

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**464 ABBOTT AVENUE, LEOMINSTER, MA 01453****PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS****#**

40A	MGL Chapter 40A, The Zoning Act
40B	MGL Chapter 40B, Comprehensive Permit (affordable housing)
40C	Historic Districts
40D	Industrial Development
40R	MGL Chapter 40R, Smart Growth Zoning and Housing Production
40S	MGL Chapter 40S, Smart Growth School Cost Reimbursement
40Y	MGL Chapter 40Y, Starter Home Zoning Districts
43D	MGL Chapter 43D, Expedited Permitting
8C	MGL Chapter 40, Section 8C - Protected Conservation Land in perpetuity

A

ACS	American Community Survey - US Census estimates
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (Section 504)
ADU	Accessory Dwelling Unit
AFHP	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
AFHP	Affordable Fair Housing Plan
AGO	Attorney General's Office
AHS	American Housing Survey
AHT	Affordable Housing Trust
AICP	American Institute of Certified Planners
AMI	Area Median Income
ANR	Approval Not Required (Land division)
APA	American Planning Association
APR	Agricultural Preservation Restriction
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
ATM	Annual Town Meeting

B

BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis
BID	Business Improvement District (MGL Ch. 400)
BIL	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (same as IJA)
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics (federal)
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BMP	Best Management Practices
BOA	Board of Assessors
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
BOH	Board of Health
BOS	Board of Selectmen or Select Board
BRE	Business Retention and Expansion
BSA	Brownfields Site Assessment

C

CAA	Clean Air Act (Federal)
CAD	Computer Aided Design
CAPS	Conservation Assessment Prioritization System (UMASS Amherst)

	CBD	Central Business District
	CCC	Community Compact Cabinet
	CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
	CDC	Community Development Corporation
	CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
	CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
	CHNA	Community Health Needs Assessment (hospitals)
	CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
	CMR	Code of Massachusetts Regulations
	COA	Council on Aging
	COG	Council of Governments
	CPA	Community Preservation Act
	CPTC	Citizen Planner Training Collaborative
	CR	Conservation Restriction
	CWA	Clean Water Act (Federal)
D		
	DCS	MA Department of Conservation Services
	DEP	MA Department of Environmental Protection
	DLTA	District Local Technical Assistance
	DOER	Department of Energy
	DOER	MA Department of Energy Resources
	DOR	MA Department of Revenue
	DOT	Department of Transportation
	DUNS	Dun and Bradstreet Numbering System
E		
	EA	Environmental Assessment
	EDA	US Economic Development Administration
	EDD	Economic Development District
	EDIC	Economic Development and Industrial Corporation
	EIR	Environmental Impact Report
	EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
	EJ	Environmental Justice
	ENF	Environmental Notification Form
	EOEEA	MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
	EOED	MA Executive Office of Economic Development
	EOHLC	MA Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
	EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
	ESA	Environmental Site Assessment (Brownfields)
F		
	FAR	Floor Area Ratio
	FBCO	Faith-Based and Community Organizations
	FEIR	Final Environmental Impact Report
	FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
	FHLBB	Federal Home Loan Bank Board
	FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
	FMR	Fair Market Rent
	FMV	Fair Market Value
G		

	GHG	Greenhouse Gas
	GIS	Geographic Information System
	GPS	Global Positioning System
H		
	HDC	Historic District Commission
	HHD	Household
	HOA	Homeowners Association
	HPP	Housing Production Plan
	HUD	US Department of Housing and Urban Development
I		
	IDDE	Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
	IFB	Invitation for Bids
	IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (same as BIL)
	ISP	Internet Service Provider
	IWPA	Interim Well Head Protection Area
J		
K		
L		
	LAU	Local Action Unit (housing)
	LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
	LHA	Local Housing Authority
	LID	Low Impact Development
	LIHTC	Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
	LIP	Local Initiative Program (housing)
	LMI	Low and Moderate Income
	LTA	Local Technical Assistance
	LU	Land Use
	LUC	Land Use Code (assessors)
M		
	MACC	MA Association of Conservation Commissions
	MAPPR	Mapping and Prioritizing Parcels for Resilience (MA Audubon)
	MARPA	Mass Association of Regional Planning Agencies
	MART	Montachusett Area Regional Transit
	MassDOT	MA Department of Transportation
	MBE	Minority Business Enterprise
	MBTA	MA Bay Transit Authority
	MCP	Massachusetts Contingency Plan
	MEDD	Montachusett Economic Development District
	MEMA	Mass Emergency Management Agency
	MEPA	Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act
	MF	Multifamily
	MFI	Median Family Income
	MGL	Massachusetts General Law
	MJTC	Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee
	MMPO	Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization
	MOD	MA Office on Disability
	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding

	MP	Master Plan
	MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
	MRPC	Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
	MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
	MVP	Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (climate resiliency)
N		
	NADO	National Association of Development Organizations
	NAICS	North American Industrial Classification System
	NELF	New England Landscape Futures (land use trends)
	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
	NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
	NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
	NHS	National Highway Safety
	NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
	NOI	Notice of Intent (wetlands)
	NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (Federal, stormwater)
	NRCS	National Resources Conservation Service
O		
	OSRD	Open Space and Recreation Development
	OSRP	Open Space and Recreation Plan
P		
	PAG	Planning Assistance Grant (EOEEA)
	PB	Planning Board
	PDA	Priority Development Area
	PE	Professional Engineer
	PHA	Public Housing Authority
	PILOT	Payment in Lieu of Taxes
	PON	Program Opportunity Notice (MA grants)
	PPA	Priority Preservation Area
	PPP	Public/Private Partnership
	PPM	Parts per Million
	PUD	Planned Unit Development
Q		
R		
	RFP	Request for Proposals
	RFQ	Request for Quotes
	RLF	Revolving Loan Funds
	ROW	Right-of-Way
	RPA	Regional Planning Agency
	RTA	Regional Transportation Agency
	RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
S		
	SBA	Small Business Association
	SFD	Single-Family Dwelling
	SP	Special Permit
	SPGA	Special Permit Granting Authority
	SRO	Single-Room Occupancy
	SS4A	Safe Streets for All (federal)

	STM	Special Town Meeting
	SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
	SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
T		
	TDR	Transferable Development Rights
	TIF	Tax Increment Financing
	TIP	Transportation Improvement Plan
	TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
	TOD	Transit/Transportation Oriented Development
	TOR	Trustees of Reservation
	TSS	Total Suspended Solids
U		
	UA	Urbanized Area
	UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program (transportation)
	USDA	US Department of Agriculture
	USGS	US Geological Service
V		
	VA	Veterans Affairs
W		
	WPA	MA Wetlands Protection Act
X		
Y		
Z		
	ZBA	Zoning Board of Appeals