



**OLD COLONY**  
PLANNING COUNCIL



**JULY 2023-  
JUNE 2024**

# ANNUAL REPORT



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## VISIT US AT

Old Colony Planning Council  
70 School Street  
Brockton, MA 02301



June 2024

• **REGIONAL COLLABORATION** •  
• **CONTINUITY** • **GROWTH** • **RESOURCE** •

These are just a few of the terms our Council members used to describe OCPC during their retreats this Spring.

Through the increase in projects and programs, OCPC has been introducing new ways to communicate to our stakeholders the work that we have been doing for our region. These efforts include a lot of “firsts” in meetings, including holding two retreats for our Council Members, giving them a deeper understanding of our organization and how their outlook brings value to OCPC and their communities.

These retreats provided in-depth conversations and review of OCPC’s organizational structure, bylaws, and finances to help strengthen the organization and the mission of OCPC. There was open dialogue on what OCPC is to our communities and what more we can do in a post-Pandemic world. It was energizing to see the open discussions and stronger relationships being built during these sessions.

OCPC is proud to have come a long way since 1967 to being a fully engaged organization relating to transportation, economic development, senior citizen services, sustainability, and comprehensive planning. Our 17 communities and 6 additional Area Agency on Aging communities, receive services, whether our twice-a-month newsletter or to larger scaled projects. Staff pride themselves on our day-to-day work, but it is our Delegates and Alternates to the Council that serve as our ambassadors with our communities.

In addition to creating renewed connections with our Council members, we have been striving to have a stronger relationship with our legislators. Through a newly established Legislative Committee and a first ever Legislative Breakfast, we have accomplished the first step in doing just that.

OCPC wants to continue to grow our presence in the region and Commonwealth. We hope you will join us on this journey by using our services, following our social media accounts, attending public meetings, and communicating your needs with us.

We look forward to a successful FY 2025!

President

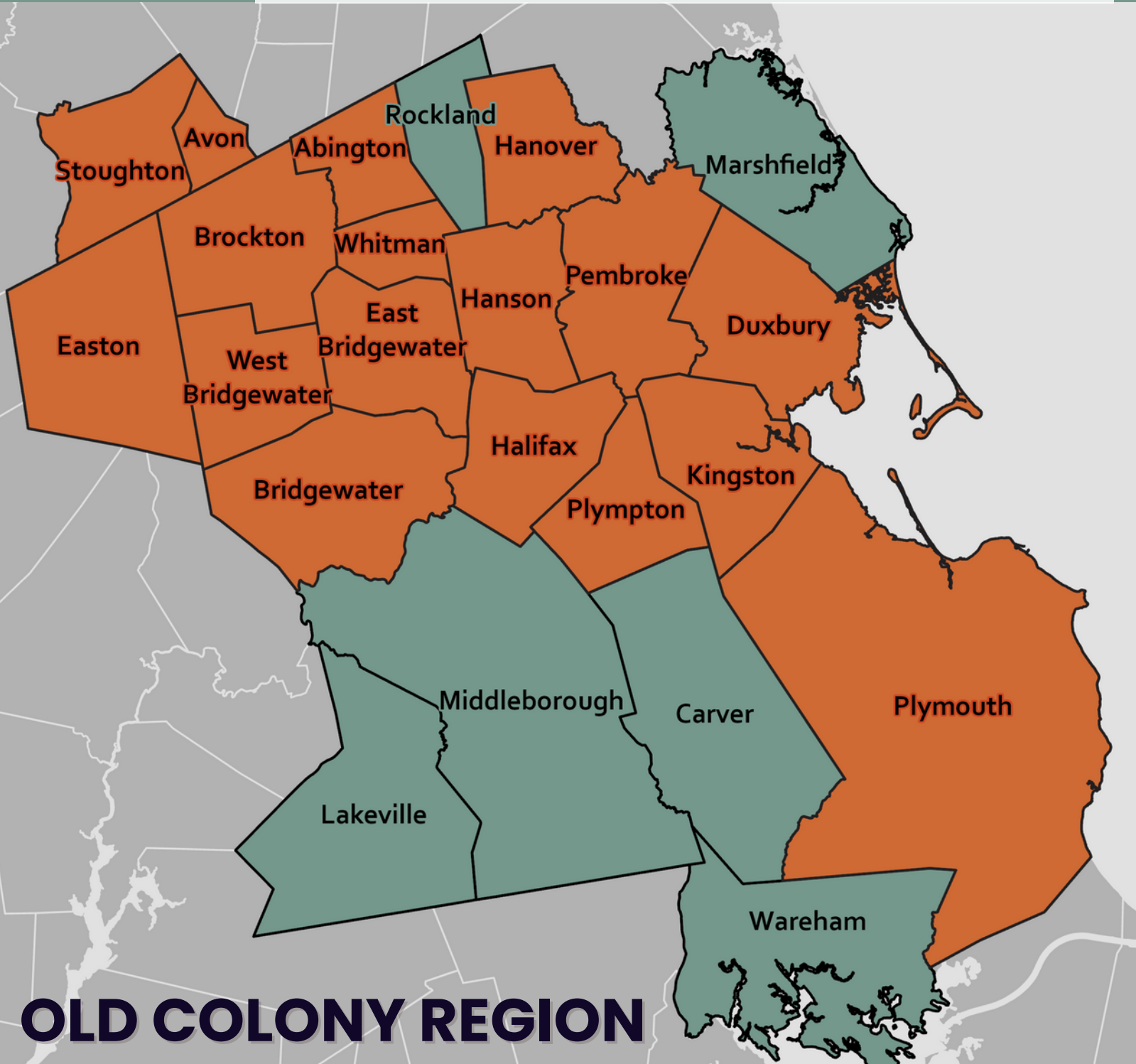
Executive Director





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 REGION



-  Old Colony Planning Council Region
-  Additional Area Agency on Aging Service Area

Old Colony Planning Council  
70 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301  
[oldcolonyplanning.org](http://oldcolonyplanning.org)

# 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 Intended Impact

To engage and support cities and towns in achieving equitable, resilient and sustainable communities in the Old Colony region.

