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**MEETINGS SCHEDULED**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**  
**AGENDA**

**6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING**

1. Citizen Input

**7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 7:00 P.M.)**

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

1. \*Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Bacon to Fire Chief
2. \*Mayor and request to deliver "State of the City" on March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
3. \*Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 2 Budget Report
4. \*Mayor and Five Year Financial Forecast

**PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS**

5. \*Board of Election Commissioners and re-submitted orders authorizing the Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, the State Primary Election on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, and the Biennial State Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and designating polling places and changes to polling places for such elections
6. Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners and copy of certified results from the Municipal Election held on November 7, 2023

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None

**ORDINANCES** – None

**RESOLUTIONS**

7. \*Committee on Finance meet with the Board of Park Commissioners to discuss the staffing needs of the Parks Division
8. \*Committee on Economic Development and Tourism meet with community arts organizations to provide 2023 year in review and plans for 2024
9. \*Request for Proposals for Real Estate Brokerage Services be solicited for marketing and selling of city-owned real estate
10. \*Committee on Finance meet with City Administrator and representatives from the One SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce and Viva Fall River to provide update on ARPA funding

**ADA Coordinator: Gary P. Howayeck, Esq. 508-324-2650**

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11. \*Committee on Finance meet in executive session with City Administrator, Corporation Counsel and Director of Financial Services to provide update on financial impact of high profile lawsuits

**CITATIONS** – None

**ORDERS – HEARINGS** – None

**ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS**

12. Police Chief's report on licenses:  
Taxicab Drivers  
Alyssa Lafferty                      Lisa Padula  
  
Private Livery Drivers  
Wayne Delisle

13. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal:  
Richard R. Torres d/b/a Empire Hyundai, Inc. – 428 Pleasant Street

**COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS**

14. \*Claims  
15. Drainlayer license – RMT Excavation Inc.

- City Council Minutes:  
16. Meeting of the City Council and Organization of City Government – January 2, 2024

**BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES**

17. \*Taunton River Stewardship Council 2023 Annual Report and Fall River delegate Position  
18. Communication from city residents re Charter recommendations from the Special Charter Review Committee

  
City Clerk

**OTHER POTENTIAL MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (if received):**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with Emergency Preamble:

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, handicapped parking  
Alden Street                      Buffinton Street                      East Main Street  
Hunter Street                      London Street                      Mason Street  
Middle Street                      Robeson Street                      Whipple Street

First Reading:

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, miscellaneous

Section 1

Stop intersections

Branch Street, Eastbound, John Street

West Street, Southbound, Propper Lane

Section 2

One-way streets

Anawan Street, Easterly, from Water Street to Pond Street

Branch Street, Easterly, from Second Street to John Street

Section 3

Parking prohibited at all times

Whipple Street, West, 125 feet south of Morgan Street, for a distance of 57 feet southerly

Section 4

Parking prohibited during certain hours

French Street, South, 43 feet west of Highland Avenue, for a distance of 20 feet westerly, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. / Monday through Friday

Section 5

Handicapped parking removals

Ninth Street

Anawan Street

Bank Street

Bay Street

Franklin Street

Fulton Street

Jefferson Street

John Street

Maria Street

Montaup Street

Pearce Street

Robeson Street

Stetson Street

Swindells Street

Tecumseh Street

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, All-night parking of commercial vehicles

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Prohibited parking due to impeding emergency vehicles

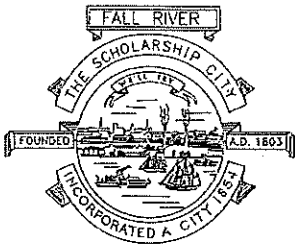
Proposed Ordinance – Establishing position of Finance, Management and Compliance Analyst

Proposed Ordinance – Amendments to Sec. 50-305, Salary schedules for EMS Local 1202 AFSCME personnel

Proposed Ordinance – Amendments to Sec. 50-302, Salary schedules for contract personnel in the Emergency Medical Services and Law Departments

Proposed Ordinance – Panhandling restrictions

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**PAUL E. COOGAN**  
*Mayor*

January 8, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

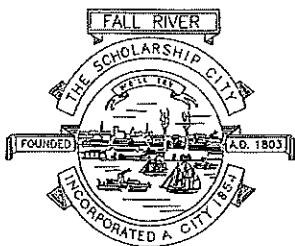
Honorable Members of the City Council:

I hereby request the confirmation by the City Council for the following appointment:

Name: Jeffrey Bacon  
Address: 39 North Street Somerset, MA 02726  
To: Fire Chief  
Effective Date: February 11, 2024  
Annual salary: \$180,000.00

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor



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PAUL E. COOGAN  
*Mayor*

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FALL RIVER, MA

January 17, 2024


City Council President  
Joseph Camara  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President:

In accordance with Section 3-6(c) of the City of Fall River Charter the mayor shall in each year on or before the third Wednesday in March make an address to a joint meeting of the city council and school committee, and shall include the city's multiple member bodies, city officers and department heads, to report on the state of affairs of the city. I am respectfully requesting the ability to deliver the "State of the City" on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:30pm prior to start of your City Council meeting.

I ask for your consideration with this request and if additional information is needed, please contact me. Thank you.

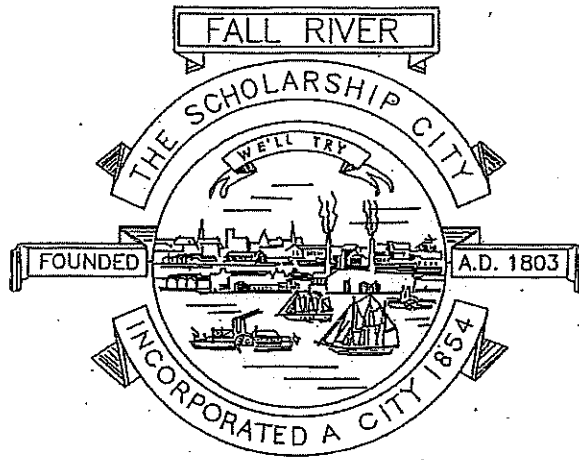
Sincerely,

  
Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor

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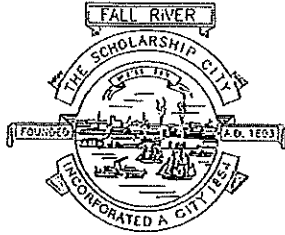
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# FY 2024

## QUARTER 2

### BUDGET REPORT



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PAUL E. COOGAN  
Mayor

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January 18, 2024

The Honorable City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

RE: 5-year Financial Forecast

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Pursuant to Article 6-9 of the City Charter, I am submitting a 5-year Financial Forecast of the City Revenues and Expenditures within the General Fund Operating Budget. The Forecast is based upon revenue sources which can be reasonably anticipated as well as the expenses for services that we currently provide within our City and School Departments.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget will be balanced through a combination of revenues and expenses. The timing of the debt appropriation for Diman will continue to be closely monitored. As I have conveyed since the city was notified, the funding for this appropriation still needs a strategy to go forward.

As with any forecast, the numbers continue to be refined as projections are realized and projects move from planning to implementation. Overall, our 5-year Financial Forecast is based on information that is available at this time. We know we have challenges and we are researching the best way to address these. I look forward to partnering with the counsel to face these challenges to keep moving the City in the correct direction.

