



Fall 2026 Neighborhood Connect

WARD 1

**Hosted by Mayor Wilson &
Councilor Matt McLaughlin**

Agenda

6 to 6:30 p.m.

Pizza, Snacks & Mingle

6:30 p.m.

Councilor Matt McLaughlin

6:35 to 6:45 p.m.

Greeting from Mayor Wilson

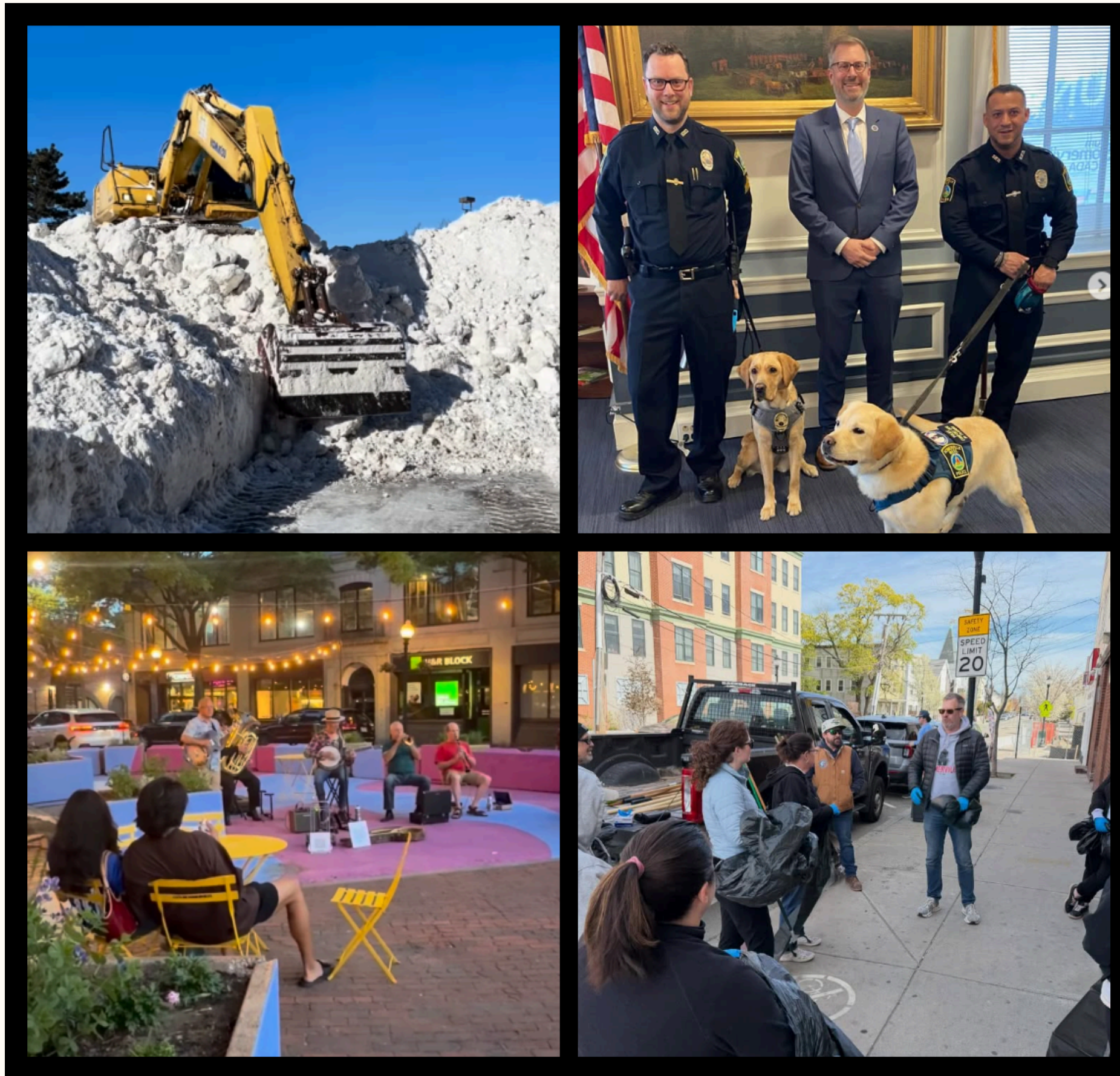
6:45 to 6:50 p.m.

Quick Updates

6:45 to 8 p.m.