## Organizational 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.

## OUR VISION

### 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.

Contact Us



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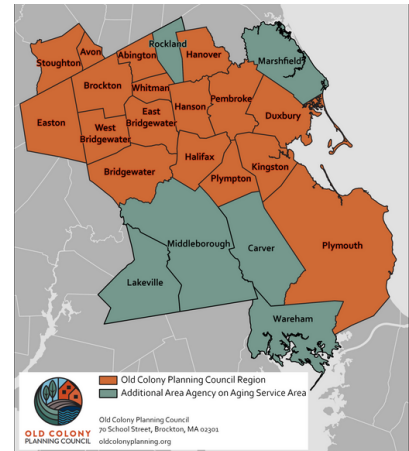
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# OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL COUNCIL LIST '24-'25

## OCPC LEADERSHIP

REBECCA COLETTA	PRESIDENT
CHRISTINE JOY	TREASURER
NOREEN O'TOOLE	SECRETARY



COMMUNITY	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
ABINGTON	STEVEN SANTEUSANIO	ALEX HAGERTY
AVON	FRANK STAFFIER	JOHN COSTA
BRIDGEWATER	SANDRA WRIGHT	ROBERT RULLI
BROCKTON		PRESTON HUCKABEE
DUXBURY	ALLISON SHANE	
EAST BRIDGEWATER	PETER SPAGONE, JR.	JOHN HAINES
EASTON	JEANMARIE JOYCE	
HALIFAX	JOHN BRUNO	JONATHAN SELIG
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HANSON	ANTONIO M. DEFRIAS	JOE CAMPBELL
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PLYMPTON	CHRISTINE JOY	
STOUGHTON	WILLIAM ROTH	MARC TISELLE
WEST BRIDGEWATER	ELDON F. MOREIRA	MICHAEL PEREZ
WHITMAN	NOREEN O'TOOLE	DANIEL SALVUCCI
DELEGATE AT LARGE	IOLANDO SPINOLA	

**AS OF: 5/13/24**



# OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL STAFF LIST

## LEADERSHIP

MARY WALDRON	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER (RAO)
CHARLES KILMER, AICP	DEPUTY DIRECTOR & TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM MANAGER

## AREA AGENCY ON AGING

DAVID KLEIN	AREA AGENCY ON AGING, ADMINISTRATOR
LILA BURGESS	LTC OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR
RICHARD HENRY	ALR OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR
JANE SELIG	OMBUDSMAN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
SEAN NOEL	AREA AGENCY ON AGING MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

## COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

LAURIE MUNCY, AICP	DIRECTOR OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY
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RHIANNON DUGAN	SENIOR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNER
JASON DESROSIER	SENIOR PLANNER FOR HOUSING & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
BILL NAPOLITANO	RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DON SULLIVAN	DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NICK GIAQUINTO	SENIOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNER

## TRANSPORTATION

ANDREW VIDAL	GIS MANAGER
BILL MCNULTY	PRINCIPAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
GUOQIANG LI	PRINCIPAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
KYLE MOWATT	SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
MATTHEW DYER	SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
RAY GUARINO	PRINCIPAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
SHAWN BAILEY	SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

MEGAN FOURNIER	SENIOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
ELISE PRINCE	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
BRENDA ROBINSON	FISCAL OFFICER
PAUL UMANO	SENIOR GRANTS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
ALICIA BONILLA	MASSHIRE INTERN: JULY 2023 - AUGUST 2023
ALYSSA PAPANTONAKIS	INTERN: JUNE 2023 - PRESENT
NATE RYAN	INTERN: JUNE 2023 - AUGUST 2023
MACKENZIE VIANNA	INTERN: MAY 2024 - PRESENT
JOSH EPPS	INTERN: MAY 2024 - PRESENT
RYAN SAUCIER	INTERN: MAY 2024- PRESENT

# COMMUNITY PROFILES

COMMUNITIES	POPULATION	AVG. ANNUAL INCOME	PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	HOUSING UNITS
ABINGTON	17,062	\$120,535	73.5%	6,811
AVON	4,730	\$125,000	60.6%	1,833
BRIDGEWATER	28,633	\$110,354	41.2%	9,342
BROCKTON	105,643	\$74,799	62.8%	37,304
DUXBURY	16,090	\$148,505	74.2%	6,274
EAST BRIDGEWATER	14,440	\$122,693	70.9%	5,211
EASTON	25,058	\$117,418	56.9%	9,132
HALIFAX	7,749	\$110,763	78.0%	3,107
HANOVER	14,833	\$163,613	72.0%	5,268
HANSON	10,639	\$116,536	69.2%	3,960
KINGSTON	13,708	\$111,490	72.3%	5,364
PEMBROKE	18,361	\$140,052	63.2%	7,007
PLYMOUTH	61,217	\$107,067	66.7%	28,074
PLYMPTON	2,930	\$108,958	72.2%	1,068
STOUGHTON	29,281	\$98,145	65.6%	11,739
WEST BRIDGEWATER	7,707	\$120,414	73.2%	2,898
WHITMAN	15,121	\$101,088	68.7%	5,984
<b>OLD COLONY REGION</b>	<b>393,209</b>	<b>\$129,472</b>	<b>67.3%</b>	<b>152,666</b>

DATA COLLECTED: 03/2024





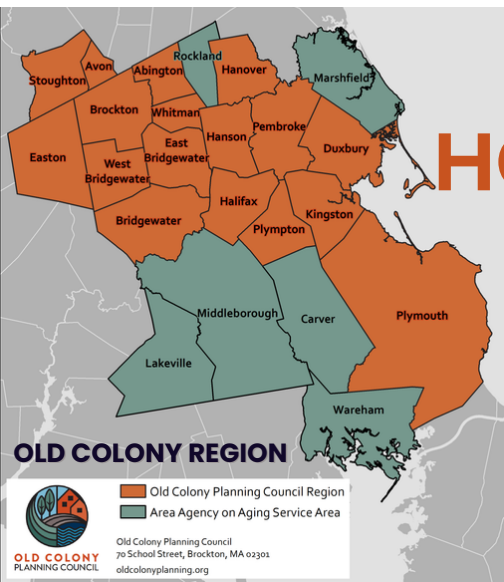
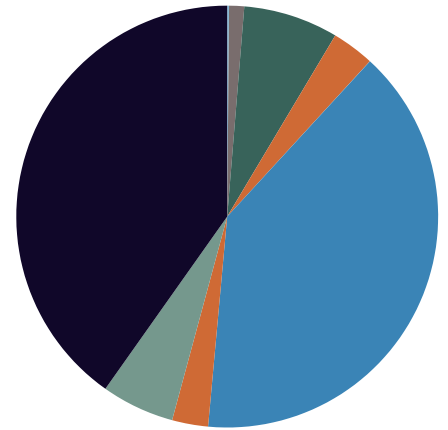
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# 2024 REGIONAL PROFILE

## POPULATIONS & PEOPLE

**393,209**  
TOTAL POPULATION

- AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE
- ASIAN
- BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
- HISPANIC OR LATINO
- OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER
- NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO
- OTHER RACE
- TWO OR MORE RACES
- WHITE



## HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

### HOMEOWNERS & RENTERS IN OCPC REGION

**152,666** Housing Units

*Median year in which properties were built is 1968*

**73.9%** Owner-Occupied      **26.1%** Renters

## EMPLOYMENT

### MEDIAN AND AVERAGE INCOMES

Average Household Income	\$129,472
Median Household Income	\$108,684

## TOP 3 INDUSTRIES

- 23.9%** Educational services, and health care and social assistance
- 11.9%** Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services
- 10.4%** Retail trade

## EDUCATION

### EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

**57,756**  
STUDENTS IN  
PUBLIC SCHOOL K-12

- 36.8%**  
*Bachelor's Degree or Higher in OCPC Region, Massachusetts*
- 46.6%**  
*Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Massachusetts*

PREPARED APRIL 2024

# OCPC HIGHLIGHTS

## Regional Water Plan

A steering committee of almost **50 representatives** including delegates and alternates, have met **6 times** since the initial launch of the project in November of 2023.