Best Regards,

Paul Coogan  
Mayor

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***City of Fall River, Massachusetts***

*Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 Budget &*

*5 Years of Projections Fiscal Years 2025 – 2029*



**City of Fall River, Massachusetts**  
**Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)**

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
RESOURCES:	Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
State Aid						
General government, net of assessments	\$ 27,703,945	\$ 28,107,643	\$ 28,876,926	\$ 29,662,265	\$ 30,464,757	\$ 31,301,986
Education, net of assessments	\$ 161,575,330	\$ 183,186,237	\$ 208,304,501	\$ 236,932,214	\$ 269,083,014	\$ 305,159,243
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 132,071,976	\$ 139,492,801	\$ 144,384,284	\$ 149,398,817	\$ 154,556,033	\$ 159,848,794
Local Receipts	\$ 20,909,790	\$ 21,102,975	\$ 21,273,939	\$ 21,654,960	\$ 22,057,052	\$ 22,417,217
Indirects	\$ 7,153,315	\$ 7,403,681	\$ 7,625,791	\$ 7,854,565	\$ 8,090,202	\$ 8,332,908
Other Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
American Rescue Plan Act(ARPA)	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 1,425,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From Free Cash	\$ 840,000	\$ 2,295,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From Stabilization - operating	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 357,254,356</b>	<b>\$ 383,013,337</b>	<b>\$ 410,465,442</b>	<b>\$ 445,502,822</b>	<b>\$ 484,253,059</b>	<b>\$ 527,060,148</b>
Water	\$ 14,799,457	\$ 14,972,091	\$ 15,203,865	\$ 15,439,752	\$ 15,679,832	\$ 15,874,396
Sewer	\$ 27,615,277	\$ 27,961,373	\$ 28,405,446	\$ 28,857,376	\$ 29,317,314	\$ 29,774,616
EMS	\$ 11,550,000	\$ 11,791,694	\$ 12,012,883	\$ 12,238,671	\$ 12,469,159	\$ 12,704,456
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES - ENT FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 53,964,734</b>	<b>\$ 54,725,158</b>	<b>\$ 55,622,194</b>	<b>\$ 56,535,798</b>	<b>\$ 57,466,305</b>	<b>\$ 58,353,468</b>
<b>LESS: NON-APPROPRIATED USES</b>						
Other Amounts to be Raised:						
Snow & Ice Deficit & Appropriations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL NON-APPROPRIATED USES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 411,219,090</b>	<b>\$ 437,738,495</b>	<b>\$ 466,087,636</b>	<b>\$ 502,038,620</b>	<b>\$ 541,719,363</b>	<b>\$ 585,413,616</b>

*City of Fall River, Massachusetts  
Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)*

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
	Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
General Government	\$ 3,993,548	\$ 4,017,033	\$ 4,092,583	\$ 4,134,267	\$ 4,214,777	\$ 4,258,681
Administrative Services	\$ 4,545,959	\$ 4,585,613	\$ 4,739,181	\$ 4,899,603	\$ 5,005,230	\$ 5,137,715
Financial Services	\$ 2,180,622	\$ 2,231,503	\$ 2,296,684	\$ 2,363,778	\$ 2,432,842	\$ 2,503,766
Facility Maintenance	\$ 3,546,158	\$ 3,563,212	\$ 3,652,797	\$ 3,707,589	\$ 3,763,203	\$ 3,819,651
Community Maintenance	\$ 18,003,150	\$ 18,244,411	\$ 19,191,223	\$ 19,880,143	\$ 20,582,419	\$ 21,257,080
Community Service	\$ 3,797,586	\$ 3,870,293	\$ 3,937,572	\$ 4,006,123	\$ 4,075,973	\$ 4,103,688
Education	\$ 179,712,977	\$ 203,393,453	\$ 230,221,789	\$ 260,742,181	\$ 295,170,726	\$ 334,339,185
Public Safety	\$ 47,451,508	\$ 44,874,837	\$ 45,506,671	\$ 46,147,929	\$ 46,798,752	\$ 47,459,283
Debt	\$ 14,642,681	\$ 16,564,960	\$ 20,224,408	\$ 20,132,951	\$ 19,129,584	\$ 18,504,983
Retirement	\$ 37,748,989	\$ 40,580,163	\$ 43,623,675	\$ 46,895,451	\$ 50,412,610	\$ 54,193,555
Insurance & Other	\$ 40,443,895	\$ 41,087,861	\$ 41,740,503	\$ 42,405,150	\$ 43,082,097	\$ 43,771,646
Reserve	\$ 1,187,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 357,234,357</b>	<b>\$ 383,013,339</b>	<b>\$ 419,227,086</b>	<b>\$ 455,315,165</b>	<b>\$ 494,668,211</b>	<b>\$ 539,349,234</b>
Water	\$ 14,799,457	\$ 14,972,091	\$ 15,203,865	\$ 15,439,752	\$ 15,679,832	\$ 15,874,396
Sewer	\$ 27,615,277	\$ 27,961,373	\$ 28,405,446	\$ 28,857,376	\$ 29,317,314	\$ 29,774,616
EMS	\$ 11,550,000	\$ 11,791,694	\$ 12,012,883	\$ 12,238,671	\$ 12,469,159	\$ 12,704,456
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - ENT. FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 53,964,734</b>	<b>\$ 54,725,158</b>	<b>\$ 55,622,194</b>	<b>\$ 56,535,798</b>	<b>\$ 57,466,305</b>	<b>\$ 58,353,468</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 411,219,090</b>	<b>\$ 437,738,495</b>	<b>\$ 474,849,280</b>	<b>\$ 511,850,962</b>	<b>\$ 552,134,515</b>	<b>\$ 597,702,701</b>
<b>PLUS: APPROPRIATED USES</b>						
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED USES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 411,219,090</b>	<b>\$ 437,738,495</b>	<b>\$ 474,849,280</b>	<b>\$ 511,850,962</b>	<b>\$ 552,134,515</b>	<b>\$ 597,702,701</b>
<b>BUDGET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ (8,761,644)</b>	<b>\$ (9,812,342)</b>	<b>\$ (10,415,151)</b>	<b>\$ (12,289,085)</b>

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# City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

FY24 FY25 FY26 FY27 FY28 FY29

	Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
<b>RESOURCES:</b>						
<b>State Aid (Cherry Sheet)</b>	\$ 227,730,117	\$ 251,578,210	\$ 278,835,018	\$ 309,278,282	\$ 343,290,343	\$ 381,317,495
Education:						
School Aid Chapter 70	\$ 188,024,477	\$ 210,587,414	\$ 235,857,904	\$ 264,160,852	\$ 295,860,155	\$ 331,363,373
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 8,513,458	\$ 9,053,569	\$ 10,139,998	\$ 11,356,797	\$ 12,719,613	\$ 14,245,967
Education Offset: Direct Expenditures						
School Choice Receiving Tuition	\$ 337,099	\$ 377,551	\$ 422,857	\$ 473,600	\$ 530,432	\$ 594,084
General Government:						
General Municipal Aid	\$ 28,488,289	\$ 29,200,496	\$ 30,076,511	\$ 30,978,806	\$ 31,908,171	\$ 32,865,416
Veterans Benefits	\$ 1,079,870	\$ 1,058,273	\$ 1,015,942	\$ 965,145	\$ 907,236	\$ 861,874
Abateements: Vets, Blind, Spouses	\$ 341,650	\$ 341,650	\$ 345,067	\$ 348,517	\$ 352,002	\$ 355,522
State Owned Land	\$ 643,298	\$ 649,731	\$ 659,477	\$ 669,369	\$ 679,410	\$ 689,601
Offsets: Direct Expenditures						
Public Libraries Chap. 78	\$ 301,976	\$ 309,525	\$ 317,264	\$ 325,195	\$ 333,325	\$ 341,658
<b>Real Estate Taxes</b>	\$ 133,171,977	\$ 140,492,801	\$ 145,384,284	\$ 150,398,817	\$ 155,556,033	\$ 160,848,794
Prior Year Base	\$ 124,523,804	\$ 130,575,922	\$ 135,640,320	\$ 140,531,328	\$ 145,552,111	\$ 150,705,952
+2.5% of Base	\$ 3,113,095	\$ 3,264,398	\$ 3,391,008	\$ 3,513,283	\$ 3,638,803	\$ 3,767,649
Debt Exclusion (New High School)	\$ 2,596,055	\$ 4,852,481	\$ 4,852,956	\$ 4,846,706	\$ 4,850,081	\$ 4,852,581
Estimated New Growth	\$ 2,939,023	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,507,500	\$ 1,515,038	\$ 1,522,613
<b>Local Receipts</b>	\$ 20,909,790	\$ 21,102,975	\$ 21,273,939	\$ 21,654,960	\$ 22,057,052	\$ 22,417,217
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 8,350,000	\$ 8,600,500	\$ 8,652,000	\$ 8,911,560	\$ 9,178,907	\$ 9,454,274
Other Excise						
Meals	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,414,000	\$ 1,428,140	\$ 1,442,421	\$ 1,456,846
Room	\$ 120,000	\$ 123,000	\$ 126,075	\$ 129,227	\$ 132,458	\$ 135,769
Other	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Cannabis	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
Penalties and Interest	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 461,250	\$ 461,250
Fees	\$ 1,436,500	\$ 1,436,500	\$ 1,450,865	\$ 1,465,374	\$ 1,480,027	\$ 1,480,027
Rentals	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000
Library	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Cemeteries	\$ 112,000	\$ 101,500	\$ 103,023	\$ 104,568	\$ 106,136	\$ 107,728
Departmental Revenue	\$ 715,000	\$ 621,128	\$ 633,551	\$ 646,222	\$ 659,146	\$ 662,442
Licenses and Permits	\$ 2,369,290	\$ 2,550,622	\$ 2,601,635	\$ 2,653,667	\$ 2,706,741	\$ 2,760,875
Solid Waste - Other	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 1,515,000	\$ 1,537,725	\$ 1,560,791	\$ 1,584,203	\$ 1,607,966	\$ 1,616,006
Investment Income	\$ 700,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
Medicare Reimbursement	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Recurring	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Non-Recurring	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

