

## **V. PRIORITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

### **A. PROGRAM AND PROJECT SELECTION**

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS) has identified Twenty-six Priority Economic Development Projects for FY 2019, which may or may not be eligible for EDA funding.

A proposed project is eligible for EDA funding if it is located in an area that meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. **Low Per Capita Income:** The area has a per capita income of 80% or less of the national average.
2. **Unemployment Rate above National Average:** The area has an unemployment rate that for the most recent 24-month period is at least 1% greater than the national average.
3. **Unemployment or Economic Adjustment Problems:** The area has experienced or is about to experience a special need arising from actual or threatened severe unemployment or economic adjustment problems resulting from changes in economic conditions.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) maintains an additional list of some thirty-one projects in support of economic development in the region.

EDA Investment Policy Guidelines/Priority Criteria used to rank priority projects is:

- **Collaborative Regional Innovation:** Projects that increase the development and growth of innovation clusters
- **Public/Private Projects:** Projects that use both public and private sector assets and complementary investments by other government/public entities and/or non profits
- **Meet National Strategic Priorities**  
Projects that:
  - i. Encourage job growth and business expansion in manufacturing, including advanced manufacturing, sustainable manufacturing, and manufacturing supply chains
  - ii. assist communities severely impacted by the declining use of coal through activities and programs that support economic diversification, job creation, capital investment, and workforce development and re-employment opportunities
  - iii. increase economic resiliency, including resilience to the effects of natural disasters and climate change
  - iv. assist with natural disaster mitigation and recovery
  - v. are aimed at restoring or improving urban waters and the communities that surround them: and
  - vi. assist and/or support:

- a. information technology infrastructure (for example, broadband or smart grid)
- b. communities severely impacted by industry restructuring
- c. job-driven skills development
- d. access to capital for small-medium sized and ethnically diverse enterprises
- e. innovations in science and healthcare
- f. advancement of science and research parks, other technology transfer, or technology transfer, or technology commercialization efforts.
- Projects that support Global Competiveness
- Environmentally-Sustainable Development: Projects that promote job creation and economic prosperity through enhancing environmental quality and developing and implementing green products.
- Underserved Communities: Investments that strengthen diverse communities

## **B. PRIORITY PROJECTS**

The Priority Projects for FY 2019 are summarized below with the specific goal (s) addressed by each project, which constitutes the basis of the region's economic development strategy. These projects may or may not be eligible for EDA Funding. Some may be eligible for other funding sources. The projects are as follows:

### **Abington: Improve Mass BioReady Rating from Bronze to Silver Rating**

Status: To improve the rating the community has to meet Bronze Criteria plus Community needs to allow biotech laboratory and manufacturing uses by right, has identified buildings and/or land sites for biotechnology uses in municipal plans, municipality convenes site plan review meetings for significant commercial and industrial projects, has land sites and/or buildings included in BioSites inventory at MassEcon Bio Sites Inventory or Community has identified Priority Development Site per Chapter 43D or Municipality has a site designated as a Massachusetts Growth District.

Goals Addressed: O

### **Avon: Installation of public sewer in Avon Industrial Park**

Status: Planning stage

Goals Addressed: B, P

### **Bridgewater:**

#### **Business District Sewer Extension**

Status: Design complete, awaiting funding

Goals Addressed: B, C

#### **Bridgewater State University Logistics Training**

Status: Work in progress

Goal Addressed: H

### **Brockton:**

**CSX Yards Redevelopment**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: B, C

**Downtown Parking Garage**

Status: Design complete, awaiting funding.

Goals Addressed: B, C, E

**Restaurant Incubator**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: C, D, H, L, K

**Downtown Brockton Entrepreneurial Center**

Status: Planning stage

Goals Addressed: B, D, H

**College Collaborative**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: B, C, D

**Coweesett Brook Business Park**

Status: Plan created, looking for implementation entity

Goals Addressed: A, B

**Upgrade MassBio Ready rating from Gold to Platinum Level**

Status: Gold level criteria plus Community needs to adopt the National Institutes of Health guidelines on rDNA activity as part of its regulations.

