



OLD COLONY
PLANNING COUNCIL

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“Good fortune is what happens when opportunity meets with planning.”

- Thomas Edison

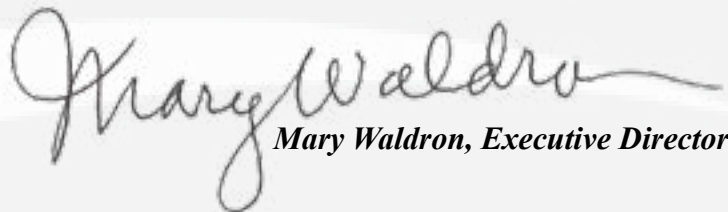
This quote by Thomas Edison struck me in a couple ways. First, I am reminded of the historic location of OCPC’s offices: Thomas Edison’s work plant. Each day when I walk through the doors, I count my blessings to work with a team of incredibly dedicated and talented staff, and to be surrounded by such history in this building. But our connection to Edison and his words goes beyond our location. The second reason this quote struck me is that we, like Thomas Edison, can make things happen with proper planning. We make use of the opportunity to develop a solid plan so that everything can turn out to be the best.

This year has been another year of transition, and we are feeling some growing pains. However, these growing pains are part of our strength as we carry on with our mission. The Council has had the good fortune of local, state, and federal funds coming to our organization to meet the priorities and needs of our region and the communities in and around. With strong, transparent communication between staff and the Council, we continue to thrive. The Annual Report is a small snapshot of the inner workings, the teamwork, the long hours of dedicated staff, saying we/ us and not me/I, and most importantly, the delivery of results.

To Valerie Massard and Becky Coletta, serving as Presidents, Becky serving as Treasurer, Sandra Wright serving as Secretary, Lee Hartmann, Steven Santeusano, and Frank Staffier who served as officers and committee chairs, thank you for your extra commitment to Old Colony Planning Council. Your guidance along with that of the Council members has served us well.

Please take the time to review the Report.

We look forward to working with you to make this next fiscal year even stronger with more good fortune.



Mary Waldron
Mary Waldron, Executive Director

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

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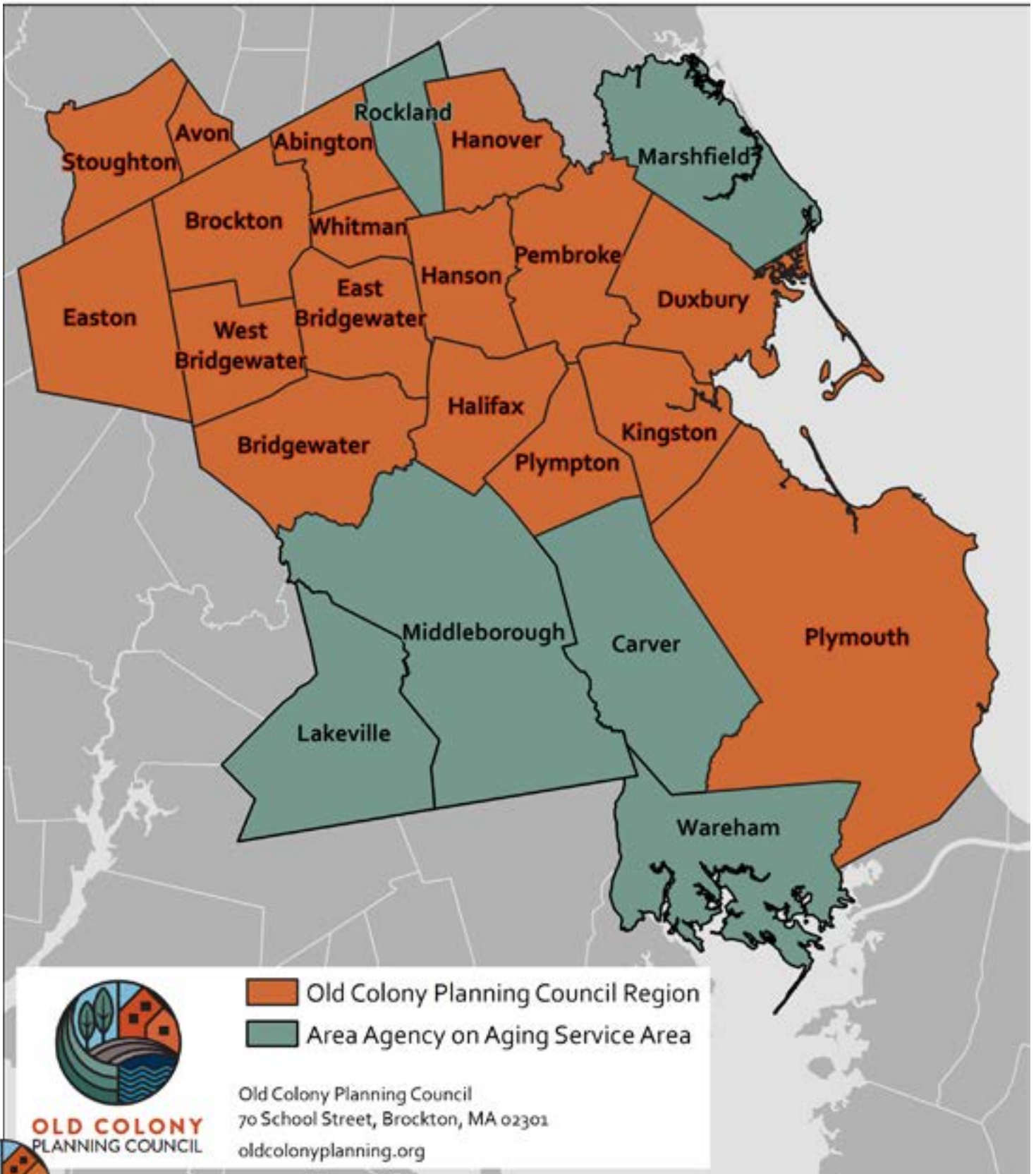
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The OCPC Region includes Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, and Whitman

AAA work is done in the OCPC Region plus Carver, Lakeville, Marshfield, Middleboro, Rockland, and Wareham





OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

TRANSPORTATION



Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning | Data Collection & Analysis | Metropolitan Planning | Management & Studies | Transit Planning

Our intended transportation impact of our work is to develop a regional transportation system that provides safe, accessible, and efficient movement of people and goods, fosters healthy community identity and “a sense of place,” protects the environment, and joins all transportation modes and facilities into an equitable and fully interconnected network.