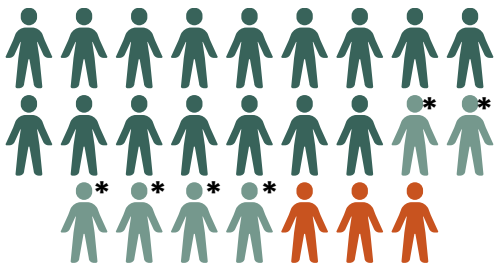
**85 PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD**

Besides our typical monthly meetings, this year OCPC held a staff retreat, Annual Summit, Annual Meeting, Legislative Breakfast and two Council Retreats.

**11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** *In development or awaiting reward, putting*



**\$18 MILLION INTO THE REGION**



**22 FULL TIME STAFF  
3 PART TIME STAFF  
6 INTERNS**

**\*6 NEWLY CREATED POSITIONS**



**26 BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTERS SENT TO STAKEHOLDERS**



Laurie Muncy was awarded the **Faye Siegfried Award** from the MA Chapter of the American Planning Association



Ray Guarino retired on March 8, 2024 after working for OCPC for 19 years. Ray now works for us part time.



Lila Burgess celebrated 25 years of working for OCPC on September 8, 2023.



The Old Colony Planning Council was awarded a \$400,000 planning grant to develop a Regional Vision Zero Action Plan for the seventeen communities of the Old Colony Region through the Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program.

The SSEMHC - South Shore Elder Mental Health Consortium, had an extremely successful first year. 6 of the AAA communities had individuals directly benefit from the services provided through the Bridgewater State Master of Social Work Program.



**8 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**\$10 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING APPLICATIONS**



# BRANDING

OCPC has been working to expand our brand to accentuate the work the organization produces through our different departments. Since the Fall of 2023, the communications staff has been working with each of the departments to develop logos and updated mission statements to reflect the purpose and goals staff have towards supporting our communities. These branding efforts have allowed us to reevaluate our messaging to our stakeholders to enhance our presence and make more of an impact towards what we have to offer.

Our hope is that when you see projects from us, the professional and visually appealing content calls your attention so that you want to focus on the dedicated work of our organization and know that this is an OCPC product.

We encourage you to explore these efforts through our website and social platforms: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Youtube.



As the AAA, act as a conduit to provide funding and services for safe and secure quality of life options for older adults through a regional network of services and opportunities.

*Ombudsman  
Program*



Created by the Older Americans Act, Massachusetts state law mandates the Ombudsman Program. Under the designation of the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging, the Ombudsman staff and volunteers serve the residents of long term care homes and assisted living communities.



Within Comprehensive Planning it is our goal to create a welcoming sense of place with diverse housing options, connectivity, vibrant spaces, amenities and jobs that support a robust economy.

To meet the current needs of all people and the natural environment without compromising the ability to meet future needs of both.



To support the development of resilient local economies that are responsive to entrepreneurs, job seekers, and growing businesses, and contribute to the high quality of life across the region.



# EFFORTS

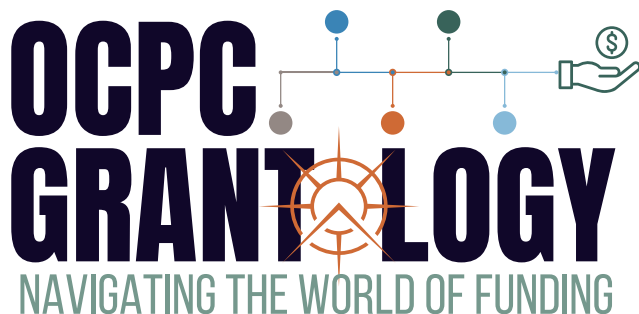
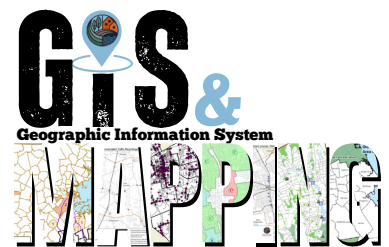
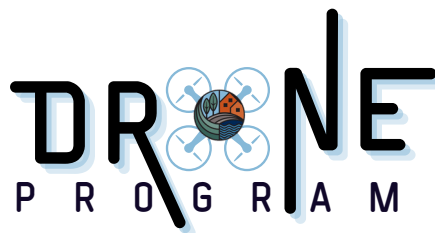


## TRANSPORTATION

Our goal is to develop a regional transportation system that provides safe, accessible, inclusive, transparent, and efficient movement, 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.



## SPECIALIZED SERVICES





# AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The OCPC Area Agency on Aging is responsible for the planning, coordinating, and administering over \$2 million of annual federal grant funding from the Older Americans Act and other federal legislation, such as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). For operational purposes, most of this funding is sub-granted to other non-profit organizations in our catchment area, such as Old Colony Elder Services, local Councils on Aging and other non-profits, to provide for, among other things, older adult nutrition, and family caregiver services. OCPC also receives Older Americans Act funding for the administration of the Old Colony region's Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Ombudsman Program, which advocates to protect the rights of nursing home and assisted living residents and their families.

## Updated Regional Older Adult Needs Assessment, Area Plan & Service Priorities

Based upon the [OCPC-AAA's Older Adults Needs Assessment Survey](#) with over 800 responses we created our [2022-2025 Area Plan on Aging](#)

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 2024, 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)

### SOUTH SHORE ELDER MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM'S PROGRAM 1ST YEAR NUMBERS

**72** INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING SESSIONS

**176** PARTICIPANTS IN GROUP COUNSELING SESSIONS

*funded by OCPC-AAA Older Americans Act - ARPA dollars*

With the goal of bringing mental health counseling services directly to older adults in safe and non-judgmental environments such as our local Senior Centers, initial grant funding was sought for the South Shore Elder Mental Health Consortium (SSEMHC) from OCPC by the Duxbury and Plymouth Councils on Aging. Joined by the Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, and Marshfield COAs, the SSEMHC partnered with Bridgewater State University's Master of Social Work program to have supervised student interns work for all six respective senior centers for the full 2023-2024 academic year.

# ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED FOR FFY 2024 THROUGH OCPC

- Brockton Area Multi-Support (BAMSI)
- Bridgewater Council on Aging
- Brockton Council on Aging
- Buzzards Bay Speech Therapy
- Cape Verdean Association
- Avon Council on Aging

- Lakeville Council on Aging
- Living Independently for Equality (LIFE)
- Marshfield Council on Aging
- Middleborough Council on Aging
- Plymouth Council on Aging
- East Bridgewater Council on Aging

- Catholic Charities of Boston South (Brockton)
- East Bridgewater Council on Aging
- Rockland Council on Aging
- South Coastal Counties Legal Svcs – through the Justice Center in Brockton
- Taking People Places, Inc. (TPP)

## \$30,000

### COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM

*Volunteer Transportation Program (VTP), which funds mileage reimbursements for Council on Aging volunteer drivers.*

In fiscal 2024, the OCPC-AAA continued our successful Volunteer Transportation Program funding partnership with eight different participating local Councils on Aging, whose Volunteer Drivers received mileage reimbursements from OCPC for the rides they provided. In addition, OCPC also used our Transit Grant funding to work with Taking People Places (TPP), an ‘age friendly’ non-profit mobility service that primarily covers the greater-Plymouth area.

