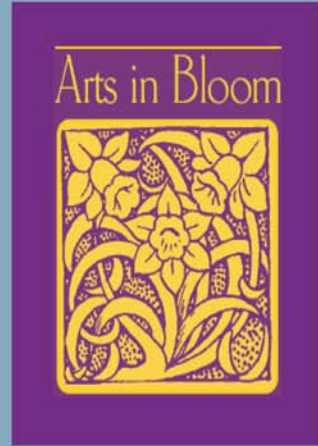


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Welcome to Fitchburg, a fun and vibrant city!

While honoring her past as a mill city built along the Nashua River, Fitchburg and its people are also looking towards the future. People are investing here -- from the new \$30 million indoor waterpark and conference center on Route 2, to the independent bookstore and martini bar nestled in the charming downtown. Luxury condominiums now line Main Street and the river and offer residents access to Fitchburg State College, the Commuter Rail connection to Boston, art galleries, museums, and thousands of acres of open space, trails, and sanctuaries. Football games in the centuries old Olmstead stadium downtown, meals at one of our old-fashioned diners, and live performances are just a few of Fitchburg's offerings.

Solar panels, wind turbines, geothermal – this is the future that already exists in Fitchburg. Historic mill buildings, Victorian homes, and even city schools are embracing green technology and saving money on energy costs. With one of the most comprehensive public transportation systems outside of Boston, Fitchburg is poised for new growth in both the residential and commercial markets. Several industrial buildings have already been converted into incubator and business centers and the downtown continues to grow with its galleries and specialty shops. Even with all this development, there are still many opportunities for developers and businesses to be a part of the city.

My office is here to help you every step of the way and I encourage you to discover all that Fitchburg has to offer. Come in on the ground floor and join us at the top.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Wong
Mayor

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Prime Commercial, Retail, and Manufacturing Space



Top Notch Educational Facilities



Art Galleries, Live Theatrical Performances, Festivals, and Events



Nightlife, Dining



City Parks, Countless Recreational Opportunities

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Doing Business in Fitchburg

The City of Fitchburg's economic development efforts continually stimulate growth and development throughout the entire city. Our ambitious urban revitalization development plan for the downtown area has spurred a new century of growth with refurbished Main Street buildings and newly developed housing on their upper levels. A broad new avenue connects the city and its transit center to the bustling college perched on a hill overlooking the business district. Art galleries, specialty shops and unique restaurants complement the many amenities Fitchburg has to offer, and attractions such as the Fitchburg Art Museum and the new CoCo Key Water Resort draw thousands of visitors each year.



Whether you are expanding, relocating or starting from scratch, the city's Department of Community Development's Economic Development Division can assist. Contact us at 978-345-1018 or email FitchburgEDD@fitchburg-ma.gov. For more info, visit DiscoverFitchburg.com.

Fitchburg's appealing surroundings and affordable housing draw skilled workers from around the world and encourages students to live and work in the city.

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Investment Incentives:

- ✓ Investment Tax Credit
- ✓ Workforce Development Funding
- ✓ Tax Increment Financing
 - ✓ Bond Financing
- ✓ Brownfields Programs
- ✓ Micro Loan Programs

Transportation



Fitchburg is centrally located on Route 2, an hour's drive away from Boston, with convenient access to Interstates 190, 495 and 91. The city has easy access to major airports in Boston; Worcester; Hartford, CT; Manchester, NH and Providence, RI. Our own municipal airport offers a range of aviation services including flight training, scenic flights, charter flights and much more. The Montachusett Area Transit Authority operates a commuter rail platform in downtown Fitchburg providing passengers easy access to Boston with connections to Amtrak, as well as local bus service throughout the city and surrounding areas.

Utilities & Telecommunications

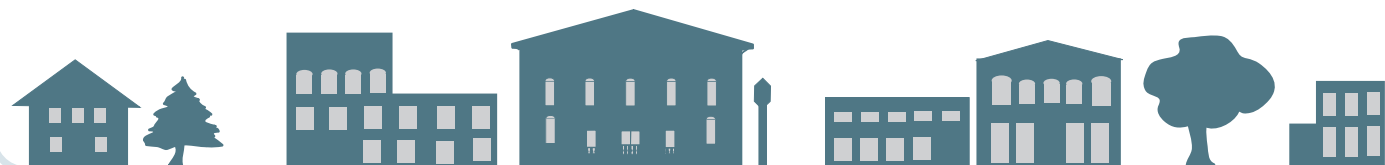
The city boasts an abundant water supply from 10 reservoirs with a 5.3 billion gallon storage capacity, acclaimed water quality and two modern wastewater treatment plants.