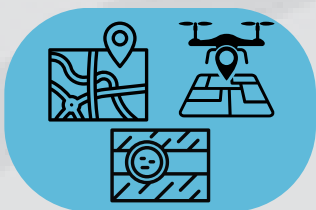
AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA)



Long-Term Care & Assisted Living Ombudsman | Senior Transportation Resources

Area Agency on Aging is the designated entity responsible for administering Older Americans Act funding for 23 communities in Southeastern Massachusetts. The Ombudsman Volunteer serves the residents of nursing homes, rest homes and transitional care units.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES



GIS & Mapping | Community Septic Management Program | Drone Program

Geographic Information System (GIS) develops data products such as maps, graphics, tabular data, interactive digital maps, and shapefiles to support the planning process. Our Septic program was developed through a collaboration that is aimed at upgrading septic systems, building community systems, or new sewers. Drone operations are provided as a public service which adds a new dynamic and “panoramic” perspective to projects and studies.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING



Regional Strategy | Master Planning | Zoning | Housing | Open Space & Recreation | Green Communities

Comprehensive planning is about improving quality of life and making our communities more livable. Our goal is to create a welcoming sense of place with diverse housing options, connectivity, vibrant downtowns, amenities, and jobs that support a robust economy.

ECONOMIC RESILIENCY



Regional Strategy (CEDS) | Strategic Planning | Grant Writing

Economic Resiliency focuses on the planning of a robust business ecosystem that includes living wage jobs and career pathway opportunities. Housing Equity plays a significant role by offering equitable, diverse housing options that support a strong workforce. Our goal is to support development of resilient local economies and to support entrepreneurs, job seekers and growing businesses.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OCPC!



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC



AAA



SPECIALIZED



TRANSPORTATION

OCPC HIGHLIGHTS

20

Current Staff members



4 New Full-Time Staff Members
8 Interns & Temporary Staff



Weekly Staff Newsletter
Introduced for streamlined communication & comradery



2 Staff Retreats
1 Manager Retreat



New Phone System
Each staff member has their own work phones with direct lines to be reached to assist with the hybrid working model



29

Long Term Care Homes Visited

+125

MEMBERS INVOLVED

STEAM Coalition Created
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)



5 IMPACT AWARDS

Given to individuals for their years of service and dedication, and organizations that have shown the initiative & enthusiasm, towards making a difference in our communities and region.

Individual Award:
Beth Goodfellow

Organization Awards:
Black Owned Brockton
Brockton Area Transit
Wildlands Trust
Wright Technologies



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Committee Meetings,
In-Person Meetings
and Webinars

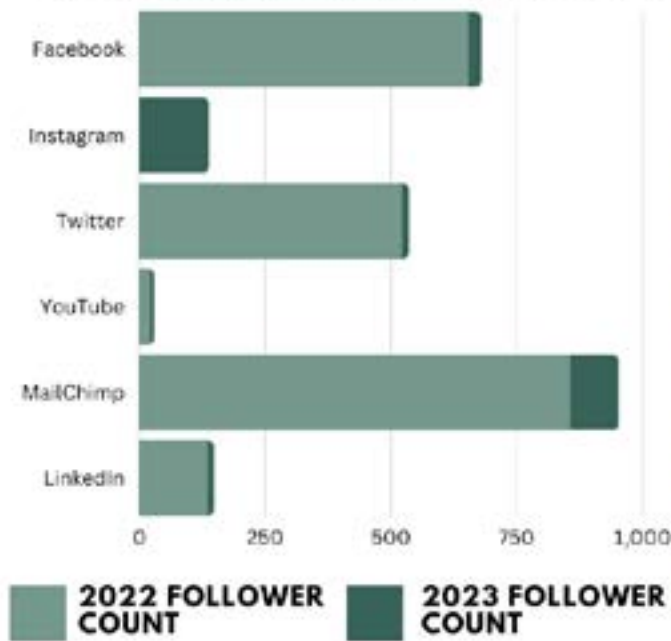




Year to date, Staff Leadership met individually with **8 OCPC Communities**

We have been making it a mission to meet with each of our 17 communities by the end of the calendar year. The purpose of these meetings are to hold a listening session on issues, priorities, and projects relative to planning, housing, economic development, and transportation, and how we can work together to meet each of these specific needs.

OCPC ONLINE FOLLOWING



13 Surveys
Launched
Resulting in
3,871
RESPONSES



Congratulations Lila
ON RECEIVING THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES OF GREATER BROCKTON
Lifetime Achievement Award





TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Transportation staff prepared the **FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**. The TIP serves as a prioritized listing of highway, bridge, and transit projects for implementation during the next five (5) federal fiscal years that reflect the needs of the regional transportation system. In addition, the TIP is fiscally constrained based on expected federal funding, and it contains projects that are consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Over the upcoming five years, the TIP provides:

- **\$173.2 Million** - 14 Road Projects and 3 Bridge Projects. Projects are located in the communities of Abington, Avon, Brockton, Duxbury, Easton, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Plympton, and Stoughton.
- **\$41.6 Million** - Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) operating and capital assistance. Includes replacement of 14 fixed route buses.

The **FFY 2024 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** was prepared, which is a one-year budget and planning document. UPWP lists the research projects, technical assistance, and other activities the transportation staff will undertake over the next federal fiscal year (FFY). These projects provide insight and recommendations to our municipal and regional partners, generate new data, and help shape concepts for the region's transportation future.