TPP teams up with about 15 other local non-profit member organizations to use the Ride-Sharing firm Lyft to provide an on-demand transportation for medical appointments, employment, substance abuse treatment, and gatherings for folks to avoid loneliness and social isolation.

**696** People Assisted

**2,264** Rides/Trips

### Filling the Need for Older Adults

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 2024, 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** PROVIDED

**COMMUNITY & HOME DELIVERED MEALS**

**FEDERALLY FUNDED 250,000**

# Ombudsman Program



The Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Ombudsman Programs are responsible for identifying, investigating and resolving issues related to the health, safety, welfare and rights of individual who living in long term care facilities. Our staff acts on behalf of residents of nursing homes, rest homes, and transitional care facilities in our region.



## Long-Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program

In fiscal year 2024, the OCPC-AAA LTC Ombudsman staff (Lila Burgess PD and Jane Selig APD) and 15 volunteers continued their efforts to routinely visit the 29 long term care homes in our catchment area.

The team of dedicated, certified Ombudsman represent approximately 2,500 residents and work to advocate for the residents or families regarding their quality of life and care.

Resolving  
**213**  
complaints

**646**  
visits

Celebrating  
**20**  
years of  
volunteer work



## Assisted Living Residences (ALR) Ombudsman Program

Richard Henry, the ALR Program Director provides coverage to more than 60 Assisted Living Residences in the extended territory covering most of southeast Massachusetts. The ALR Ombudsman Program has expanded in the past 5 years and in FY 2024 are modelling the LTC Ombudsman Program to include a certified Ombudsman volunteer component.

**60** Assisted Living  
Residences  
visited

**1,797**  
Residents Seen

**253**  
Total Visits

AN OMBUDSMAN IS AN ADVOCATE.



## OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLANS

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 the protection of important resources.

**West Bridgewater** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

**Plympton** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ○ ○

In beginning stages and to be completed by **December 2025**

Whitman	Duxbury	Abington
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## HOUSING PRODUCTION PLANS

With the opportunities and challenges that come with growth and new development, the region must be attentive to how we address the housing needs of the region's population while protecting our environment, supporting our economy, and enhancing our communities. Our success depends on ensuring the availability of a variety of housing types and densities, as well as an adequate supply of housing affordable at all income levels, to meet the diverse needs of both current and future residents.

**Plympton** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ○

**Plymouth** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

## MASTER PLANS

A master plan is a guide for local public policy and guides projects and initiatives the town would like to work on over the next decade or longer. The creation or update of a master plan allows communities a chance to communicate between local government and residents to reflect on the towns strengths, weaknesses, and change over time. It allows residents to express their wants, needs, and hopes for the community. OCPC assists town outside of writing the report by creating maps, developing surveys, drafting community profiles, and public outreach.

**Hanson** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

**East Bridgewater** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

## AGE-FRIENDLY ACTION PLAN

Age-Friendly describes a movement to make communities more welcoming and livable for older residents and people of all ages. It describes efforts we can take together to create places where people can grow up and grow old together. AARP has identified eight areas for communities throughout the country to focus on improving outdoor spaces & building, transportation, housing, social participation, respect & social inclusion, civic participation & employment, communication & information, and community & health service.

**Duxbury** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

## Narragansett Bay Estuary Program

OCPC received funding to advance projects that contribute to protecting water quality and 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. OCPC has applied for additional funding to continue work under this program.

**\$75 THOUSAND FUNDING**

## MBTA Communities

OCPC supported the MBTA Communities program as a consultant for Mass Housing Partnership (MHP) to provide technical support to 6 communities that applied for a technical assistance grant. MHP has matched OCPC. Although the project was completed, staff still receive requests to assist with the GIS mapping.

## D.W. Field Park

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 will be summarized.

## Commercial Properties Consensus

Staff worked on the Commercial Property Census for the City of Brockton. The city wished to collect information on local businesses to be used for focusing ongoing economic development efforts. A survey was initiated to assist the department to develop, organize, and submit for review a database with relevant data points from each property that has a commercial use code.

# DLTA PROJECTS IN 2023



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## DISTRICT LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

DLTA FUNDS HELP CITIES AND TOWNS TAKE ON NECESSARY PROJECTS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE STAFF CAPACITY TO ADDRESS ON THEIR OWN, AND TO PARTNER WITH NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES TO TACKLE SHARED PROJECTS WITH REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN.



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**



**TARGETED PROJECTS & GOALS**



**LAND USE ZONING**



**COMMUNITY POPULATION**



**ANALYZING DATA**

## HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN SURVEY RESPONSES

**799**

PLYMOUTH, MA

**122**

PLYMPTON, MA

## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN SURVEY RESPONSES

**120**

WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA

**488**

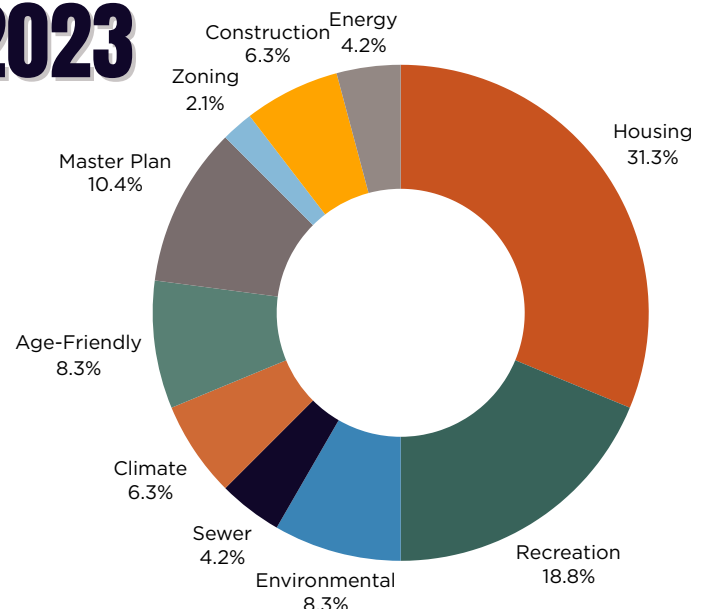
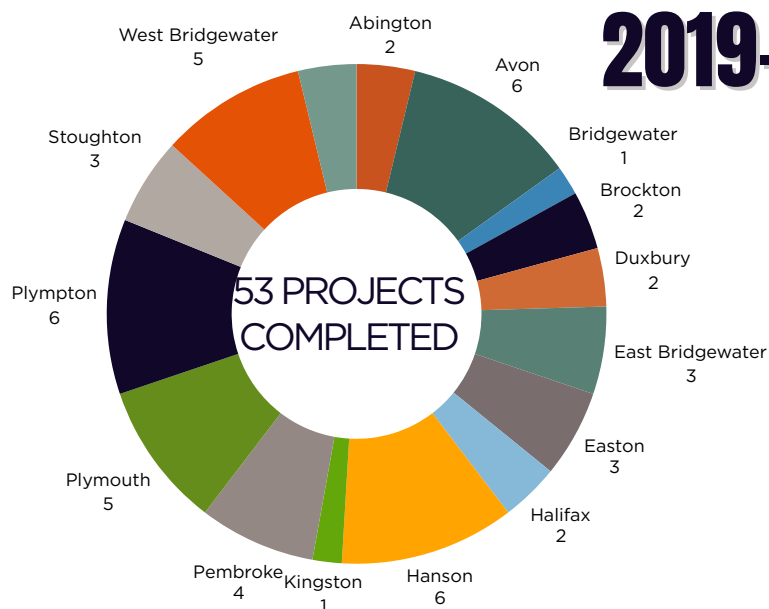
ABINGTON, MA