# City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
	Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
<b>Other Sources</b>						
Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)	\$ 11,653,315	\$ 11,123,681	\$ 7,625,791	\$ 7,854,565	\$ 8,090,202	\$ 8,332,908
From Free Cash (Diman Interest)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Available Funds:	\$ 840,000	\$ 2,295,000				
Indirects:						
Sewer	\$ 7,153,315	\$ 7,403,681	\$ 7,625,791	\$ 7,854,565	\$ 8,090,202	\$ 8,332,908
Water	\$ 1,670,000	\$ 1,728,450	\$ 1,780,304	\$ 1,833,713	\$ 1,888,724	\$ 1,945,386
EMS	\$ 2,756,841	\$ 2,853,330	\$ 2,938,930	\$ 3,027,098	\$ 3,117,911	\$ 3,211,449
	\$ 2,726,474	\$ 2,821,901	\$ 2,906,558	\$ 2,993,754	\$ 3,083,567	\$ 3,176,074
Other Sources of Funds (B2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
American Rescue Plan Act(ARPA)	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 1,425,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stabilization Fund	\$ 2,500,000					
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	\$ 393,465,199	\$ 424,297,667	\$ 453,119,033	\$ 489,186,624	\$ 528,993,630	\$ 572,916,414
<b>LESS: NON-APPROPRIATED USES</b>						
<b>Other Amounts to be Raised</b>	\$ 658,515	\$ 695,052	\$ 711,428	\$ 728,214	\$ 746,419	\$ 765,080
Appropriation Deficits (Snow, etc.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Overlay/Revenue Deficits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$ 639,075	\$ 655,052	\$ 671,428	\$ 688,214	\$ 705,419	\$ 723,055
Court Judgments/Tax Title	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt/Interest not on Sch B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SRPEDD	\$ 19,440	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 42,025
<b>State and County Assessments</b>	\$ 37,792,325	\$ 39,589,279	\$ 40,942,163	\$ 41,955,589	\$ 42,994,153	\$ 44,091,186
County Tax	\$ 722,769	\$ 740,838	\$ 759,359	\$ 778,343	\$ 797,802	\$ 817,747
Retired Employees Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mosquito Control Projects	\$ 138,226	\$ 141,682	\$ 145,224	\$ 148,854	\$ 152,576	\$ 160,204
Air Pollution Districts	\$ 23,916	\$ 24,514	\$ 25,127	\$ 25,755	\$ 26,399	\$ 27,059
Parking Surcharge	\$ 328,460	\$ 336,672	\$ 345,088	\$ 353,715	\$ 362,558	\$ 371,622
Regional Transit Authorities (SRTA)	\$ 1,616,350	\$ 1,858,803	\$ 1,905,273	\$ 1,952,904	\$ 2,001,727	\$ 2,051,770
Special Ed. Chap. 71B	\$ 84,510	\$ 85,778	\$ 87,064	\$ 88,370	\$ 89,696	\$ 91,041
School Choice Sending Tuition	\$ 1,597,195	\$ 1,788,858	\$ 1,851,468	\$ 1,888,498	\$ 1,926,268	\$ 1,993,687
Charter School Sending Tuition	\$ 33,280,899	\$ 34,612,135	\$ 35,823,560	\$ 36,719,149	\$ 37,637,127	\$ 38,578,056
<b>Reserve for Abateements</b>	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
<b>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</b>	\$ 353,914,359	\$ 383,013,336	\$ 410,465,442	\$ 445,502,822	\$ 484,253,059	\$ 527,060,148

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Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>General Government</b>	\$ 3,993,548	\$ 4,017,033	\$ 4,092,583	\$ 4,134,267	\$ 4,214,777	\$ 4,258,681
Mayor's Office	\$ 328,860	\$ 338,590	\$ 348,608	\$ 358,923	\$ 369,544	\$ 380,480
City Council	\$ 389,966	\$ 397,570	\$ 408,815	\$ 420,379	\$ 432,274	\$ 444,507
City Clerk	\$ 446,918	\$ 458,767	\$ 471,491	\$ 484,586	\$ 498,064	\$ 511,936
Elections	\$ 459,169	\$ 444,339	\$ 476,494	\$ 473,514	\$ 508,051	\$ 504,635
Veterans	\$ 2,368,635	\$ 2,377,768	\$ 2,387,175	\$ 2,396,864	\$ 2,406,844	\$ 2,417,124
<b>Administrative Services</b>	\$ 4,545,959	\$ 4,585,613	\$ 4,739,181	\$ 4,899,603	\$ 5,005,230	\$ 5,137,715
City Administration	\$ 179,275	\$ 184,488	\$ 189,913	\$ 195,499	\$ 201,252	\$ 207,176
Human Resources	\$ 331,812	\$ 341,451	\$ 351,642	\$ 362,137	\$ 372,946	\$ 384,077
Information Systems	\$ 2,646,811	\$ 2,658,771	\$ 2,783,497	\$ 2,914,213	\$ 2,989,246	\$ 3,066,221
Law Department	\$ 1,388,061	\$ 1,400,903	\$ 1,414,130	\$ 1,427,754	\$ 1,441,786	\$ 1,480,240
<b>Financial Services</b>	\$ 16,823,302	\$ 18,796,463	\$ 22,521,092	\$ 22,496,729	\$ 21,562,426	\$ 21,008,749
Assessor	\$ 538,328	\$ 549,482	\$ 565,967	\$ 582,946	\$ 600,434	\$ 618,447
Auditor	\$ 469,751	\$ 482,801	\$ 496,938	\$ 511,491	\$ 526,474	\$ 541,900
Director of Financial Services	\$ 154,828	\$ 159,287	\$ 164,034	\$ 168,924	\$ 173,959	\$ 178,977
Collector	\$ 444,568	\$ 456,031	\$ 469,399	\$ 483,161	\$ 497,328	\$ 511,911
Treasurer	\$ 455,452	\$ 463,090	\$ 475,978	\$ 489,228	\$ 502,850	\$ 516,853
Purchasing	\$ 117,694	\$ 120,812	\$ 124,368	\$ 128,029	\$ 131,797	\$ 135,677
Debt Service	\$ 14,642,681	\$ 16,564,960	\$ 20,224,408	\$ 20,132,951	\$ 19,129,584	\$ 18,504,983

# City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
<b>Facility Maintenance</b>						
Buildings & Amory	\$ 3,546,157	\$ 3,563,212	\$ 3,652,797	\$ 3,707,589	\$ 3,763,203	\$ 3,819,651
	\$ 3,546,157	\$ 3,563,212	\$ 3,652,797	\$ 3,707,589	\$ 3,763,203	\$ 3,819,651
<b>Community Maintenance</b>						
Cemeteries	\$ 18,003,149	\$ 18,244,411	\$ 19,191,223	\$ 19,880,143	\$ 20,582,419	\$ 21,257,080
Parks; Civic Celebrations	\$ 488,205	\$ 494,164	\$ 502,486	\$ 510,955	\$ 519,575	\$ 528,348
Trees	\$ 1,426,991	\$ 1,438,803	\$ 1,466,780	\$ 1,495,337	\$ 1,524,486	\$ 1,554,240
Engineering	\$ 364,313	\$ 366,834	\$ 374,299	\$ 381,925	\$ 389,716	\$ 397,675
Solid Waste	\$ 333,391	\$ 337,514	\$ 343,162	\$ 348,909	\$ 354,757	\$ 360,709
Streets & Highways	\$ 10,229,068	\$ 10,409,026	\$ 11,217,303	\$ 11,764,808	\$ 12,339,488	\$ 12,936,713
Snow Removal	\$ 3,502,055	\$ 3,538,785	\$ 3,607,668	\$ 3,678,058	\$ 3,733,229	\$ 3,749,676
Traffic and Parking	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243
	\$ 1,132,882	\$ 1,133,041	\$ 1,153,282	\$ 1,173,908	\$ 1,194,926	\$ 1,203,478
<b>Community Service</b>						
City Planning	\$ 3,797,585	\$ 3,870,293	\$ 3,937,572	\$ 4,006,123	\$ 4,075,973	\$ 4,103,688
Inspectional Services	\$ 256,647	\$ 260,291	\$ 264,333	\$ 268,438	\$ 272,608	\$ 272,921
Health & Human Services	\$ 1,108,472	\$ 1,132,960	\$ 1,150,731	\$ 1,168,798	\$ 1,187,168	\$ 1,190,245
Library	\$ 594,435	\$ 602,500	\$ 610,686	\$ 618,995	\$ 627,429	\$ 627,304
	\$ 1,838,031	\$ 1,874,541	\$ 1,911,822	\$ 1,949,892	\$ 1,988,767	\$ 2,013,218