Staff commenced development of two major projects, the **2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** and the **Route 18 Corridor Study** in the communities of Bridgewater and East Bridgewater:

The **LRTP** is the policy and visioning document of the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning organization (MPO). This document results from regional and statewide collaboration and consensus on a region's transportation system and serves as the defining vision for the region. The document also contains a financial plan or budget which guides and shapes the actions an MPO undertakes as they fulfill the region's visions and objectives. This 20-year transportation vision document is updated every four years by the MPO.

The **Route 18 Corridor Study** will include a complete assessment of existing conditions, including but not necessarily limited to, capacity and efficiency (main line and intersection levels of service) analysis, crash rate and severity analysis, vehicular speed and heavy vehicle traffic analysis, bicycle and pedestrian conditions, transit efficiency, and a public health assessment. Following the assessment, staff will work towards the development of short term and long-term recommendations as well as strategies to improve circulation, traffic flow, safety, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodation.

OCPC applied for and was awarded **\$400,000 in grant funding** to support the **Regional Safety Action Plan** through the **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program**, an initiative designed to improve roads and address traffic fatalities nationwide. The Safety Action Plan will allow for a systematic analysis and set of solutions to tackle the root causes of all crashes, with an emphasis on those involving non-motorists. The Action Plan will consider a range of low-cost, high-impact strategies that can be deployed across the region, such as bike light distribution, updated pedestrian signal equipment, and infrastructure improvements at key locations. Completing the Action Plan will allow the region's communities to be eligible for SS4A Implementation Grants to leverage federal funding to implement strategies.



Six Road Safety Audits (RSAs) were undertaken in Avon, Brockton, Duxbury, Halifax, Kingston, and Pembroke. A Road Safety Audit is a formal evaluation of a roadway segment or intersection by an independent, multi-disciplinary team to identify specific safety recommendations. An RSA team identifies safety risks using many different information sources such as crash data, maintenance logs, interviews of roadway authorities, public testimony, and multiple field observations.

The locations where RSAs were conducted are:

- Avon - South Street Road Safety Audit
- Brockton - Reynolds Highway Road Safety Audit
- Duxbury - Route 3A Corridor Road Safety Audits (2 Intersections)
- Halifax - Plymouth Street (Route 106) at Pine Street Road Safety Audit
- Kingston - Landing Road Road Safety Audit
- Pembroke - Church Street Corridor Road Safety Audit

Staff prepared **six local technical assistance studies**. These studies were provided at the request of communities including East Bridgewater, Hanover, and Kingston. The scope and purpose of the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization's Local Highway Technical Assistance (LTA) Program is to provide a rapid and effective response mechanism to address special localized short term transportation issues and/or projects as they arise. Upon request from local, regional, or state officials and agencies, the planning staff is able to provide data collection, analysis, and options for action to address these issues. Typical projects prepared under the LTA program include traffic counts, roadway speed and safety studies, traffic signal and all-way STOP sign warrant analyses, road safety audits, heavy commercial vehicle studies and exclusion permit request assistance, and localized bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) (Drone) Program** continued with several Flights and Missions. The Drone Team consisting of Shawn Bailey, Kyle Mowatt, and Andrew Vidal have all pursued and obtained the FAA Part 107 (Commercial) Remote Pilot Certificate. They work closely with stakeholders to maximize the benefits from the use of drones in their community. UAV operations are available upon request, and this adds a new dynamic and "panoramic" perspective to projects and studies in our 17 communities.



OCPC continued its commitment to bicycle and pedestrian transportation with the May 17th **Bike with BAT Day** held at the BAT Centre and with meetings of the **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**. The Bike with BAT Day was held as part of Baystate Bike Month and Brockton Area Transit, the City of Brockton, MassBike and OCPC collaborated on the event to raise awareness and to encourage bicycling transportation. Biking is safe, economical, healthy, environmentally friendly, fast, and fun!

48-hour automatic traffic recorder vehicle counts

(vehicle volumes, vehicle speeds, and vehicle classifications)



Staff conducted **48-hour automatic traffic recorder vehicle counts** (vehicle volumes, vehicle speeds, and vehicle classifications) in **Bridgewater, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Kingston, and Whitman** with a total of thirty-one locations. From this data, estimates of the number, speed, and type of vehicles that traveled each segment of road and daily vehicle miles traveled for specific groups of facilities and vehicle types are calculated. Staff also conducted turning movement counts at thirteen locations.



ECONOMIC RESILIENCY & HOUSING EQUITY DEPARTMENT

The Economic Development Department has been working on the following projects to assist towns with assessing their communities demographics as well as ensuring they remain in compliance with the state. These projects include:



The **Economic Development Administration (EDA) Dashboard and Assessment Tool**, which is undergoing overall development including dashboard design and dataset display. The display includes a Tableau™ application to graphically display 12-14 datasets and other content as well as incorporating all content onto the OCPC website. This is a two-year effort with total project costs of \$151,000.



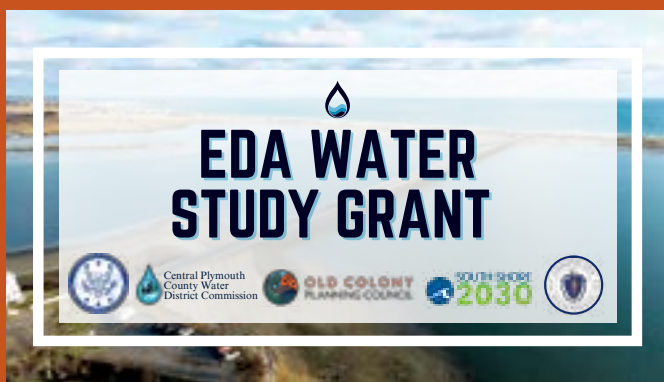
An **ADA Self-Assessment/Transition Plan** for the town of West Bridgewater that was completed and accepted by Board of Selectmen in late May 2023. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal regulation that was created to protect people with disabilities from discrimination in many areas of public life.