## AGE-FRIENDLY ACTION PLAN SURVEY RESPONSES

**1,459**

DUXBURY, MA

## 2019-2023



**OCPC COMMUNITIES & PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED**

**TYPES OF DLTA PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED**

# Regional Water Plan

## This project, when implemented, aims to:



encourage housing and economic development with more sustainable water management practices;



improve the ecological health of natural water systems;



ease public health threats with clean, plentiful water;



help distribute costs and benefits of water investments equitably throughout the region;



and prepare for uncertain climate with resilient investments and adaptation strategies.

## Project Background

Old Colony Planning Council is in the process of developing a stakeholder-driven regional water plan with support from CDM Smith. This project was funded through a \$470,000 U.S. Economic Development Administration grant along with locally matched funds. Local funding partners include Central Plymouth County Water District Commission, a state appropriation included in the FY22 Economic Development Bond Bill, led by Senator Michael Brady, and the South Shore Chamber of Commerce / South Shore Economic Development Corporation. A grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program supports grant-writing and enhanced stakeholder engagement and public participation for this project.



### FINALIZE METRICS

*with the Steering Committee*

### MEMO FROM ALLIANCE FOR WATER EFFICIENCY

*RE: opportunities for regional water efficiency measures.*

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

*including environmental (& justice) groups, private well owners & agricultural water users in the region.*

### DRAFT & FINAL REGIONAL WATER PLAN

*completed by May 2025*

## Project Progress to Date

The Regional Water Plan is being developed with extensive stakeholder engagement and public participation. The progress to date has focused on developing a shared framework to evaluate the alternative water management strategies (investments in new supply, treatment, or water use efficiency measures) that will be combined and considered for inclusion in the final plan.

First, the steering committee, made up of representatives from the 17 communities included in this plan, watershed associations, agricultural representatives, and federal and state regulators, agreed upon Guiding Principles. These are core values that will inform the development of the plan.

## Project Status:

*Project started in November 2023*



*Completion by May 2025*

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Under the Economic Development Department there are numerous highlighted projects that are ongoing and underway, as well as several projects that are awaiting formal award and others that are proposed in the early-stage development process.

## Regional Commercial and Industrial Site Inventory

Project will provide region and communities with potential sites for development, redevelopment and expansion potential designed to position sites/areas for future EDA funds application both planning and construction projects in support of economic development i.e. private investment, jobs and tax benefits.



**\$150,000 AWARDED**

**PROJECTS ONGOING AND UNDERWAY**  
**\$11.8 MILLION**  
*planning and construction*

### East Bridgewater Sewer Extension Construction Total Project Cost: \$10 Million

EDA \$3 Million/Mass Works & Town \$7 Million  
 Town of East Bridgewater awarded to extend sewer from Brockton to the Route 18 industrial corridor. Project leveraged \$100ML in private investment and over 700 new jobs. Currently the Project is ongoing with final easement agreements in process. Construction starting early fall 2024. Project completion fall 2025.

### EDA Regional Water Study Total Project Cost: \$940,000

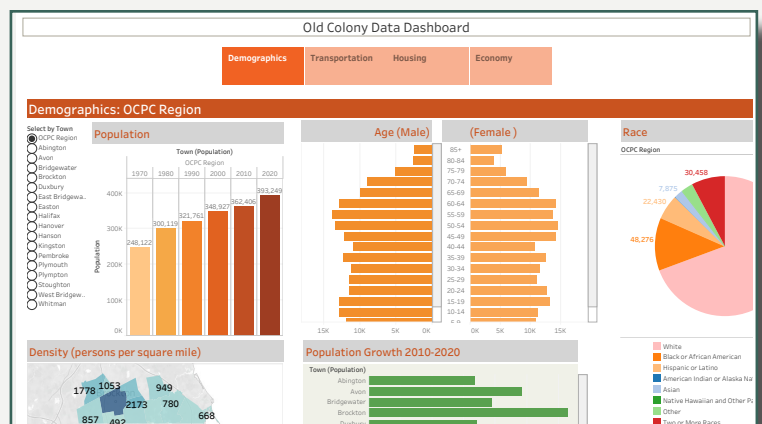
The plan will help to improve equity across the region by ensuring affordability and ecological health. In addition, the project will help address impediments to economic development and job creation resulting from unsustainable water supplies. CDM Smith is the lead consultant partnering with Regian Villa, the Alliance for Water Efficiency and UMass Amherst. Currently work is ongoing with anticipated completion January 2025 (See additional details under Comprehensive Planning).

## Data Dashboard & Regional Economic Development Assessment Tool

Project is comprised of two components. The dashboard provides data and information on population, housing, economy, and transportation including relevant subcategories. All information is displayed in a user-friendly tableau format. The assessment tool is designed as a matrix to identify common tools communities can utilize to encourage and support economic development.



**\$151,000 AWARDED**



### East Bridgewater Business Assistance Project

**Total Project Cost: \$153,000**

OCPC has contracted with the Town of East Bridgewater under a grant funded by Chapter 268 Acts of 2022. Project to include assist town with establishing an economic development/business assistance page, establishing an online town-wide business inventory, developing a business survey in association with the East Bridgewater Business Association to determine needs, priorities and related issues, identify and creating an inventory of priority development sites for commercial and industrial development opportunities, develop a business resources guide, create marketing material and branding options, provide best practices for encouraging and drawing patrons to the town center. Project completion late 2025.

### Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Site Assessment Program

**Total Project Cost: \$500,000**

Project initially covered brownfield sites in the communities of East Bridgewater, Easton, Hanson, and Whitman but has been expanded region wide. The work program includes environmental site assessments (ESAs Ph I&II) and redevelopment and cleanup planning on selected sites, allow for future cleanup funding and private investment opportunities for redevelopment and active reuse. Currently OCPC has contracted with Verdantas for assistance with identifying contaminated sites, performing ESAs I and II, recommendations of sites for redevelopment and cleanup plan, EPA reporting and other services. A project steering committee has been established and will be expanded to include additional representatives beyond the initial four communities identified as appropriate.



**PROPOSED & AWAITING AWARDS**

**\$6 MILLION**

**Project Anticipated to Support**

**1,000** New Jobs  
**3,800** Job Retentions

**EDA Avon Sewer Extension Design Project**  
**EDA \$1.25 Million / Match \$1.25 Million**

Design of a new sewer line extended from Stoughton to serve the Avon Industrial Park. Estimated to support an additional 1.5 Million Square Foot expansion and redevelopment space.

