



CITY OF EASTHAMPTON  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Dear Residents of Cherry St, Mt Tom Ave, and Lux Ave,

The City of Easthampton was recently awarded a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Action Grant through Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. A key goal of the City's grant project is to promote long-term planning and resiliency measures that consider both existing and ongoing infrastructure needs and form the basis of a climate resiliency vision and implementation strategy for the City.

**We are holding a neighborhood meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30PM via zoom (link below) to discuss the green infrastructure and streetscape improvements proposed in your neighborhood.**

In your neighborhood, this grant is funding:

- Design engineering to **repair a failing stormwater outfall at the end of Cherry Street.**
- Design of **green infrastructure practices to manage and infiltrate stormwater along Cherry St, Mount Tom Ave, and Lux Ave** to lessen the burden on that stormwater outfall.

Included with this letter are graphics and renderings of the design that is currently under consideration for your neighborhood. Core elements of the design include:

- **Stormwater bioretention planters and tree box filters located along both edges of the roadways.** These two types of green infrastructure collect and infiltrate stormwater in place, beautify the neighborhood, create separation between the sidewalk and road for safety, and add additional tree cover and shade.
- **New sidewalks and curbing.** The design seeks to improve the walkability of the neighborhood, address constrictions along the sidewalk (e.g. where utility poles restrict a clear path down the sidewalk), provide a clear edge of road to calm traffic and protect sidewalk users from vehicles, and help direct stormwater into the proposed green infrastructure.

**What is Green Infrastructure?**

Systems and practices that reduce stormwater runoff through use of vegetation, soils, and natural processes to manage water and create healthier urban and suburban environments. These practices capture, manage and/or reuse rainfall close to where it falls, keeping it out of drainage systems and lessening the stress on our City's network of stormwater pipes.

As a resident of this neighborhood, **we want to hear your feedback and input on the proposed concept**, so please come and participate in the **neighborhood meeting on Zoom on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm**. The meeting will open with a brief presentation of the concept and then open up for resident discussion around topics such as parking impacts, sidewalk use and needs, maintenance of the proposed green infrastructure practices, the types of plants and trees that residents would like to see, and any other public questions or concerns.

**ZOOM meeting information:**

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82060587591?pwd=MWF2V1dPUENQZ0NWNHdyY3U5UWczUT09>

Or visit: <https://zoom.us/join> enter Meeting ID: **820 6058 7591** and Passcode: **319862**

Or dial in by phone: 301-715-8592

**If you can't make the meeting or would like to submit written comments and questions:**

You can submit comments or questions by email to [planning@easthamptonma.gov](mailto:planning@easthamptonma.gov). Because this project must adhere to the grant timeline set by the state, please submit all comments no later than Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**For more information about the project, please visit the project webpage:** [easthamptonma.gov/MVP](http://easthamptonma.gov/MVP)

We look forward to seeing you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!