The completion of the **MBTA Communities 3A Compliance** project including GIS data layer mapping, zoning map and reports for Abington, East Bridgewater, Hanson, Kingston and West Bridgewater.

OCPC was also Awarded an **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Assessment Grant** in the amount of \$500,000 for site assessment and planning activities in Easton, East Bridgewater, Hanson and Whitman and possibly other surrounding communities. The project is anticipated to start June/July 2023 with OCPC administering.

Year 2 of 3 for the **EDA Planning Grant** program is underway including economic development planning, CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) priority project development, preparation of funding applications, project management and administration. The total project cost is \$140,000 annually, including a \$70,000/year match.

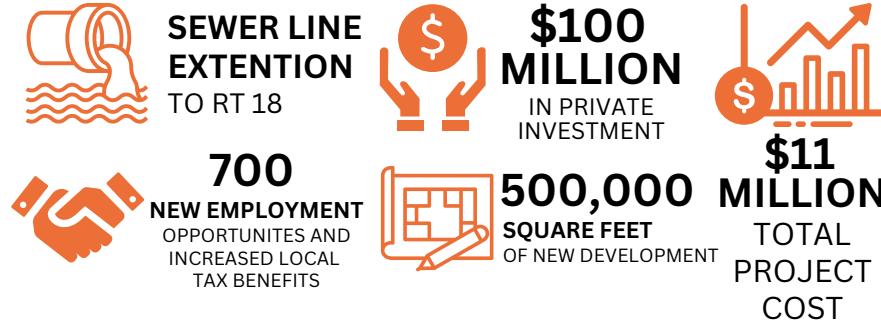


OCPC was recently awarded an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant in the amount of \$470,000 to match a total project cost for a **Regional Water Plan** of \$940,000. Efforts originated with the Central Plymouth County Water District Commission, and their commitment of \$225,000 towards a regional water study, supplemented by the \$200,000 earmark allocation from the Economic Development Bill, led by Senator Michael Brady and supported by both branches and the leadership of both, and \$45,000 from the South Shore Economic Development Corporation (South Shore Chamber).

This EDA investment supports OCPC with developing a Regional Water Plan that will assist the district's 17 communities with removing the economic development impediment of limited and unsustainable water supplies in Southeastern Massachusetts. The project is underway with initial tasks of establishing a Project Steering Committee and developing a draft RFP/RFR for a consultant. To learn more about this study you can visit www.oldcolonyplanning.org/

An application for the **Town of East Bridgewater \$3 Million EDA construction project** is currently under EDA review with an anticipated award in July. This project is for a sewer line extension along Route 18. The project leverages nearly \$100 Million in private investment, and 500,000 sq. ft. of new development, 700 new employment opportunities and increased local tax benefits. The total project cost is set to be \$11 Million with OCPC administrating.

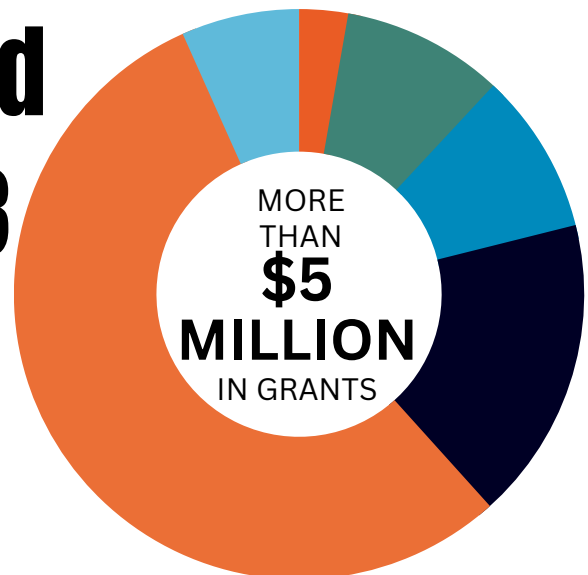
\$3 MILLION EDA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



OCPC staff are focusing on on going preliminary planning and discussions with Brockton on EDA project development for potential planning funds to conduct a **Feasibility Study/Redevelopment Plan on Brockton Fairgrounds** as well as a **Neighborhood Planning Assessment for the Montello area**. The total project cost would be \$365,000 with OCPC to administer under a Cooperative Agreement.

Grants OCPC applied for during FY 2023

- EDA Project Development \$365,000
- EDA Water Study Grant \$940,000
- EDA Dashboard and Assessment Tool \$151,000
- EDA Planning Grant \$500,000
- EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant \$500,000
- EDA Construction Grant \$3,000,000



OCPC is looking into an additional **Inter-Regional District (OCPC-MAPC) opportunity** with Weymouth and Southfield Redevelopment Authority on Union Point redevelopment with EDA infrastructure for potential design and construction funding.

We have **ongoing outreach** to all 17 communities across OCPC district on potential EDA economic development projects including planning, design and construction. Potential opportunities are emerging in Abington, Avon, Plymouth, Stoughton and Whitman as well as others.





COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

The Department continues to work with the **Town of West Bridgewater** to develop its **Open Space and Recreation Plan**. The purpose of an Open Space and Recreation Plan is to inventory, assess, and plan for future open space and recreation resources. The plan identifies natural and recreational resources within a community and takes inventory of all open space within. Incorporates public input to better serve the community’s needs, build support for various efforts, and encourage the public participation in protection of important resources. The town is currently working on establishing recreation goals, objectives, and strategies. They are also commencing a review of the parcel inventory list to determine access, level of protection, and recreation potential. This project is expected to continue for the entire year.



Old Colony Planning Council supports communities in our region with **Green Communities Designation** by providing grant application support as well as the production of annual and final reports. The Green Communities program offers a full range of energy initiatives and services to cities and towns. In accordance with the Green Communities Act funding is available for qualifying communities to implement energy-efficiency measures, construct renewable energy projects, or pursue other avenues to reduce their fossil fuel energy consumption.