City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>						
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 53,964,734	\$ 54,725,158	\$ 55,622,194	\$ 56,535,798	\$ 57,466,305	\$ 58,353,468
Water	\$ 11,550,000	\$ 11,791,694	\$ 12,012,883	\$ 12,238,671	\$ 12,469,159	\$ 12,704,456
Sewer	\$ 14,799,457	\$ 14,972,091	\$ 15,203,865	\$ 15,439,752	\$ 15,679,832	\$ 15,874,396
	\$ 27,615,277	\$ 27,961,373	\$ 28,405,446	\$ 28,857,376	\$ 29,317,314	\$ 29,774,616
<b>Public Safety</b>						
School Department	\$ 179,712,977	\$ 203,393,453	\$ 230,221,789	\$ 260,742,181	\$ 295,170,726	\$ 334,339,185
School Transportation	\$ 163,920,197	\$ 186,869,025	\$ 213,030,688	\$ 242,854,984	\$ 276,854,682	\$ 315,614,338
Vocational Assessments	\$ 10,342,504	\$ 10,884,629	\$ 11,226,168	\$ 11,577,953	\$ 11,819,512	\$ 12,065,902
	\$ 5,450,276	\$ 5,639,800	\$ 5,964,933	\$ 6,309,243	\$ 6,496,531	\$ 6,658,945
<b>Fire/FREMA</b>						
Police	\$ 47,451,508	\$ 44,874,837	\$ 45,506,671	\$ 46,147,929	\$ 46,798,752	\$ 47,459,283
	\$ 21,055,228	\$ 17,990,217	\$ 18,249,377	\$ 18,512,372	\$ 18,779,258	\$ 19,050,092
	\$ 26,396,280	\$ 26,884,620	\$ 27,257,293	\$ 27,635,557	\$ 28,019,494	\$ 28,409,191
<b>Insurance</b>						
	\$ 40,443,895	\$ 41,087,861	\$ 41,740,503	\$ 42,405,150	\$ 43,082,097	\$ 43,771,646
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<b>Retirement</b>						
	\$ 37,748,989	\$ 40,580,163	\$ 43,623,675	\$ 46,895,451	\$ 50,412,610	\$ 54,193,555
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<b>Reserve</b>						
	\$ 1,187,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 410,625,444	\$ 437,738,496	\$ 474,849,281	\$ 511,850,963	\$ 552,134,516	\$ 597,702,702

The included is a five year projection (fiscal years ending 2025 – 2029) for the General Fund. The projections are based on the 2023/2024 budget that was approved by the City Council with the following assumptions included:

**Resources:**

- Property taxes are projected to increase by 2 ½% over the 2023 base.
- New Growth is estimated conservatively based on FY2022 through FY2024
- The approved debt exclusion for the high school is included in tax revenues.
- Unrestricted General State Aid, net of assessments is expected to be minimal with a small increase of 1.5% for FY25 and then 2.7%, while state aid for Education is estimated to increase approximately 13%.
- All other revenue sources are projected at approximately similar growth rates as the prior three years.
- Diman Regional has provided their intended plan for a new school and an amortization schedule which is included as provided. We are monitoring this closely for amendments to the current schedule. Fall River's share of the assessment is 76%.
- ARPA funding will be used primarily to invest in long-term investments.
- Cannabis revenues is projected to level off with increased competition in dispensary's in surrounding communities and host fees are expected to not be at the original levels due to the law changes in early FY2023

**Appropriations:**

Included in the projections are inflationary increases and other increases based on known data. The pension/retirement expense is based on the prior provided amortization schedule with no change in the funding date.

- The administration is committed to 100% of net school spending.
- The administration is actively engaged in research and methods to mitigate costs.
- The administration is working on a waste strategic plan.
- Health insurance is projected at a modest increase of 1.5%
- Debt levels at a high of approximately \$20 million in FY 2026 due to the full assessment for Diman Regional.

The projections also do not include any estimates for new industry or any other unknowns that could increase revenues or decrease expenditure. Assumptions used in preparation at the time of this financial projection were utilized to present a condition or course of action that is not necessarily expected to occur, but is consistent, based on known information as of this date. The Administration will continue to work closely with department heads to monitor all revenues and expenditures.





# BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF FALL RIVER

16 January 2024

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CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

Joseph D. Camara, President  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA. 02722

Dear City Councilors,

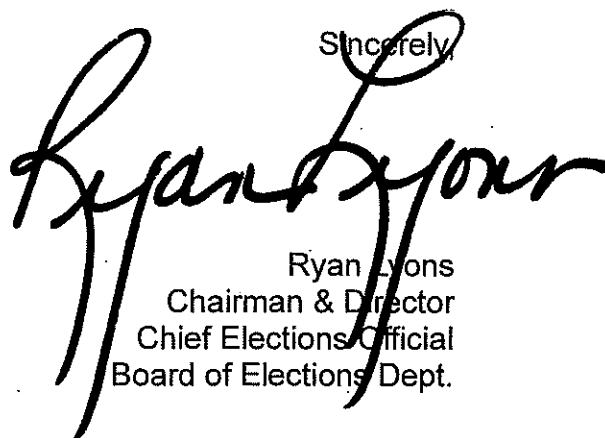
Pursuant to the General Laws of the Commonwealth, *Chapter 54, Section 24*, I hereby request that you approve the attached list of polling precincts for the 2024 state elections to be held on the following dates:

- Presidential Primary: Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- State Primary: Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Biennial State Election: Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

The polling precincts will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. At a meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, the changes that I am recommending for your approval were unanimously supported by the Board. Each of the three new polling locations are handicapped accessible with parking lots available for voters to use on Election Day. Further, there are no additional rental costs incurred by my office, as the new locations are not charging my department for use of their facilities.

As required by statute, all registered voters affected by a change in precinct location will be notified in writing by my office. In addition, signage will be posted at all cancelled polling locations informing voters of the change in location for a seven-day period prior to and including Election Day.

Sincerely,



Ryan Lyons  
Chairman & Director  
Chief Elections Official  
Board of Elections Dept.

Ryan Lyons, Chairman & Director

One Government Center • Fall River, MA 02722

TEL (508) 324-2630 • FAX (508) 324-2633 • EMAIL [rlyons@fallriverma.org](mailto:rlyons@fallriverma.org)

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ORDERED, that the following places be and the same are hereby designated as polling places for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, the State Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, and the Biennial State Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The polls are to be opened from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., and all polling places shall be used.

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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ORDERED, that the following locations, formally designated as polling places in the City of Fall River, be and the same are hereby cancelled:

Ward 3 Precinct A	Mitchell Apartments, 2100 South Main Street
Ward 3 Precinct B	Carlton M. Viveiros School, 200 Lewis Street
Ward 4 Precinct A	Frank B. Oliveira Apartments, 170 William Street
Ward 5 Precinct B	Chor Bishop Eid Apartments, 33 Quequechan Street
Ward 6 Precinct C	Reney/Eastwood Fire Station, 400 Eastern Avenue
Ward 8 Precinct B	Cardinal Medeiros Towers, 1197 Robeson Street
Ward 8 Precinct C	Spencer Borden School, Entrance on Chestnut Street
Ward 9 Precinct A	James Tansey School, 711 Ray Street

and, BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the following places be designated as polling places:

Ward 3 Precinct A	Good Shepherd Parish, 1598 South Main Street
Ward 3 Precinct B	Good Shepherd Parish, 1598 South Main Street
Ward 4 Precinct A	Matthew J. Kuss Middle School, 52 Globe Mills Avenue (entrance on Shaw Street)
Ward 5 Precinct B	St. Anthony of the Desert, 300 North Eastern Avenue
Ward 6 Precinct C	St. Anthony of the Desert, 300 North Eastern Avenue
Ward 8 Precinct B	Bristol Community College – Building “G”, 777 Elsbree Street
Ward 8 Precinct C	Bristol Community College – Building “G”, 777 Elsbree Street
Ward 9 Precinct A	Bristol Community College – Building “G”, 777 Elsbree Street

