

# Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Update and Zoning for MBTA Communities

## City of Methuen

**City Council Presentation**  
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# Methuen's Housing Needs

# Report from Phase 1: Housing Cost Burdened

About one out of every three Methuen residents is cost-burdened (33%).

67%  
Not Cost Burdened

18%  
Moderately Cost Burdened

15%  
Severely Cost Burdened

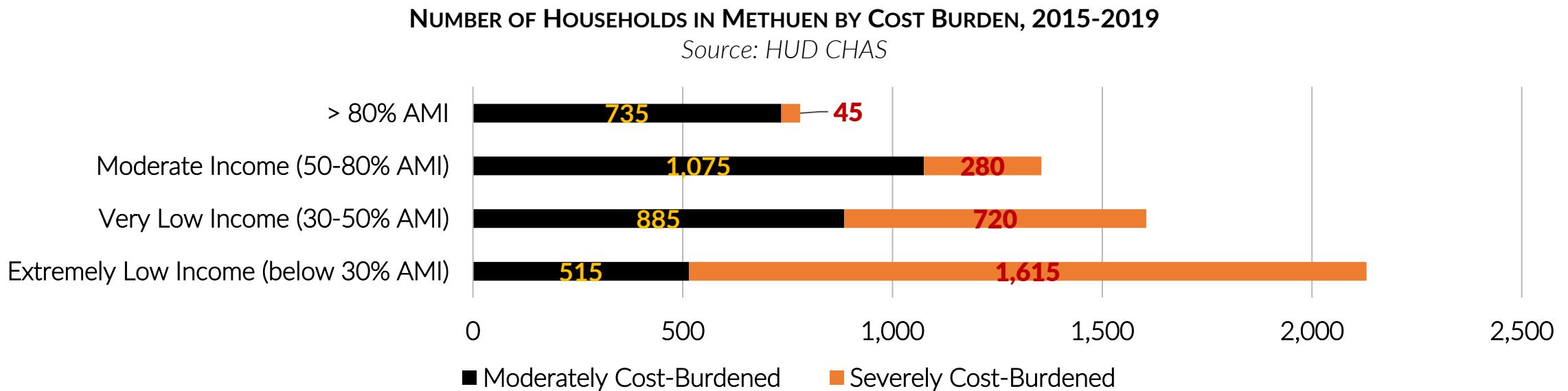
Sources: HUD CHAS Data 2015-2019.

The most common measure of housing affordability is the percentage of income that households spend on housing costs. According to most federal and state agencies, households that spend more than 30% of their income on housing costs are “cost-burdened.” Households that spend more than 50% of income on housing are “severely cost burdened.” Areas where more than 30% of households are cost-burdened face an affordable housing shortage. Fifteen percent of residents are severely cost-burdened or spending fifty percent or more of their income on housing.

Source: JM Goldson

# Report from Phase 1: Cost Burden by Income Level

Unsurprisingly, the bulk of Methuen's cost-burdened households are those with lower incomes. Nine percent of Methuen residents live in poverty. Thirty percent of Methuen residents earn less than \$50,000 per year .



Source: JM Goldson

# Report from Phase 1: Affordable Housing Units

Methuen has 9.86 percent of its year-round housing units counted on its Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI). However, only about 54 percent of units are protected in perpetuity, while 21 percent of those listed on the SHI will expire by 2035.

**1,982**  
Qualifying Units

**1,077**  
Units Protected

**421**  
Units Expiring by  
2035

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts maintains a subsidized housing inventory (SHI) that tracks each municipality's affordable housing stock, including deed-restricted and subsidized units. Under General Law Chapter 40B, in any municipality where less than 10% of units are included on the SHI, a developer can build more densely than the municipal zoning bylaws would permit if at least 25% (or 20% in certain cases) of the new units are affordable.

According to the latest SHI from June 2023, Methuen has 1,982 qualifying units, making up 9.86 percent of its 20,100 year-round housing units counted on the 2020 Census. Methuen has almost met the state's goal, however, only about 54 percent of units (1,077 units) are protected in perpetuity. Four-hundred and twenty-one units (21 percent) listed on the SHI will expire by 2035.

Source: JM Goldson<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The State sets the standards for the income levels and the rents that can be charged for a unit to be counted on the SHI. The City cannot change the rents or income levels under this program and cannot require that a project be for Methuen residents only. A community can request that 70% of the original lottery pool be reserved for Methuen residents. The City must have 10% of its housing stock based upon the most recent census on the SHI or it will be subject to Multi-family housing anywhere in the community. We need to create Affordable Housing that meets the criteria of this program to be able to have more control over where multi-family will be constructed. We have recently asserted that we have met the 10% criteria by counting the Days Inn state homeless shelter as SHI units and are in the process of mapping the city to assert that we 1.5% of our land area set aside for affordable housing.

Source: City of Methuen<sup>2</sup>

# Master Plan: Housing Strategies

STRATEGY CODE	STRATEGY NARRATIVE
1.A1	Create a zoning ordinance and design guidelines to encourage multi-family and mixed-use housing consistent with Section 3A of the Zoning Act. Review zoning ordinance for consistency regarding multi-family density between sections and the Table of Dimensional regulations.
1.A2	Update/revise the existing Affordable Housing Density Bonus Special Permit (Section XI-D(7)) to better align with current financially attainable housing goals and market conditions. Revise to include a requirement for Inclusionary Zoning for 10 or more units with additional units allowed by special permit with additional financially attainable units. Consider a lower or higher percentage of Area Median Incomes (AMI) while keeping the SHI requirements in mind.
1.A3	Revise existing Accessory Apartment (Section V-G) to align with the State's new definition in The Affordable Homes Act of 2023, Section 12. Take advantage of the state Accessory Dwelling Unit program of loans or grants created to help homeowners or tenants with a household member with severe disabilities (including elders) in making modifications to build an accessory unit.

Source: JM Goldson

# Master Plan: Housing Strategies

1.A4	Review existing zoning districts to determine appropriate locations to support a wider range of housing types: such as duplexes, triplexes, and townhouses at a higher density than currently allowed (4-8 units per acre).
1.A5	Reintroduce the Community Preservation Act (CPA) through a community-wide educational campaign. CPA is a critical source of funding that can be used to develop low- and moderate-income housing, as well as for historic preservation and open space and recreation needs.
1.A6	Establish an Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) to advocate for the importance of financially attainable housing and to provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners and renters. An AHT would manage funds generated from inclusionary zoning, local or state funding (e.g., Community Preservation Act if adopted), and other housing programs that may arise from the Affordable Homes Act of 2023 to achieve targets set in the Housing Production Plan, as well as partner with local nonprofit developers, to build deeply subsidized housing for vulnerable populations.

Source: JM Goldson

# Master Plan: Housing Strategies

1.A7	Create a Housing Coordinator position within DECD to apply for and manage housing grants and programs, staff an Affordable Housing Trust and Community Preservation Committee (if created), and partner with non-profits. This position could be funded using Community Development Block Grant funds or Community Preservation Funds.
1.A8	Review/Update Zoning Ordinance and Map to align lot sizes and setback requirements to the building type that exists on the ground. This may result in smaller lot sizes and setbacks, as large sections of the current 80,000 SF zoned areas contain much smaller lots.
1.A9	Apply for funding from new programs detailed in the Affordable Homes Act (2023) and the Housing Development Incentive Program to increase Methuen's supply of financially attainable housing.

Source: JM Goldson

# Which criteria are most important to you that the Section 3A compliance strategy can address?

Variety of housing types for different ages and needs? (1.A4)

Right-sizing zoning to match what is already on the ground? (1.A8)

Incentives for deeper affordability? (1.A2)

Broad geographic distribution of housing types throughout the City?  
(HWG)

Support for local business by increasing housing density to provide customers within walking distance / along commute? (HWG)

# Potential Districts

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**Washington St**  
67.1 acres