10 Communities Supported

Under the **District Local Technical Assistance Program**, OCPC is working with the **towns of Plympton and Plymouth** to update their **Housing Production Plans (HPP)**. HPP’s provide a framework and strategy to increase the production of affordable housing in communities.

Additionally, the Comprehensive Planning & Sustainability department developed a community-wide survey related to age-friendly planning, as part of the **DLTA-funded Age Friendly Duxbury Project**. The survey has recently closed, and the results were tabulated. The project will continue through this calendar year while we assist the town to take a deep dive into their domains, write the opening chapters, and create the action plan.

OCPC has received a **\$75,000 grant** from the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program to advance projects that contribute to protecting water quality and/or wildlife and improving quality of life. Communities served by this grant may include one or more of the following within the OCPC and Narragansett Bay regions: Brockton, Avon, Stoughton, Easton, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater, Abington, Whitman, Halifax, Plympton, Pembroke, and Hanson. This project has commenced.





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SURVEYS
COMPLETED

Under **contract with Wildlands Trust**, OCPC developed a survey to assess the user needs of **D.W. Field Park** in the City of Brockton. The survey was recently conducted, and the results are currently being tabulated.

COMPLETED REPORTS



OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLANS

Town of Avon

Town of Pembroke



AGE & DEMENTIA FRIENDLY DESIGNATION SURVEY

Town of Duxbury



HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN UPDATE (HPP) & AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST (AHT)

Town of Easton

HPP

AHT



HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS & MAPPING

Town of Bridgewater

Town of Whitman

All reports can be access at www.oldcolonyplanning.org/reports



AREA AGENCY ON AGING DEPARTMENT

OCPC AAA staff worked with both the COAs and our other Supportive Services sub-grantee recipients to find discover what resources they needed. The most encouraging signs were that many programs were able for the first time since COVID-19 hit to resume older adult programming on a more regular basis and while some OlderAdult programs are still offered virtually, many have been allowed to resume in person. Along with our elder services network partners OCES and the Councils on Aging, the OCPC-AAA had to be both highly creative and

very persistent to best serve the needs of the Old Colony region's older adults. In the fiscal year 2023, it is estimated that well over 500,000 meals were prepared for older adults in our catchment area. Of this half-million meals, according to Old Colony Elder Services statistics, slightly less than one quarter of the meals were served in a community setting, while just over three-quarters of the meals were served through home delivery – meals on wheels.



500,000

Meals Prepared for Older
Adults in Region



3/4 Served Through
Home Delivery



800+
Survey Responses

Based upon the OCPC-AAA's Older Adults Needs Assessment Survey with over 800 responses we created our 2022 – 2025 Area Plan on Aging which assists on determining needs and service priorities.



The Area Agency on Aging was once again awarded MassDOT's **Community Transportation Grant Program (CTGP)** grant for fiscal year 2023. This enabled the AAA to continue a longstanding and successful program to provide transportation to older adults through participating Councils on Aging, by subsidizing mileage reimbursements to their volunteer drivers.

As COVID-related, reductions in the numbers of volunteer drivers and rides provided continued in fiscal year 2023, the OCPC AAA also continued our successful funding partnership with Taking People Places, Ince, or TPP for short. TPP is an 'age friendly' mobility alternative in the community for use of our excess MassDOT funding, which transitioned from a Pilot Program to non-profit status in 2023. TPP, which primarily covers the Greater Plymouth area, teamed up with other 'member' organizations to use the ride-sharing firm Lyft to provide on-demand rides for: medical appointments, employment, substance abuse treatment, and very importantly gatherings to avoid social isolation.

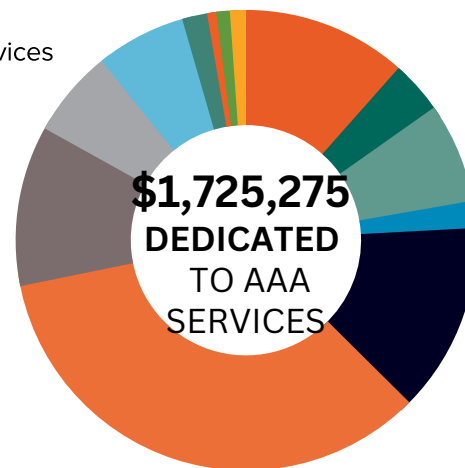


A group of **Service Priorities** were established using feedback from the AAA Advisory Committee and principles from: the Older Americans Act (OAA) target populations and core programs, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) directed inter-State focus areas, and Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs (Elder Affairs) goals and values. These same service priorities also served as the basis for the **AAA to provide grant funding to various community-based service agencies** for the provision of the following types of programs and services which covers federal fiscal year 2023, including:

- Legal Services (South Coastal Counties Legal Services)
- Transportation (OCPC-COA Volunteer Drivers, OCES, and ‘Taking People Places’-through Lyft)
- Information & Referral Services, through Old Colony Elder Services (OCES)
- Emergency Assistance funding (OCES)
- Supportive In-Home Health Services (OCES)
- Supportive Community Services (OCPC to COAs, OCES and other local Non-Profits)
- Medication Management/Healthy Living (OCES)
- Mental Health Services & Reduction of Social Isolation (OCPC, OCES and COAs)
- Regional Family Caregiver Support (OCES)
- Regional Nutrition (Community & Home Delivered Meals – OCES & COAs)
- Long Term Care-Nursing Home & Assisted Living Residence Ombudsman Services (OCPC)

OCPC AAA Grant Expenditures

- Legal Services
- Transportation
- Emergency Assistance - Supportive In-Home Services
- Healthy Living - Med Mngmt
- Regional Family Caregiver Sppt
- Regional Nutrition - Comm Meals
- Regional Nutrition - HDM-MOW
- Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Assisted Living Ombudsman
- Reduction in Social Isolation/
- Supportive Day-Memory Cafe Programs
- Accessible Services
- Elder Immigrant Services
- Vaccine Access Services



Announcing a special new program – Using OCPC - Older Americans Act-based ARPA funding, in 2023, a new Elder Mental Health program is getting underway at the Duxbury, Plymouth, and Bridgewater COAs.