The city is fully served with high speed Internet through our local cable and phone companies. The availability of a central office means lower prices for specialized high speed connections in most locations.

Fitchburg's infrastructure includes access to natural gas as well as aggregated energy purchasing opportunities.

Education

With two local colleges to choose from, a newly-built, state-of-the-art high school, the Montachusett Vocational Technical School and a number of other public and private schools, Fitchburg's educational opportunities are plentiful. Fitchburg State College is one of the best colleges in New England for education and child development majors as well as nursing and communications. Its student teacher and business major programs are rapidly becoming popular choices for students. Internships offered through the school provide real world experience for students and opportunities to work with local businesses and government.



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The EDD works with public and private organizations and individuals to promote business and development in the city of Fitchburg. It also helps commercial and industrial business owners and developers use a number of attractive incentives available on the local, state and federal levels.

Planning Division

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<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us>

As planning and community development arm of the city, this office manages various housing programs and neighborhood development projects. It also oversees many planning initiatives throughout the city and manages the city's Community Development Block Grant program.

Building Division

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The Building Division is available to assist you with zoning and building issues as you relocate or open your new business in Fitchburg. Begin with a Form of Intent from this office.

Other Resources

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

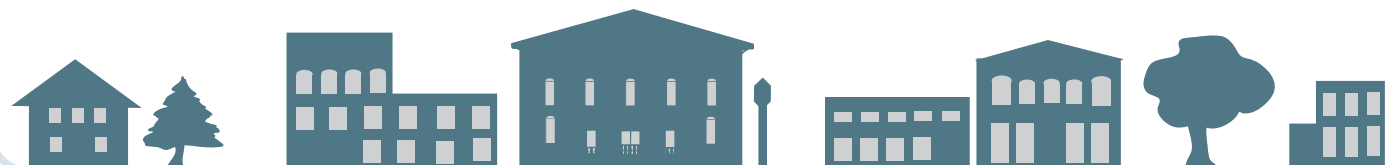
1427 Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01402 ~ 978-345-7376 ~ www.mrpc.org

Representatives from each member community on this regional advisory board carry out comprehensive regional planning in the Montachusett area. The group provides a wide variety of services including studies and initiatives, administering grants, traffic studies and mapping assistance through the GIS system.

North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce

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www.northcentralmass.com

The NCMCC represents the interests of the business community in Fitchburg, Leominster and 13 surrounding towns. The Chamber offers programs such as networking, business counseling, business loans, grants, and site selection.



The City of Fitchburg is a place with a distinctive history built upon manufacturing and industry along the Nashua River. Fitchburg has a deep sense of the pioneering spirit of the past and we are moving toward a future of global markets and the cutting edge of technology.

Since it was settled along the banks of the Nashua River in 1764, Fitchburg has been an industrial, technological and cultural center in New England. Originally a major paper and textile producer, Fitchburg has entered the modern era with the production of precision saws, plastics, recycled paper, optics and turbines.

Fitchburg offers a balance of urban, suburban and rural amenities. Located in central New England, Fitchburg is only 50 miles west of Boston and accessible by highway and rail. The city is situated at a geographic crossroads at which millions of visitors, consumers and customers interact over the course of a year. Our infrastructure, water-works and public education systems are second to none.

As a modest-sized city, Fitchburg offers a relaxed, affordable lifestyle coupled with the cosmopolitan amenities available in larger cities. Fitchburg State College and Mt. Wachusett Community College offer businesses educational resources for research and workforce training. Recreational opportunities are countless with our numerous parks, wild-life sanctuaries and the Nashua River. Artistic and cultural venues are available through our various institutions, such as the Wallace Library, Historical Society, Art Museum, specialty shops and ethnic restaurants. CenterStage, Fitchburg State College's cultural series, brings the best of national and international artists, dance, lectures by New England writers, and a film series.

Our city has prospered because of a deep-rooted pioneering spirit coupled with a deep sense of community and civic involvement.

