



Mayor Alex B. Morse

Office of Planning & Development

City of Holyoke

Planning Department

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John Aubin
Open Square
4 Open Square Way
Holyoke, MA 01040

RE: HOLYOKE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS SURROUNDING OPEN SQUARE

Dear Mr. Aubin,

As you are aware, the City of Holyoke is in the process of completing a significant public improvement project to create enhanced public pedestrian amenities along the historic canals in the core of the downtown that will bring walking areas along the properties within the canal district where there were not previously.

The first phase of the Canalwalk has been completed and includes the block directly to the south of your property along the 1st Level Canal, between Dwight Street and Appleton Street. The second phase of the project is now in review by MassDOT and will include the 2nd Level Canal, also between Dwight and Appleton Streets and including the sidewalks along those streets to tie the two phases together.

The City of Holyoke has also begun work on the third phase which will connect the Holyoke Transportation Center with the future passenger rail station. These preliminary plans have been completed and include the sidewalk along Open Square on Dwight Street as well as Race Street and Main Street and connections to the station.

The Canalwalk will also include the area along the Open Square property on the 1st Level Canal, as well as on the west side of the canal to complete the initial Canalwalk project creating an enhanced pedestrian environment of 2.1 miles within the historic canal district of Holyoke.

We appreciate your continued input in the design of these projects and your continual cooperation in support of these projects and working with us to make them a success.

Sincerely,


Kathleen Anderson
Director