



2009 Harbor Plan and Designated Port Area Master Plan Gloucester, MA

**Review & Status Report
November 19, 2012**

Plan Evolution

2006 Committee Plan:

- 3 Districts: M1, M2, M3
- Greater flexibility for commercial supporting use in M1 (Harbor Cove) & and M2 (East Glouc.)

2007 Property Owners:

- Allow more uses for all
- Allow mixed recreational & commercial dockage

2008 Listening Posts:

- Diversify uses. Create public access and uses.
- Allow mix of recreational boating



Figure 2-3. DPA Planning Sub-areas

Treatment of Requirements

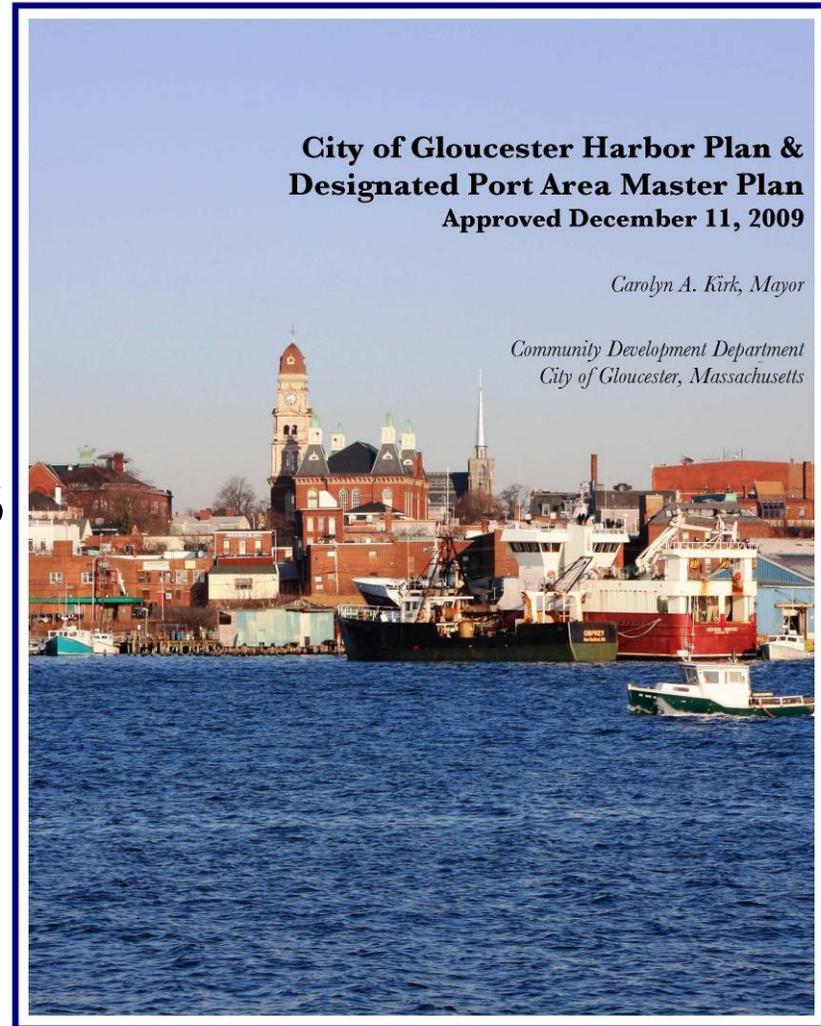
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How to read the 2009 Plan

- **Decision on the City of Gloucester's Request for Approval of Plan**
 - 24 page statement from EOEEA placed in front of the Plan
 - Find the Table of Contents after the Decision
- **Chapter 1 – 3 page Executive Summary**
- **Chapter 2 – Vision and process**
- **Chapter 3 – Current Conditions**
- **Chapter 4 – Issues & Recommendations**
- **Chapter 5 – DPA regulatory calculations**
- **Chapter 6 - Implementation**

**Chapter 4:
Issues,
recommendations
...and outcomes.**



Recommendation for 50%

- All properties are allowed a higher (50%) percentage of supporting commercial use
- The City changed local zoning to make this possible: Site Plan Review.



- \$1 million investment in previously vacant building

Strengthen the Commercial Fishing Industry (sec 4-1-1)



Preserve
Shoreside
Infrastruc-
ture
(Strat. 1)

Reestablished the Fisheries Commission

- Dockage study (Strat. 2)
- Processing study (Sec 4-8)
- Voice for fishing interests



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New
Fish
Auction

Increased local retailing of fresh fish (Strat. 4)

