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**O’CONNELL ANNOUNCES GRANT TO STUDY
POTENTIAL OF FORMER NURSING HOME**

Taunton, MA...Today Mayor Shaunna O’Connell announced that the City of Taunton has received a \$50,000 grant from the MassDevelopment Real Estate Technical Assistance Program to conduct a study on the potential reuse and redevelopment of the former Taunton Nursing Home site.

“Our City has been considering a variety of options for the former Nursing Home site and this study will provide us critical information to help guide us in our decision-making,” said Mayor O’Connell. “We are grateful to MassDevelopment for their partnership on this initiative.”

The Taunton Nursing Home ceased operations in 2019 after being closed by a vote of the City Council. It was one of the last remaining municipally-owned nursing homes in Massachusetts. The 36,000 square foot building, which sits on a six acre property, was originally built in 1876 as an alms house and was expanded in 1989. Since the Nursing Home’s closure, the building has been used by the City for storage and training space.

While no determinations have been made as to the property’s future at this point, the goal of this study will be to assemble information to help inform City decisions about the potential reuse and/or redevelopment. Professional consultants in the fields of architecture, design, and planning have been contracted by MassDevelopment to assess the building and property and make recommendations of its potential.

Two consulting firms, Madden Planning and DREAM Collaborative, have been assigned to the project. Once the consultants complete their initial assessment of the building and property conditions, there will be opportunities for public feedback via an online survey and an in-person information session. The City invites both neighbors and area residents to weigh in with their thoughts on the potential reuse options. The study is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2023.

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