Walk & Talk

2026 At a Glance



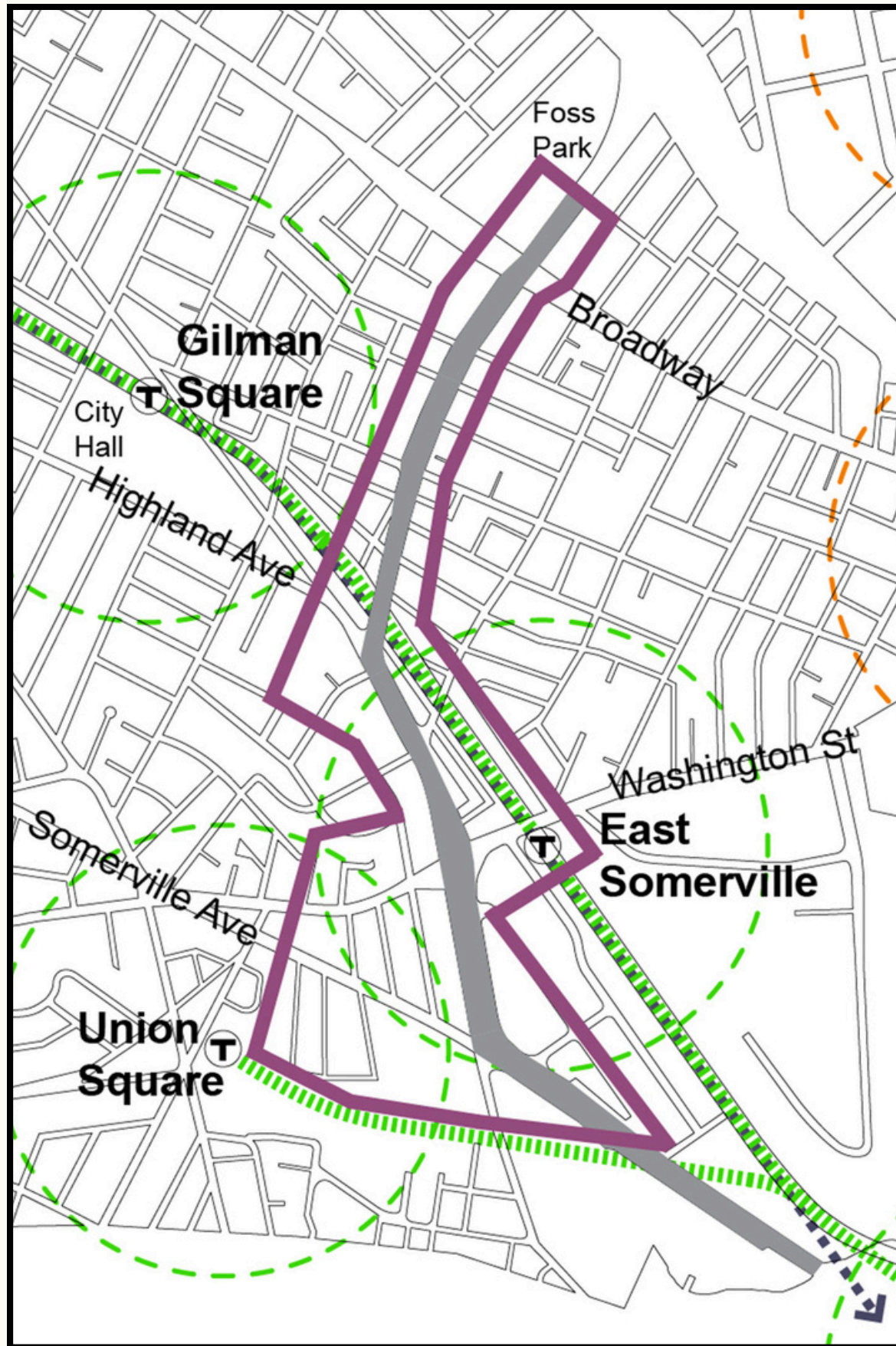
- Two record-setting snowstorms
- City Hall restructuring
- Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Process
- Public Safety Reform
 - Somerville Police Co-Response Pilot
 - Civilian Oversight
- Internal systems work
 - Local government is here for you.

Oct. 12 Broadway Fire



Thank you to our first responders and City staff.

McGrath Blvd. Study Update



- **Project Overview:**

- This study will focus on physical design, public realm and site planning, and the economic possibilities of upzoning, as well as developing the related policies necessary for successful implementation

Kensington Connector



Photo courtesy of Ron Newman

- Design and construction funded through \$2M grant from One Stop for Growth MassWorks
- Funds will cover site and safety improvements for the Kensington Street underpass between Route 28 and Mystic Avenue.
- **Project Goals:**
 - Safety improvements via lighting and wayfinding
 - Integration to a multimodal system for pedestrians and cyclists

East Somerville Water Main Upgrades



- **Project Overview:**

- The City's Engineering Division is leading efforts to upgrade water mains on streets across East Somerville.
- Ensuring water mains remain in good working order is essential to the City's ability to deliver clean water to residents and for effective fire suppression.