**North Broadway**  
46.4 acres

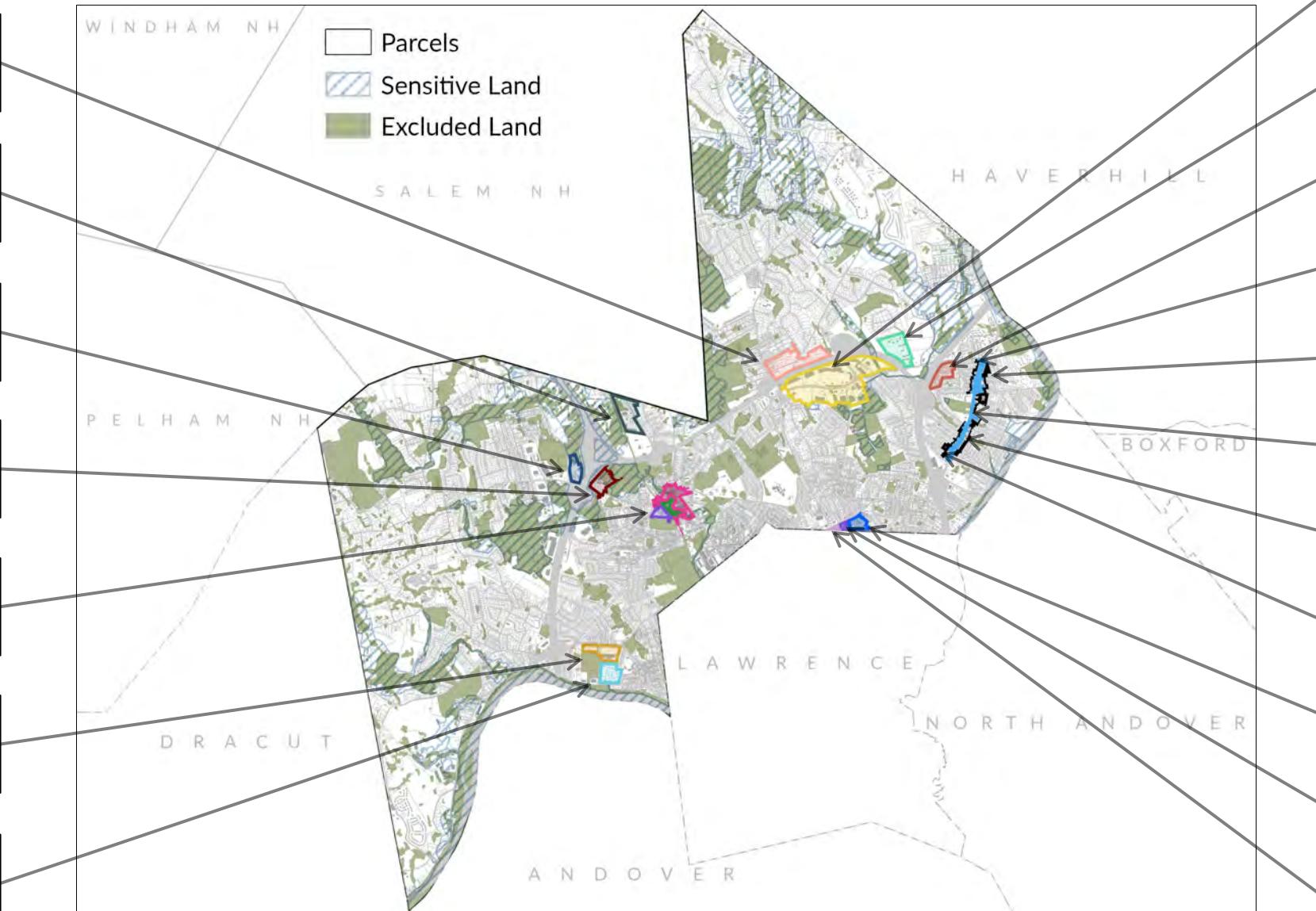
**Cross & Pelham**  
21.4 acres

**Mystic & Pelham**  
30.1 acres

**Downtown (40R)**  
71 acres

**Burnham Rd**  
32.1 acres

**Riverside Dr**  
27.4 acres



**The Loop**  
211.8 acres

**Summit Place**  
44.5 acres

**Colonial Village**  
26.1 acres

**Merrimack NW**  
5.7 acres

**Merrimack NE**  
16 acres

**Merrimack St Corridor**  
41 acres

**Merrimack SE**  
9.3 acres

**Merrimack SW**  
8.9 acres

**Upper Swan**  
17.6 acres

**Middle Swan**  
4.4 acres

**Lower Swan**  
3.1 acres

# Potential Districts: Burnham Rd & Riverside Dr

**Burnham Rd**  
32.1 acres

**Riverside Dr**  
27.4 acres



# Potential Districts: Downtown (40R)

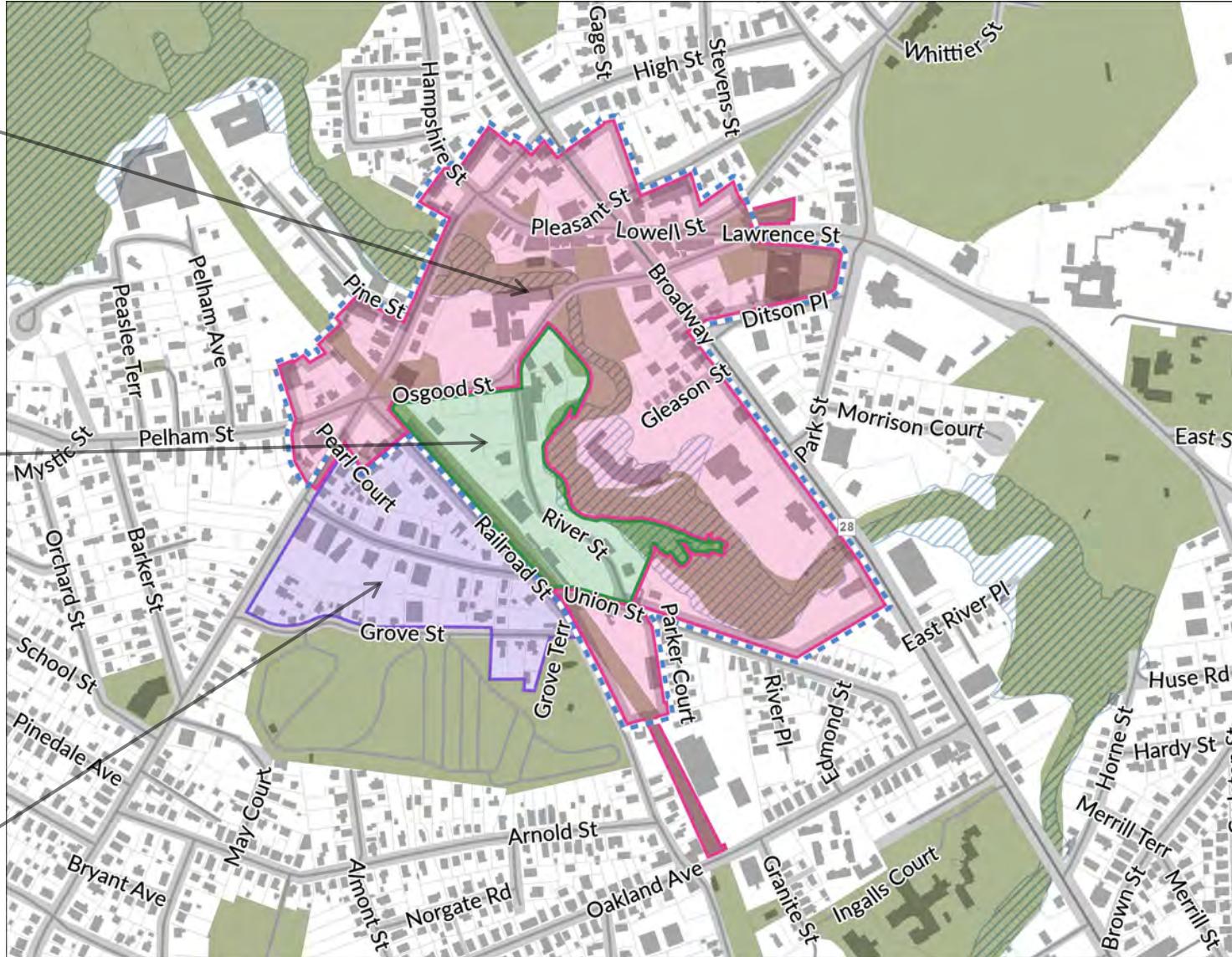
**Subdistrict A**  
48.6 acres

**Subdistrict B**  
9.5 acres

**Subdistrict C**  
12.9 acres

**Downtown (40R)**  
includes all three  
subdistricts (ABC)  
71 acres

**The Original 40R**  
58.09 acres



- Original 40R
- Parcels
- Sensitive Land
- Excluded Land

# Potential Districts: Cross & Pelham and Mystic & Pelham



# Potential Districts: North Broadway

**North Broadway**  
46.4 acres



- Parcels
- Sensitive Land
- Excluded Land

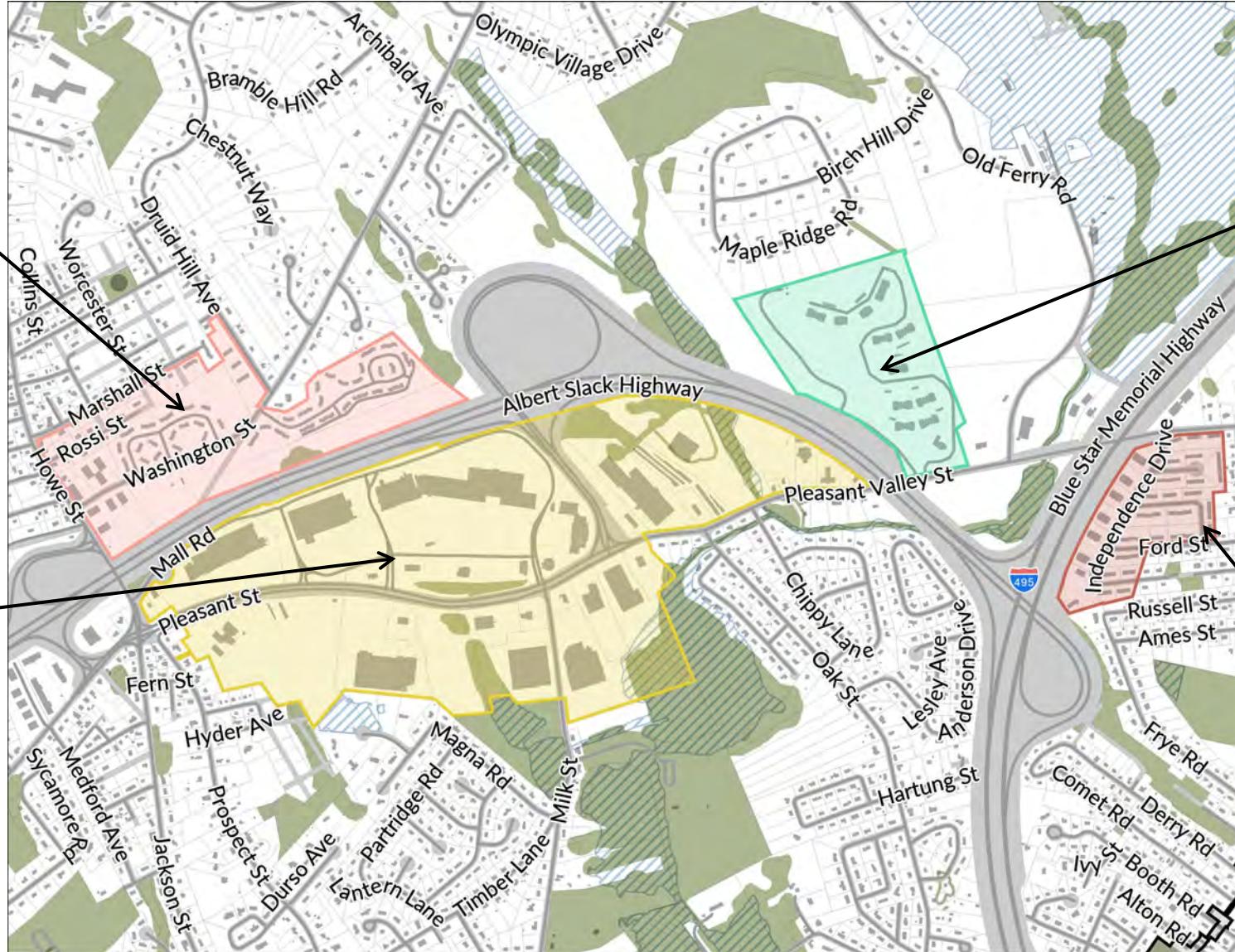
# Potential Districts: Washington, Loop, Summit & Colonial