**EDA Easton Sewer Extension Design Project**  
**EDA \$1.5 Million / Match \$1.5 Million**

**Project Anticipated to Support**

**200** New Jobs  
**3,000** Job Retentions

Estimated to support an additional 250,000 Square Foot of expansion and redevelopment space.

### EDA Annual Planning Grant

**Total Project Cost \$140,000**

This planning grant represents year 3 of a 3-year grant cycle (3-yr total funding \$420,000). OCPC is an EDA designated Economic Development District (EDD) whereby on an annual basis OCPC applies to EDA for TA and planning funds under a prescribed work program to provide TA, economic development planning, project development, grantsmanship and project management services to all 17 district communities including organizing meetings/agendas and staff to Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Committee.

### EDA Plymouth-Holtec Master Plan

**Total Project Cost: \$335,000**

The Town of Plymouth in partnership with Holtec International and the Plymouth Foundation with contract will a planning consultant to develop a master plan for the former Entergy Pilgrim Station site. The study will focus on the 1,500-acre vacant, undeveloped portion of the property south of the parcel where the physical power plant facility is situated. The planning process will emphasize public outreach and engagement culminated with a consensus based preferred development scenario leading to regional economic development opportunities.



# TRANSPORTATION

## Corridor Studies

The Transportation Department prepared the Route 18 Corridor Study. The Study which focused on Route 18 within the communities of Bridgewater and East Bridgewater included an 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. Included in the study are short term and long-term recommendations as well as strategies to improve circulation, traffic flow, safety, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodation.

Staff commenced the development of the following corridor studies: 1.) Route 3A & Route 53 Corridor Study in Kingston, and 2.) Route 139 Corridor Study in Stoughton.



## Federal Transportation Certification Review Process

Following a multi-month Federal Transportation Certification Review Process, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) certified the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for its metropolitan transportation planning process, which they determined substantially meets the Federal planning requirements. Such certification reviews are conducted every four years.

*The overall conclusion of the Certification Review is that the planning process for the OCMPO complies with the spirit and intent of Federal metropolitan transportation planning laws and regulations under 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. The planning process is a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process and reflects a significant professional commitment to deliver quality in transportation planning.*

-From the FHWA and FTA report

## FFY 2025 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program

The FFY 2025 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.



## Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

OCPC continued the effort to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program and engaged the services of BETA Group, Inc. The Safe Streets for All Program is an initiative designed to improve roads and address traffic fatalities nationwide. The SS4A Regional Action Plan is on track with a completion date by June 30, 2025.

The Regional 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. With the SS4A Regional Action Plan under development, communities can apply for demonstration grants.



# BY THE NUMBERS:

## 40 INTERSECTIONS

### AM & PM Peak Period Turning Moving Counts

*Brockton, Duxbury, Kingston, Plymouth, Plympton, Stoughton*

The Transportation Department conducted or contracted for AM and PM Peak Period Turning Movement Counts. From these counts, the specific intersection turning movement volumes are identified.

Staff undertook nine local technical assistance studies. These studies were undertaken at the request of communities. This program provides communities with technical assistance as needed and requested and addresses local transportation issues that do not require a comprehensive planning study.

**9**  
STUDIES

*Bridgewater, Brockton, Duxbury, Easton, Kingston, Plymouth, Plympton and Whitman*

## LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

## 109 LOCATIONS 48-Hour Automatic Traffic Recorder Vehicle Counts

*Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Duxbury, Halifax, Kingston, Plymouth, Plympton, Stoughton & Whitman*

Staff conducted 48-hour automatic traffic recorder vehicle counts (vehicle volumes, vehicle speeds, and vehicle classifications) 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.

The FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was prepared and endorsed by the Old Colony MPO. 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).

## TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

**\$234.3 Million**      **\$62.4 Million**

**17** Road Projects &  
**6** Bridge Projects

*BAT capital & Operational assistance*

## THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE PREPARED:

**Commuter Origins Report** - The Commuter Origins Report is prepared once every four years and provides the community of origin for those vehicles parked during the survey day at MBTA Commuter Rail Stations, MassDOT Park & Ride Facilities, and the BAT Intermodal Centre.



**Year End 2023 Measures of Effectiveness (MOE) Report** - The MOE Report documents public outreach activities and seeks to analyze the measures the effectiveness of the outreach. The Old Colony MPO tracks the outreach efforts it conducts. Public meeting attendance is recorded with additional attention given to attendees that are from Title VI protected classes. The MPO tracks the methods it employs in getting information to the public on upcoming meetings, the release of public documents, and the viewing and engagement of the public through its social media presence.

**Old Colony Traffic Volumes Report (1993-2023)** - The Volumes Report contains traffic information from the past 30 years from a variety of sources including Old Colony Planning Council, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), and various consulting and engineering firms. MassDOT publishes traffic count data on an interactive map Transportation Data Management System ([ms2soft.com](http://ms2soft.com)). This resources contains traffic count data at locations across the Commonwealth.

OLD COLONY

# STEAM Coalition

## Members of the Coalition include:



K-12 schools;



Vocational Tech Schools;



Higher Education;



Businesses;



Local, State, and Federal Government;



and Community Groups



**QUARTERLY MEETINGS**



**CONTINUOUS RESOURCES**



**MEMBERS WELCOME**

OCPC leads the Life Sciences STEAM Coalition with stakeholders in the city and region to talk about what is being accomplished in the life science industry and STEAM through curriculum and pathways being built to sustain a workforce, and how we can work with each other to achieve this.



OCPC's office is located in downtown Brockton and with that, Executive Director, Mary Waldron has a leadership role in creating a BID.

### OCPC staff also support efforts with:



**NEWSLETTERS**



**GRANTS**



**MEETING SPACE**



## COMMUNITY SEPTIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

From July 2023 to June 2024 the Community Septic Management Program completed **10 septic system installations** and **1 sewer connection**. This allows **\$298,240 funds** to be disbursed.

	Avon <i>since 2014</i>	Cohasset <i>since 2011</i>	Hanson <i>since 2003</i>	Kingston <i>since 2007</i>	Stoughton <i>since 2010</i>
Completed Septic Systems	23	17	138	45	67
Completed Sewer Connections	1	58		39	10
Disbursed Funds	\$59,494	\$23,615	\$50,202	\$87,773	\$77,156

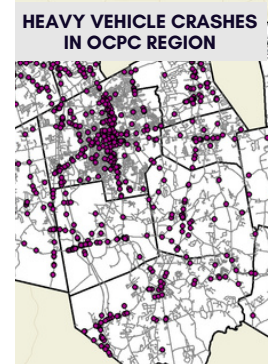
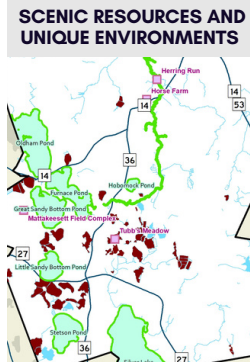
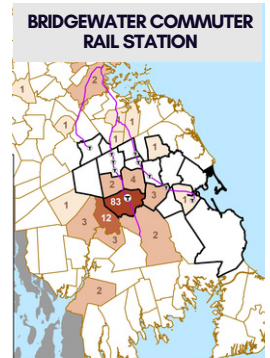
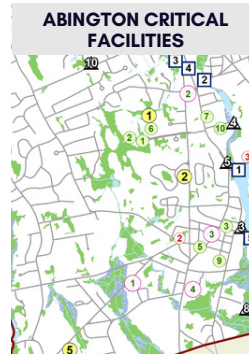
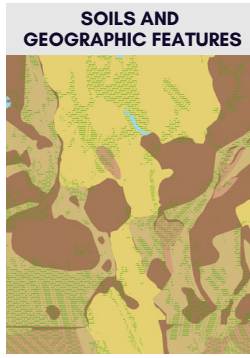