## List of Wards, Precincts and Polling Places

Ward	Prnct	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Address
1	A	ALFRED LETOURNEAU SCHOOL	323 ANTHONY ST
	B	EDWARD F. DOOLAN APTS	CORNER OF LAUREL & MITCHELL DR
	C	ALFRED LETOURNEAU SCHOOL	323 ANTHONY ST
2	A	BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH	1340 PLYMOUTH AVE (ENTRANCE ON WINTHROP ST)
	B	BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH	1340 PLYMOUTH AVE (ENTRANCE ON WINTHROP ST)
	C	CANDEIAS-NIAGARA FIRE STA	CORNER PLYMOUTH AVE & WARREN ST
3	A	GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH	1598 SOUTH MAIN STREET
	B	GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH	1598 SOUTH MAIN STREET
	C	MATTHEW J KUSS MIDDLE SCH	52 GLOBE MILLS AVENUE (ENTRANCE ON SHAW STREET)
4	A	MATTHEW J KUSS MIDDLE SCH	52 GLOBE MILLS AVENUE (ENTRANCE ON SHAW STREET)
	B	JAMES A. O'BRIEN APTS	34 WHIPPLE STREET
	C	THE ATRIUM AT GOV'T CTR	ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER (ENTRANCE ON SULLIVAN DRIVE)
5	A	CANDEIAS-NIAGARA FIRE STA	CORNER PLYMOUTH AVE & WARREN ST
	B	ST.ANTHONY OF THE DESERT	300 NORTH EASTERN AVENUE
	C	MARY L. FONSECA SCHOOL	160 WALL ST
6	A	FRANCIS J. BARRESI HTS	1863 PLEASANT ST
	B	GEORGE H. COTTELL HTS	1685 PLEASANT ST
	C	ST.ANTHONY OF THE DESERT	300 NORTH EASTERN AVENUE
7	A	UNION UNITED METH CHURCH	600 HIGHLAND AVE
	B	THE ATRIUM AT GOV'T CTR	ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER (ENTRANCE ON SULLIVAN DRIVE)
	C	RAYMOND D. HOLMES APTS	140 ESSEX STREET (ENTRANCE ON FULTON ST.)
8	A	MARY L. FONSECA SCHOOL	160 WALL ST
	B	BRIS.COMM.COLL. BUILD."G"	777 ELSBREE STREET
	C	BRIS.COMM.COLL. BUILD."G"	777 ELSBREE STREET
9	A	BRIS.COMM.COLL. BUILD."G"	777 ELSBREE STREET
	B	CALVARY TEMPLE ASSEM OF G	4321 NORTH MAIN ST
	C	CALVARY TEMPLE ASSEM OF G	4321 NORTH MAIN ST

Total Number of Polling Places: 27

No. Pages of Printed: 1

\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

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# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Andrew J. Raposo)

WHEREAS, budget season is approaching, and

WHEREAS, there have been continued conversations regarding the Parks Division and their lack of staff, and

WHEREAS, continued strain on the Parks Division could lead to a reduced quality of life for our residents, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance meet with the Board of Park Commissioners to discuss the needs of this division ahead of the next budget season and to advocate on their behalf.

Filed 1-10-2024

*City of Fall River, In City Council*

(Councilor Andrew J. Raposo)

WHEREAS, community organizations such as the Creative Arts Network, VIVA Fall River, and others have put on many different exciting events in 2023, and

WHEREAS, many of these events were well attended and enjoyed by all, and

WHEREAS, these efforts should continue to be supported and highlighted, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee of Economic Development and Tourism invite these community organizations to discuss their 2023 year in review, share ideas for plans in 2024, and how we can further support their efforts to benefit the residents of the City of Fall River.

Filed 1-10-2024

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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(Councilor Cliff Ponte)

WHEREAS, the Fall River City Council is responsible for the liquidation and sale of real estate assets owned by the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to engage professional real estate brokerage services to effectively market and sell these assets, and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to leverage the expertise and market knowledge of qualified real estate brokers to ensure a transparent and efficient sales process, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby requests the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified and licensed real estate brokerage firms for the purpose of marketing and selling city-owned real estate assets to be published and circulated in accordance with established procurement procedures and guidelines, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an RFP be issued for each building outlining the scope of services required, evaluation criteria, terms, and conditions for the engagement of real estate brokerage services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a selection committee comprised of five members be established with the City Administrator acting as Chair, two members appointed by City Council President, and two members appointed by the Mayor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all offers received be presented to the City Council Committee on Real Estate for review and recommendation to the full City Council.

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**City of Fall River, In City Council**

(Councilor Laura-Jean Sampson)

WHEREAS, \$670,000 in ARPA funding was appropriated to Viva Fall River for local tourism initiatives, and

WHEREAS, there were various phases to the implementation of this project, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Administrator as well as representatives from the One SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce and Viva Fall River be invited to a future meeting of the Committee on Finance to provide an update on the programs brought forward and how the funds were expended.

Filed 1-17-2024



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**City of Fall River, *In City Council***

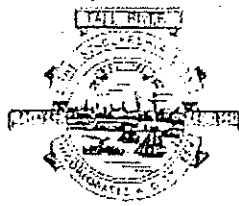
(Council Vice President Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, a number of high profile lawsuits have been filed against the City, and

WHEREAS, outside counsel is often hired to represent the Law Department with these matters, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance meet in executive session with the City Administrator, Corporation Counsel, and the Director of Financial Services to provide an update regarding the financial impact and timeline of these cases.

Filed 1-18-2024



City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

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#1  
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2024 JAN -5 A 11:43

1. Claimant's name: Jessica Rebello CITY CLERK  
2. Claimant's complete address: 261 Lindsey street Fall River MA 02720  
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-319-8566 Work: N/A  
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Property damage my Vehicle  
5. Date and time of accident: Dec-3-2022 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1,256.01  
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
Lindsey st at Short st  
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Fire hydrant was ripped from ground. The water from the hydrant was directly hitting my car as shown in the pictures. The hood of my car was filled with water. A few weeks after my car started giving me a hard time starting. I then took it to honda they stated that ->  
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: January 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

Claimant's signature: Jessica Rebello

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

Return this from to : City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722

You should consult with your own attorney in preparing this claim form to understand your legal rights. The Office of the Corporation Counsel is unable to provide legal assistance to private citizens.

For official use only:

Copies forwarded to: ☒ City Clerk ☒ Law ☒ City Council ☐ City Administrator ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Due to the water it ruined my starter as well as the wires had water damage. A few days later my car wouldn't start. I took it to Autozone they stated that my battery was bad. I explained what had happened they said "with a new car like yours it's way too soon to get a new battery." But I had to the battery was damaged. I then started to hear something that sounded like water. I didn't think nothing of it. A little while after I ended up checking my truck there was so much water in it and it went into my back seats. I took my seats out to have it air dry but the foam of the seat is soaked and damaged. It also is a smell to it. The seats I have not bought yet. I have already spent over a grand on my car due to the fire hydrant and do not feel as if it's my responsibility to continue paying for the damage due to that. I have looked online for rear seats it says that it would be \$212 + shipping and tax. What I have already ~~spent~~ spent is \$1,255.01 with the seats would come out to \$1,467.01 not including shipping and tax.

Due to all the money I have spent repairing my car I would like to be reimbursed for all repairs. Thank you.



