

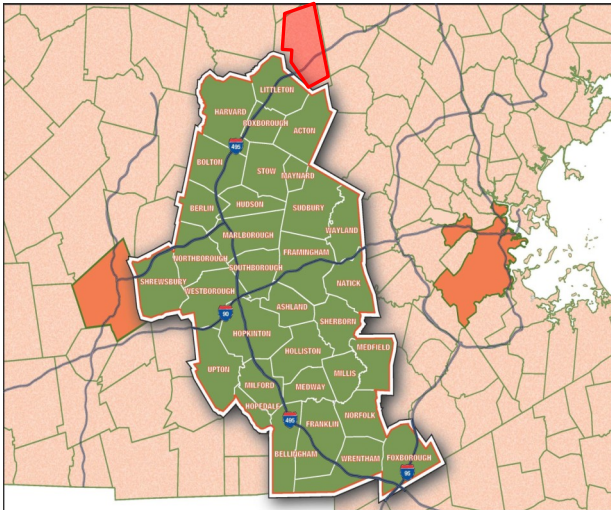
WESTFORD BUSINESS CONNECTION

Winter/ Spring 2014



Town of Westford

WESTFORD JOINS 495 / METROWEST PARTNERSHIP



At its March Meeting, the Board of the Public Private organization, 495/MetroWest Partnership added Westford as its 34th municipality. The key priorities that the Partnership addresses within the 495/MetroWest region are:

- **Economic Development**
- **Workforce Housing**
- **Natural Resources**
- **Skilled Workforce**
- **Transportation**
- **Organizational Sustainability**

Westford is being added to the service area of the 495/MetroWest Partnership

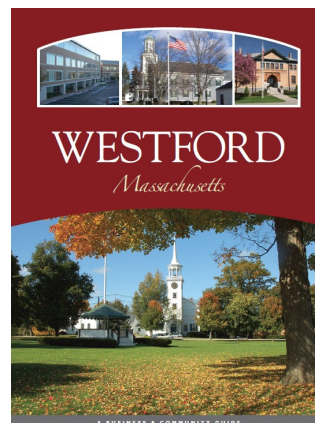
<http://www.495partnership.org/>

Economic Development Committee 2013-2014 Work Program

- Focus on Westford Villages and their businesses
- Publish Westford Business and Community Guide
- Initiate Westford Business Association
- Continue Business Outreach
- Collaborate with neighboring towns and our employers to establish a formal Transportation Management Association (TMA)

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Westford Business and Community Guide available online at: <http://www.westfordma.gov/guide>



PUBLIC POLICY FOCUS: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



At the March Annual Town Meeting the Board of Health is proposing changes to the existing Hazardous Materials Bylaw (Chapter 61 General Bylaws). The primary purpose of the changes is to better protect Westford's groundwater drinking water supply and to reduce risks from such materials for residents and emergency service providers. See the proposed Draft at: <http://www.westfordma.gov/pages/FV1-0004674F/FV1-0004680C/FV1-00087AC7/FAV1-000417C6/index>

Annual Town Meeting Saturday, March 22, 2014 10:00 a.m. Abbot School Gym 25 Depot Street

BUSINESS UPDATES

- **Nashoba Valley Ski Center** celebrated its 50th Anniversary in January 2014! Congratulations!
- **Circle Health**, which is affiliated with **Lowell General Hospital** launched a Westford facility in January 2014, the medical facility is projected to open in the summer of 2014.
- **Rangoli Grill** opened at 8 Cornerstone Square in the Fall of 2013 and offers fresh Indian food including a chaat bar.
- **Xfinity** store opened in Cornerstone Square in February 2014 and provides customers with a place where they can experience Comcast's Xfinity products and services .
- The **Westford Regency Hotel and Conference Center** on Littleton Road was sold in 2013 and is under new management.
- **Craft Beer Cellar** Westford opened on Littleton Road in October 2013, it offers a place to create your own craft beer. <http://craftbeercellar.com/locations/ma/westford/>. **Vintner's Arbor**, at 9 Cornerstone Square offers a similar service for making wine!



WORKFORCE HOUSING

Abbot Mill—129 rental apartments in Forge Village, 7 Pleasant Street , www.abbotmill.com

Cottages in the Woods— 20 single family homes for sale to buyers meeting qualifications for an affordable home (4 left). www.cottagesinthewoods.com

Graniteville Woods—186 units of attached and detached single family homes for sale. Mixed income (some for qualified affordable buyers, some are market rate). www.granitevillewoods.com

Princeton Westford Apartment Homes—200 units of rental apartments under construction at 16 Littleton Road. Expected completion of first units, April 2014. <http://princetonwestford.com/>

Tadmuck Meadows—37 for sale Townhomes, including a mix of market rate and affordable units. www.tadmuckmeadowswestford.com

EDC 2013-2014 WORK PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

- Define and target New Business Recruitment;
- Seek grants for Environmental Remediation for contaminated sites such as 12 North Main Street;
- Establish formal relationship with 495/MetroWest Partnership (see article page 1); and
- Investigate establishment of “Expedited Permitting” location in Westford (also known as a “43D site”.)

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) is well on its way to completing these tasks! This “hands on” committee meets the 3rd Thursday of the month (generally at Town Hall) at 8:15 a.m. For more information on their work and to view publications and meeting agendas check out their web page:

http://www.westfordma.gov/pages/government/towndepartments/boardsandcommittees/WestfordMA_edc/index