



City of Gloucester and North Shore REALTORS® Collaborate to Educate on Private Roads

Gloucester, Mass. — Mayor Greg Verga and the North Shore REALTORS® (NSR) announce a new effort to educate potential homeowners about Gloucester's public and private roads. NSR has created educational materials to help their over 1400 members inform potential buyers if a listing is located on a private road.

The City of Gloucester has over 60 miles of private roads, which the City is restricted in its ability to maintain or repair. Mayor Verga launched the Private Roads Working Group to evaluate the City Ordinances and State Laws to address the City's private roads. This collaboration between the Mayor's Office and North Shore REALTORS® directly resulted from the Private Roads Working Group's findings that more education is needed for current residents and future homebuyers.

"State law prohibits the City from using public funds to make permanent repairs to private roads, so we need to educate homeowners and future homeowners of the private road issue," said Mayor Greg Verga. "This collaboration was a clear way to reach homebuyers early about their responsibilities and better inform residents of the limitations around private roads."

North Shore REALTORS® will share and maintain resources for their members to help educate potential homebuyers about whether a property is on a private or municipal road. These materials will include a direct link to the City's private roads list.

"North Shore REALTORS® is excited to collaborate with Mayor Verga's office to educate potential homebuyers about private road repair in Gloucester. As part of this educational outreach, NSR has created a 1-pager that brokers can share with their agents that provides a summary about private road repair in the city. Our members look forward to continuing to be a go-to resource for those interested in buying a home in Gloucester," said NSR President Eileen Duff.

This collaboration was one of the first steps taken as a result of the Private Roads Working Group.

To review the Private Roads Working Group final recommendation and report, please visit:

<https://www.gloucester-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8893/Private-Road-Working-Group-Final-Report-and-Recommendation?bidId=>

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About The City of Gloucester, Massachusetts

America's oldest seaport, the City of Gloucester, is known throughout the world as an authentic, working waterfront community, a place of spectacular natural beauty, and home to a diverse population of approximately 30,000 residents. Its sharp focus on economic development has helped build its reputation as the ideal location to live, work, and play. An important center for the fishing industry, Gloucester is also proud of its vibrant cultural life and rich art heritage. Gloucester is a destination for thousands of visitors who visit the harbor and its beaches during the summer months. The City will be celebrating its 400th Anniversary in 2023. For more information, please visit www.gloucester-ma.gov.

About the North Shore Realtors

North Shore REALTORS® (NSR) is a nonprofit advocacy, support, and education resource for REALTORS® and the public. As a member-based trade association, NSR brings together diverse perspectives from the real estate community across the North Shore of Massachusetts and beyond including buyer and seller agents, appraisers, mortgage brokers, attorneys, home inspectors, property managers, and other service professionals.