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Pettee Square/Chestnut-Oak Intersection Improvements -
\$1,100,000

Pettee Square, nestled in the heart of Upper Falls at the intersection of Chestnut and Oak Streets, is at an exciting turning point.

In recent years, the City of Newton completed the Greenway project which transformed an old rail line into a vibrant and beautiful walkway trail. Right next door, almost a billion dollars of private investment from Northland is moving forward for housing, restaurants, shops, offices and a splash park on 22.6 acres at Needham and Oak Streets after approvals from the City Council and our voters.

We also previously completed a community informed design and engineering streetscape plan that will improve the look, function, accessibility and safety of Pettee Square.

Now, Secretary of Housing & Economic Development Mike Kennealy announced that Newton will receive \$2 million from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to implement these plans. I have also set aside approximately \$1.1 million from ARPA for the City's matching funds.

The work in Pettee Square is exciting. It includes a raised table intersection and cross walks, traffic signal replacements, utility pole relocations, roadway milling and new paving, new concrete sidewalks, new ADA accessible curb cut ramps, upgrades to the drainage system, new pavement marking, lighting upgrades, benches and trees.

This work will improve the safety of the intersection for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The area will be fresh and more beautiful and inviting. For bocce ball players, for people walking on the Greenway, for visitors to the Depot Coffee Shop, the Biltmore Bar & Grille and the other stores, this will be a nicer environment.