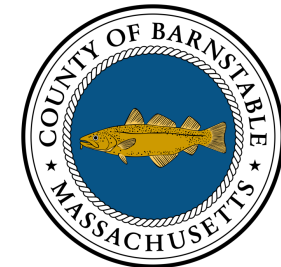




# Barnstable County Shared Regional Housing Services (SRHS) Program

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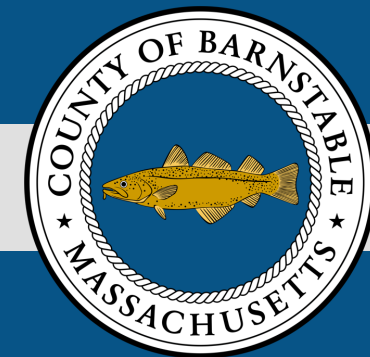
# Agenda

- SRHS Program Overview
- Sustaining the SRHS Program
- Next Steps: Community Engagement
- Questions



# SRHS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

BARNSTABLE COUNTY SHARED REGIONAL HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM



# Program Background

- **Barnstable County HOME Consortium (BCHC):** acts as Participating Jurisdiction to receive and disburse federal HOME Investment Partnership funds
- **BCHC Advisory Council:** decision-making body that determines allocation of County's HOME Investment Partnership Program funds and confers on regional housing issues and strategies
- BCHC Advisory Council members are appointed by the Board of Regional Commissioners and consist of:
  - One representative with housing expertise from each town appointed by local governing body
  - Two at-large members recommended by HOME Consortium staff
  - Affordable Housing Specialist of Cape Cod Commission as ex officio member



# Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council Members

## **BARNSTABLE**

Laura Shufelt, MHP Director of Community Assistance

## **BOURNE**

David Quinn, HAC, Director of Housing Dev. & Planning

## **BREWSTER**

Jill Scalise, Brewster Housing Coordinator

## **CHATHAM**

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## **EASTHAM**

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## **FALMOUTH**

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## **HARWICH**

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## **MASHPEE**

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## **ORLEANS**

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## **AT-LARGE**

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## **PROVINCETOWN**

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## **SANDWICH**

Nanette Perkins, Sandwich Housing Authority Member

## **TRURO**

Betty Gallo, Vice-Chair Truro Affordable Housing Authority

## **WELLFLEET**

Richard Ciotti, Wellfleet Housing Authority Member

## **YARMOUTH**

Lorraine Doyle, Yarmouth Community Housing Com. Member

## **EX OFFICIO**

Patty Daley, Cape Cod Commission

# Program Background

- BCHC Advisory Council proposed further exploration toward the creation of a Shared Regional Housing Services (SRHS) program because:
  - While many Cape communities have housing staff, they lack the capacity necessary to manage and maintain the vast array of housing-related tasks
  - Taking a regional approach to housing is necessary to address the Cape's affordable housing crisis
  - Establishing a regional program aligns with the Cape Cod Commission's Regional Housing Strategy currently under development