# GIS & Geographic Information System

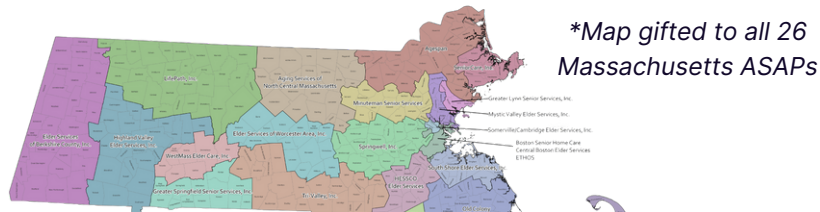
# MAPPING



STAFF WORKED COLLABORATIVELY TO CREATE A 3D RENDERING OF OCPC'S BUILDING ON TOP OF A MAP



OCPC can provide accurate and comprehensive quality-controlled geographic data in a variety of formats and can make the data usable even to communities without GIS software of their own.



\*Map gifted to all 26 Massachusetts ASAPS

\*MASSACHUSETTS AGING SERVICES ACCESS POINTS (ASAPS)

## BEFORE/AFTER PROJECT ANALYSIS



PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION

## OPEN SPACE PHOTOGRAPHY

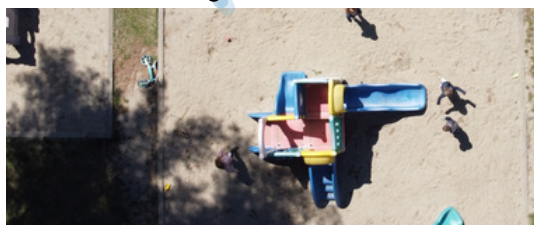


INTERSECTION PHOTOGRAPHY



INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTION

# DRONE PROGRAM



PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

**36**  
FLIGHTS

SINCE 2021

**3** TRAINED DRONE PILOTS **2** ADDITIONAL PILOTS IN TRAINING

Drone operations are provided as a public service which adds a dynamic and "panoramic" perspective to projects and studies in our 17 communities.



**OLD COLONY**  
PLANNING COUNCIL

# OCPC GRANTOLOGY

NAVIGATING THE WORLD OF FUNDING

*Old Colony Planning Council is excited to introduce a new initiative called "OCPC Grantology: Navigating the World of Funding".*



## Where to find information:



**OCPC WEBSITE**



**NEWSLETTER**



**WEBINARS**

## About:

OCPC Grantology was designed to identify, educate, and assist our 17 Communities, plus the additional 6 Area Agency on Aging Communities. We have heard your concerns and requests for more resources as they may not have been easy to get to.

***We look forward to creating more opportunities for our communities as this will be a monthly series to share information and knowledge.***

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# COMMUNICATIONS



## Facebook Old Colony Planning Council

On Facebook OCPC is able to engage with followers in a meaningful way to create connections with stakeholders in the region.



## Instagram @oldcolonyplanningcouncil

Instagram allows us to connect with other organizations by creating reels, stories, and posting photos.

**200%**  
FOLLOWER INCREASE



## X (Twitter) @OldColonyPC

We also help businesses reach wider audiences through managed digital marketing.



## LinkedIn Old Colony Planning Council

LinkedIn is the best place to connect professionally with other organizations about accomplishments happening in the region.



## YouTube Old Colony Planning Council

OCPC posts video recordings of our public meetings for those who cannot attend or for those who would like to learn more! This is also the best place to watch OCPC Grantology!

**70 VIDEOS**  
POSTED FROM 6/23 TO 6/24

**1,510** NEWSLETTER  
SUBSCRIBERS

## BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER

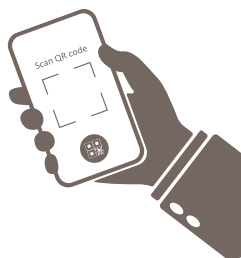
OCPC sends a biweekly newsletter to stakeholders in the region and beyond. The information shared showcases information accomplished by OCPC staff, partners, and informational sessions occurring in the region. The newsletter also contains updates from the Regional Water Plan and up to date grant information.

*"We've heard from many stakeholders that our newsletter is an inspiration for other organizations as a way to share information in an easy to read format with images that are graphically pleasing."*

MARY WALDRON

## OCPC'S WEBSITE

Our website is the best place to find all of the reports written by staff, up to date information about OCPC events, and projects going on in the region.



[WWW.OLDCOLONYPLANNING.ORG](http://WWW.OLDCOLONYPLANNING.ORG)

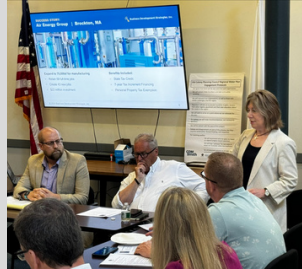
# MEMORIES FROM THE YEAR



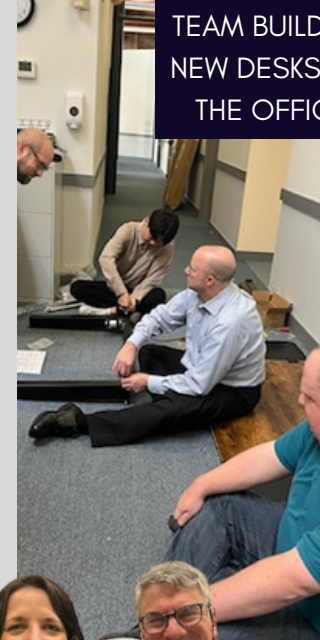
STAFF CELEBRATIONS



MPO RE-CERTIFICATION



CEDS COMMITTEE



TEAM BUILDING: NEW DESKS FOR THE OFFICE!