The program, called the ‘**South Shore Elder Mental Health Consortium,**’ or SSEMHC, has gotten underway administratively and with some group classes. Beginning in the fall of FY24, a team of master’s degree level Social Worker students from Bridgewater State and other local Universities will be working as interns respectively in the Duxbury, Plymouth and Bridgewater Senior Centers, meeting one on one with older adults who may benefit from having a new mental health service offered in a trusted environment. Indeed, the spirit of the program, which hopes to branch out into other Councils on Aging/Senior Centers by next year, is to try to de-stigmatize and normalize that the process of getting help and talking with someone can be a good thing.





OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

In fiscal year 2023, the OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman staff continued their efforts to visit the 29 long term care homes in our region on an at least bi-weekly basis, with a goal of achieving weekly visits. This goal is back on track after being curtailed by COVID-19 during 2021 and 2022. We had a few pauses but generally the team of dedicated, certified Ombudsman representing approximately 3,000 residents in our catchment areas, were able to be inside of our homes addressing concerns from residents or families.

We were delighted to have the State of Emergency lifted on May 17, 2023, as importantly we are now able to shed our masks to show our whole face and see the whole faces of the people we represent.



OCPC OMBUDSMAN 774-539-5217

Assisted Living Residences (ALR) Ombudsman Program

In year two of Old Colony Planning Council's AAA being a host agency for the expansion of the Assisted Living Residences (ALR) Ombudsman Program there were some growing pains as we covered a maternity-parental leave and accepted a resignation. We extend heartfelt gratitude to Leonard Long and Leah Lopes, both LTC Ombudsman volunteers (Len on the Cape and Leah with OCPC) for stepping in to ensure that the residents in these communities still had a voice.

Richard Henry, who became a certified Ombudsman in 2022, and worked first as an OCPC volunteer and then as a part-time long term care Ombudsman staff member, transitioned to the new full-time ALR Ombudsman Program specialist position in May of 2023. We welcome Richard to the team providing coverage to more than 60 Assisted Living Residences in the extended territory covering most of southeast MA.





SPECIALIZED SERVICES



DRONE PROGRAM

The Old Colony Planning Council works closely with stakeholders to maximize the benefits from the use of drones in their community. Drone operations are provided as a public service which adds a new dynamic and “panoramic” perspective to projects and studies in our 17 communities.

The OCPC Drone may be used for the following missions:

- Intersection Photography
- Before/After Project Analysis
- Phases of Construction
- Roadway Corridor Video
- Congestion Management Analysis
- Hazard Mitigation
- Open Space Photography
- Infrastructure Inspection
- Public Education and Outreach





GIS & MAPPING PROGRAM

This past year, OCPC's GIS team sought to improve the quality and quantity of data to support all facets of the planning process. Towards that end, we developed a Census database with over one hundred tables of demographic information, a critical facilities layer to assist with hazard mitigation, and made improvements to our existing intersections, hazardous intersections, and traffic data collection geodatabases.

Staff participated in a statewide effort to define and build a **regional trail network**. Within our own region, we digitized known trails and reached out to our communities for their trail information.

The **Whitman parcel maintenance program** produced an up-to-date parcel layer for the town.

Staff created maps, including zoning, land use, environmental justice, TIP projects, transit services, and more, for the following **transportation planning projects**:

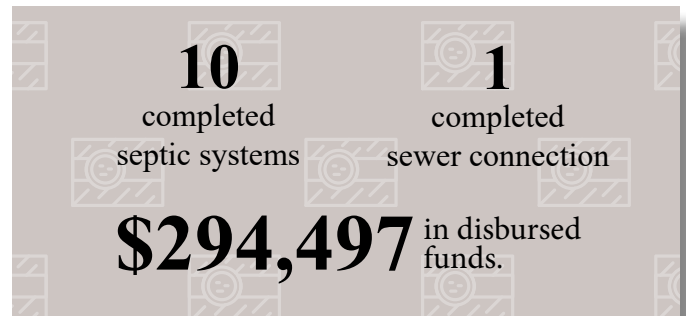
- Route 18 Corridor Study
(Bridgewater/East Bridgewater)
- Long Range Transportation Plan
- Title VI Annual Report and Justice 40 Initiative
*(through our partnership with **Brockton Area Transit**)*
- Traffic Volumes Report
- Road Safety Audits

GIS staff participated in **public outreach events** including GIS Day and Earth Day at Bridgewater State University, and MassHire Annual Construction Career Day at Massasoit Community College. Staff also presented an overview of OCPC and a primer on GIS to a BSU visiting class.

Additionally, Staff created a series of maps for **Open Space and Recreation Plans** for the towns of **Pembroke and West Bridgewater**. Staff also assisted with preparation of GIS data for the **MBTA Communities program** as well as training for staff



COMMUNITY SEPTIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Town of Avon

- 3 completed septic systems
- \$87,920 in disbursed funds

22 completed septic systems dating back to 2014

Town of Cohasset

- 1 completed septic system
- \$33,500 in disbursed funds

17 completed septic systems and 58 completed sewer connections dating back to 2011

Town of Hanson

- 2 completed septic systems
- \$66,666 in disbursed funds

137 completed septic systems dating back to 2003

Town of Kingston

- 2 completed septic systems
- \$32,816 in disbursed funds

42 completed septic systems and 39 completed sewer connections dating back to 2007

Town of Stoughton

- 2 completed septic systems and 1 completed sewer connection
- \$73,595 in disbursed funds

64 completed septic systems and 9 completed sewer connections dating back to 2010



OUR MISSION

At Old Colony Planning Council, we assist cities and towns in planning for present and future needs, utilizing our local knowledge, technical expertise, and regional collaboration for all.

