



2023 OVERRIDE

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for Newton on
Three Questions

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TWO DEBT EXCLUSION OVERRIDES

	Annual amount to service 30-year bonds	Total Project Cost	
Countryside Elementary	\$2,300,000	\$61,000,000	<i>MSBA funds ~30%</i>
Franklin Elementary	\$3,500,000	\$61,000,000	

- *Temporary tax increase for the life of the bonds*
- *Kicks in when we start bonding*

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ONE OPERATING OVERRIDE

Horace Mann Elementary \$775,000

Streets and Sidewalks \$1,400,000

Parks, Fields, Courts and Playgrounds \$1,000,000

Plant and Nurture Trees \$500,000

Sustainability and Climate Resiliency \$500,000

Senior Services and Programs \$500,000

Supporting Student Needs \$4,500,000

\$9,175,000

- *Permanent tax increase*
- *Starts on July 1, 2023*

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SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Building a
brighter future
for our planet,
ourselves, and
our children.



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The City of Newton is resolutely dedicated to achieving carbon-neutrality by 2050.

How can we achieve
carbon neutrality?



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“USE LESS...”

- As a municipality, we have reduced our total annual energy consumption by 12.7% since 2010, while adding 13.6% in total building square footage. This has been achieved through:
 - LED Lighting Retrofits
 - Building HVAC Retrofits
 - Building Insulation and Weatherization Improvements
 - EV Fleet Development and Charging Stations

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“...AND GREEN
THE REST.”

Newton has the highest percentage of renewables, 80%, in our municipal aggregation program, Newton Power Choice, thereby driving the production of green electricity and saving residents money on their electricity bills.



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Newton continues to lead the way on renewable energy projects.

After our current projects are complete, our municipal solar panel systems will generate enough electricity to offset almost 39% of our municipal electricity consumption.



Rumford Ave Solar Array

To meet the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 we must start the transition from fossil fuel use to fully-electric buildings as soon as possible.

- The Trifecta
 - Cost savings.
 - Improved school and city building systems resulting in more comfortable classrooms and interior public spaces.
 - Reduction in our carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.





Auburndale Community Library - Complete



Oak Hill School Addition - Complete



Franklin School

Newton began the transition from fossil fuels to fully electric buildings many years ago, and we have several fully-electric building projects in varying stages.



Newton Center for Active Living



Horace Mann School



Lincoln-Eliot School



Newton Early Childhood Program



Countryside School

Together we are accomplishing so much, but we must move faster to meet our carbon neutrality goals.



- 54% of our municipal building carbon emissions, or 8,628 tons of CO₂ annually, comes from fossil fuel use.
- A dedicated funding stream for electrification will allow us to accelerate our transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