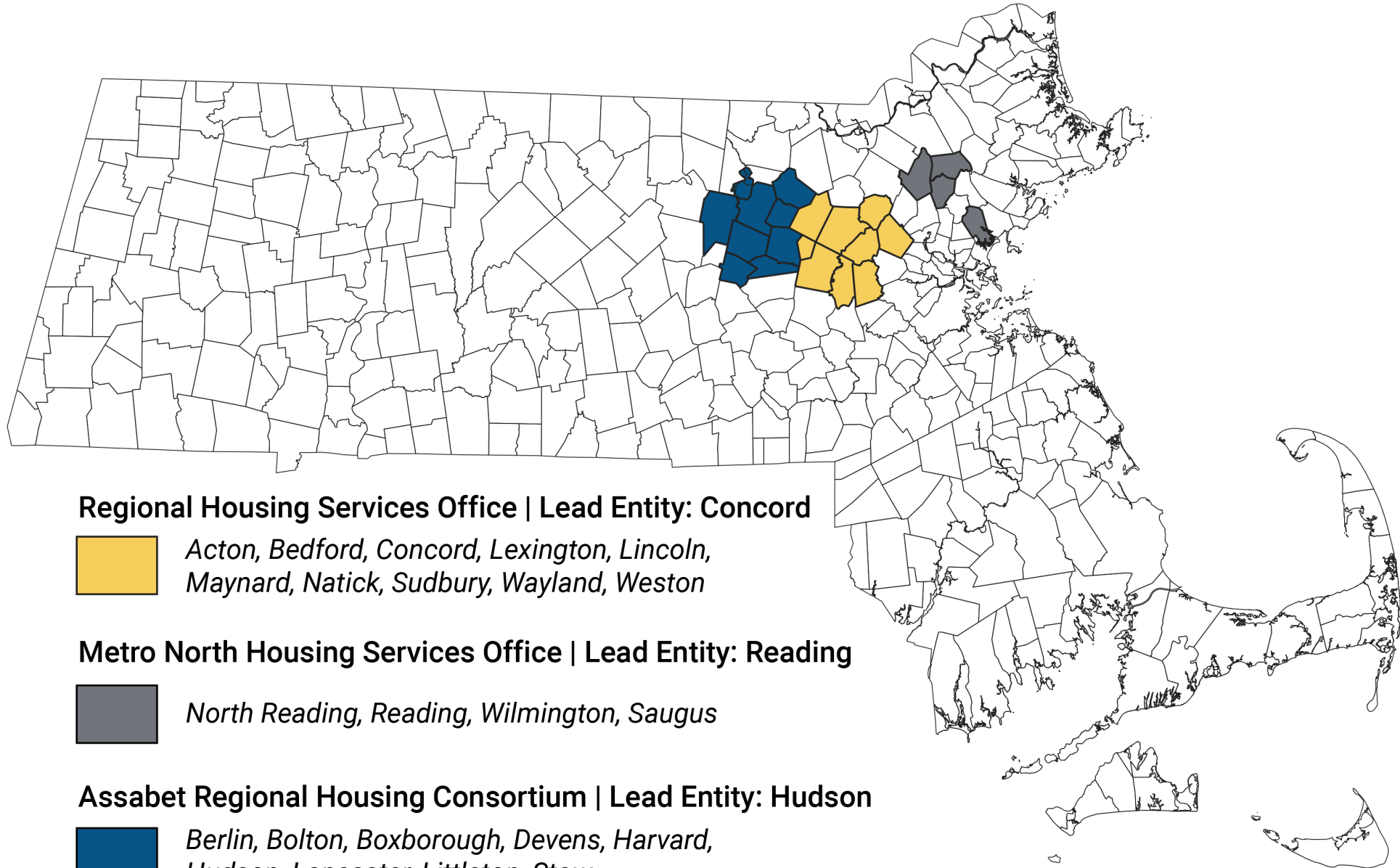
# Program Background

- As Dept of Human Services researched creating such a program, Barnstable County ARPA funds became available
- Dept of Human Services requested and received funding to establish pilot SRHS program via County Ordinance 23-03
- Initial pilot program funded for two years (FY2024 and FY2025)
  - Barrett Planning Group LLC (BPG) selected as the successful bidder to develop and implement SRHS program
  - County staff have explored methods for sustaining the program after June 30, 2025 → Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) is typical method






# Shared Regional Housing Services Programs in Massachusetts




**Regional Housing Services Office | Lead Entity: Concord**

 *Acton, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, Maynard, Natick, Sudbury, Wayland, Weston*

**Metro North Housing Services Office | Lead Entity: Reading**

 *North Reading, Reading, Wilmington, Saugus*

**Assabet Regional Housing Consortium | Lead Entity: Hudson**

 *Berlin, Bolton, Boxborough, Devens, Harvard, Hudson, Lancaster, Littleton, Stow*

# Pilot Program Overview

Project scope includes three elements:

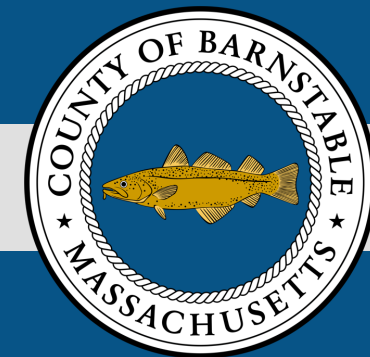
- **Project Initiation and Program Development:** provides framework for program and includes one-time tasks that are then maintained (i.e. stakeholder list, affordable housing database)
- **Regional Support Activities:** program assists all fifteen communities by maintaining resources developed in Year One and developing templates for common affordable housing documents
- **Community Support Activities:** element enhances local staff capacity by providing hands-on technical expertise and assistance with affordable housing functions to each community.





# SUSTAINING THE SRHS PROGRAM

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# Looking Ahead

- ARPA-funded pilot SRHS program concludes June 30, 2025
- Shared services agreement necessary to continue program after June 30, 2025
- Typical model: interested communities enter into Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) and annually appropriate funds for shared cost of services
- Participating communities can use Community Preservation Act (CPA) or Affordable Housing Trust funds



# Considerations for Agreement

## Base Fee

- Dependent upon number of participating communities, base number of hours by community, and activities included in IMA

## Activities & Hours

- Determined based upon feedback during Year One
- Additional hours available as pay-as-you-go approach
- Process for midyear reconciliation for unused hours

## Lead Entity

- Dept of Human Services current lead entity for pilot ARPA-funded SRHS program
- Future lead entity could be individual community



# Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) Approach

1. Tentative **November 2024 deadline** for communities to decide whether to continue the SRHS program after June 30, 2025
2. Draft IMA then finalized based upon number and needs of participating communities
3. Participating towns seek funding approval at Town Meeting and sign final IMA once funding is secured
4. New towns would have opportunity to opt into IMA during subsequent renewal cycles, and existing members would be able to opt out

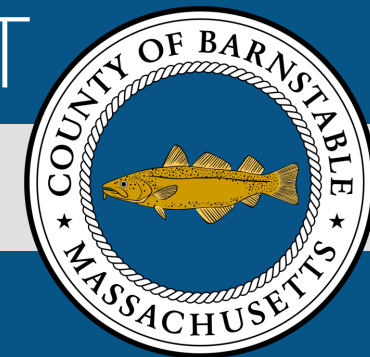


**Towns choosing not to participate beyond June 30, 2025  
will have incurred no cost for the work of this Program**



# NEXT STEPS: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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# Engaging Communities

- Seeking Board of Regional Commissioners' approval to engage with local Town Management/Administration
- Community input crucial for developing IMA:
  - Which communities wish to participate?
  - What services do communities want?
  - Who will be the Lead Entity for IMA?
  - What is working/not working during pilot program?



# Process Updates

- Human Services newsletter will include quarterly updates on SRHS Program
- Project page will be updated throughout process

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# QUESTIONS

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