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NMCOG Newsletter

April, 2025

## A New Look and New Chapter for NMCOG

We're thrilled to unveil NMCOG's new logo—a fresh visual identity that marks the beginning of our next chapter with the adoption of our **2025-2028 Strategic Plan**.

As part of our recent rebranding effort, our refreshed visual identity builds on our history while looking boldly to the future. The design nods to our former "town seal" style, but with a modern, abstracted twist that reflects the geography of our region and the uniqueness of who we are—a small but mighty, creative, and collaborative agency serving nine closely-connected member communities.



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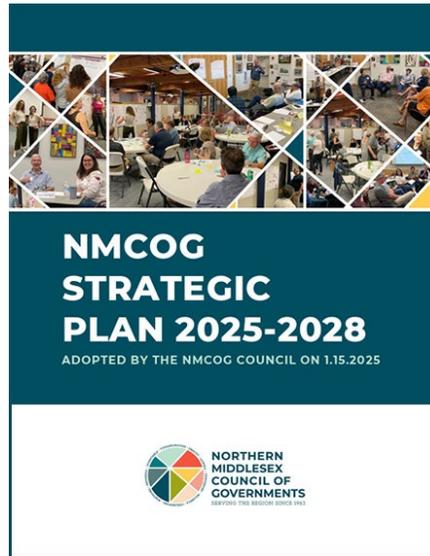


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Our updated colors are bright, energetic, and optimistic, mirroring our forward-thinking approach to planning and regional collaboration. Whether we're working on transportation, housing, economic development, or environmental resilience, our staff are always thinking ahead and working together. With the launch of our 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, we're reaffirming our commitment to serving the Northern Middlesex region with innovation, inclusion, and purpose.

Stay tuned as we bring this vision to life—through our projects, partnerships, planning work, and on a new website—in the months ahead!



[Read the NMCOG Strategic Plan](#)

## Welcoming New NMCOG Staff

### Meet Christian D'Emilia

Christian is the Regional Housing Coordinator at NMCOG, joining the team in March 2025. In this role, he supports NMCOG's member municipalities with developing and implementing their housing production plans, maintaining and monitoring their subsidized housing inventory, and providing guidance and support to local affordable housing partners, developers, service providers, and residents.

Christian brings extensive experience in affordable housing, having implemented and operated federal and local housing programs. Prior to joining NMCOG, he worked as a national consultant providing technical assistance, regulatory expertise, and operations management support for Public Housing Authorities. He has also worked for the San Diego Housing Commission, advancing their Homelessness Action Plan and administering innovative rental subsidy programs, and as a Project Manager for the State of Rhode Island focusing on housing stability initiatives.

He is currently a full-time student pursuing his Master's in Urban Planning and Policy at Northeastern University and received his Bachelor's from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California.



[Meet Our Team](#)

## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Register Today for  
Northern Middlesex  
Brownfields Roundtable  
***Join planners, developers,  
engineers, and others on  
May 20 to discuss  
redevelopment  
opportunities***

NMCOG is partnering with the  
Massachusetts Department of  
Environmental Protection to host the  
Northern Massachusetts Brownfields  
Roundtable on Tuesday May 20 from

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Billerica Town Hall, 365 Boston Road in Billerica. This is a great learning and networking opportunity for municipal staff including city/town managers, economic development and planning staff, elected officials, and lenders, financiers, designers, engineers, developers, and environmental consultants to hear about funding and technical resources to address brownfields.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 20

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Location:** Billerica Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, Billerica

**RSVP:** [Click here to register today](#)

Join us for the  
Northeastern  
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[Click Here to Register!](#)

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resources, and opportunities for  
teaming and networking.



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Learn More About NMCOG and Our  
Communities: Attend a Board or Council Meeting  
*NMCOG Council Meeting*

The NMCOG Council meets the third Wednesday of each month via Zoom and in person at NMCOG's offices.

**Date:** April 16, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** online via Zoom or in person at 672 Suffolk Street, Lowell, MA 01854

[View meeting details.](#)

*Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO)*

The NMMPO meets the fourth Wednesday of each month via Zoom and in person at NMCOG's offices. The April meeting will include a review of the FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program and plans for tasks and a discussion of projects and tasks that NMMPO staff may include in their workplan for FFY 2026.

**Date:** April 23

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Location:** online via Zoom or in person at 672 Suffolk Street, Lowell, MA 01854

[View meeting details.](#)

## NMCOG in the News

### Westford Breaks Ground on TIP Project

The Town of Westford, in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and regional planners at the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) and the Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO), has undertaken the most significant infrastructure improvement project in the history of the Town, since the construction of Interstate 495. This \$15.6 million construction project is being funded by the NMMPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with approximately \$1.2 Million in municipal funding for the design, land acquisitions and other miscellaneous costs.

The NMMPO programmed the project onto the Federal Fiscal Years 2020-2024 Regional TIP with a programmed year of 2024. With the Town's diligent management, the project stayed on schedule and was advertised in 2020. Construction began this month and will continue over the next year.



Learn more about the project on the [Town of Westford](#) or [MassDOT](#) websites.

[Learn more about the NMMPO TIP](#)

## Bipartisan Group Tackles Effluent Discharges

On March 14, NMCOG staff met with other local, state, and federal leaders from Massachusetts and New Hampshire to coordinate work to remove combined sewer overflows (CSOs) from the Merrimack River. [Featured in the Lowell Sun.](#)



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## NMCOG Joins Senator Warren's Lowell Town Hall

NMCOG Executive Director, Jenny Raitt, and Deputy Director, Kelly Lynema, joined several hundred people from the region at Senator Elizabeth Warren's Town Hall on March 19. Read a summary of the event as [featured in the Lowell Sun.](#)



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## NMCOG Economic Development Summit Draws Residents and Leaders from Across the Region

On Thursday, March 20, over 70 economic leaders and community members attended the 2025 Greater Lowell Economic Summit at UKG in



Crosspoint Towers in Lowell. Summit notes, topic papers highlighting the major themes and needs discussed, and more details about the event and NMCOG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) planning process.

[\*\*Read more about the Summit and the CEDS\*\*](#)

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