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# Building Community



**The MHP Community Assistance Team  
Newsletter  
April 2025**

## Register now for the 18th MHP Housing Institute

This intensive two-day training engages participants in discussion and problem-solving activities related to the development of affordable homes across Massachusetts. We are excited to offer two days full of engaging programming and breakout sessions split into three learning tracks: Policy & Planning, Housing Development, and Outreach & Advocacy.

We will be offering limited spots to sign up for the optional site visits or a neighborhood walk at the end of Day 1.

The conference will be in person on Wednesday, June 4 and Thursday, June 5 at the [DCU Convention Center](#), 50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA 01608.

### Session highlights:

- Unlocking Housing Production on Public Land: Land Disposition & the RFP Process
- Affordable Housing Finance 101
- Playing the Long Game: Accelerating Housing Supply in Your Community
- Using Data & Leveraging Regional Coordination to Identify Development Opportunities

A detailed list of session descriptions can be found [here](#).  
The full agenda with timing will be available soon.

**REGISTER NOW**

### Registration details

The cost to attend is \$100 per day and \$175 for both days. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Programming will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and the sessions will conclude at 4 p.m.

**Note:** Bus transportation will be provided for the optional neighborhood walk and site visits on June 4. Space is limited for both, you can sign up for one of these two choices when you [register](#).

Refunds will not be offered to registrants who do not attend the event.

Communities are encouraged to send multiple representatives from municipal government and/or local boards. Need-based scholarships may be available through May 19. Contact Emma McGurren ([emcgurren@mhp.net](mailto:emcgurren@mhp.net)) for more information.

### **Getting there & lodging**

MHP has reserved a discounted block of hotel rooms. The discounted rate expires **May 13**. Arrangements can be made with the Hilton Garden Inn Worcester [online](#) with code MHP6, or by calling 1-800-HILTONS.

Parking will be \$9 self-pay at Major Taylor Parking Garage (88 Martin Luther King Blvd., Worcester).

If you plan to take the train, Union Station is a 0.4 mile walk from the DCU Convention Center. The [MBTA Trip Planner](#) tool can simplify planning your commuter rail trip to Union Station in Worcester.

### **AICP Certification Maintenance**

As with past Housing Institutes, we are anticipating CM credits will be offered to AICP members. More information on AICP's CM program can be found at [www.planning.org/cm](http://www.planning.org/cm).



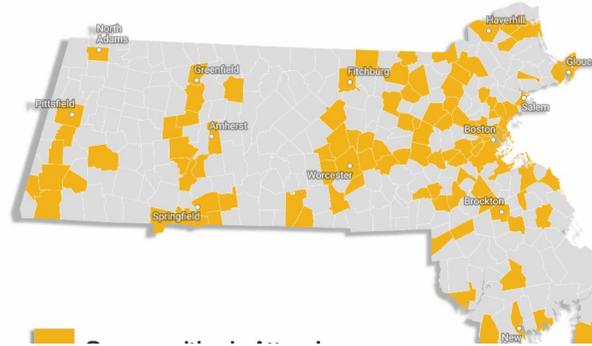
## **Resources & Opportunities**

**Training Resources Available:  
Strengthening local boards to support affordable housing**

Session recordings and materials from each module are now available [here](#).

Thank you to the [Eastern Bank Foundation](#) for sponsoring MHP's new virtual training series to help support the work of key local boards that touch the housing development process.

**Attendees From 126 Communities** Joined Our Latest Affordable Housing Virtual Training Series



### **Model ADU Zoning**

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) has a [webpage](#) with resources to support communities' understanding of the new statewide accessory dwelling unit (ADU) law. EOHLC partnered with MHP and MAPC to release a [model zoning bylaw](#). Technical Assistance is also [available](#).

### **Technical Assistance Program: Housing Opportunity on Public Land (HOPL)**

Does your community own vacant or surplus land that could be used for new housing? MHP's Housing Opportunity on Public Land (HOPL) program provides technical assistance through a forgivable loan agreement with the municipality. The HOPL program combines MHP in-house expertise with third-party technical assistance providers to conduct site due diligence to determine if a site is suitable for housing development, and assist the community in preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP). Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, please read the program guidelines [here](#).

### **Apply for MBTA Communities compliance technical assistance**

For more information contact Program Manager Katy Lacy at [klacy@mhp.net](mailto:klacy@mhp.net), or see the 3A-TA [guidelines and application](#).

## **Community Assistance Team in the News**

[After 3-Year Delay, an Affordable Housing Trust Takes Shape](#)  
Published: March 26, 2025 in The Provincetown Independent

*"The housing authority got help in arriving at its recommendations. It heard two presentations by Shelly Goehring of the Mass. Housing Partnership, who Gallo described as one of the state's foremost experts on MAHTs (municipal affordable housing trust)."*

[AHA votes to start the process for redeveloping Drake Village cottages](#)

Published March 24, 2025 in Your Arlington

*"Carsten Snow-Eikelberg, the senior real estate development officer of Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP), joined the February board meeting and was present again for the March meeting for an extensive presentation on redevelopment of state public housing. MHP supports communities, housing authorities and nonprofits during the early stages of affordable-housing development."*

[Deerfield preps request for senior housing proposals, to be issued in January](#)

Published: January 6, 2025 in the Amherst Bulletin

*"Dwight added they have been working with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, which has provided insight into the process and when to issue the RFP."*

## Direct Technical Assistance

The Community Assistance team supports MHP's mission by building the capacity of local housing ecosystems to advance the creation of affordable homes.

The team offers direct technical assistance through the following programs:

- Local Housing Authorities Redevelopment & Vacant Land
- Housing Opportunity on Public Land (HOPL)
- Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Technical Assistance
- Complete Neighborhood Partnerships
- 40B Technical Assistance
- Zoning and policy
- 3A-TA for MBTA Communities

To learn more about these programs or request technical assistance, click on the boxes below or contact the team directly.

[Request Technical Assistance](#)

[Review Resources on Housing Toolbox](#)

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