Goals Addressed: O

**Central Area Circulation Improvements**

Status: Transportation studies ongoing

Goals Addressed: B, C, E

**Route 28 Economic Development Study (with West Bridgewater)**

Status: work in progress

Goals Addressed: B, C

**Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board Innovation Center**

Status: work in progress

Goals Addressed: H

**Silver Lake Water Transmission Main**

Status: Design complete, seeking funding

Goals Addressed: P

**Century Plaza (Shaw's Center) /Campanelli Stadium Renovation Project**

Status: Seeking funding

Goals Addressed: D, J, N

**Duxbury: Hall's Corner Development Strategy/Market Analysis Plan**

Status: Study work complete

Goals Addressed: B, C, E

**Repairs to 11 seawalls totaling 3,759 feet and 3 revetments totaling 952 feet,**  
2013 cost to bring up to as built condition: \$3.6 million.

Status: Planned

Goals Addressed: S

**East Bridgewater: Clean Up of Brownfields Sites in town center  
Including the former Grant Steel and Precise Engineering sites.**

Status: Seeking funding

Goals Addressed: B

**Easton:**

**Installation of Public Wastewater Infrastructure - Queset Commercial District**

Status: Design

Goals Addressed; B, P

**Installation of Public Wastewater Infrastructure – Five Corners District**

Status: Planning

Goals Addressed: B, P

**Installation of Public Wastewater Infrastructure – Easton Industrial Park**

Status: Planning

Goals Addressed: B, P

**Phase II of North Easton Village Revitalization**

Status: Planning

Goals Addressed: D, E

**Hanover**

**Environmental cleanup of former National Fireworks factory**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: B, C

**Hanson:**

**Former Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Study**

Status: Preliminary plan submitted, awaiting action by Board of Selectmen

Goals Addressed: B

**Kingston:**

**Repairs to 4 seawalls totaling 659 feet, 5 revetments totaling 1,515 feet and 2 jetties totaling 139 feet, 2013 cost to bring up to as built condition: \$1.5 million**

Goals Addressed: S

**Improve water service infrastructure to support economic development**

Goal Addressed: P

**Plymouth:**

**Water Street Promenade**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: D, J

**Leyden Street & Town Square**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: D, J

**Court Square with Burial Hill Ramp/Steps**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed:

**Jenney Bypass and Pond**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: D, J

**Depot Square**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: D, J

**Stephen's Field**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: D, J

**Waterfront Walkway**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: D, J

**Infrastructure Improvements**

**To Aid Redevelopment of Cordage Park**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: B, C, K

**Multi-Modal Center**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: B, E

**Dealing with planned closure of Entergy Nuclear Power plant**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed B, C \

**Town Airport Improvements**

Status: Planned

Goals Addressed: B, E

**Cranberry Crescent**

Status: Planned

Goals Addressed: B

**Harbormaster Facility**

Status: Planned

Goals Addressed: B, E

**Repairs to 4 seawalls totaling 3,285 feet, 31 revetments totaling 24,532 feet, 1 2,886 foot breakwater and nine jetties totaling 1,035 feet, which would have costs \$30.5 million in 2013 to bring up to as built condition**

Status: Planned

Goals Addressed: S

**Dredging of Harbor, channel and anchorage**

Status: Planned, estimated cost: \$12 million

Goals Addressed: C E,F, J

**Upgrade MassBioReady Rating from Gold to Platinum Level**

Status: Gold level criteria plus Community's Board of Health needs to adopt the National Institutes of Health guidelines on rDNA activity as part of its regulations.