- **Ongoing Work/Project Completion:**

- Work is currently underway on Austin St., Maine Ave., Maine Terr., Arlington St., Hathorn St., Cutter St., and Pearl Street Pl.
- All utility work expected to be completed this year. Street/sidewalk restoration to take place spring/summer '27.

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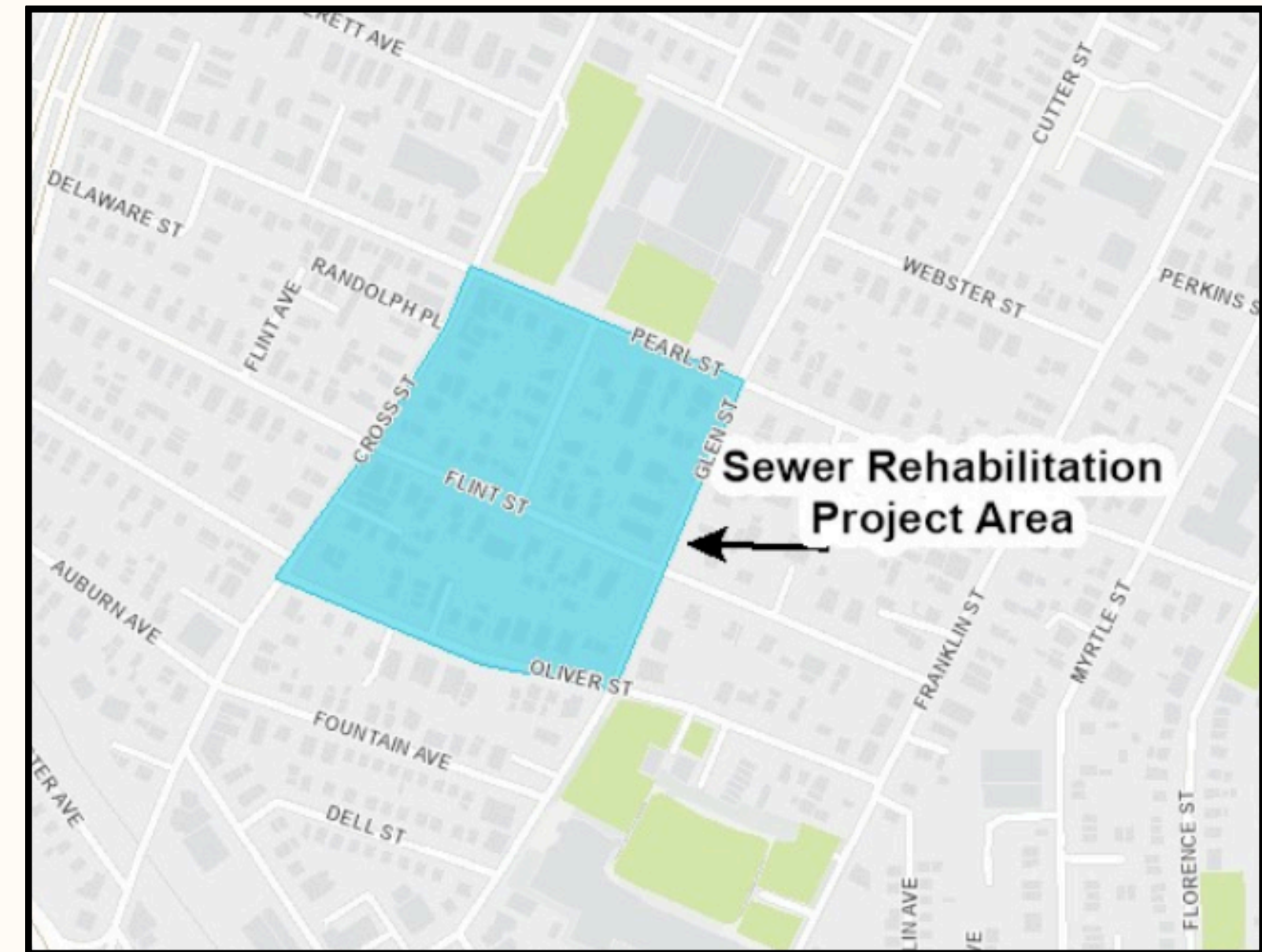
Sewer Rehab - South of Pearl Street

- **Project Overview:**

- The City is currently planning to update sewers in the neighborhood south of the East Somerville Community School.
- The project area includes segments of Rush Street, Flint Street, Glen Street, Cross Street, and Oliver Street.

