

Zoning for Multi-Family Housing and Compliance with the MBTA Communities Law is *Good for Gloucester*



Protects Gloucesters Future

Allows for stable, gradual growth over time **on our terms.**

We have the opportunity to shape our vision for growth in the current community planning initiative that can help us determine a zoning plan that is good for Gloucester.



GOOD FOR TAXPAYERS

Increased housing options that bring economic benefits, including an expanded tax base, more support for local businesses and a larger employment base for local employers



IS CLIMATE FRIENDLY

Gentle density multi-family housing near public transit promotes more walkable environmentally-friendly development that preserves open space and reduces our carbon footprint.



STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITY

Gloucester has traditionally been a welcoming port to the working class, immigrants and artists. Increased housing diversity benefits everyone.

Diverse housing options enable seniors to downsize, young people to settle here, and local employees to live where they work.



COMPLIANCE MEANS GLOUCESTER WILL FOLLOW THE LAW

Ensures Gloucester's eligibility for critical state funding programs for housing, economic development and infrastructure.

Prevents risk from liability under federal and state fair housing laws and from unnecessary and expensive lawsuits.