**Washington St**  
67.1 acres

**Summit Place**  
44.5 acres

**The Loop**  
211.8 acres

**Colonial Village**  
26.1 acres



- Parcels
- Sensitive Land
- Excluded Land

# Potential Districts: Merrimack St Corridor

**Merrimack St Corridor**  
40.8 acres



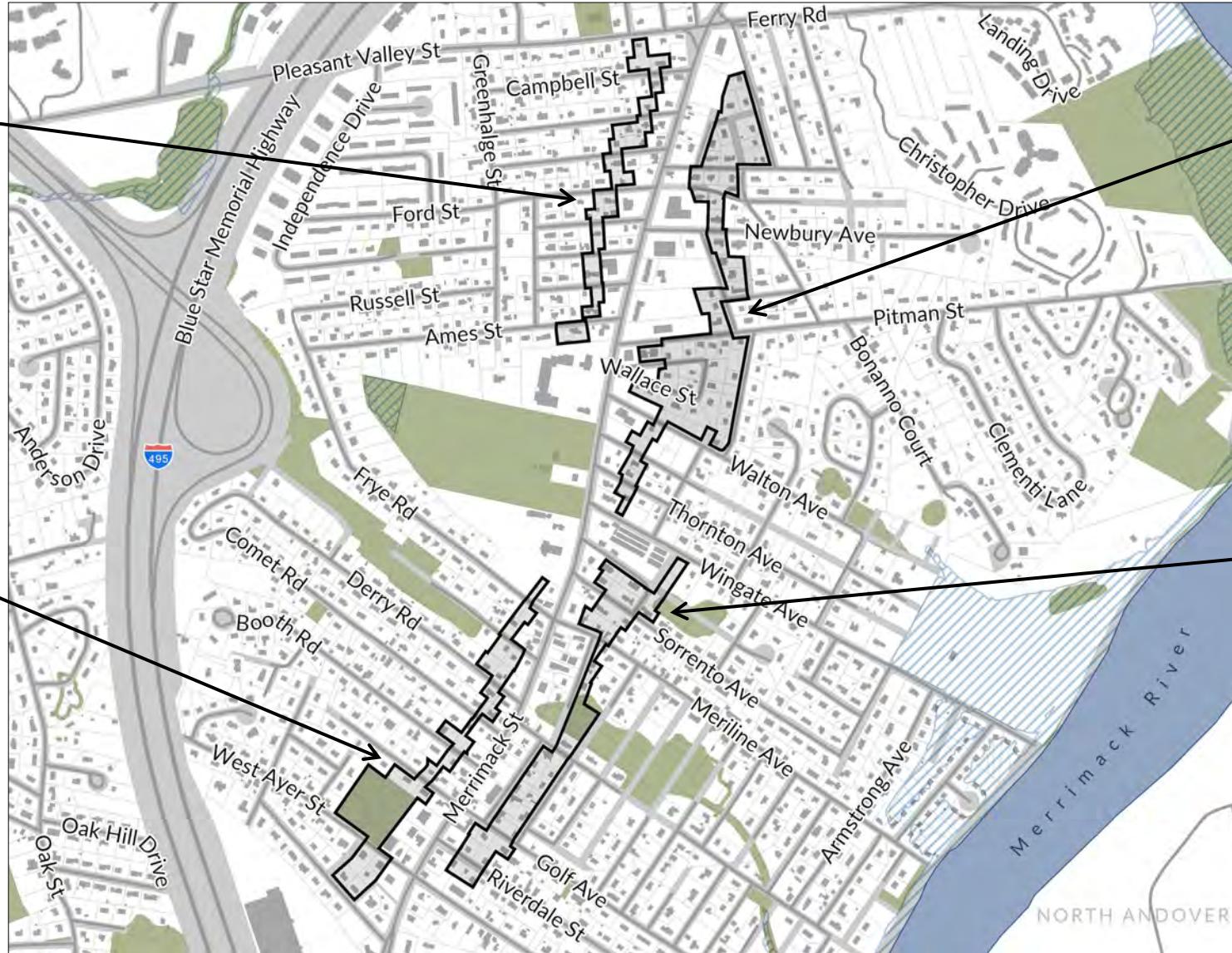
# Potential Districts: Merrimack St Area

**Merrimack NW**  
5.7 acres

**Merrimack NE**  
16 acres

**Merrimack SW**  
8.9 acres

**Merrimack SE**  
9.3 acres

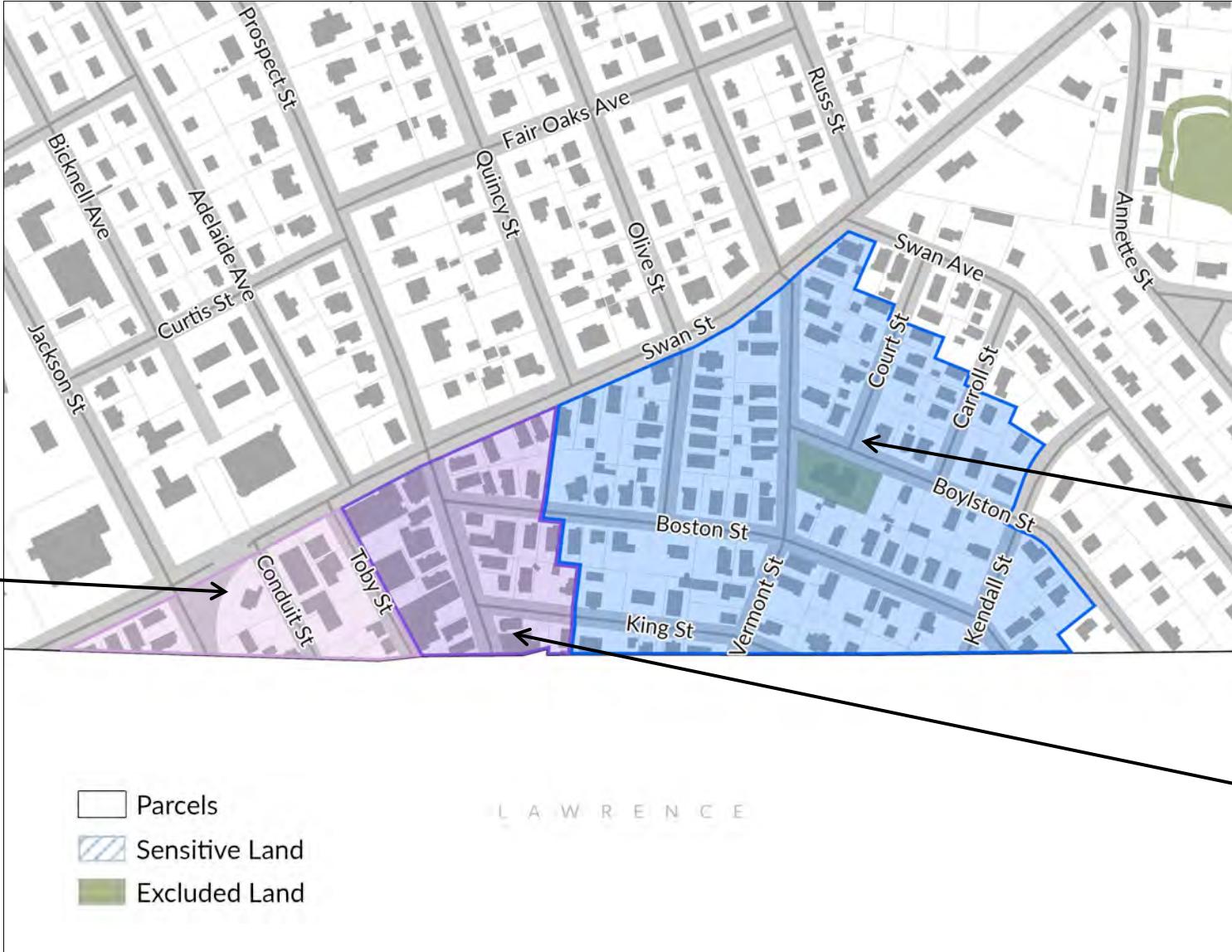


# Potential Districts: Swan Subdistricts

**Lower Swan**  
3.1 acres

**Upper Swan**  
17.6 acres

**Middle Swan**  
4.4 acres



# **Section 3A 101 and Methuen's Requirements**

# Overview of the MBTA Communities Act

## What is the MBTA Communities Act MGL c. 40A Section 3A?

The law established a requirement that each of the 177 designated MBTA Communities (MGL c. 161A Section 1) must have zoning that:

1. Provides for at least 1 district of reasonable size in which multifamily housing is permitted as of right.
2. Cannot have age-restrictions and shall be suitable for families with children.
3. Must have a minimum gross density of 15 dwelling units per acre.
4. Part of the district must be located within 0.5 miles from a commuter rail, subway, ferry, or bus station, as applicable.

## What is the purpose behind the new law?

1. Massachusetts has a housing shortage, and we need to produce more housing.
2. The amount of housing that is financially attainable to most households is dwindling.
3. The Commonwealth is at a disadvantage to compete for businesses, jobs, and talent.
4. Placing housing near transit is good housing, economic, transportation, and climate policy.

# Overview of the MBTA Communities Act

## How is multifamily housing defined under Section 3A?

“Multi-family housing” is defined as a building with 3 or more residential dwelling units or 2 or more buildings on the same lot with more than 1 residential dwelling unit in each building.



Image Source: Opticos

## What the MBTA Communities Act is **NOT**.

- ▶ It is **NOT**: A mandate to build housing.
- ▶ It is **NOT**: A housing production target.
- ▶ It is **NOT**: Restricted to only addressing affordable housing needs.
- ▶ It is **NOT**: A one-size fits all tool to address all housing needs in a community.
- ▶ It is **NOT**: Viewed as optional by the Commonwealth & Attorney General.