OUR VISION

is that communities in the Old Colony region are:

RESILIENT, using social, economic, and environmental resources to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations brought about by natural disasters or economic downturns.

SUSTAINABLE, the needs of all people and the natural environment are met now without compromising the ability to meet those needs in the future.

EQUITABLE, social, economic, and environmental opportunities exist for all.

CONNECTED, everyone has accessible, affordable, and sustainable mobility choices.

RESPONSIVE, planning efforts are inclusive and reflect the diverse needs of all.

COLLABORATIVE, cooperating regionally to tackle common challenges.

OUR VALUES

Planning for All:

We strive to be fair, impartial, inclusive, and transparent in all we do. Celebrating diversity, we prioritize engaging those who may be underrepresented in planning efforts. We aim for authentic, empowered public participation.

Thinking Ahead:

We look to the future as we help address challenges and seize opportunities across the region. Whether it's a time-tested solution or innovative new approach, communities rely on our technical expertise and local knowledge to help develop solutions.

Partnering with Communities:

We highly value our partnership with the communities in our region. We are responsive to their needs and seek to facilitate regional cooperation and collaboration on shared issues within our region and with our neighboring regions.

Serving with Dedication

We are passionate about the work we do in service to our communities, and we strive for excellence as we do it. We are motivated to help our region excel socially, economically, and environmentally.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

The Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion as organizational values. We recognize the fundamental relationship between these values and thriving communities. OCPC commits to reflecting on all its work and strives to uphold these values in all facets of organizational operations.

To ensure OCPC is committed to its values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, we created a taskforce in 2020 to help guide the organization and requires staff to regularly participate in diversity, equity, and inclusion trainings. OCPC established the Reflection, Opportunity, and Action (ROA) Task Force with the aim of identifying opportunities for the organization to deepen its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in all the work and public engagement it conducts. Part of the ROA's objective was the development of a mission statement that outlines OCPC's pledge for doing better and to take action to promote greater diversity, equity, and inclusion.

In March of 2023 the OCPC Council voted to establish a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) sub-committee which will consist of both Council members and staff members. This committee will help transition OCPC from an internal commitment to embracing DEI to external. We are eager to continue to grow in awareness together as an organization and with the communities we support.



FY22 Financial Highlights

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Net Position

ASSETS

	FY22	FY21
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	748,329	1,513,713
Restricted Cash (VTP)	178,469	186,017
Accounts Receivable	2,715,940	1,204,501
Total Current Assets	3,642,738	2,904,231

Noncurrent Assets

Capital assets, non-depreciable	26,663	26,663
Capital assets, not of accumulated depreciation	494,318	515,950
Total Noncurrent Assets	520,981	542,613

TOTAL ASSETS

4,163,719	3,446,844
354,184	227,070

Deferred Outflows of Resources

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	442,194	359,338
Unearned revenue	583,081	89,144
Accrued expenses	22,653	1,594
Accrued compensated absences - current portion	97,088	40,006
Current portion of long term debt	14,367	13,397
Total Current Liabilities	1,159,383	503,479

Noncurrent Liabilities

Accrued compensated absences	2,225	85,897
Long term debt, net of current portion	296,814	310,356
Net OPEB liability	916,149	639,558
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	1,215,188	1,035,811

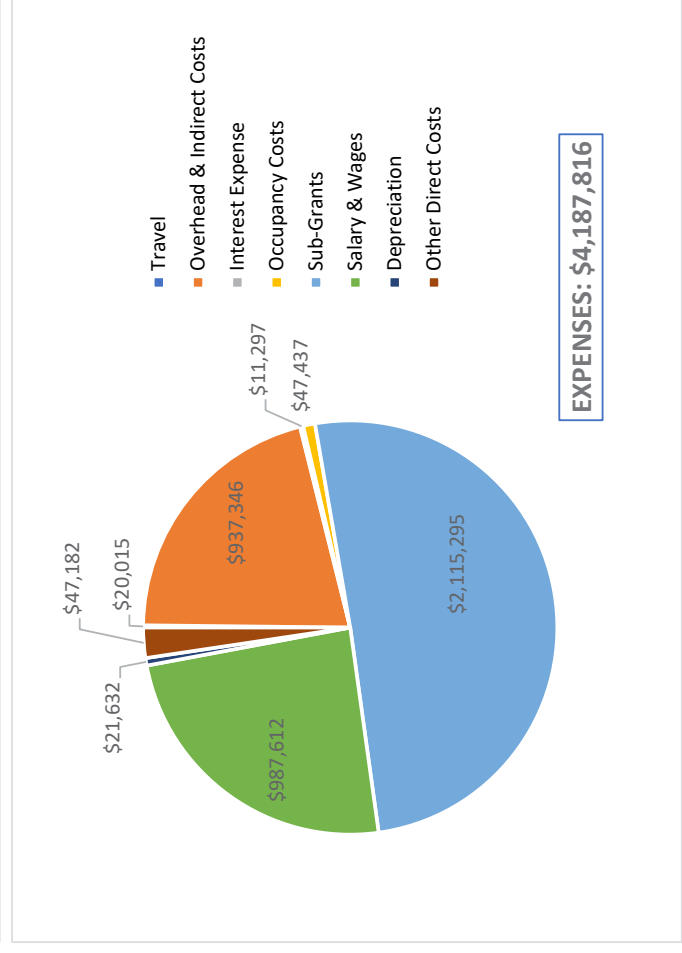
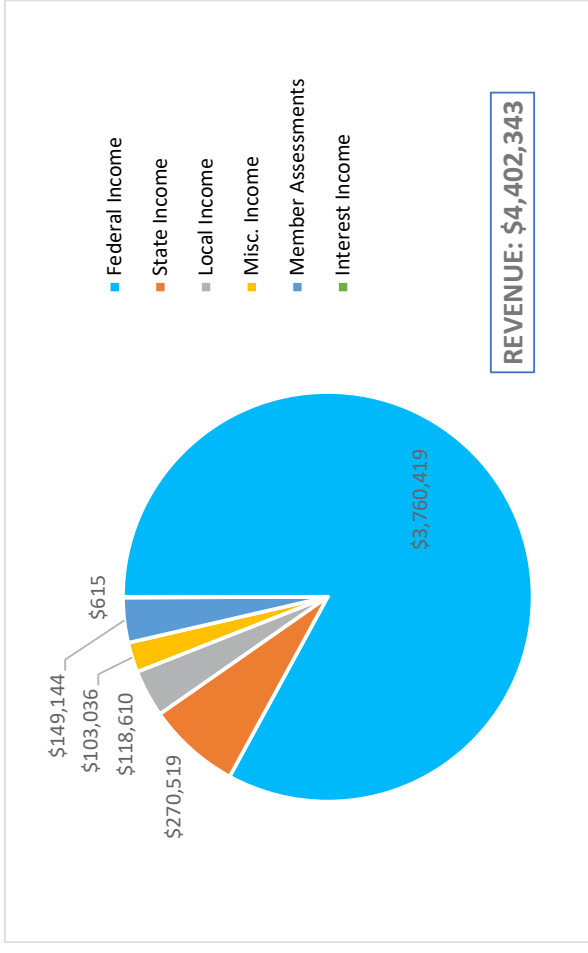
TOTAL LIABILITIES

