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Shrewsbury Receives \$600,000 in Two MassWorks Infrastructure Grants

(BOSTON – 10/27/2022) – On October 26th, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that \$300,000 from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program has been approved to support the Clinton and Holden Street Water and Sewer Expansion, along with \$300,000 to support the Hartford Turnpike (Route 20) Phase II Sewer Improvement. The application was submitted to the FY2023 Community One Stop for Growth and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, Department of Housing and Community Development, and Massachusetts Development Finance Agency worked together to evaluate all eligible applications and recommended the most ready and high-impact projects for a grant.

“I am very pleased that the town of Shrewsbury has received both of these grants,” said Representative Hannah Kane. “The infrastructure investments on Clinton and Holden Street will ensure high quality water in the town and redundancy during unforeseen circumstances. The Hartford Turnpike sewer upgrades will support our existing, and allow for future, developments in this critical corridor. The Shrewsbury Select Board has been wise in investing in infrastructure to support increased economic development, leading to new commercial and industrial tax revenue. I am grateful to the Baker-Polito Administration for supporting the town’s efforts”.

“The grants awarded today by the Baker-Polito Administration through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program will provide much-needed funding for two important projects in Shrewsbury,” Senator Michael Moore said. “These investments are critical to ensuring municipal services work for existing residents and businesses, while preparing for the future economic growth Central Massachusetts will experience as a fast-expanding job center.”

The first grant will allow for the economic development of the former Worcester Sand and Gravel site, vacant parcels on Holden Street, as well as sewer service to homes along Clinton Street via water and sewer upgrades.

These funds will also create the extension of the water and sewer mains further west from the intersection of Holden Street and Clinton Street which will provide additional water and sewer services to vacant parcels there.

The second grant for Hartford Turnpike will be used to help fund sewer upgrades and a new pump station in a sewer needs area based on the Town's 2007 Comprehensive Wastewater Study. The sewer upgrades will support the existing developments and commercial sites and increase the potential for commercial growth along the Route 20 corridor. This project also includes installation of a new sewer line from the Purinton Street/Route 20 intersection and the Clews Street/Route 20 intersection, connecting back into the existing Route 20 main.

“The Town of Shrewsbury is honored to receive both MassWorks grants as we continue to implement sewer expansion in targeted areas associated with our Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan and Land Use Master Plan, said Shrewsbury Assistant Town Manager Kristen Las. “The sewer expansion design along Clinton Street will promote new development to occur at the Worcester Sand and Stone property, an area targeted for economic growth, as well as preserve the natural resources surrounding the Lake Quinsigamond area, reducing the number of septic systems. The sewer expansion design along Route 20 will allow for targeted growth and redevelopment along the corridor and allow existing properties with septic systems to tie into the sewer system. We appreciate the State's commitment to providing municipalities with the funds to promote studies and construction throughout the Commonwealth”.

The Shrewsbury Select Board voted unanimously to endorse both of the Town of Shrewsbury's Fiscal Year 2023 Community One Stop Growth- MassWorks Grant Applications.

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