# Methuen's Requirements

Metric	Methuen's Requirement
Minimum Land Area	50 acres
% to be Located in Station Area	0%
Minimum Contiguous District Size	25 acres or 50% of the total district size

Metric	Methuen's Requirement
Minimum Unit Capacity	2,019 units
% to be Located in Station Area	0%
Minimum Density Requirement	15 DU/AC

# Existing Zoning, Modifications, and Results

# Existing Zoning Dimensions for Potential Districts

Zoning District	Merrimack NE	Merrimack NW	Merrimack SE	Riverside Drive	Colonial Village	Merrimack St Corridor	Burnham Rd	Cross & Pelham	Mystic & Pelham	North Broadway	The Loop	Downtown (40R)
	Merrimack SW	Washington St	Upper Swan	Middle Swan	Lower Swan	Summit Place						
RD - Single Residence	10,000 SF	130,680 SF	43,560 SF	10,000 SF	10,000 SF	40,000 SF						
MA - Multi-Family	25%	40%	40%	25%	35%	35%						
MB - Multi-Family	20%	30%	30%	-	-	-						
BN - Neighborhood Business	3	3	3	3	3	4						
BH - Highway Business	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2						
IL - Limited Industrial	None	2 DU/AC	4 DU/AC	None	None	None						
MCSGOD	No	Yes (Special Permit)	Yes (Special Permit)	No	No	No						

# Model Results: Existing Zoning

Potential District Name	Riverside Drive	Burnham Rd	Downtown (40R)	Cross & Pelham	Mystic & Pelham	North Broadway	Washington St	The Loop	Summit Place	Colonial Village	Merrimack St Corridor	Merrimack NW	Merrimack NE	Merrimack SW	Merrimack SE	Lower Swan	Middle Swan	Upper Swan
Existing Zoning	MB - Multi-Family	BH - Highway Business	MSCGOD	BH - Highway Business	BH - Highway Business	BH - Highway Business	MA - Multi-Family	BH - Highway Business	IL - Limited Industrial	MB - Multi-Family	BN - Neighborhood Business	RD - Single Residence	BH - Highway Business	BN - Neighborhood Business	MB - Multi-Family			
District Acreage	27.4	32.1	71.0	21.4	30.1	46.4	67.1	211.8	44.5	26.1	40.8	5.7	16.0	8.9	9.3	3.1	4.4	17.6
District Density Denominator	27.4	32.1	61.0	16.8	13.4	38.4	66.2	194.6	44.5	26.0	40.8	5.7	16.0	8.9	8.3	3.1	4.4	17.6
Final Unit Capacity per District	110	0	1,323	0	0	0	104	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DU/AC	4.0	0.0	21.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Zoning Dimensions																		
Maximum Density	4 DU/AC	None	30 DU/AC	None	None	None	2 DU/AC	None	None	4 DU/AC	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	4 DU/AC
Multi-family Allowed	SP	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	SP	NO	NO	SP	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	SP

SP - Multi-family allowed by Special Permit

NO - Multi-family is not allowed.

YES - Multi-family is allowed by right.

Compliance Targets: 50 acres | 50% or 25 contiguous acres | 2,019 units | 15 du/acre

# Modified Zoning Dimensions for Potential Districts

	Merrimack NE	Merrimack NW	Merrimack SE	Riverside Drive	Colonial Village	Merrimack St Corridor	Burnham Rd	Cross & Pelham	Mystic & Pelham	North Broadway	The Loop	Downtown (40R)
Zoning District	RD - Single Residence	MA - Multi-Family	MB - Multi-Family	BN - Neighborhood Business		BH - Highway Business	IL - Limited Industrial	MCSGOD				
Minimum Lot Size	10,000 SF	130,680 SF	43,560 SF	10,000 SF		10,000 SF	40,000 SF	0 SF				
Maximum Lot Coverage	25%	40%	40%	25%		35%	35%	70%				
Open Space Minimum	20%	30%	30%	-		-	-	30%				
Building Height (stories)	3	3	3	3		3	4	4				
Parking Requirement	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2		2.2	2.2	1.2				
Maximum Density	None 15 DU/AC	2 DU/AC 15 DU/AC	4 DU/AC 15 DU/AC	None 15 DU/AC		None 15 DU/AC	None 15 DU/AC	30 DU/AC				
Multi-Family Permitted	No Yes	Yes (Special Permit)	Yes (Special Permit)	No Yes		No Yes	No Yes	Yes (As of Right)				

# Model Results: Modified Zoning

In this table, the **only** zoning change modeled is a **maximum density of 15 DU/AC** and allowing **multi-family as of right**.

Potential District Name	Riverside Drive	Burnham Rd	Downtow n (40R)	Cross & Pelham	Mystic & Pelham	North Broadway	Washington St	The Loop	Summit Place	Colonial Village	Merrimack St Corridor	Merrimack NW	Merrimack NE	Merrimack SW	Merrimack SE	Lower Swan	Middle Swan	Upper Swan
Existing Zoning	MB - Multi-Family	BH - Highway Business	MSCGOD	BH - Highway Business	BH - Highway Business	BH - Highway Business	MA - Multi-Family	BH - Highway Business	IL - Limited Industrial	MB - Multi-Family	BN - Neighborhood Business	RD - Single Residence	BH - Highway Business	BN - Neighborhood Business	MB - Multi-Family			
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Final Unit Capacity per District	110 <b>410</b>	0 <b>473</b>	1,323	0 <b>258</b>	0 <b>154</b>	0 <b>638</b>	104 <b>784</b>	0 <b>2,873</b>	0 <b>668</b>	32 <b>122</b>	0 <b>369</b>	0 <b>51</b>	0 <b>133</b>	0 <b>52</b>	0 <b>48</b>	0 <b>9</b>	0 <b>13</b>	0
DU/AC	4.0 <b>15.0</b>	0.0 <b>14.7</b>	21.7	0.0 <b>15.4</b>	0.0 <b>11.5</b>	0.0 <b>16.6</b>	1.6 <b>11.8</b>	0.0 <b>14.8</b>	0.0 <b>15.0</b>	1.2 <b>4.7</b>	0.0 <b>9.0</b>	0.0 <b>9.0</b>	0.0 <b>8.3</b>	0.0 <b>5.8</b>	0.0 <b>5.8</b>	0.0 <b>2.9</b>	0.0 <b>2.9</b>	0.0
Zoning Dimensions																		
Maximum Density	4 DU/AC <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	30 DU/AC	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	2 DU/AC <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	4 DU/AC <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	None <b>15 DU/AC</b>	4 DU/AC <b>15 DU/AC</b>	
Multi-family Allowed	SP <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	YES	NO <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	SP <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	SP <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	NO <b>YES</b>	SP <b>YES</b>	

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# What do these tables tell us?

**The identified potential districts have more area and unit capacity than is needed for minimum compliance.**

**Methuen has options for both meeting its housing needs and complying with the state's requirements.**

**The first priority should be addressing the appropriate strategy for housing in Methuen.**

**Section 3A compliance is one part of that strategy.**

# Which areas should be removed from this list?

<b>Washington St</b> 67.1 acres	<b>Downtown (40R)</b> 71 acres	<b>The Loop</b> 211.8 acres	<b>Merrimack St Corridor</b> 41 acres	<b>Upper Swan</b> 17.6 acres
<b>North Broadway</b> 46.4 acres	<b>Burnham Rd</b> 32.1 acres	<b>Summit Place</b> 44.5 acres	<b>Merrimack SE</b> 9.3 acres	<b>Middle Swan</b> 4.4 acres
<b>Cross &amp; Pelham</b> 21.4 acres	<b>Riverside Dr</b> 27.4 acres	<b>Colonial Village</b> 26.1 acres	<b>Merrimack SW</b> 8.9 acres	<b>Lower Swan</b> 3.1 acres
<b>Mystic &amp; Pelham</b> 30.1 acres		<b>Merrimack NW</b> 5.7 acres		
		<b>Merrimack NE</b> 16 acres		

# Potential Districts

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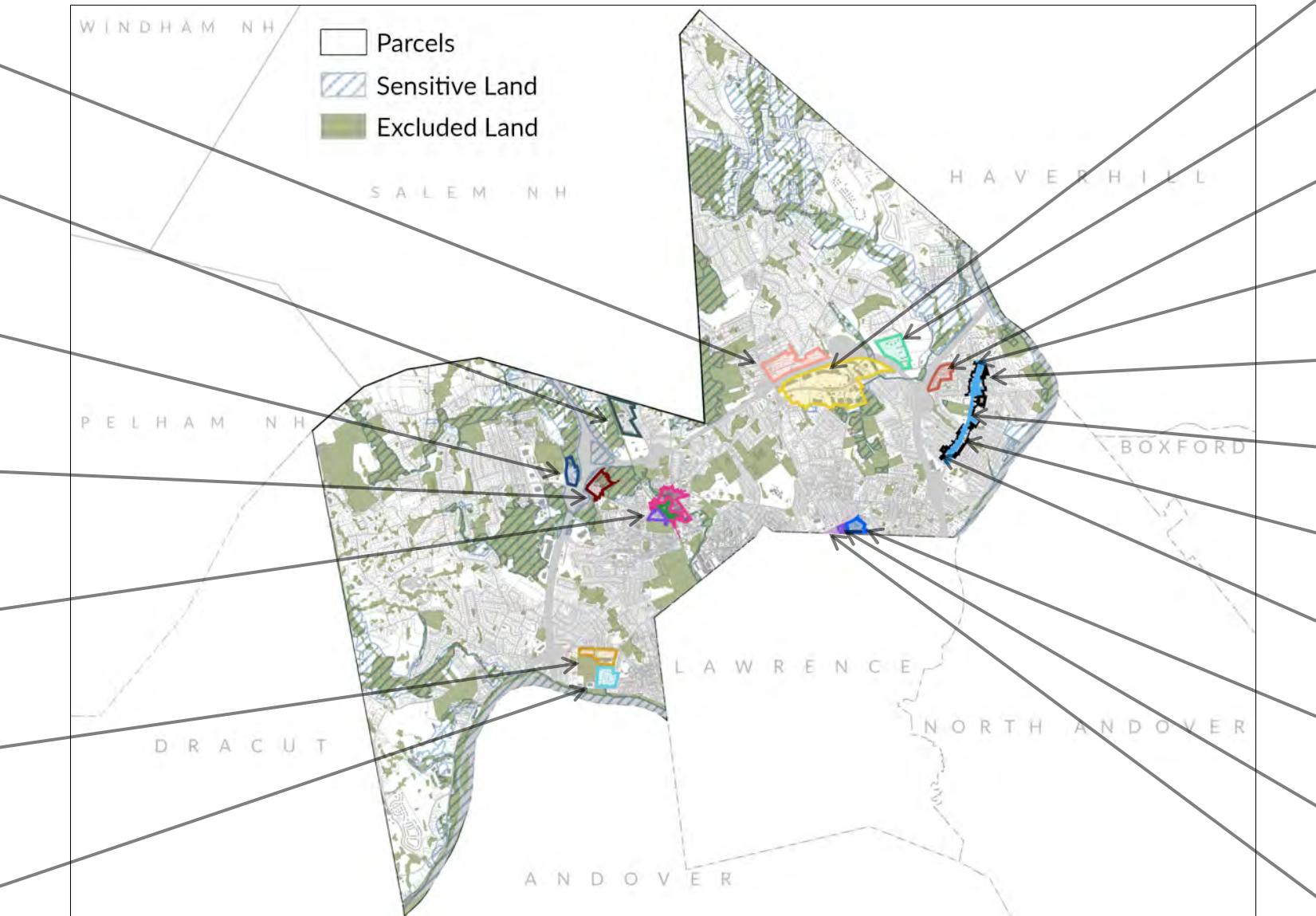
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# Appendix of Results by District

# Guide to the Information in the Appendix

Boundary of district on aerial



Color is existing dwelling units/acre

Name of Potential District

Current Zoning District

Size of Potential District in Acres

Zoning District: MB - Multi-Family

27 acres

Riverside Dr

Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units  
(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

324

Existing Units

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning  
(Modeled Unit Capacity)

110

Units: Current Zoning

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum  
(Modeled Unit Capacity)

410

Units: Modeled Zoning

Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density  
(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

12 DU/AC

Existing Density

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning  
(Modeled Density)

4 DU/AC

Density: Current Zoning

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum  
(Modeled Density)

15 DU/AC

Density: Modeled Zoning

Boundary of district on density map

Number is existing dwelling units per parcel

MB - Multi-Family currently allows multi-family development by Special Permit only.  
(This is not compliant with Section 3A of MGL c. 40A).

