

LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Public
Comment Period and
Public Meeting**

The **City of Peabody** and the **North Shore HOME Consortium**, an organization comprised of thirty cities and towns in the Merrimack Valley and the North Shore, are seeking public comment on their respective **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs) for the 2016 Program Year**. These written documents are intended to 1.) Report on the use of HOME funds for the development of affordable housing in this region over the past year, and 2.) Report on the use of CDBG funds in the City of Peabody over the past year, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to the general public. The City of Peabody and the Consortium will make these documents available to the general public and will encourage comments from all interested parties.

The member communities of the Consortium include: Amesbury, Andover, Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Hamilton, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Merrimac, Methuen, Middleton, Newburyport, North Andover, North Reading, Peabody, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Salisbury, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham, West Newbury and Wilmington. A draft of Consortium's CAPER will be forwarded to each member community at their respective City or Town Hall, and will be forwarded to a number of nonprofit organizations. A copy of both draft CAPERS will also be available at the Community Development & Planning Department of the City of Peabody, City Hall, 24 Lowell Street, Peabody during normal business hours, and on the City's website at www.peabody-ma.gov.

The public comment period will begin on **Tuesday, August 29th, 2017** and will end on **Thursday, September 28th, 2017**. All interested parties, representatives from the Consortium's member communities, and nonprofit providers whose clients are impacted by the need for affordable housing are urged to review these documents and to respond with comments.

A Public Meeting will also be held on **Thursday, September 14th, 2017 in the Community Development Conference Room, Peabody City Hall, 24 Lowell Street, Peabody at 5:00 p.m.** to provide the public with an opportunity to offer comment.

Written comments are also encouraged, and may be addressed, on or before September 29th, to:

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