City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

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2024 JAN -8 A 10:23

1. Claimant's name: Alan Pontes
2. Claimant's complete address: 132 Brayton Ave Apt 3 Fall River, MA 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-567-9035 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Property Damage
5. Date and time of accident: 9/8/23 1:00pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 300
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
Intersection of Eastern Ave and Pleasant St. On the side of Night Owl Diner.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
I was stopped at a red light while a worker was weed whacking the sidewalk. A rock was sent through the passenger side window as well as into passenger door. Window was shattered and doors paint damaged
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge:

Date: 1/2/24

Claimant's signature: Alan Pontes

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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Date: 1/8/24

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# City of Fall River Notice of Claim

CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Rosemary Aguiar
2. Claimant's complete address: 722 Sodom Rd Westport, MA, 02790
3. Telephone number: Home: Unk Work: Unk
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 10/05/2022 7:47 AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1,845.34
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
Fall River, MA Intersection of Brayton Ave and Reeves St
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Your insured backed up into our insured's vehicle
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Preferred Mutual Insurance- One Preferred Way New Berlin, NY, 13411

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 11/27/2023

Claimant's signature: Rosemary Aguiar

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	<input type="checkbox"/> City Administrator		Date: _____

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City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

2024 JAN -8 P 2:05

1. Claimant's name: Constance D. Lariviere
2. Claimant's complete address: 84 Stamford St. Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-833-9593 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage);  
12/18/23 storm - stop sign hit vehicle outside home due to storm
5. Date and time of accident: 12/18/23 Approx 8:30 AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
84 Stamford St. Fall River, MA 02720
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Stop sign was never secured properly & was reported
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 12/18/23 Claimant's signature: [Signature]

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

**Return this from to : City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722**

You should consult with your own attorney in preparing this claim form to understand your legal rights. The Office of the Corporation Counsel is unable to provide legal assistance to private citizens.

For official use only:	
Copies forwarded to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Administrator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic	Date: <u>1/8/24</u>



City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

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# 24-5

CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: James M. Soares
2. Claimant's complete address: 70 Adams St
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-930-3784 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Damage to car
5. Date and time of accident: January 5, 2024 approx. 5:45 pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1,581.46
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
Maple St/North Main St
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attachments
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date: January 8, 2024

Claimant's signature: James Soares

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Date: 1/11/24

January 8, 2024

James M. Soares  
70 Adams St  
Somerset, MA 02726  
508-930-3784

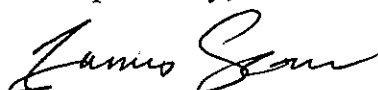
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FALL RIVER, MA

On Friday, January 5th, at approximately 5:45 pm, while traversing North Main Street, my vehicle collided with a pothole, resulting in substantial damage to my tire rim. Unfortunately, the city is grappling with many road detours and potholes that sometimes cannot be averted.

This predicament necessitates the city administration prioritizing road maintenance and repair to safeguard motorists from such incidents.

Please find attached herewith an invoice reflecting the total cost of the replacement, along with photos of the pothole and damage. Should you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-930-3784. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

  
James M. Soares



**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**AND ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT**

MEETING: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.  
B.M.C. Durfee High School, Robert J. Nagle Auditorium  
460 Elsbree Street

PRESENT: Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara,  
Paul B. Hart, Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira,  
Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: Councilor Michelle M. Dionne

The City Clerk Alison M. Bouchard called the meeting to order. There was a presentation of the colors by the Fall River Police Department and Fall River Fire Department Honor Guards.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect a President and Vice-President of the City Council for the year 2024.

ORDERED, that we now proceed, by a vive-voce vote, to elect a President of the City Council for the year 2024.

*On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Dionne absent and not voting. Councilor Joseph D. Camara received 8 votes and was declared President of the City Council for the year 2024. Councilor Camara was then sworn into his duties by the City Clerk.*

*Council President Camara delivered remarks, then permitted the City Clerk to proceed with the order of business.*

ORDERED, that we now proceed, by a vive-voce vote, to elect a Vice-President of the City Council for the year 2024.

*On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Dionne absent and not voting. Councilor Linda M. Pereira received 8 votes and was declared Vice President of the City Council for the year 2024. Councilor Pereira was then sworn to her duties by the City Clerk.*

*Council Vice President Pereira delivered remarks, then permitted the City Clerk to proceed with the order of business.*

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m., with Councilor Dionne absent and not voting

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

DVD of meeting

A true copy. Attest:

*Alison M. Bouchard*

City Clerk



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CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

January 8, 2024

Alison Bouchard, City Clerk  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center, Room 227  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Allison,

Happy New Year!

As the Coordinator for the Taunton River Stewardship Council, I am pleased to share our 2023 Annual Report.

Since 2009, it has been the Council's mission to promote long-term protection of the Wild & Scenic Taunton River, working closely with the river's communities and environmental partners. In 2023 our Community Grants Program awarded over \$100,000 to eleven area projects, assisting recipients in successfully leveraging an additional \$6.3 million in outside funding. Projects include the protection of 190 acres of land, the study of a threatened species, historical and cultural preservation efforts, support for recreational opportunities, and more.

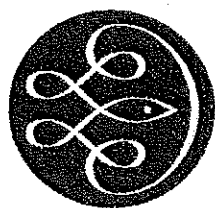
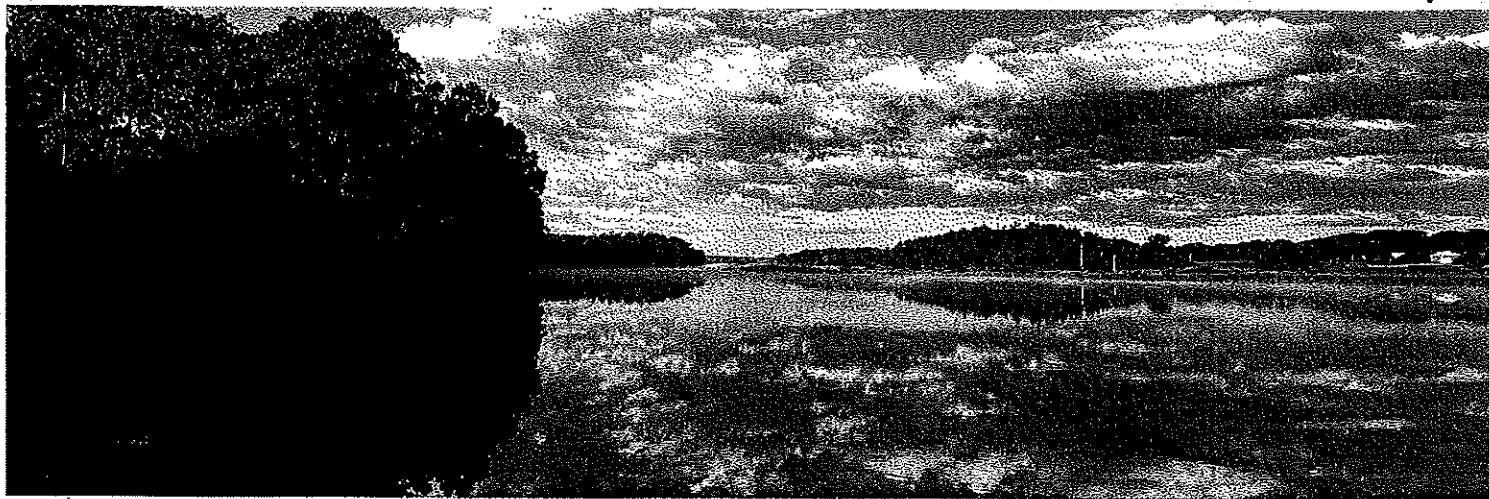
Currently Fall River does not have a delegate appointed to our Council. A delegate would ensure Fall River has a voice in the important work of protecting the beloved natural resources of our watershed, especially the federally designated Wild & Scenic Taunton River which flows into Mount Hope Bay. We invite you share this opening with others, as well as our Community Grants Program for any future eligible projects in your community. Program details and further information about our work can be found on our website at [www.tauntonriver.org](http://www.tauntonriver.org).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria Bancroft".

Gloria Bancroft, Coordinator  
Taunton River Stewardship Council  
c/o Taunton River Watershed Alliance  
P.O. Box 1116, Taunton, MA 02780  
508 828-1101



# Taunton River Stewardship Council 2023 Annual Report

10/1/2022- 9/30/2023

**The Wild & Scenic Taunton River is a hidden treasure,  
rich in history and environmental resources.**

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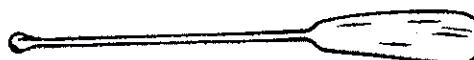
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## Message from the Council

*This past year resulted in exciting changes as we welcomed several new Council Members and finally found a home to call our own at the Taunton River Watershed Center, located at Sweets Knoll State Park in Dighton. This space, shared with the Taunton River Watershed Alliance, allows for the return of in-person meetings and events.*

*Since 2009, it has been our privilege to promote long-term protection of the Taunton River in southeastern Massachusetts, working closely with the river's outstanding communities and environmental partners. This year our Community Grants program awarded \$100,503 to 11 area projects, while our River Access Committee successfully completed a cartop boat launch site improvement. We look forward to continuing our work in 2024 and supporting new projects which will help to further protect and enhance river resources.*

*-Harry Bailey, Chair & Gloria Bancroft, Coordinator*





## About the Program

### Wild and Scenic Rivers

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 established a system to identify free-flowing rivers across the United States that possess "outstandingly remarkable values," and to protect them "for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations." As of 2023, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System has protected over 13,000 miles of 228 designated rivers in 41 states and Puerto Rico.

### Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers

Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers are a unique category of designated rivers managed through long-term partnerships between the National Park Service and community, local, regional, and state stakeholders. The Taunton River is a Partnership Wild and Scenic River, with local management guided by the Taunton River Stewardship Council.

#### Council Members

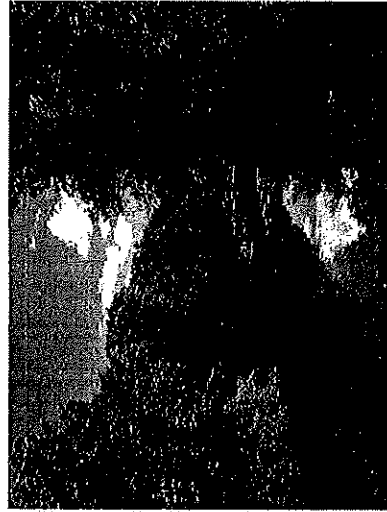
##### Delegates and Alternates (A)

Berkley: Joe Callahan  
Bridgewater: Harry Bailey (Chairperson)  
Dighton: Bill Fenette  
Fall River: Open  
Freetown: Linca Faumier, Rob Korstens (A)  
Halifax: William Hinkley  
Middleboro: Patricia Cassidy  
Raynham: Open  
Somerset: Richard Ashcroft, Donna Desrosiers (A)  
(Co-Chair/Secretary)  
Taunton: Richard Shafer  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs: Beth Lambert, Doug Cameron (A)  
Dighton Inter-Tribal Council: Roger Desrosiers  
Donna Desrosiers (A)  
National Park Service: Lauren Bonalakis, Jamie Fosburgh  
Save the Bay: Kate McPherson  
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District: Helen Zineavage, Denise Belknap (A)  
Taunton River Watershed Alliance:  
Gloria Sanchez, Bill Napolitano (A)  
Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater: Kitty Doherty  
The Nature Conservancy: Alison Bowdon, Marco Gabriel (A)  
Wildlands Trust: Scott MacFadden

### Taunton River Stewardship Council

The Taunton River Stewardship Council serves as the central coordinating body for implementing the Stewardship Plan, which promotes the long-term protection of the river by

- Bringing together, on a regular basis, various parties responsible for river management, facilitating agreements and coordination among them
- Providing a forum for all river interests to discuss and make recommendations regarding issues of concern
- Establishing priorities, work plans, action plans, and similar strategies to advance implementation of the Stewardship Plan



## Council Feature

### Member Showcase

#### Katherine "Kitty" Doherty

For over four decades, Kitty has been at the forefront of local efforts to promote sound environmental stewardship of the Taunton River Watershed. For this reason, we are pleased to showcase Kitty in our first Annual Report. As founding member of the Taunton River Watershed Alliance, the Taunton River Stewardship Council, the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, and the Town River Fishery Committee, Kitty has been a catalyst in creating public awareness and coalition building around our important natural resources. Conservation is at the heart of all her work. Whether facilitating legislation for land preservation of the Nunkatessett Greenway for a network of land and water trails, her commitment is unwavering. Kitty's dedication and knowledge makes her an outstanding asset to the Taunton River Stewardship Council, currently serving on the River Access Committee.



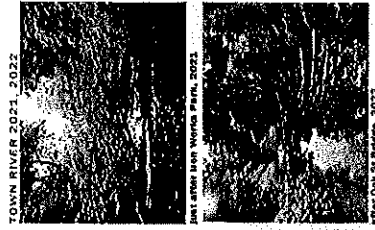
Kitty and grackle on a trail in Vermont  
Appalachian Trail in Vermont

### River Access Committee

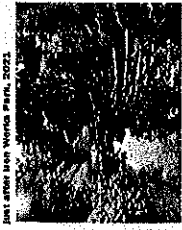
#### Committee Chair: Monica Bentley

The River Access and Improvement Committee was created to increase and improve river access along the upper Taunton River and tributaries. The overall goal of the Access Committee is to have a cartop boat launch site approximately every 5 miles, creating ample opportunities for recreational paddlers to launch and rest as they paddle. Approximately 10 sites have been identified for development or improvement. In 2023 the first site, Scadding Street on the Snake River in Taunton, was completed. Two other sites are in progress.

An additional goal is to increase river safety by addressing blowdowns and logjams that may be dangerous and could prevent recreational paddlers from passing through, with the understanding that woody debris is an ecological benefit to the river system. Currently, the Committee is working on improving flow conditions along the Town River between Stanley Iron Works Park and Hayward Street in Bridgewater. Other locations will follow.



TOWN RIVER 2021, 2022



Snake River Taunton, 2022

Monica Bentley  
River Rafting in Bridgewater, 2023

## Community Grants Program

The Taunton River Stewardship Council runs a Community Grants Program with the purpose of supporting local efforts that help to protect and enhance river resources. This year we were pleased to grant \$100,503 to the following 11 projects.

### Herring Run Festival

#### Town of Middleborough, Tourism Committee

Funding to support the Middleborough Tourism Committee's annual Herring Run Festival held at Oliver Mill Park, Middleborough. This event highlights the environment of the Nemasket River, a major tributary of the Taunton River, through educational displays, Native American cultural programs, and local farm foods. In addition, this event aligns with the Taunton River's outstanding resource values, including increasing public awareness of the biological diversity and intact ecology of the river's ecosystem. Funding supported the cost of the required traffic control plan, advertising, and portable restrooms.



Lillian Day-Weiss



Gregory Austin

### Sowams Heritage Area Project

#### Sowams Heritage Area Project, Inc

Funding for a feasibility study to gain Congressional approval for the designation of Sowams, the homeland of the Pokanoket people, as a National Heritage Area (NHA). The project will include a natural and cultural resources inventory, boundary delineation, mapping, and more, bringing both national and international attention to the Pokanoket homeland and helping to correct and further illuminate the significance of the region's history and wealth of natural resources.

### Picone Farm Preservation Project

#### Town of Middleborough

Funding for the environmental site assessment and appraisal related to the Picone Farm Preservation Project on the eastern side of the Nemasket River, a major tributary to the Taunton River. Previous TRSC funding helped the town secure an additional \$6.2M in various grants and appropriations, including \$2.1M in State funding and \$1M in Community Preservation Act funding, for the purchase of Picone Farm, securing over one mile of pristine open space and riverfront access on the Nemasket River.



Wildlife Trail Photography

### TETIQUET TO THE SEA

A History of the Taunton River



### Taunton River Book Project: Tetiquet To The Sea

#### Old Colony History Museum

Funding to support the first comprehensive publication to capture both the history and present-day vitality of the river. The rich and diverse history will include stories from Indigenous history through later shipbuilding, fishing and manufacturing activities, as well as environmental advocacy and legislation that led to the Wild & Scenic designation.

### Taylor Farm, Fort Hill Conservation Project

#### Town of Middleborough

Funding for the appraisal of Taylor Farm, a 63.6 acre property located at the northwestern corner of Middleborough, where the Taunton River divides Middleborough from Raynham to the west and Bridgewater to the north. This project is an important component of the larger Fort Hill Conservation Project, which aims to protect 280.6 acres with 2.3 miles of frontage along the Taunton River.

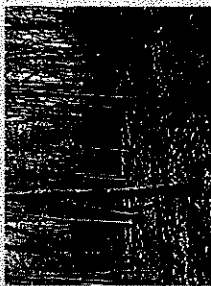


Patricia Cassidy

### Old State Farm Trail Phase 2

#### Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater

Funding for Phase 2 of the Old State Farm Trail. These funds, along with funding from Bridgewater's CPA fund and the Sheehan Family Companies, were used to achieve the transfer of a permanent trail easement from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the town of Bridgewater. This provides a critical first step in the trail creation and helps secure additional funds for engineering and permitting work, setting a solid foundation for moving into trail building (Phase 3).



### Phase VIII Diamondback Terrapin Study

#### Taunton River Watershed Alliance

Funding to support the Phase VIII Diamondback Terrapin Study in the lower Taunton River and tributaries. Funding assists with the cost of a college student technician, who along with a Bristol County Agricultural High School instructor and volunteers, gather invaluable data to determine additional conservation methods to protect this and other species in the future. Listed as a threatened species under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act, the Diamondback Terrapin is the only turtle species in North America which exclusively inhabits estuaries and salt marshes. Once prevalent in Mount Hope Bay, impacts from human development and climate change have contributed to their population decline.