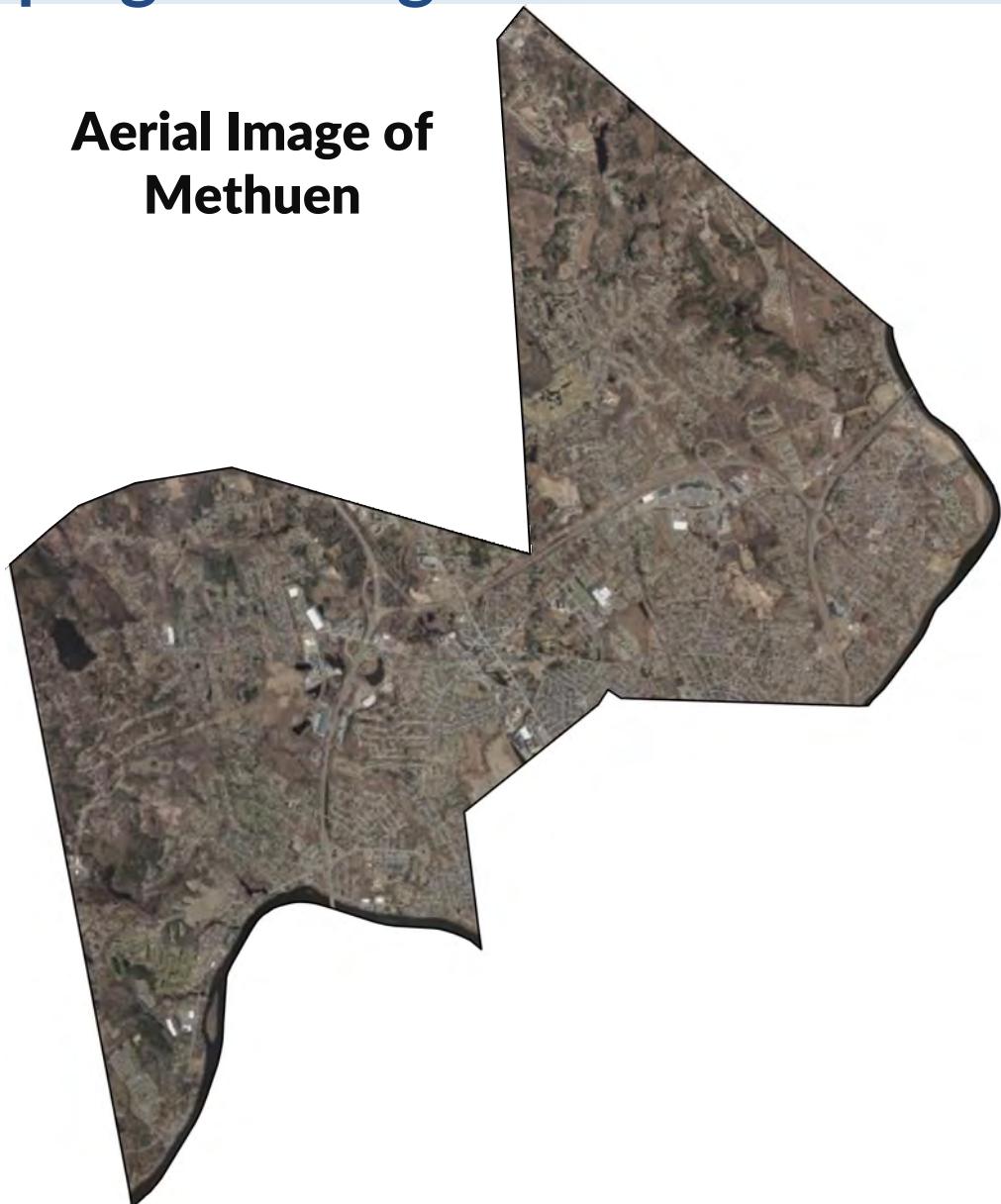
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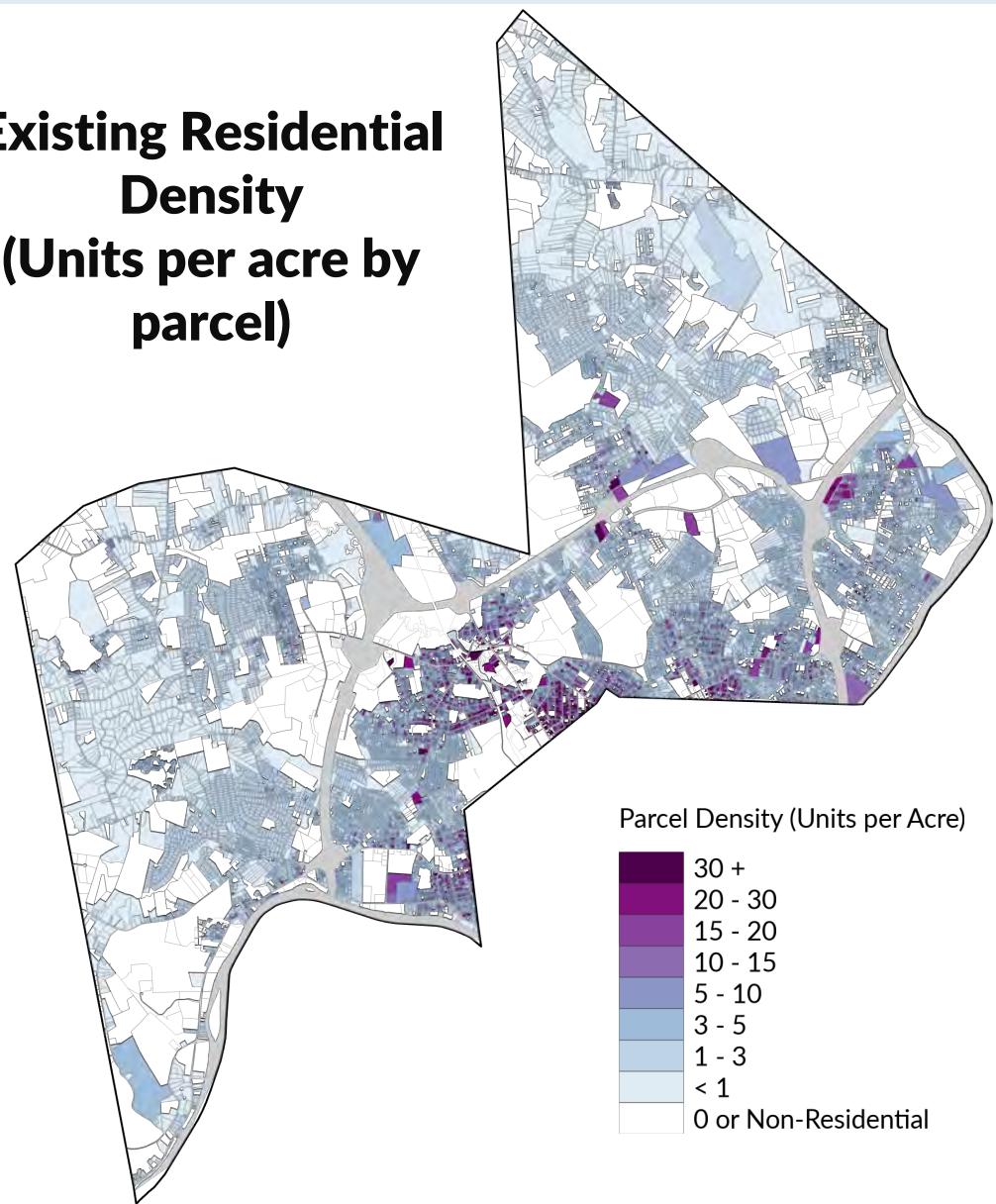
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# Mapping Existing Residential Density

**Aerial Image of  
Methuen**



**Existing Residential  
Density  
(Units per acre by  
parcel)**



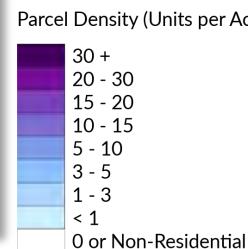
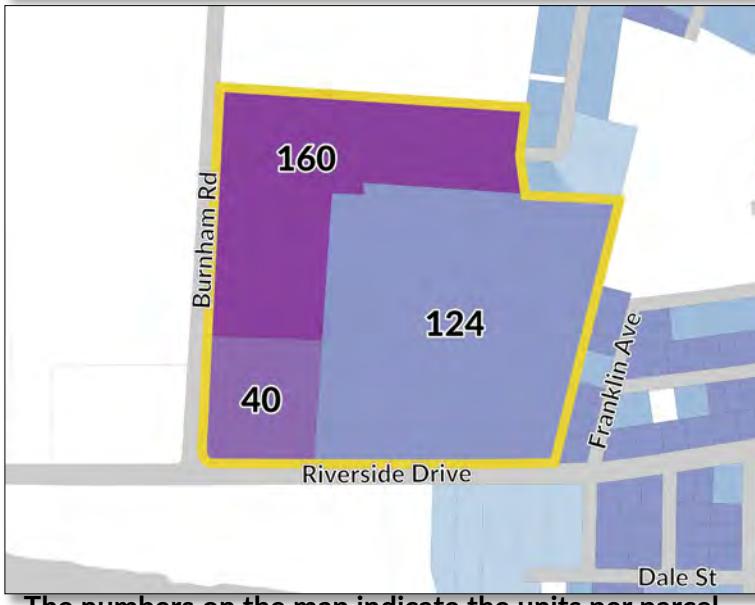
Parcel Density (Units per Acre)
30 +
20 - 30
15 - 20
10 - 15
5 - 10
3 - 5
1 - 3
< 1
0 or Non-Residential

# Riverside Dr

Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



Zoning District: MB – Multi-Family

## Riverside Dr

27 acres

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

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Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

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### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

12 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning  
(Modeled Density)

4 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum  
(Modeled Density)

15 DU/AC



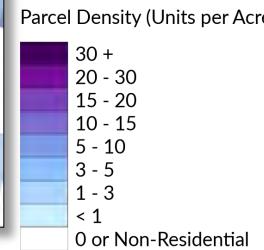
MB – Multi-Family currently allows multi-family development by **Special Permit only**.  
(*This is not compliant with Section 3A of MGL c. 40A*).

