

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Mayor's Update

Welcome to the INN – the Interactive Newton Network.

We know people are hungry for information about what is going on in our neighborhoods, villages and across our City. We in City government are also eager to hear from all of you. City projects are always better when we listen carefully to the people who live and work in Newton and shape the projects accordingly.

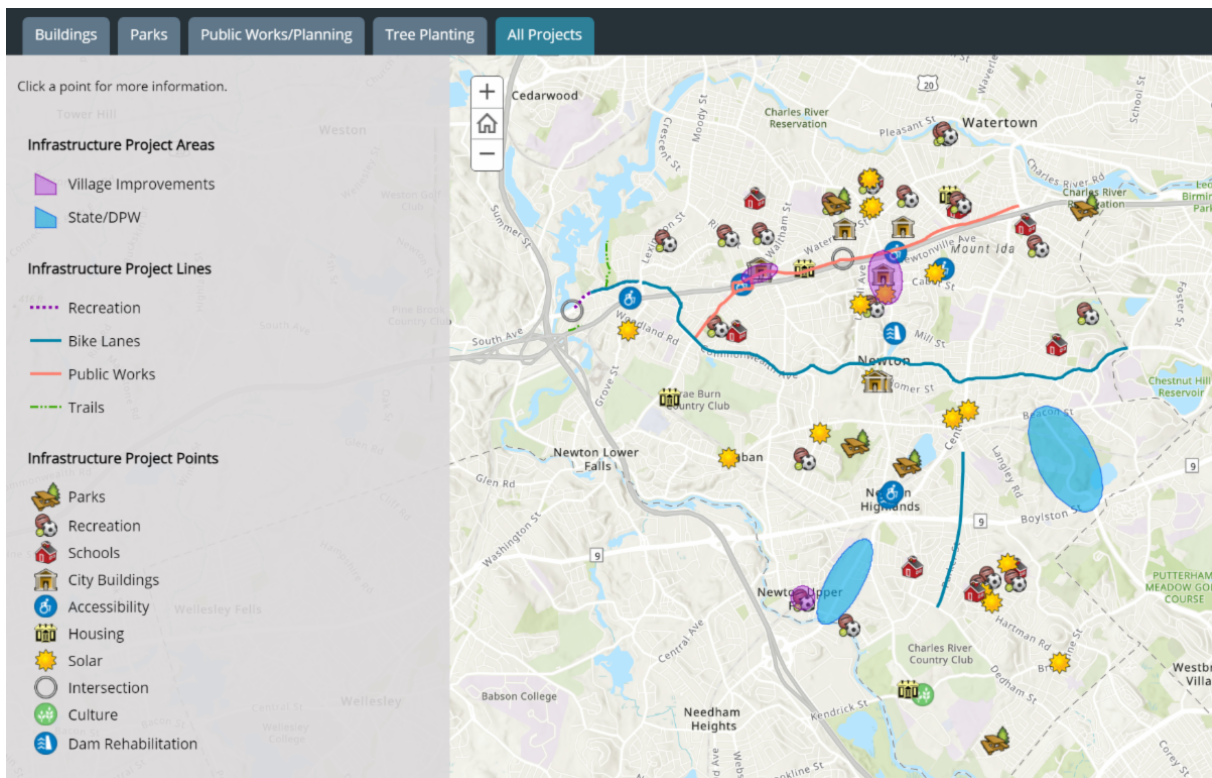


To that end, welcome to the **INN**, an interactive map that allows you to focus in on your neighborhood or any place of interest across the City and see what improvements and investments are in the works.

Click on any icon or layer on the map, including projects at/for parks, recreation facilities (e.g., Gath Pool, splash park), school buildings, playgrounds, affordable housing, or additions to our tree or solar canopies, and you'll go directly to the project webpage where you'll find a description of the project and milestone schedules, progress reports and photos, and a way to sign up for updates. You will also find the contact information for the project staff here in the City so you can send off a question or a comment.

This map will be live and updated as projects progress and as new projects are initiated. Our staff will ensure everyone has the opportunity to stay informed about projects they are interested in and easily connect directly with the individuals managing each project from concept to completion.

Click on the below map to check out **INN** (the Interactive **Newton Network**).