- **Timeline:**

- City contractors have performed surveys, inspected sewers using closed-circuit television (CCTV), and collected soil samples to inform future construction.
- Planning is underway and construction is currently expected to take place in spring/summer '27.

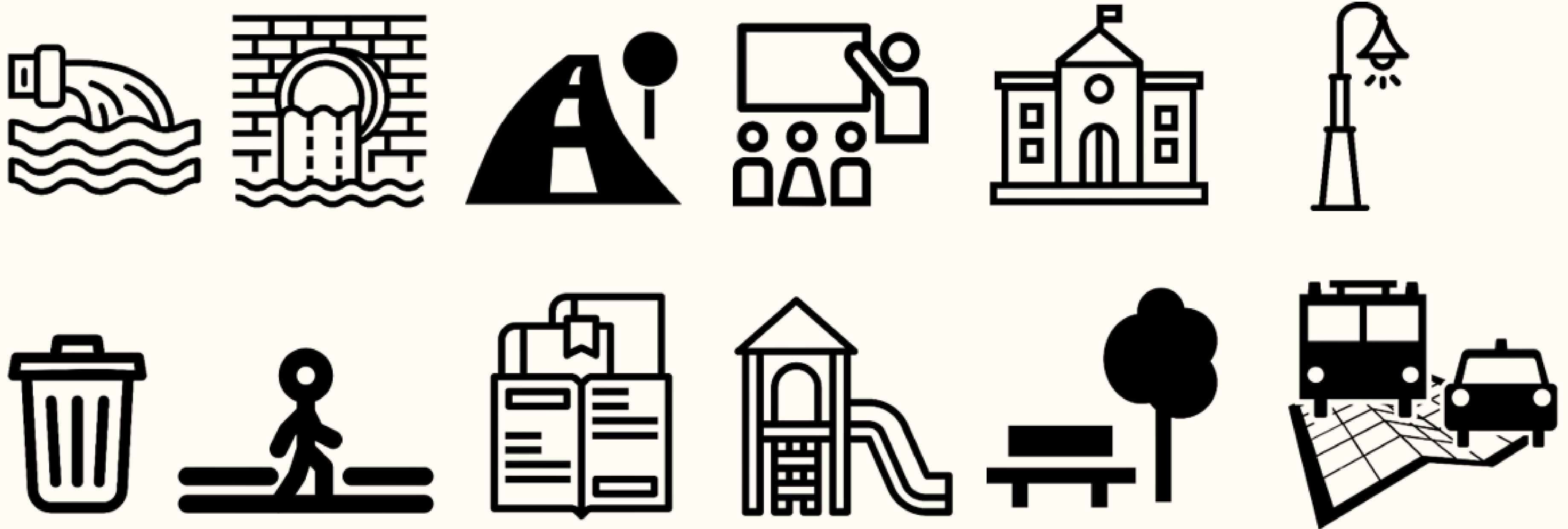


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Exploring New Solutions to Regional Housing Crisis



Focus on Core City Services



Immigrant Services

Connecting immigrant and multilingual neighbors with:

- City services and referrals
- Legal assistance
- Civic empowerment
- In-language programming

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Extreme Weather



Investing in Our Schools

- Somerville's FY27 budget marks the largest School Budget increase in history



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Crime in Somerville



Citywide

- Citywide Part I crime **decreased 5%** over 1 year.
- Increases: Car Breaks, Commercial Burglary
- Decreases: Larceny, Aggravated Assault