# Burnham Rd

Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



Zoning District: BH – Highway Business

## Burnham Rd

**32 acres**

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

0

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

**Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum**  
(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**473**

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

**Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum**  
(Modeled Density)

**15 DU/AC**

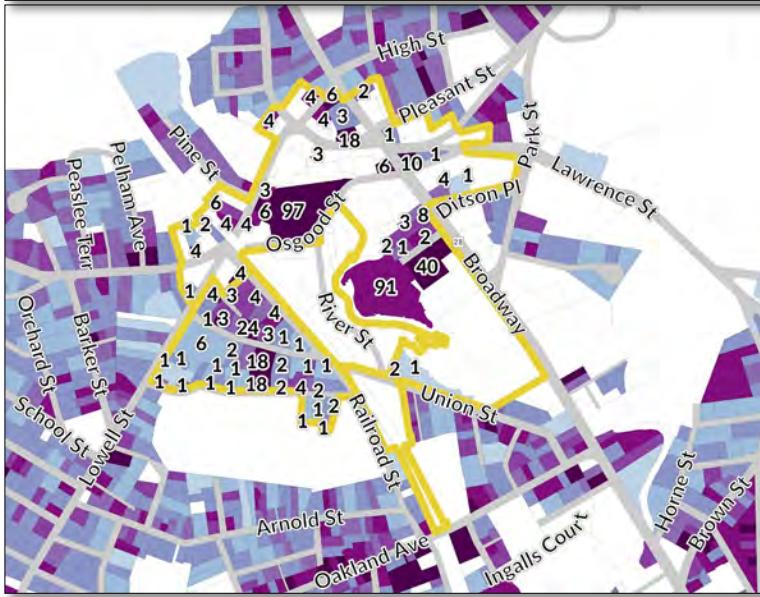
BH – Highway Business currently prohibits multi-family development.

# Downtown (40R)

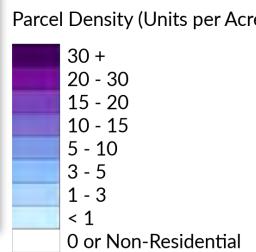
Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: MSCGOD

## Downtown (40R)

71 acres

Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

501

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning  
(Modeled Unit Capacity)

1,323

Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

7 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning  
(Modeled Density)

22 DU/AC

✓ MCSGOD currently allows multi-family development **as-of-right** with a maximum of 30 DU/AC

# Cross & Pelham

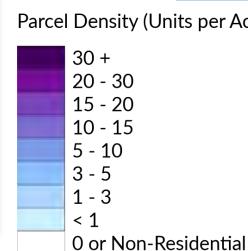
Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: BH – Highway Business

## Cross & Pelham

21 acres

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

4

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

258

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

0.2 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

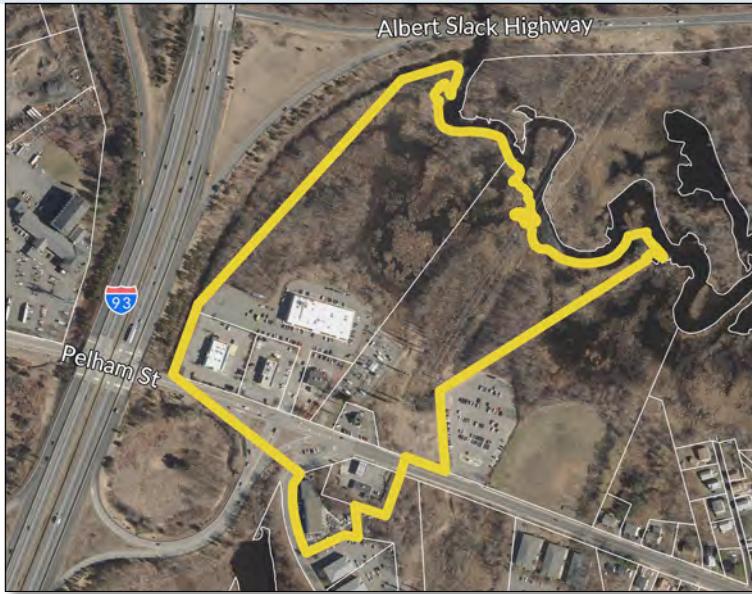
(Modeled Density)

15 DU/AC

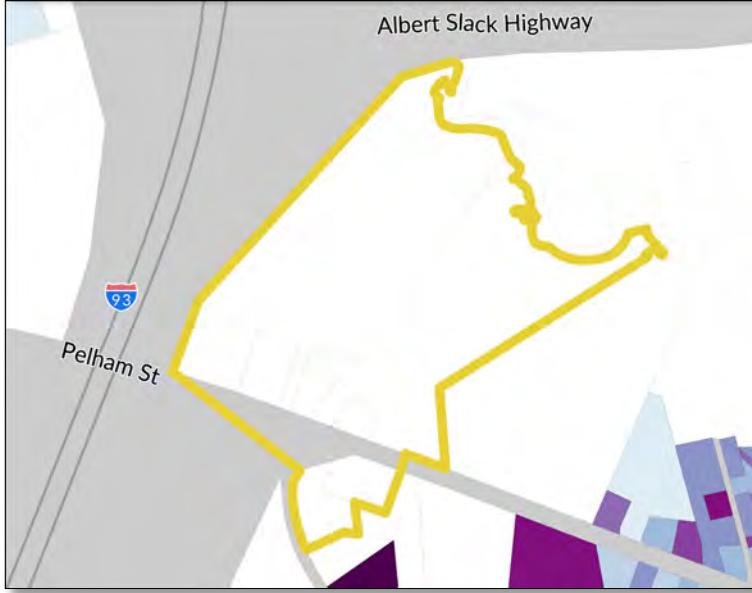
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# Mystic & Pelham

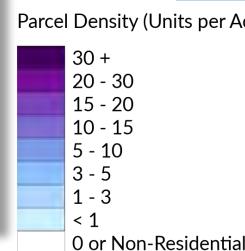
Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: BH – Highway Business

## Mystic & Pelham

30 acres

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

0

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum  
(Modeled Unit Capacity)

154

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum  
(Modeled Density)

12 DU/AC

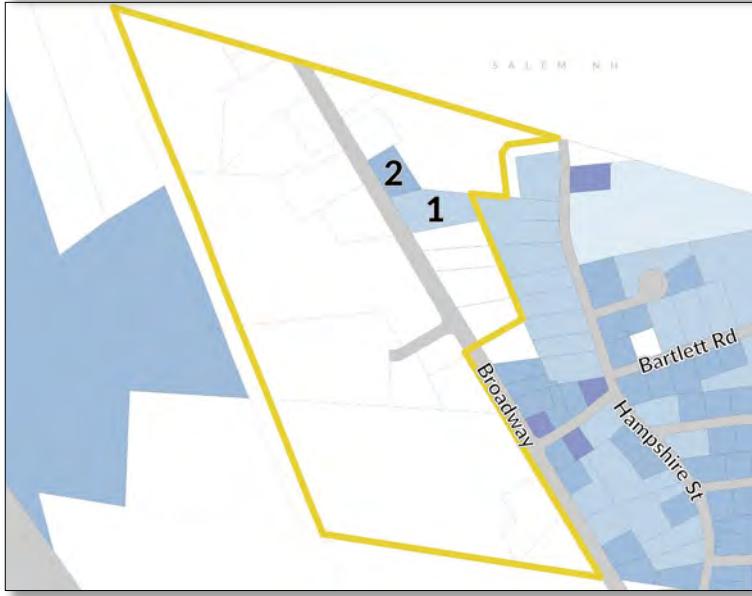
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# North Broadway

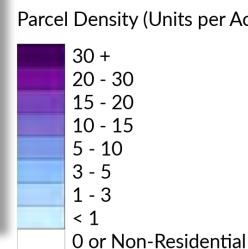
Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



## Zoning District: BH - Highway Business

# North Broadway

**46 acres**

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

3

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**638**

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

0.1 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Density)

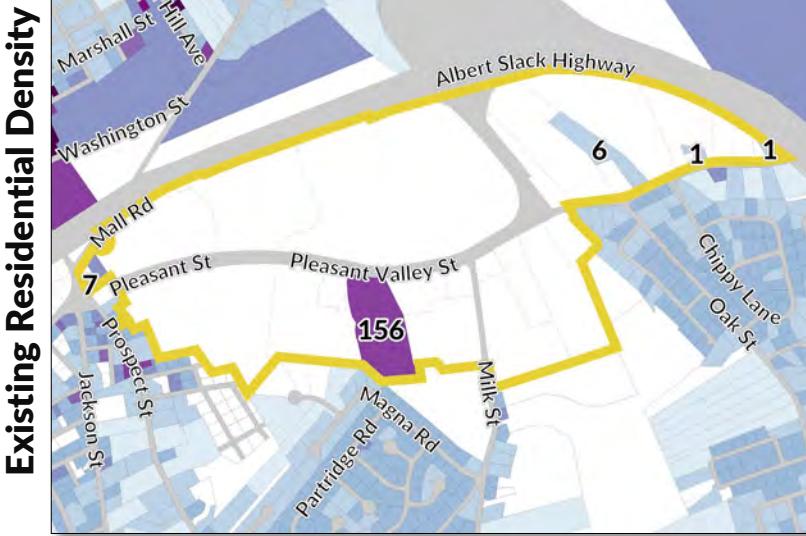
**17 DU/AC**



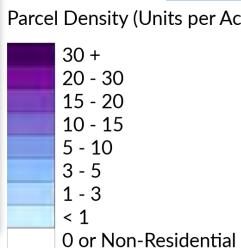
**BH - Highway Business currently prohibits multi-family development.**