METRO SOUTH CHAMBER MEETING



COUNCIL RETREAT 1 OF 2



MAPS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH



AAA CONFERENCE



RAY'S RETIREMENT PARTY



OMBUDSMAN VOLUNTEERS



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

# LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST JUNE 7, 2024



## ANNUAL SUMMIT Awardees

Joanne Moore & Brooke McDonough  
Area Agency on Aging

Lisa Sullivan  
Comprehensive Planning & Sustainability

Town of East Bridgewater  
Economic Development

Bonnie Polin  
Transportation

SeePlymouth  
Administration & Communications

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2024 SUMMIT  
DECEMBER 5, 2024



STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY



BOWNFIELDS STEERING COMMITTEE



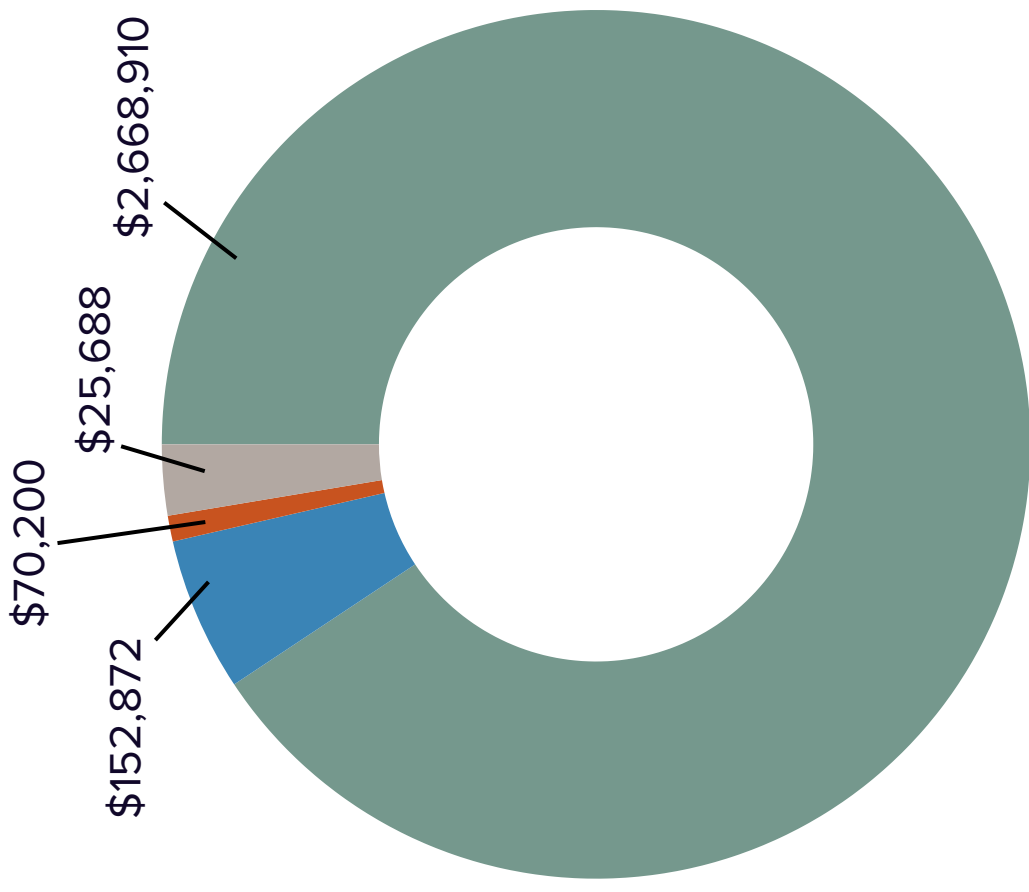
BIKE WITH BAT DAY



WALK TO END ELDER ABUSE

# FY23 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

REVENUE SOURCE	PERCENTAGE
PROGRAM INCOME	91%
MEMBER ASSESSMENTS	6%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1%
PASS-THROUGH MISCELLANEOUS	2%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE &amp; SUPPORT</b>	100%



**TOTAL OPERATING  
REVENUE & SUPPORT  
\$2,668,910**

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL'S FY23 FINAL BUDGET OF \$2,668,910, WAS DERIVED FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES. APPROXIMATELY NINETY-ONE PERCENT OF THE FUNDS (91%) WERE FROM STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL SOURCES. SIX PERCENT (6%) OF THE FUNDS WERE FROM LOCAL MEMBER ASSESSMENTS, AND THE REMAINING THREE (3%) WERE FROM VARIOUS MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

# FY23 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND NET POSITION

### ASSETS

	FY23	FY22
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,556,562	748,329
Restricted Cash (VTP)	171,677	178,469
Accounts Receivable	2,126,664	2,715,940
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>3,854,903</b>	<b>3,642,738</b>

### Noncurrent Assets

Capital assets, non-depreciable	26,663	26,663
Capital assets, not of accumulated depreciation	477,422	494,318
	42,701	
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>546,786</b>	<b>520,981</b>

### TOTAL ASSETS

**4,401,689**      **4,163,719**

### Deferred Outflows of Resources

**411,833**      **354,184**

### LIABILITIES

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	970,266	442,194
Unearned revenue	583,313	583,081
Accrued expenses	2,238	22,653
Accrued compensated absences - current portion	98,528	97,088
Current portion of long term debt	13,970	14,367
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,668,315</b>	<b>1,159,383</b>

#### Noncurrent Liabilities

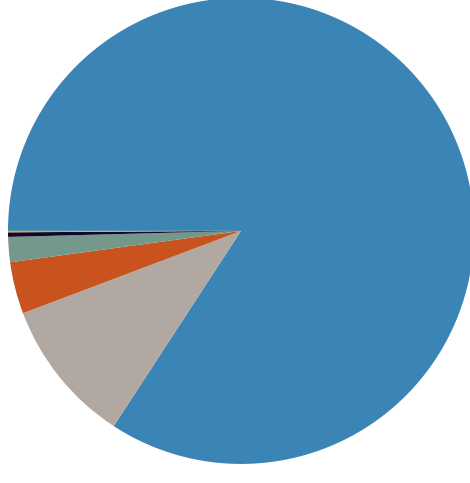
Accrued compensated absences	17,248	2,225
Long term debt, net of current portion	283,911	296,814
Net OPEB liability	1,089,275	916,149
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<b>1,390,434</b>	<b>1,215,188</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,058,749</b>	<b>2,374,571</b>

#### Deferred Inflows of Resources

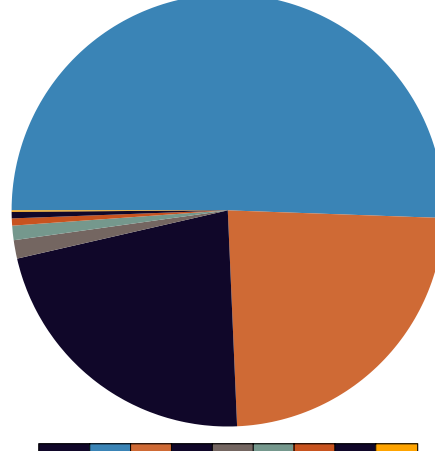
Related to OPEB	6,850	127,481
Related to Leases	66,151	

#### Net Position

Net investment in capital assets	206,204	209,800
Restricted net position:		
Volunteer transportation program	171,677	178,469
Unrestricted net position	1,329,810	1,627,582
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>1,707,691</b>	<b>2,015,851</b>



**TOTAL REVENUE**  
**\$4,255,382**



**TOTAL EXPENSES**  
**\$4,544,144**

# OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

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# Stay Connected!

SUSTAINABLE

EQUITABLE

CONNECTED

RESILIENT

COLLABORATIVE

RESPONSIVE



Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) was established in 1967 as the comprehensive planning agency for the region, which today includes 17 communities.

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