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**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PARKING SPACES TEMPORARILY AVAILABLE AT
MAPLE STREET SCHOOL**

EASTHAMPTON, MA - The Mayor's Office is pleased to announce the availability of 25 additional public parking spaces at Maple Street School. The effort is the result of strong coordination between DPW, Planning, and the School Department. A special thanks to the DPW crews who worked to spruce up the pavement and re-painted the parking spaces. These additional spaces will be temporarily available until the fall to help support our thriving Cottage Street Cultural District. A few parking signs, banners, and other efforts over the coming weeks will help promote the use of these new spaces.

This concept of creating low-cost additional public parking at Maple Street was identified in the Downtown Strategic Plan. It's more important than ever that the City take steps to support our existing businesses on Cottage Street recover from the pandemic.

Another similar project to enhance available parking was the recent installation of four new LED lights at the rear of City Hall. These lights were funded through the recent MassDOT Shared Spaces grant and help make the approximately 95 spaces of public parking safer for those visiting our downtown.

The City believes that these low cost improvements will have a positive effect on visitors seeking to visit Cottage Street businesses.