

Beverly Harbor Management Authority

Background

The Beverly Harbor Management Authority (BHMA), created by the State Legislature in 1987, supports the City of Beverly on various projects and initiatives that involve waterfront development and use. BHMA also focuses on making waterfront access and enjoyment more accessible to all stakeholders in the city - residents, commercial fishermen, recreational boaters, recreational fishermen, and visitors.



Key Objectives

- Oversee operation of public facilities on the harbor.
- Propose municipal landside and waterside harbor improvement projects, and pursue funding for those projects.
- Foster public access to and along the shoreline, and at public facilities.
- Advocate and support implementation of water-related resources.
- Work with others to maintain and improve city-owned property on the waterfront to include recreational and commercial marinas, and the city pier.
- Review and comment on waterfront developments requiring licenses or permits from state agencies; recommend mitigation to benefit the public when appropriate.
- Respond to community needs at the waterfront during unforeseen circumstances.

Marina Operations and Management Support

- Provide oversight and prepare budget for the operation of the two city marinas.
- Set annual fees for commercial and recreational vessels slips, kayaks, and dinghies.
- Promote availability through Glover Wharf website, signage, and word of mouth.

Contributions to the Beverly Community

Since 2006: Partial List of Completed and Planned Projects with HMA Involvement				
Project	Fiscal Year	Total Cost	Funding Sources	Community Benefits/Comments
Recreational Marina - Glover Wharf	2006	\$2,500,000	SEC grant, City, HMA	new marina, profitable, waiting list
Commercial Marina - Glover Wharf	2012	\$1,700,000	SEC grant, City, HMA	new marina, profitable, supports fishing fleet
Fishing Float - Proposal	2014	\$5,000	HMA	GZA preliminary proposal
Harbor Building	2014-2017	\$172,000	Pipeline mitigation, HMA	move, renovate, upgrade
Public Walkway under Bridge	2016	\$700,000	State	mitigation related to new bridge
Obear Signage and Kayak Rack	2016	\$7,000	DMF grant, HMA	DMF grant - visibility & water activities
Bridge Mural	2017	\$3,000	various local, HMA	visual improvement on bridge pillar
Recreational Marina - Pilings Upgrade	2018	\$706,000	SEC grant, HMA	long term sustainability, lower maintenance
Kayak Racks Upgrade 1	2018	\$9,000	HMA	added 3 new locations, 3 new racks, 24 new spots
Plastic Bags Ban	2018	\$5,000	various local, HMA	environmental improvement
Hoist Pier Replacement - engineering	2019-2020	\$60,000	SEC grant, City, HMA	GZA engineering and permitting
Kayak Racks Upgrade 2	2020	\$16,000	HMA	added 1 new location, 4 new racks, 32 new spots
Access and Water-related Signage	2020	\$15,000	HMA	improved access and activities visibility
Bass River Dredging - Testing, Permits	2008-2019	\$350,000	SEC grant?, BHYC, HMA	all permitting and tests 2010 - present
Bass River Dredging	on hold	\$2,900,000	SEC grant, City, HMA	not started - disposal location approval reversal
CAD Cell Feasibility Study	2021	\$175,000	SEC grant, City, HMA	applied for grant - decision February 2021
Kayak Racks Upgrade 3	<i>in process</i>	\$3,000	HMA	adding new rack at Independence Park
Viewing Machine	2021	\$7,500	HMA	enjoy water views all the way to the islands
Hoist Pier Replacement	2022	\$820,000	SEC grant, City, HMA	application to Seaport Economic Council 4/29/21
Transient & Fishing Floats Feasibility	2022	\$80,000	SEC grant, City, HMA	application to Seaport Economic Council 4/30/21
GW APP - pilot/feasibility project	2021-2022	\$9,999	HMA	customer vessels security, transient commerce
Congress Street Pocket Park	tbd	\$35,000	tbd, HMA	fishing and water activities
New Fishing Float at Glover Wharf	tbd	\$445,000	tbd, HMA	GZA estimate - west of commercial marina
Expand Transient Float at Glover Wharf	tbd	\$860,000	tbd, HMA	Vine Associates estimate - end of Public Pier
		\$11,583,499		

Note: since 2012, HMA has contributed over \$1,000,000 to these projects

Public Access Promotion and Waterfront Enjoyment

- **Public Ways, Viewing Venues** - identify and maintain signage at over 30 City locations.
- **Harbor Fest** - host annual waterfront “party” the first Saturday after Labor Day - first held in 2011 - to promote the waterfront at Glover Wharf.
- **Northshore Striper Blitz** – facilitate fishing tournament for charity, Father’s Day weekend.

Members 2021

BHMA is authorized to have 11 members with 9 appointed by the Mayor and 2 city councilors appointed by the President of the City Council. Current members are:

Paul Earl, Chair

Emily Flaherty, Vice Chair

Todd Callaghan

Larry Herman

Donald Neuman

George Simon

David Suminsby

Todd Rotondo, Councilor Ward 1

Estelle Rand, Councilor Ward 2

Meetings

BHMA meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Beverly library and/or virtual through Google Meet. The public is welcome to attend and provide input.