# The Loop



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: BH - Highway Business

## The Loop

**212 acres**

Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

**171**

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**0**

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**2,873**

Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

**1 DU/AC**

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

**0 DU/AC**

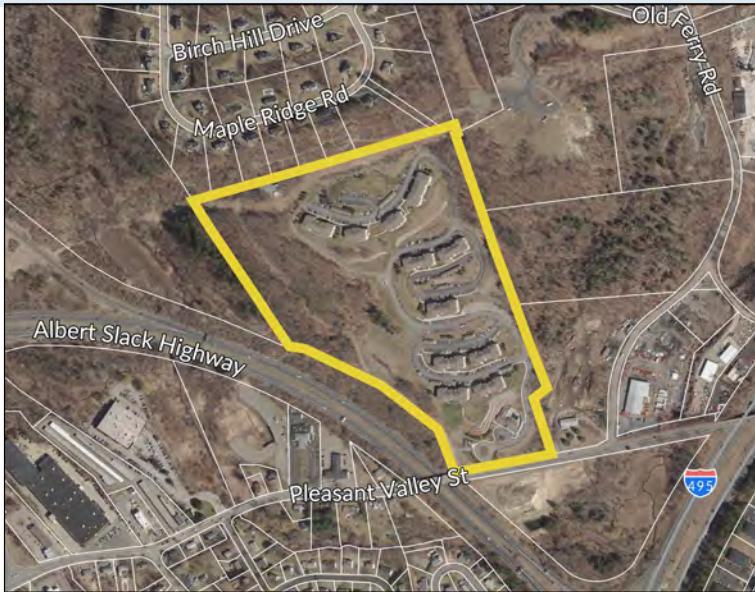
Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum  
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**15 DU/AC**

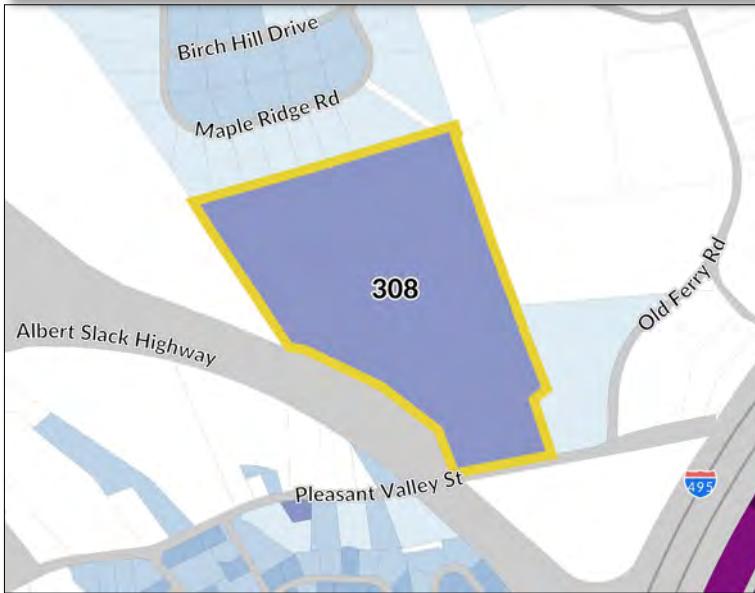
BH - Highway Business currently prohibits multi-family development.

# Summit Place

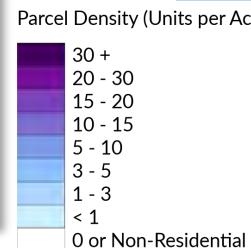
## Aerial Image of District



## Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: IL - Limited Industrial

## Summit Place

**44 acres**

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

**308**

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**0**

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**668**

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

**7 DU/AC**

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

**0 DU/AC**

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum  
(Modeled Density)

**15 DU/AC**



IL - Limited Industrial currently prohibits  
multi-family development.

# Colonial Village

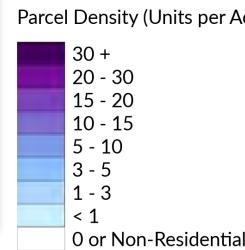
Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: MB - Multifamily

## Colonial Village

26 acres

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

375

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

32

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

122

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

14 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

1 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Density)

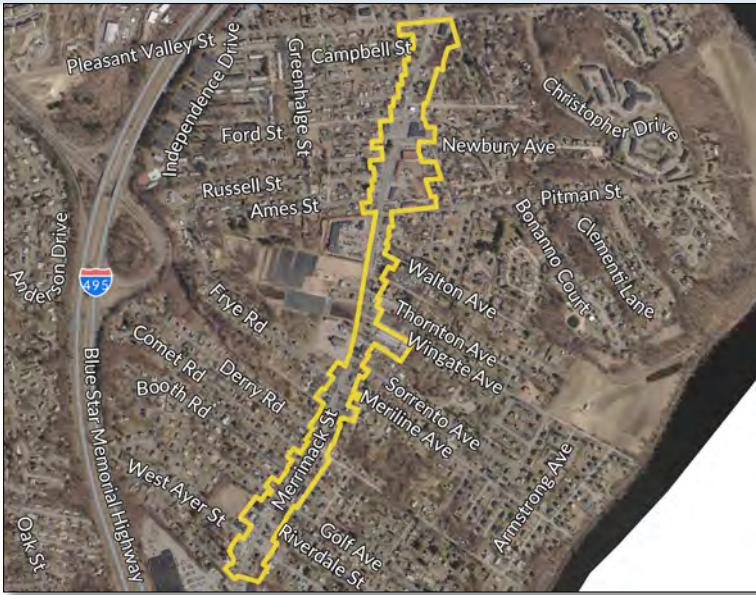
5 DU/AC



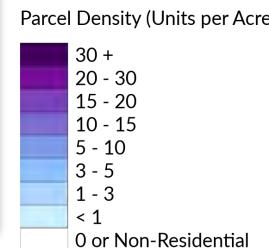
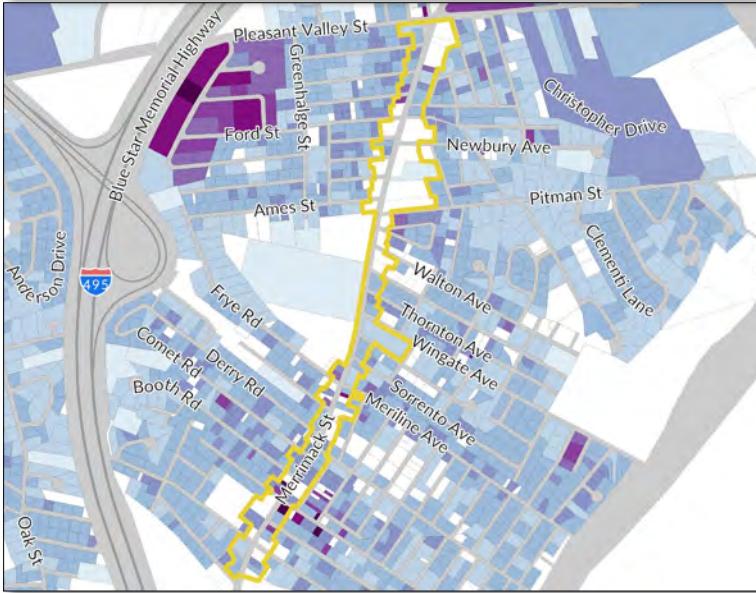
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# Merrimack St Corridor

Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



Zoning District: BN - Neighborhood Business

## Merrimack St Corridor

41 acres

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

88

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

369

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

2 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Density)

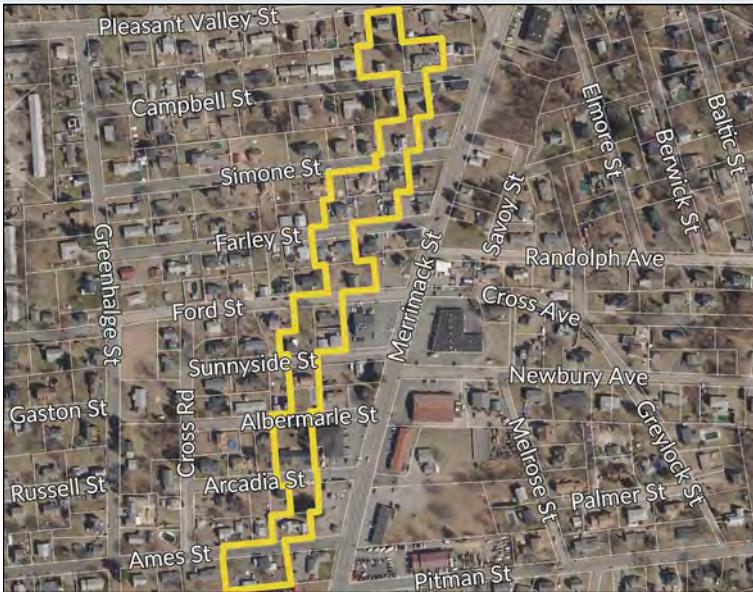
9 DU/AC



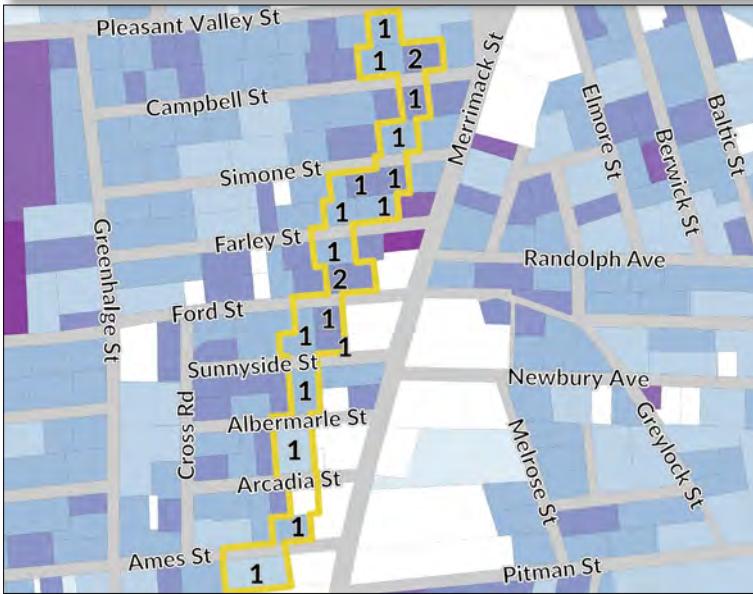
BN - Neighborhood Business currently prohibits multi-family development.

# Merrimack NW

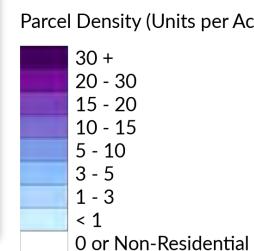
Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: RD – Single Residence

## Merrimack NW

6 acres

Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

20

Potential Units Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

51

Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

4 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Density)

9 DU/AC



RD – Single Residence currently prohibits  
multi-family development.