Ward 1

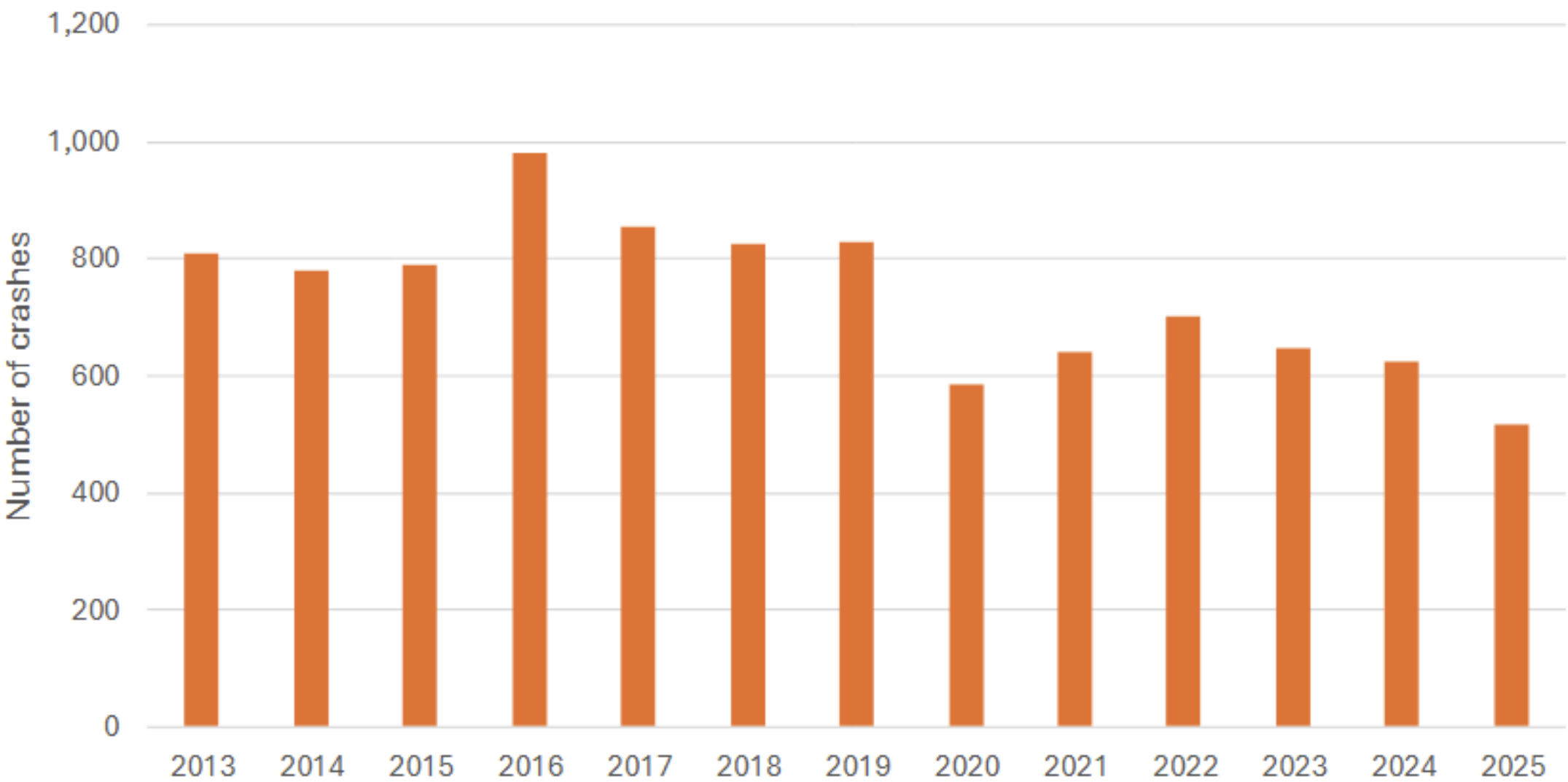
- Part I crime in Ward 1 has **decreased 18%** over 1 year.
- Increases: MV Theft, Burglary
- Decreases: Larceny, Aggravated Assault

SPD Response

- Area cars deployed based on patterns, hotspots, repeat incidents and feedback from the community
- Officers are made aware of any patterns or hotspots through bulletin communications.
- Continue to increase residents' awareness of crime and crime prevention methods