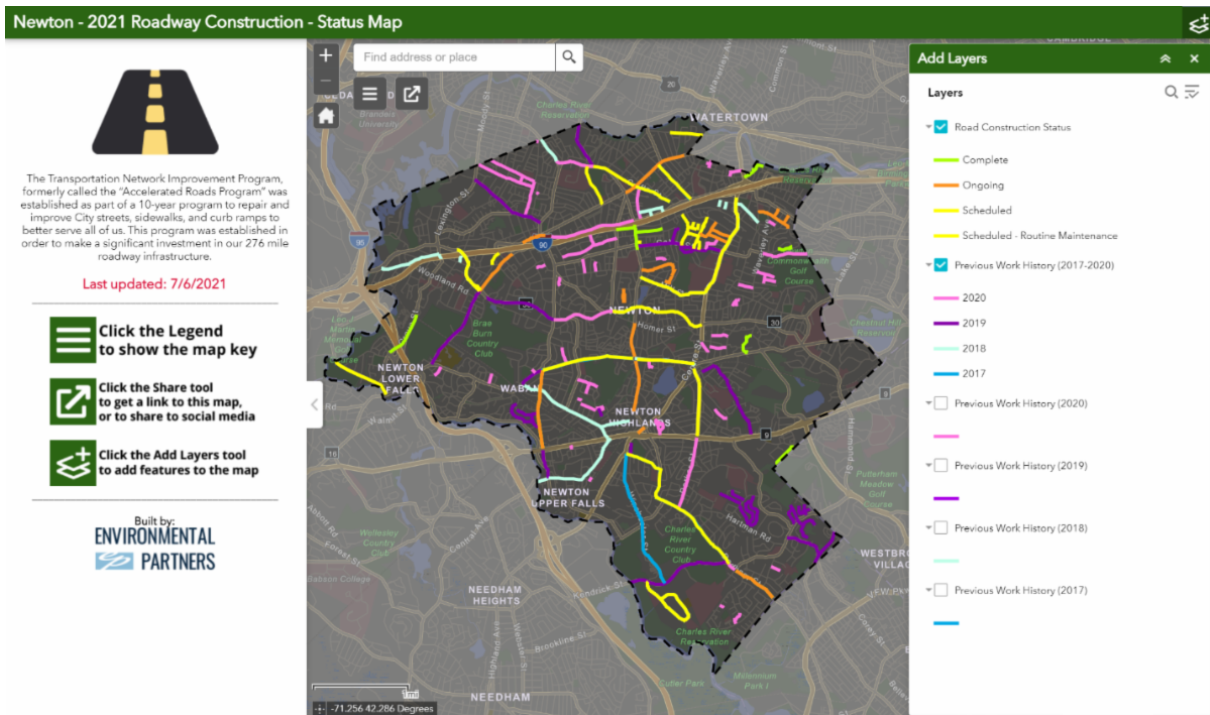
We often hear from Newton residents and people in businesses and non-profits here expressing interest in specific projects. Some of us have already signed up to get information on specific projects. Later today, you are likely to also see project-specific information sent directly from our staff for the types of projects you've previously expressed interest in. If you have not yet done so, and you're interested in signing up for email notifications for specific projects, use INN to select the project you're interested in, and send our staff an email to receive projects updates.

As we recover and rebound from the pandemic, I look forward to working with Newtonians to build on what we've already done (from a classroom addition at Oak Hill to round three of solar installations and NewCAL site selection to planting more trees than we've lost for the first time in decades as well as over \$10 million in investments in roads, sidewalks, bikelanes, trees, benches and lighting in the heart of Newtonville and West Newton Square) and continue to strategically invest now for Newton's future.

Warmly,

Ruthanne

P.S. Also check out our first Interactive Roadway Construction map. Click on the map below and see what road work has already been completed, and see what will be happening soon in your neighborhood.



P.P.S. We got some great news from the State's Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Division on Friday – Newton received a \$100,000 Green Communities Grant to help fund LED lights at Horace Mann Elementary School and Newton South High School, and weatherization investments at the Nonantum Library.

P.P.P.S. In the future, you'll find the INN map on the [Mayor's page](#) at newtonma.gov. (Click on Mayor on the homepage, then click on Special Projects and Initiatives in the left menu box, and then click on INN - Interactive Newton Network.)



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