# Merrimack NE

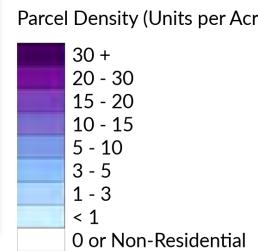
Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: RD – Single Residence

## Merrimack NE

**16 acres**

Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

58

Potential Units Allowed under *Existing Zoning*

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**133**

Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

4 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Density)

**8 DU/AC**



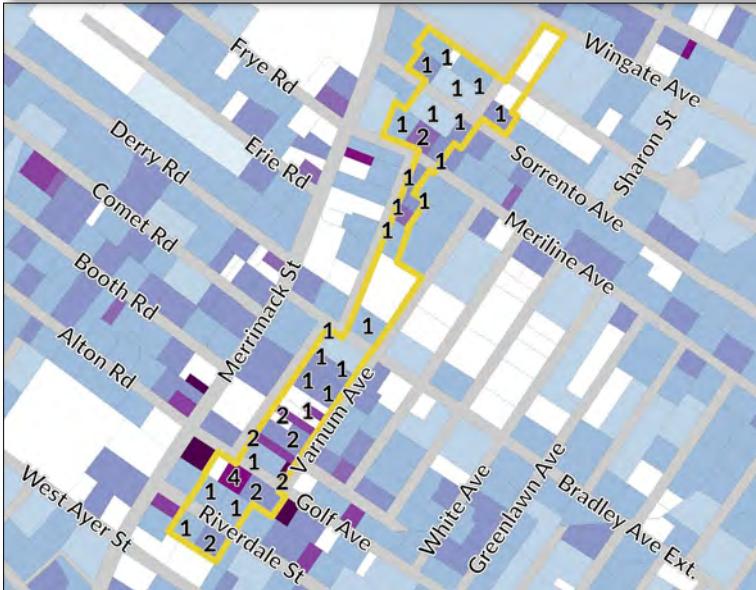
RD – Single Residence currently prohibits multi-family development.

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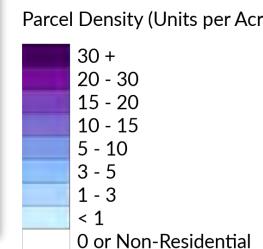
Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: RD – Single Residence

## Merrimack SE

**9 acres**

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

**42**

Potential Units Allowed under *Existing Zoning*

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**0**

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**48**

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

**5 DU/AC**

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

**0 DU/AC**

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Density)

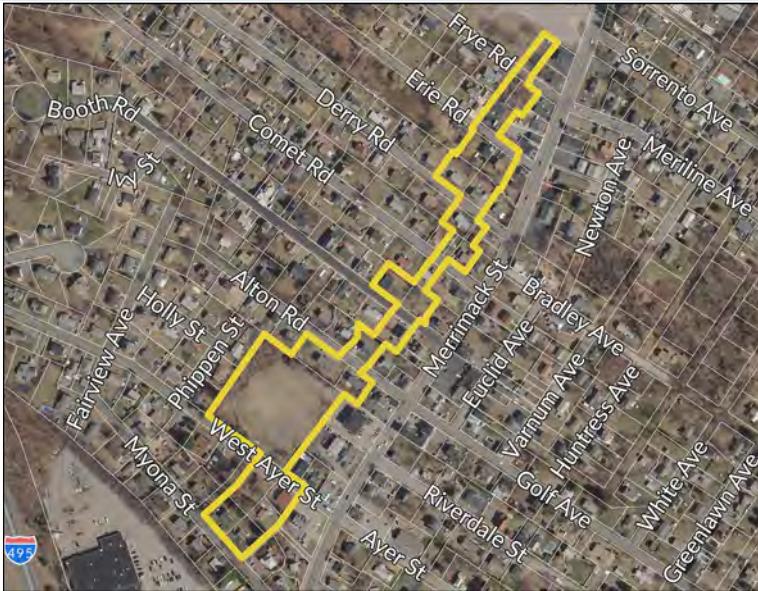
**6 DU/AC**



RD – Single Residence currently **prohibits** multi-family development.

# Merrimack SW

Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.

Zoning District: RD – Single Residence

## Merrimack SW

**9 acres**

Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

**23**

Potential Units Allowed under *Existing Zoning*

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**0**

Potential Units Allowed under **15 DU/AC Maximum**  
(Modeled Unit Capacity)

**52**

Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

**3 DU/AC**

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning  
(Modeled Density)

**0 DU/AC**

Potential Density Allowed under **15 DU/AC Maximum**  
(Modeled Density)

**6 DU/AC**

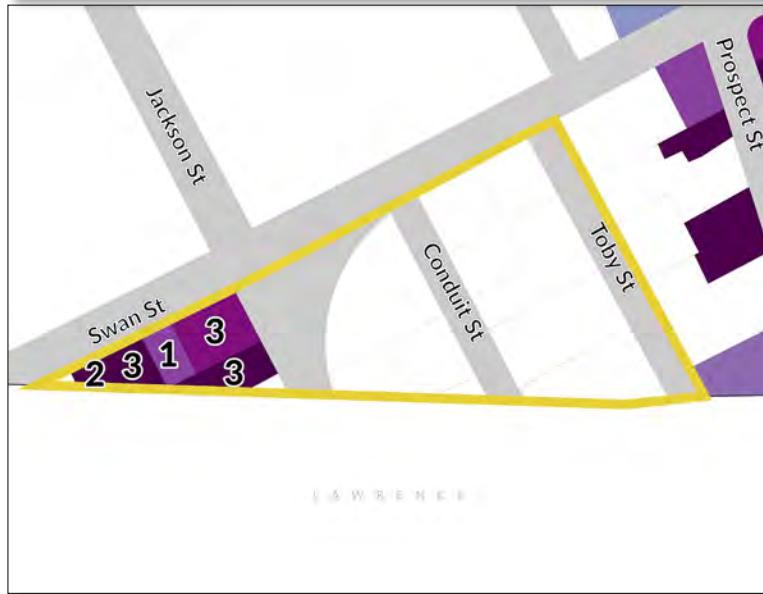


RD – Single Residence currently prohibits  
multi-family development.

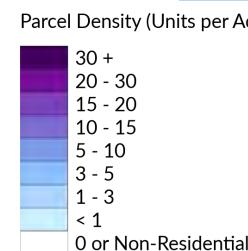
# Lower Swan



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: BH – Highway Business

## Lower Swan

3 acres

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

12

Potential Units Allowed under *Existing Zoning*

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

9

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

4 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

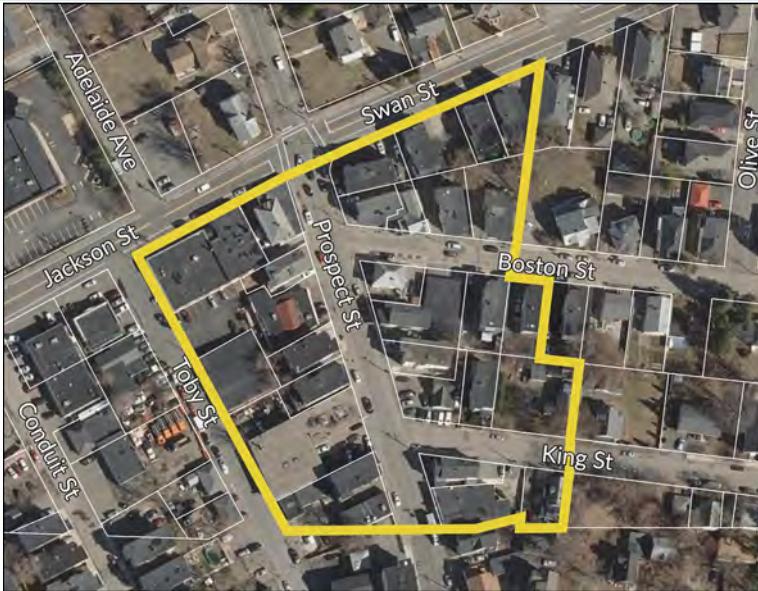
(Modeled Density)

3 DU/AC

BH – Highway Business currently prohibits multi-family development.

# Middle Swan

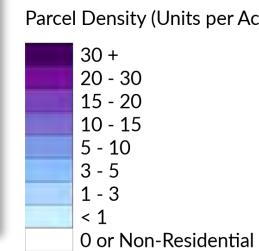
Aerial Image of District



Existing Residential Density



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: BN - Neighborhood Business

## Middle Swan

4 acres

### Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

56

Potential Units Allowed under *Existing Zoning*

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

13

### Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

13 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

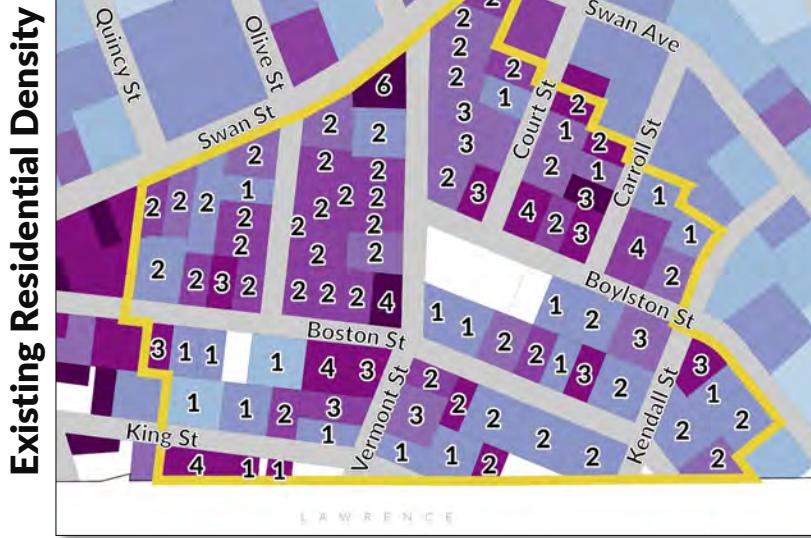
Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Density)

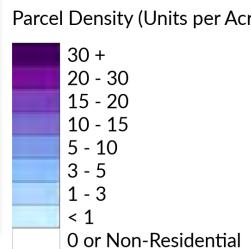
3 DU/AC

 BN - Neighborhood Business currently prohibits multi-family development.

# Upper Swan



The numbers on the map indicate the units per parcel.



Zoning District: MB – Multi-Family

## Upper Swan

18 acres

Comparison of Existing Units to Modeled Unit Capacity

Existing Residential Units

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

182

Potential Units Allowed under *Existing Zoning*

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Potential Units Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Unit Capacity)

0

Comparison of Existing Density to Modeled Density

Existing Residential Density

(Calculated from Methuen's FY 2023 Assessor's Data)

10 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under Existing Zoning

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC

Potential Density Allowed under 15 DU/AC Maximum

(Modeled Density)

0 DU/AC



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(This is not compliant with Section 3A of MGL c. 40A).