Sally Spooner

## Community Grants Program

### Lower Taunton River Tour Boat Spirit of Somerset, Inc.

Funding to support scenic and educational boat rides on the Lower Taunton River estuary. Over 1,500 participants enjoyed the river in what has been renamed the Christina Wordell Memorial River Cruise, after one of our late, original TRSC delegates from Somerset, who was dedicated to the preservation of the Taunton River's outstanding resource values.



David Bancroft

### Skim Milk Bridge Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places Town of West Bridgewater

Funding to assist with consulting expenses related to the nomination of Skim Milk Bridge and adjacent structures to the National Register of Historic Places. This site, located at the Town River in West Bridgewater, is possibly the oldest surviving bridge of its kind in the US, constructed circa early 1800's or perhaps earlier. Successful nomination will be an important step in securing funding for its preservation and further study. Among other objectives, this project ties into TRSC's goal of protecting and preserving the cultural and historical assets of the Wild & Scenic River and its tributaries.



Joan Peters, MA, Dept. of Fish and Game

### Taunton River Festival Taunton River Watershed Alliance

Funding to support the Taunton River Watershed Alliance's annual Taunton River Festival held at Weir Village Riverfront Park, Taunton. This event highlights the important work of non-profit environmental organizations within our watershed, as well as provides recreational information and educational outreach on the effects of pollution on our waterways and the importance of wildlife protection. Funding supported the cost of traffic control and portable restrooms.



Gloria Bancroft



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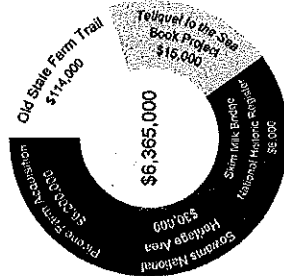
### Park Maintenance Friends of Bridge Village Heritage Park

Funding to assist in the use and maintenance of the Bridge Village Heritage Park located on the Taunton River near the Berkley-Dighton Bridge at 70 Elm Street, Berkley. The 1/4 acre public park offers recreational fishing, picnicking, and boat access for paddlers. Funding provided for portable restrooms and the addition of sustainable clam shells for parking lot access.

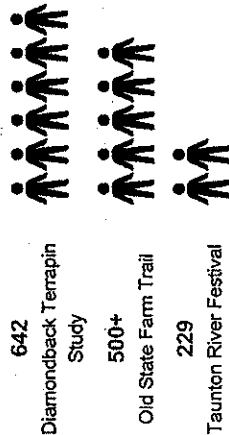
## The Year at a Glance

Through our Community Grants program, recipients were successful in leveraging an additional \$6,365,000 in funding for their respective projects, protecting 190 acres of land & contributing over 1,300 volunteer hours.

### Leveraged Funds



### Volunteer Hours



1371+ volunteer hours



Protected: 190 acres and 6000ft of  
Nemasket River frontage

### News in the Watershed

#### High Street Dam Removal Begins

Bridgewater's High Street Dam, which stood across the Town River for more than 100 years, has been removed. The removal of the 12.5-foot-high, 80-foot-wide hazardous dam opens 10 miles of river to migratory fish. Further upstream, the upcoming replacement of the High Street Bridge will reduce flooding by better accommodating peak river flows and is designed to withstand a 500-year storm and climate change projections through 2070.

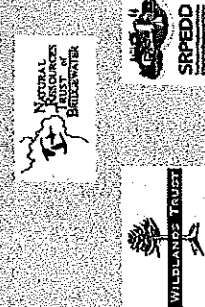
#### National Park Foundation Grant Awarded

The Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, in partnership with the Town of Bridgewater, the MA Dept. of Corrections, the Taunton River Stewardship Council, and others, was awarded a National Park Foundation grant of \$50,000 to construct a 1.8-mile, natural surface pedestrian trail along the banks of the Wild and Scenic Taunton River and other land. The trail will provide public access to this portion of the Taunton River and all its benefits; additional public access is envisioned in the near future.

#### Council Openings

We currently have two Council Member openings in the communities of Fall River and Raynham. We welcome interested parties to contact Gloria Bancroft at [director@savethetaunton.org](mailto:director@savethetaunton.org).

### Thank you to our partners!



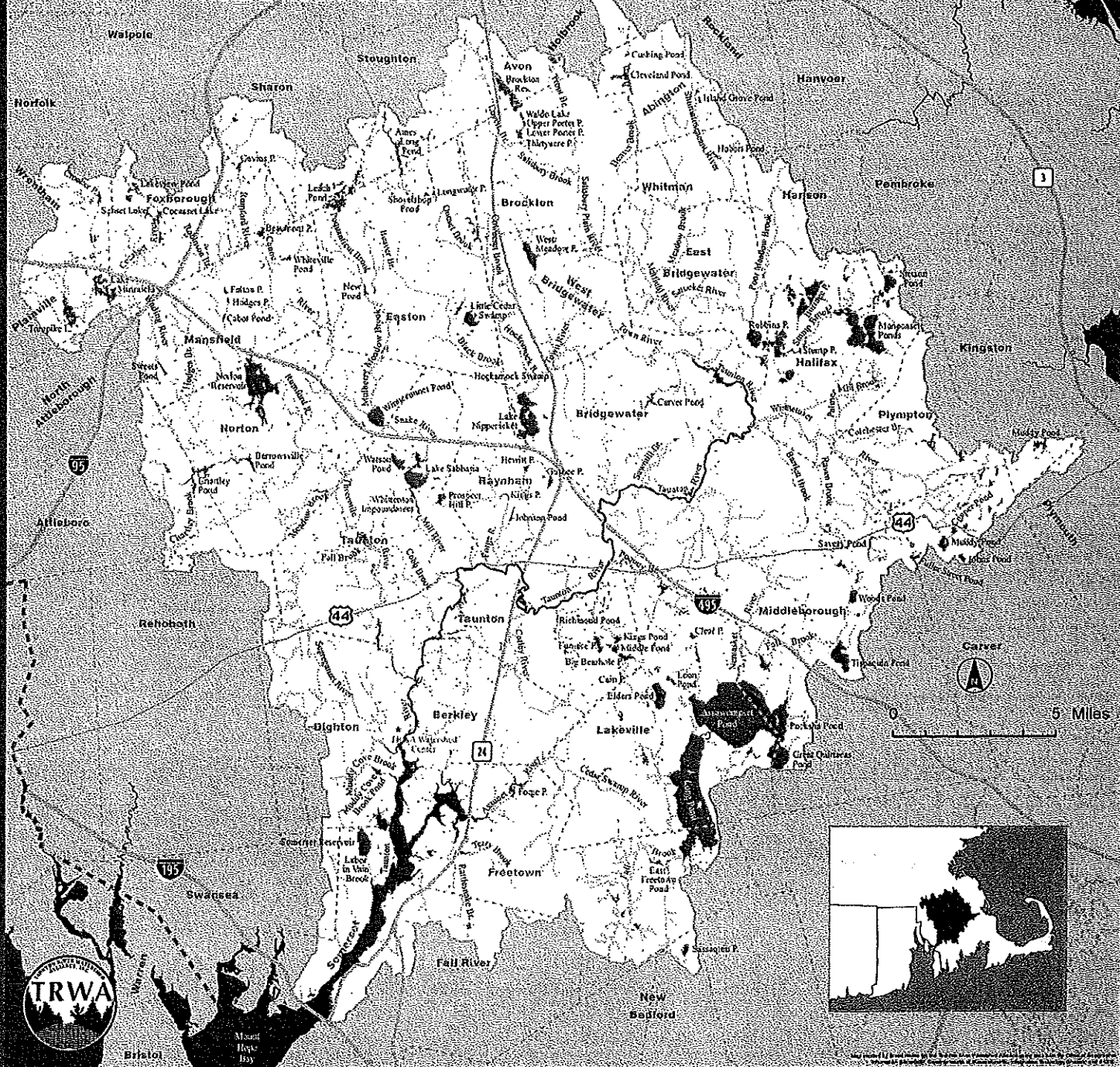
Dighton Inter-Tribal Council

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# Taunton River Watershed

## Massachusetts



Learn more at [tauntonriver.org](http://tauntonriver.org)

Or contact us at:

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[director@savethetaunton.org](mailto:director@savethetaunton.org)