Somerville Street Safety

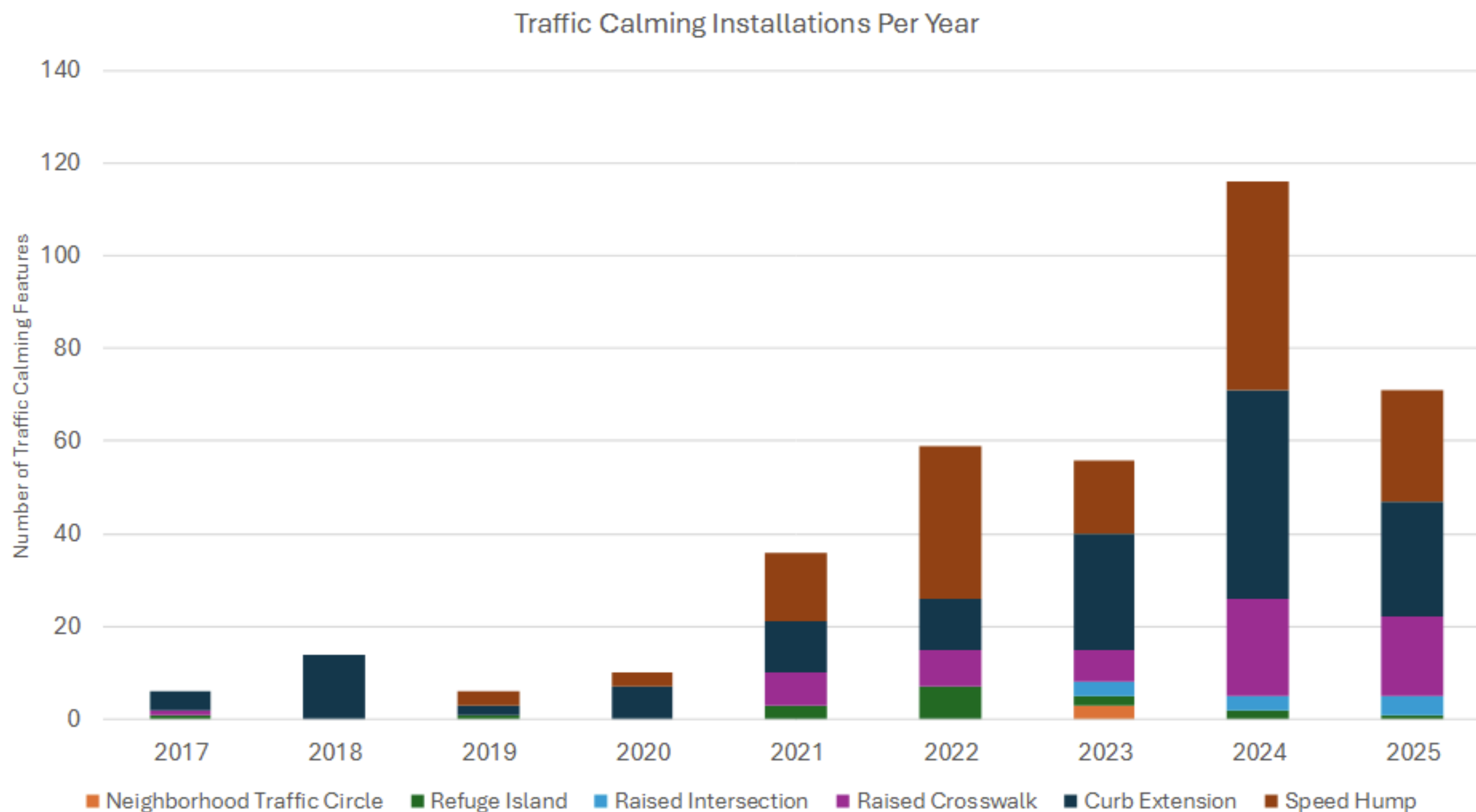
Reported crashes in Somerville continued to decrease in 2025;
with 525 total crashes reported for the year



Note: data include records for all state and City roads in Somerville

Source: MassDOT IMPACT crash data portal; retrieved 1/22/26; Somerville Police Department crash reports