2,374,571	1,539,290
127,481	333,300

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Net Position

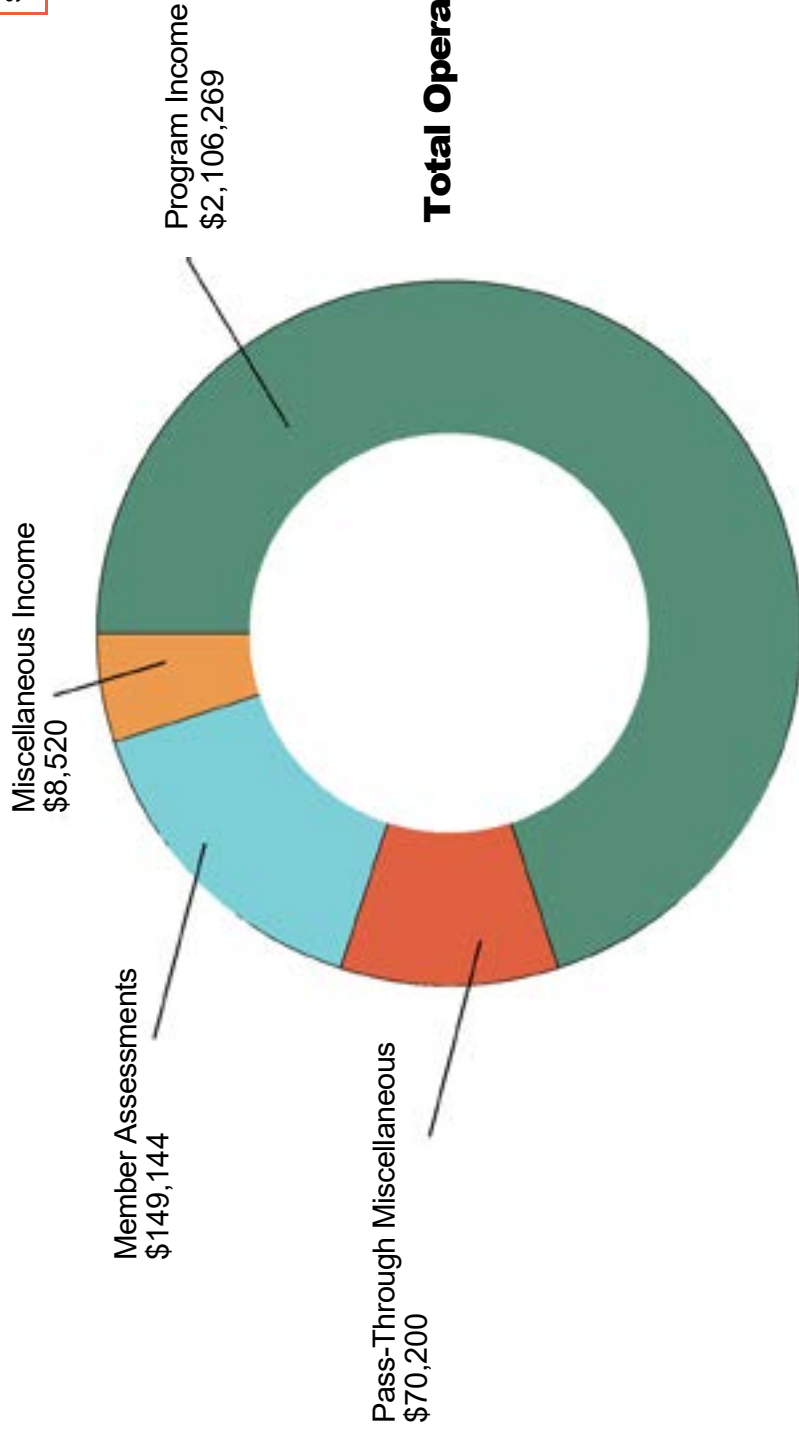
Net investment in capital assets	209,800	218,860
Restricted net position:		
Volunteer transportation program	178,469	186,017
Unrestricted net position	1,627,582	1,396,447
TOTAL NET POSITION	2,015,851	1,801,324



FY22 Financial Highlights

Revenue	Percentage
Program Income	90.26%
Member Assessments	6.38%
Miscellaneous Income	0.36%
Pass-Through Miscellaneous	3.00%
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE & SUPPORT	100%

Old Colony Planning Council's FY22 budget of \$2,334,133, was derived from various sources. Ninety Percent of the funds (90%) were from State, Federal, and Local sources. Six Percent (6%) of the funds were from local Member Assessments, and the remaining funds were from various miscellaneous sources.



**Total Operating Revenue & Support
\$2,334,133**



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