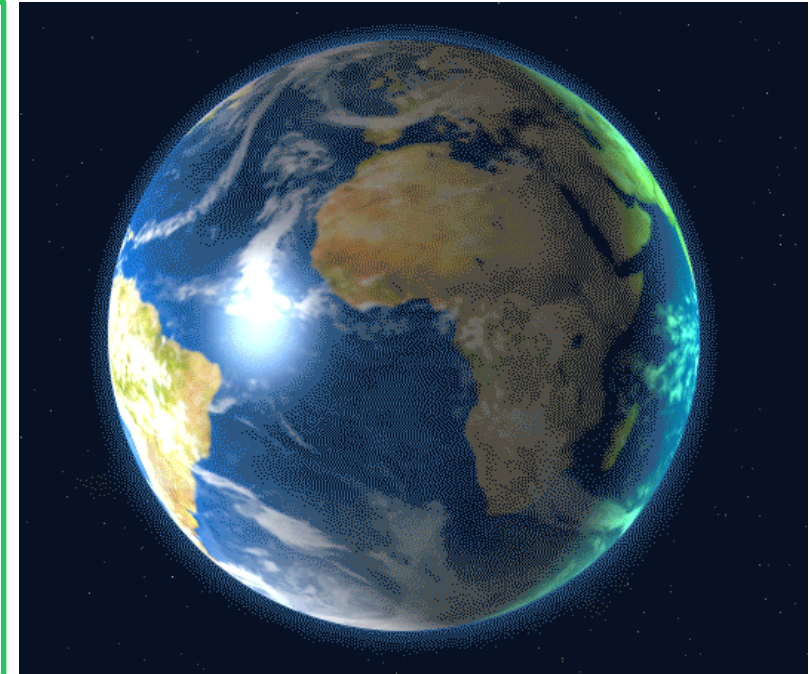
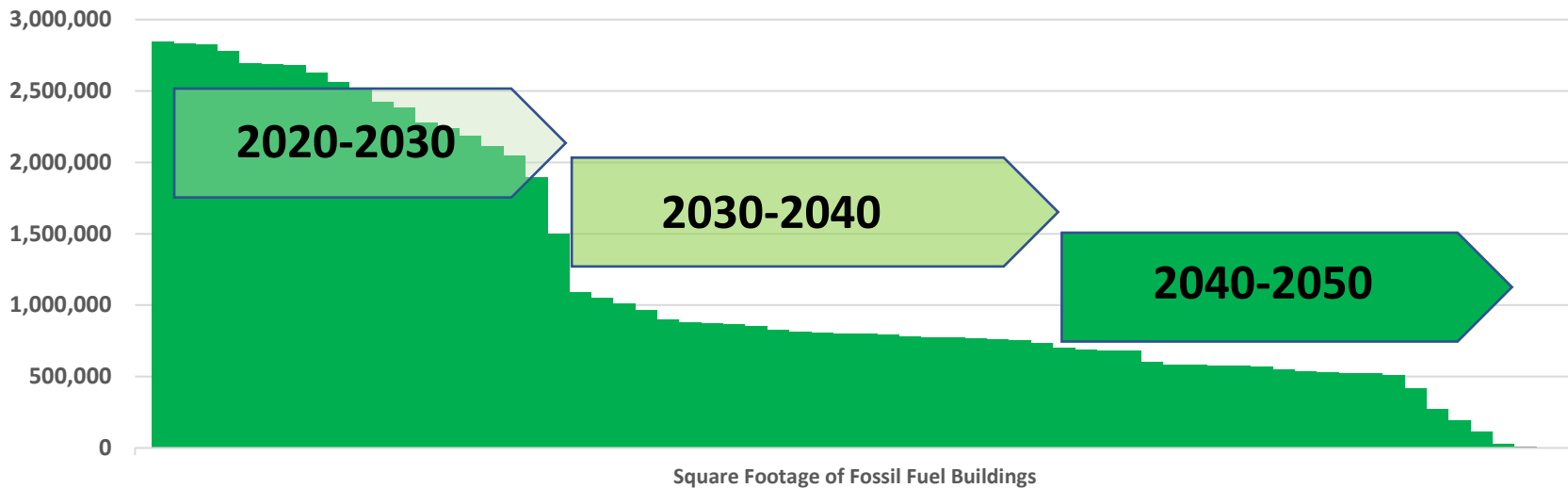
← 71-year-old oil-fired boilers at the Peirce School

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- Reducing Our Carbon Footprint Starts With Electrification
- Electrification starts with building envelope efficiency

Phase Out of Fossil Fuels in Newton Municipal/School Buildings
Square Footage of Fossil Fuel Heated and Cooled 2020-2050



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OVERRIDE INVESTMENT

Operating Budget
Annual additional funding
\$500,000

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WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

OVERRIDE CALCULATOR

City of Newton, Massachusetts

Estimated Property Tax Increase From March 2023 Property Tax
Override

Please enter an address below:

House Number

Street Name

ABBOTT ST



Unit (if applicable)

Search for this Property

[NEWTONMA.GOV/OVERRIDE](https://newtonma.gov/override)

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WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

MEDIAN SINGLE FAMILY HOME VALUE \$1.2 million IMPACT

Q1: OPERATING
OVERRIDE
First Year (FY24)
\$290

Q2 & 3: DEBT EXCLUSION
OVERRIDES
Seventh Year (FY30)
+\$183

~25th PERCENTILE SINGLE FAMILY HOME VALUE \$750,000 IMPACT

Q1: OPERATING
OVERRIDE
First Year (FY24)
\$173

Q2 & 3: DEBT EXCLUSION
OVERRIDES
Seventh Year (FY30)
+\$110

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TAX ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE OLDER, DISABLED OR VETERANS

DOUBLING 7 PROGRAMS

EXPANDING 2 PROGRAMS

- Tax Relief
- Tax Deferral
- Tax Exemption
- Tax Work-Off (with Proxies)
- Water/Sewer Discount