Goals Addressed: O

**Plympton: Plympton Business Park Waste Treatment and Water Distribution Project**

Status: In final design stage

Goals Addressed: B, P

**Stoughton:**

**Stoughton Industrial Park**

Status: Ongoing studies

Goals Addressed: B

**Feasibility Study to Improve Stoughton Square**

Status: Planning Stage  
Goals Addressed: B, C

**Urban Renewal Plan**

Status: Planning Stage  
Goals Addressed: B, R

**Park Street/Campanelli Park Sewer Expansion**

Status: Planning Stage  
Goals Addressed: P

**West Bridgewater:**

**Widening of West Center Street (Route 106) to four lanes from the Route 106/24 interchange to Central Square**

Status: Planning Stage  
Goals Addressed: B, E

**Upgrade MassBioReady Rating from Bronze to Silver**

Status: Bronze Criteria plus Municipality allows biotech laboratory and manufacturing uses by right, has identified buildings and/or land sites for biotechnology uses in municipal plans and municipality convenes site plan review meetings for significant commercial and industrial projects, has land sites and/or buildings included in BioSites inventory at MassEcon Bio Sites Inventory or Community had identified Priority Development Sites per Chapter 43D or Municipality has a site designated as a Massachusetts Growth District  
Goals Addressed: O

**Whitman: Clean up and market former Regal Shoe Brownfields site**

Status: Have received grant from MassDevelopment to do site assessments and work is ongoing seeking funding to clean up the site.  
Goals Addressed: B, C, E

**Intersection Redesigns of Route 14/18 and Route 27/18 Intersections.** Funding was planned for 2017 (OCPC Transportation Improvement Program)

Status: Design Stage  
Goals Addressed: E

**Creation of Economic Development Commission to review downtown improvements.** Looking at potential MassWorks funding to bury lighting infrastructure and street scape improvements

Status: Planning Stage  
Goals addressed: S

**Water main improvements**

Status: Planning Stage

Goals Addressed: P, S



## C. LOCALLY PROPOSED PROJECTS

### Abington:

- Abington Business Incubator. Estimated Cost = unknown
- Route 18 Access Road to Multiple Use Planned Development Land on former South Weymouth Naval Air Station land. Estimated Cost = \$250,000

### Avon:

- Water main improvements from Route 28 along Spring Street to Industrial area. Estimated cost = unknown.
- Providing public sewer to the Merchants Park. Estimated cost = unknown
- Traffic and Pedestrian Improvements around Goeres Square. Estimated cost = unknown
- Walking path/roadway improvements to Industrial Park. Estimated cost = unknown
- Outreach to local industries/training. Estimated cost = unknown
- Downtown development. Estimated cost = unknown
- Relocate town fuel/storage area @compost area. Estimated cost = unknown

### Brockton:

- Expansion of Edison Business Incubator. Estimated cost = \$1.25 million
- Reuse of Brownfields Sites (former Ralsco and Ames and Spark Street sites). Estimated cost = \$200,000
- Sports Bubble on former Montello Auto Body site. Estimated cost = \$1,000,000

### Easton:

- Improvements to infrastructure of Easton Business District. Estimated cost = \$1,700,000

### Halifax:

- Traffic improvements on Route 106 in response to commercial development. Estimated cost: = unknown

### Kingston:

- Connection from an existing emergency generator to a wastewater pumps station. Estimated cost = \$140,000
- Improvements to infrastructure of Kingston Business District. Estimated cost = \$1,000,000
- Improvements to Kingston Industrial Park. Estimated cost = \$1,000,000

### Pembroke:

- Develop a comprehensive economic development program for the town. Estimated cost = unknown
- Develop a multi-faceted plan for preserving and strengthening Pembroke Center. Estimated cost = unknown
- Circulation and land use issues study in the Routes 3/139 business area. Estimated cost = unknown
- Route 53 Corridor Study. Estimated cost = unknown

Plymouth:

- Cooperative planning with all interests to fully develop historic downtown. Estimated cost = unknown

Plympton:

- Construction of Plympton Business Park Waste Water Treatment plant=\$3.1 million
- Water Treatment Plant: Estimated Cost = \$1.9 million
- Water Storage Tank: Estimated Cost = \$300,000

Stoughton:

- Downtown Sign and Façade Improvement Program. Estimated cost: Unknown
- Acquire Post Office Property. Estimated cost: Unknown
- Comprehensive improvement of traffic, parking, public spaces signage, facades and regulations to rejuvenate Stoughton Square. Estimated cost = unknown
- Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive. Work on this project consists of the installation of a traffic signal system and associated minor geometry improvements to multi-modal accommodation, signs and pavement markings. Estimated cost=

West Bridgewater:

- Center Square Improvements. Estimated cost= \$1.1 million

