively Working On:

- Downtown commercial economic development (Manchester)
- Economic development action plan (Beverly)

On the Horizon:

- Visioning for Liberty Tree Mall (Danvers)
- Funding approved for study to look at economic development options (Wenham)

ARTS + CULTURE + HERITAGE

Recently Completed:

- n/a

Actively Working On:

- Historic properties survey (Ipswich)
- “Making It Public” public art (Gloucester)
- Housing for artists (Gloucester)

On the Horizon:

- n/a

TRANSPORTATION + MOBILITY

Recently Completed:

- Transportation community needs assessment (Danvers)
- Cape Ann Transportation Authority (Manchester)
- Developing policy for eliminating minimum parking requirements for new multifamily development (Salem)

Actively Working On:

- ADA plan (Gloucester)
- Complete streets (Wenham)

On the Horizon:

- Safe Routes to School (Ipswich)
- Last mile grant (Gloucester)
- Bike/ped plan (Gloucester)
- Working w/MAPC on city transportation systems (Beverly)

OPEN SPACE + RECREATION

Recently Completed:

- Open space and recreation plan (Beverly, Wenham,)
- DeNormandie Woods land acquisition by Greenbelt (Manchester)
- Completed West Wenham Park (Wenham)
- Completed pollinator garden/pocket park (Wenham)

Actively Working On:

- Open space and recreation plan (Danvers, Essex)
- Open space and recreation plan extension (Gloucester)
- Recreation fields capital plan (Gloucester)
- Celebration of 25 years of open space program (Ipswich)
- Harbor planning (Manchester)

On the Horizon:

- Open space and recreation plan (Swampscott)
- Harbor dredging (Manchester)

RESILIENCE + SUSTAINABILITY

Recently Completed:

- Resilience plan (Danvers)
- Culvert replacements (IRWA)
- Ground mounted solar on municipal property (Wenham)

Actively Working On:

- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness 2.0 (Gloucester, Swampscott, IRWA)
- Energy sustainability at Town Hall (Ipswich)
- Culvert replacements (IRWA)
- Miles River Action Plan w/Wenham (IRWA)
- Larkin Dam removal (IRWA)
- Ipswich Mills Dam removal (IRWA)
- Hazard mitigation plan (Essex, Swampscott)
- Community heat resilience (Salem)

On the Horizon:

- Pocket forest (Ipswich)
- Climate resilience (Manchester)
- Pet waste study and implementation (IRWA)

SERVICES+ FACILITIES

Recently Completed:

- Updating Town Hall with geothermal HVAC system (Wenham)

Actively Working On:

- Department of Public Works (Manchester)
- Senior Center (Manchester)
- Essex Elementary (Manchester)
- Water treatment facility (Ipswich)
- Public safety facility (Ipswich)
- Possible new elementary school (Ipswich)
- City Hall upgrade (Beverly)
- Public wifi feasibility study (Gloucester)

On the Horizon:

- n/a