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OVERRIDE CONTEXT

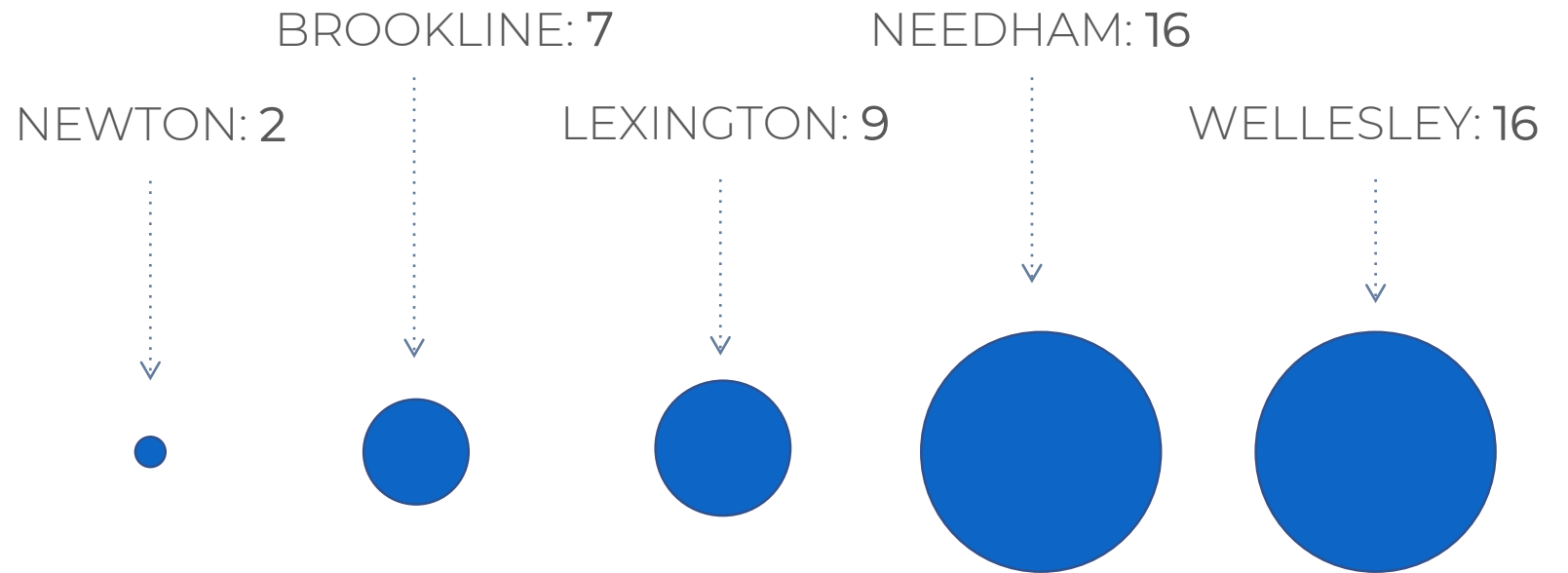
**NEWTON
OVERRIDES
EVERY
10 YEARS**

2002

2013

2023?

NUMBER OF OVERRIDES SINCE 2000



UPDATE 1/3/2023: Further research has indicated that the numbers of overrides since 2000 for the above communities reflect mixing the number of years that overrides passed with the number of total ballot questions. For more specific data on these and additional communities, please see the chart on the following slide.

OVERRIDE NEIGHBORING AND PEER COMMUNITY COMPARISON

Municipal Overrides with Comparable Communities

Debt Exclusion Override Passed ■
 Operating Override Passed ■
 Both Operating/Debt Passed ■

Municipality	YEAR																						# of Years with Overrides Passed	
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		22
Watertown*																								0
Waltham*																								0
Newton			■											■										2
Brookline									■							■			■	■	■			5
Natick	■									■	■						■		■					5
Arlington	■	■				■						■					■		■	■				7
Milton	■	■	■			■	■				■								■					7
Belmont		■	■		■	■					■				■	■			■					8
Winchester			■					■					■		■			■	■	■	■			8
Lexington	■		■		■		■						■					■	■				■	9
Needham	■	■		■		■	■	■	■	■					■				■					11
Wayland		■	■				■	■	■	■	■	■							■	■			■	12
Wellesley	■	■	■				■	■	■							■						■	■	14
Weston	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■																22

* Watertown and Waltham both have higher levels of new growth, which has helped obviate the need for an override. Between FY2019-FY2023, Watertown's new growth averaged 4.85% and Waltham's averaged 2.58%, compared to Newton's 1.65%.



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