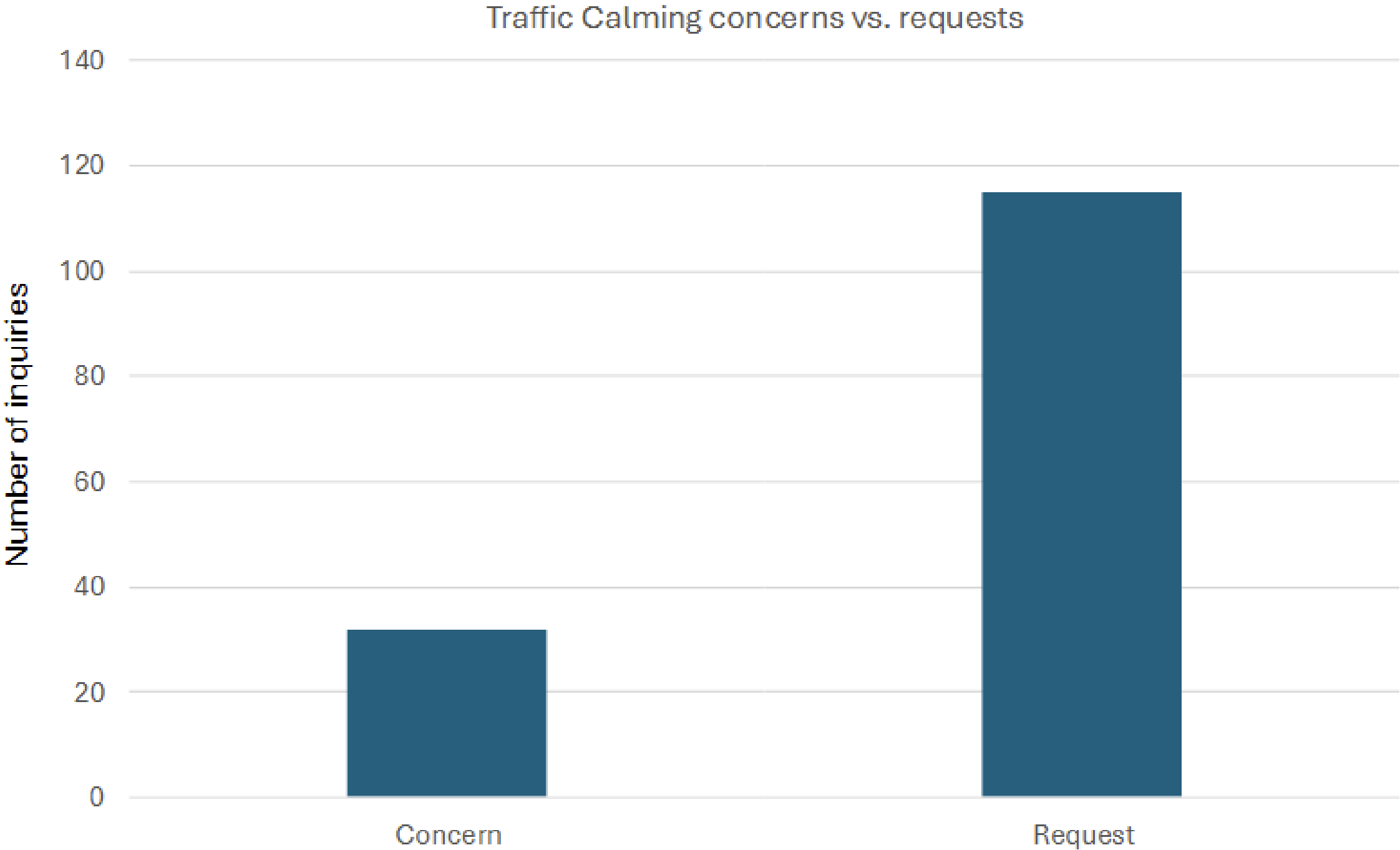
In order to improve safety and respond to resident demand,
Somerville built more than 70 traffic calming features in 2025



Note: 2024 totals include features delivered through the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project

Source: City of Somerville traffic calming database

In 2025, we received 145 traffic calming inquiries;
78% were requests while 22% were concerns/complaints

