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### Baker-Polito Administration Celebrates Four Corners Groundbreaking in Groton

#### 2016 MassWorks Infrastructure Project award catalyzes revitalization of Groton's Four Corners Village and supports growth in neighboring Ayer

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Groton, MA – July 26, 2017 – Today, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash joined Groton Town Manager, Mark Haddad and local officials to celebrate the groundbreaking of Groton's Four Corners MassWorks Infrastructure Project. In 2016, the town received a \$2 million award to spur development in the town's Four Corners Village.

The award leverages Groton's \$300,000 allocation of town funds for the design and engineering process, and an additional \$677,000 contribution from the town of Ayer for a pump station necessary to support additional sewer capacity.

"Groton and Ayer's work to bring this project to fruition is impressive, and their efforts to ensure its shovel-ready status embodies the success of the MassWorks program," said **Governor Charlie Baker**. "We are eager to partner with communities like these to pursue important projects that leverage local and state resources to attract private investment, create jobs and meet the needs of their residents."

"Cities and towns across Massachusetts are working diligently to improve the lives of their constituents and bring lasting economic development opportunities," said **Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. "I want to congratulate Groton and Ayer on their partnership and commitment to revitalizing an important economic asset that promotes long-term growth."

The infrastructure project will provide critical sewer connections from Ayer to Groton necessary for the revitalization and redevelopment of the Four Corners Village area. In 2003, the Boston Road Marketplace in the Village was permitted for further development which has been stalled due to lack of sewer capacity to support commercial development opportunities. Additional sewer capacity will unlock 22,340 square feet of commercial space in the shopping center. The MassWorks project will also support new development at 788 Boast Road. South Coast Development purchased the site and will construct 28,000 square feet of commercial space, proposed uses include medical, retail and restaurant spaces.

In addition to unlocking the development in Groton, the new sewer line will enable additional growth in Ayer's industrial corridor. More businesses will be able to expand with access to the new sewer line.

"The MassWorks Infrastructure Program is unique in its flexibility. Across the Commonwealth we collaborate on a diverse array of projects, both in their scope and the type of private development that project's attract," said **Secretary Jay Ash**. "From housing, to commercial and industrial space, MassWorks is a catalyst for cities and towns to direct development, leverage their assets and plan for the future."

"From the beginning of Groton's Planning efforts, the Town has sought a balanced development at the Four Corners Village, which includes businesses, open space and residential growth," said **Groton Town Manager Mark Haddad**. "The area has lost commercial tenants because on-site sewage disposal had reached its limit. Thanks to the Commonwealth's MassWorks program, the infrastructure improvements are the final step in an overall Concept Plan that created the Four Corners Village in Groton."

"Congratulations to the town officials who worked so hard to make today possible. These sewer upgrades will enable Groton to fulfill its vision of the Four Corners area becoming a vibrant hub of commercial activity," said **State Senator Eileen Donoghue**. "Projects like this one demonstrate how important MassWorks is to local communities and economies. I was proud to work with the governor last year to authorize an additional \$500 million for the successful infrastructure program."

"As the Representative of Groton and Ayer, this opportunity is very exciting for the growth and development of our community," said **Representative Sheila Harrington**.

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support housing production, economic development, and job creation.

In August 2016, Governor Baker signed [An Act Relative to Job Creation and Workforce Development \(H.4569\)](#) to reauthorize MassWorks and support \$500 million of future investment in critical infrastructure, a significant commitment by the Commonwealth. The Baker-Polito Administration has increased MassWorks funding by \$35 million over the past two fiscal years. Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \$190 million to 89 projects in communities throughout the Commonwealth.

