

Community Development July 2023 Report

General Updates

We have a new Deputy Community Development Director! Originally from New Jersey, Haley Richardson moved to Bridgton last year bringing a background in political science and non-profit development. We're very happy to have her on the team!

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

July is the beginning of our program year for 2023-2024! The Town is waiting to hear from Cumberland County on the Church Street environmental review (done for every infrastructure project) so we can get started.

Bridgton's 2023-2024 CDBG-funded infrastructure project:
Church Street Sidewalk (Dates TBD)

Bridgton's 2023-2024 CDBG-funded service-provider projects:
Bridgton Community Center Navigator Program
Bridgton Food Pantry

Comprehensive Plan / Vision Bridgton (VB)

Our new Comprehensive Plan Team will consist of the CDD, the Comprehensive Plan Task Force, BerryDunn, and Woodard & Curran! We're very pleased to be signing contracts with this professional team and begin drafting a workplan and project schedule.



Open Space Plan

Our Open Space Plan was adopted unanimously by the Select Board on July 25th.

Thank you to the 620 Bridgton residents, lake region residents, and visitors who helped inform this plan and the future of public outdoor spaces in Bridgton! Check out the plan on our CDD page and stay tuned for opportunities to bring the plan into action!

Grants & Other Funding Streams

Secured:

- CDBG – annual allocation +/- \$200,000
- \$50,000 – Governor's Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future (GOPIF) – allocated to our open space plan
- \$10,000 – Community Heart and Soul Seed Grant – allocated to community engagement process (Bridgton Public Library acts as the fiscal sponsor for this)
- \$8,000 from GPCOG to assist with the transportation chapter of Bridgton's comp plan
- ARPA – \$450k for Bridgton Sewer Main Extensions Project

In Progress:

- 1.4 million – EPA Earmark for Bridgton Sewer Main Extensions Project – extending sewer lines down Smith Avenue, Maple Street, Efficiency Way, and part of South High Street.
- \$50,000 – Governor's Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future (GOPIF) – Mountain Road Stormwater Evaluation

Marketing

Once again, we have partnered with NJC photography for our ads, we are so grateful for Nancy's talent and generosity!

Committee Updates

Community Development Advisory Committee: The CDAC is continuing a series of guest speakers.

Ordinance Review Committee: ORC is finalizing the Traffic ordinances and will begin revising the Outdoor Festival Ordinance over the next few months.



Planning Board (workshops): PB is reviewing LD 2003 and subdivision regulations.

Bridgton Memorial School Ad Hoc Committee: The BMS Ad Hoc Committee is drafting three potential uses for the site to present to the Select Board.

Thank you for reading,

Tori Hill
Community Development Director