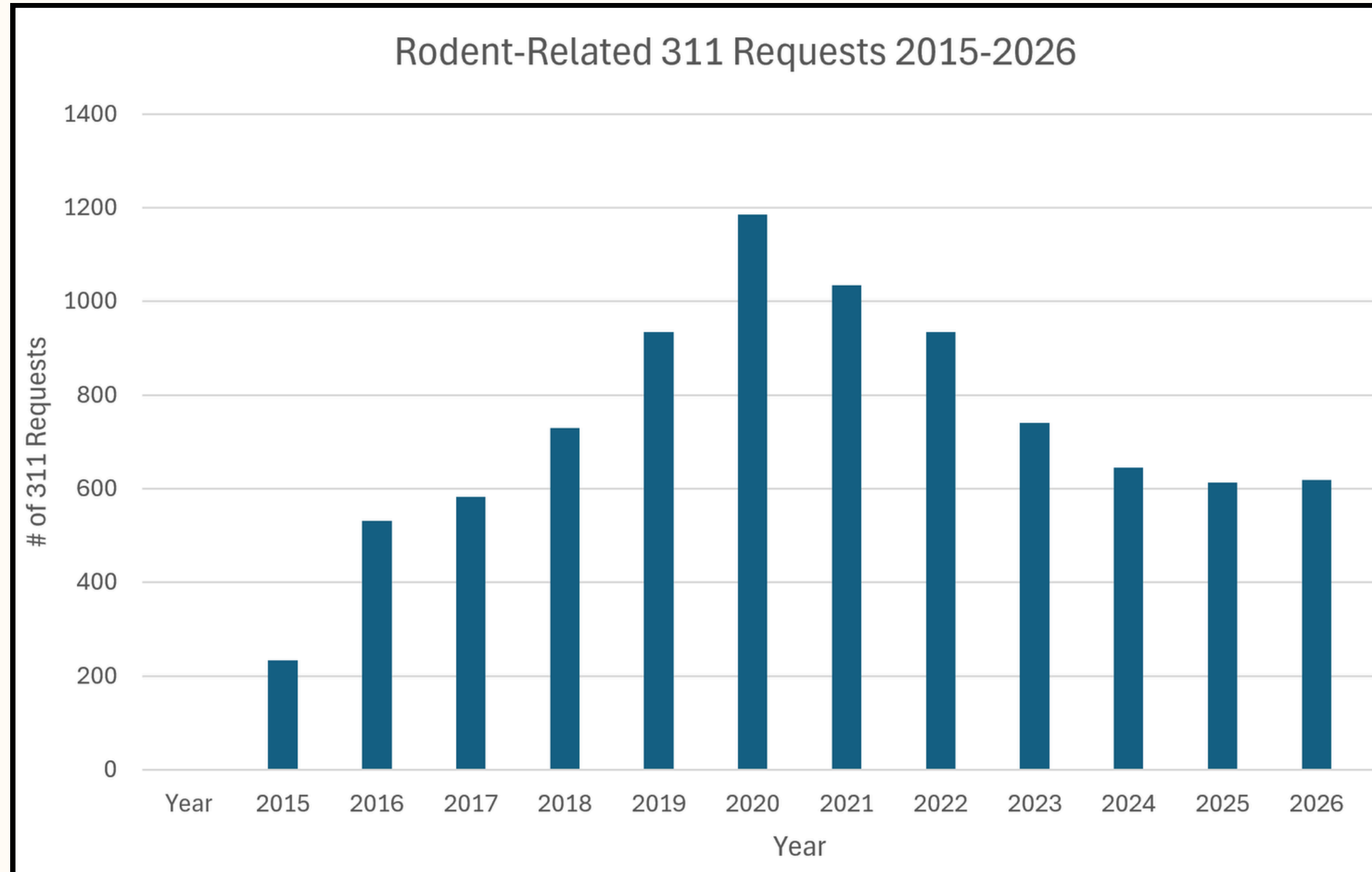


Source: Mobility Division constituent inquiry tracker

Rodent Prevention: sommervillema.gov/rats



- Somerville held its first 'DeRatification Week' in 2026
- **564** rats caught via SMART Boxes so far in 2026
- Rodent Assistance Program
- Rodent prevention takes all of us!



Food Access in Somerville



- City is working to support SNAP access through state level advocacy and supporting and coordinating direct service providers.
- Support directly via Somerville Food Coalition: sommervillefoodcoalition.org/donate/
- Mobile Farmers' Market runs through Oct. 31

Performance Measurement via SomerStat

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City of Somerville Help Data Catalog



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Somerville, MA Open Data

Welcome to the City of Somerville's Open Data Portal. Here you can find, analyze, and download data and explore visualizations published by the City of Somerville, MA.

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Our focus:
Enhancing permitting
in Somerville



State Election Day: November 3, 2026

Important Dates:

- **Voter Registration Deadline:**
Saturday, October 24
- **Deadline to Apply for Early Voting
by Mail or Absentee Ballot by Mail:**
Tuesday, October 27
- **Early Voting at City Hall:**
October 17-30

**With 9 ballot questions, plan to save
yourself time: vote by mail or vote early,
read questions before heading to the polls.**



Get all election information at
sommervillema.gov/elections

Preparing for Snow Season

- Park on the **even side** during Winter 2026/27 snow emergencies *unless otherwise posted.*
- Sign up for City alerts at **sommervillema.gov/alerts**

**All snow information:
sommervillema.gov/snow**



Upcoming City Events

somervillema.gov/calendar

SomerStreets: Monster Mash

Sunday, October 18

1 to 5 p.m.

Somerville Ave between Church St. & Union Sq.

(Rain Date: October 25)

Truck O' Treat

Thursday, October 29

5 to 7 p.m.

City Hall Concourse (93 Highland Ave.)

(Rain date: November 5)



Somerville PorchFest Survey

- Survey open now through **October 25**
- Feedback will help inform future event planning



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Year of the Neighbor

All-City Fall Clean Up

Saturday, November 7

More details to come.

Adopt-a-Drain

somerville.mysticdrains.org



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Mayor's Weekly Office Hours

- Held weekly on Thursday nights
- Sign up online at **sommervillema.gov/mayor**





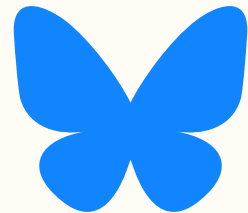
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