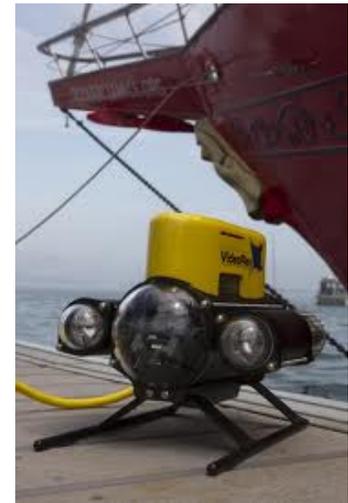
- Cape Ann Fresh Catch – serving over 600 members. Featured 10/1/12 NYT



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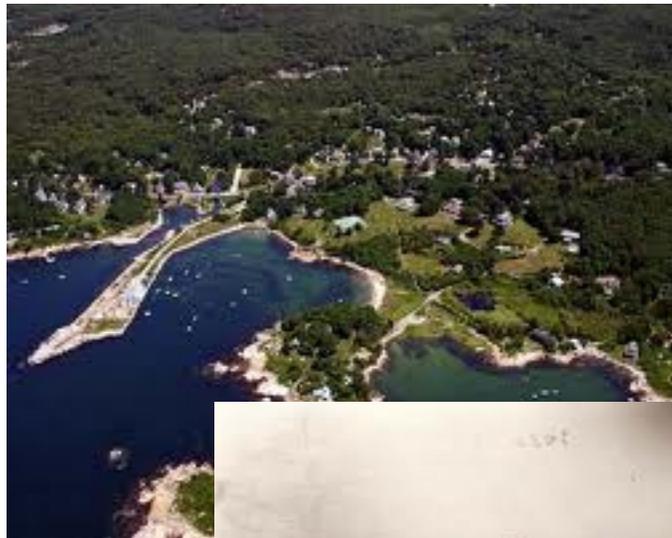
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Cape Ann Granite Company, Bay view circa 1890

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[A marine research center's rebirth](#)

By Steven Fletcher [Staff Writer](#)



Expand, Diversify Maritime Economy



Attract installations/testing
of wind and tidal resources

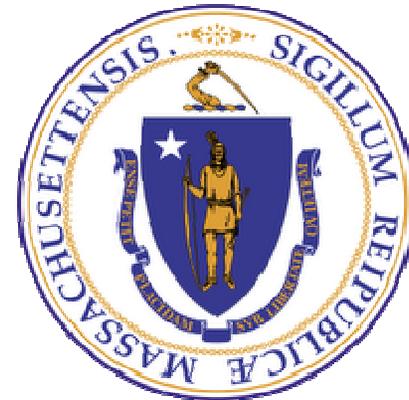
(Strategy 3)



Build shore side infrastructure for off-shore energy (St. 4)

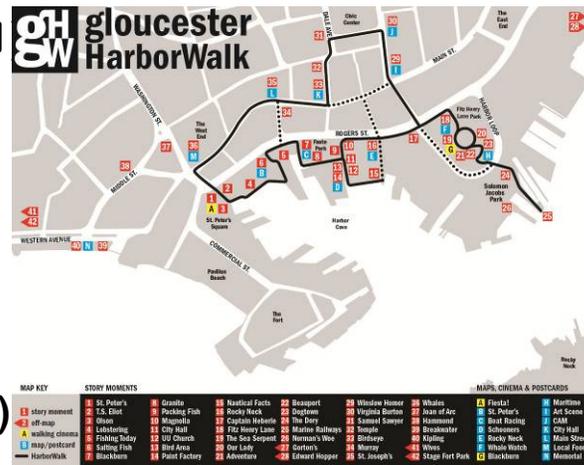
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- **Access government assistance** (Sec 4-1-2, Strategy 10)



The Visitor-based Economy (Sec 4-4)

- Create a network of attractions (Strategy 1)
- Provide opportunities to observe working waterfront (Strategy 2)
- Promote the local art community (Strategy 3)



Gloucester Harbor Water Shuttle & Tour
Hop on / Hop off - Ticket valid all day!

Increase Supporting Commercial Uses

(Section 4-2)



“Supporting commercial uses can contribute to the diversity that infuses capital into the waterfront properties and infrastructure at this time of transition of the maritime economy.”



Underutilized Land Parcels

Two Parcels
called out
for assistance:



– I4-C2

– Birds-Eye



Recreational Boating (sec 4-3)

Facilitate recreational boat access to downtown

- Transient dockage
- Access to downtown by boat
- Launch service
- Dinghy dock tie-ups
- Temporary, bottom-anchored floats

(New recreational wharves only possible with legislative action or favorable rule change)

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Potential regulatory change

- **Suggested specific, limited regulatory change**
 - To allow new wharves to include a mix of recreational and commercial dockage
 - To allow supporting commercial use over pile-supported piers
- **EOEEA agreed to review – set up Task Force with Gloucester representation**
- **State agency drafted potential changes**
- **This was a two year process**

Next Steps

Request briefings on current initiatives

- The Fisheries Commission
- The Waterways Board
- The Maritime Economy Working Group
- The Tourism Commission

Choose where to focus our efforts

Develop strategies for effective change

