

INCENTIVES FOR PROGRESSIVE BUSINESSES

The Dartmouth Industrial Development Commission (IDC) offers numerous assistance services and tax incentives for businesses that are considering expanding or relocating within the town. These incentives create a package that makes moving your business to Dartmouth smart business.

- The Dartmouth IDC and Town officials assist in the preparation of SBA applications and in obtaining other financial support from state and local sources. The IDC works with the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District in affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation to obtain loans for small businesses and leverage additional amounts in bank financing.



- The IDC provides free confidential information and assistance in evaluating potential plant locations and applicable zoning regulations. The IDC supplies detailed information concerning all available industrial land so that prospective businesses can evaluate sites in the most efficient manner. Appointments with Town departments for informal discussions of business ideas are arranged to meet customers' requests.

These meetings can be arranged by calling the Executive Administrator at (508)910-1813.

BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES

- State corporate tax exemption
- Personal income tax exemption
- Excise tax exemption
- Moratorium on equipment and machinery
- Exemption on raw materials to be used in manufacturing
- Copies of approved tax increment financing agreements are available upon request.

FINANCING

ARRANGEMENTS

- State loans for building construction
- State loans for equipment or machinery
- State finance aid for plant expansion
- State incentive for new plants in areas of high unemployment
- Tax increment financing



DARTMOUTH IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS

- 62 square miles of prime real estate encompassing rural, recreational, agricultural, industrial and residential uses.



- 45.7 miles of tidal shoreline, including the Slocum River, Buzzards Bay and Padanaram Harbor.

- Easy access to highways, two deepwater harbors, rail tracks, and the Commonwealth's 3rd largest airport.

- 3,097 acres zoned for industrial development.

- Industrial-zoned land adjacent to I-195, providing immediate access to the Boston and Worcester areas via Routes 140, 24 and 495 and to New York and the South via I-95.

- Industrial lots with public water and sewer.

- One of the lowest water/sewer rates in the Commonwealth.

- One of the lowest tax rates in the Commonwealth. Single tax rate for both residential and industrial.

- Neighboring New Bedford works cooperatively with Dartmouth to meet the needs of the Town's industrial businesses.

- Home to the Southeast Region Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

- Five Economic Opportunity Areas approved by the Commonwealth.



- Four nationally and internationally acclaimed companies have been approved by the Town to receive major tax incentives (tax increment financing), benefiting both the town and the new companies.

- Designated, economic target area.

- A location that ensures overnight delivery to 35% of the major markets.

- One hour from Boston, 30 minutes from Providence, RI and a short distance from Cape Cod and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

TOWN DATA



TOWN: Dartmouth

COUNTY: Bristol

POPULATION (2000): 30,600

LAND AREA: 61.8 square miles

DENSITY: Combination of rural and urbanized areas

CLIMATE: Coastal

GOVERNMENT: Representative Town Meeting and a five-member Select Board

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE BY AUTO FROM DARTMOUTH:

Boston, MA - 55 miles

Providence, RI - 35 miles

New York, NY - 200 miles

ELECTRIC POWER:

NSTAR Electric

NATURAL GAS POWER:

NSTAR Gas

WATER: Supplied by the Town of Dartmouth from town wells and the City of New Bedford

TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORTS

- New Bedford Regional Airport, New Bedford

- Logan International Airport, Boston - approximately one hour from Dartmouth
- T. F. Green Airport, Warwick, RI - less than an hour from Dartmouth

RAIL

- Rail - freight service is provided with piggyback service available in Boston
- Amtrak, Providence, RI - 40 minutes from Dartmouth

TWO DEEPWATER HARBORS

- The Port of Fall River, Fall River, MA - 15 minutes from the Dartmouth Industrial Area
- The Port of New Bedford, New Bedford, MA - 10 to 15 minutes from the Dartmouth Industrial Area

TOWN PLANNING

The Dartmouth Planning Board and staff provide technical reviews and recommendations to three other town boards. The Planning Board submits its recommendations on variances and special permits to the Board of Appeals, its technical reviews of development proposals in wetland resource areas to the Conservation Commission, and

technical reviews of industrial development to the Select Board. The Executive Administrator may be contacted at (508) 910-1813.

BUS

- The Southeastern Regional Transit Authority serves Dartmouth and other area towns.
- American Eagle Motor Coach provides daily commuter service to Boston.
- Bonanza Bus Lines, Inc. carries passengers to Providence and New York.

HIGHWAY

- An excellent highway system provides overnight delivery to 35% of the nation's markets.
- Developed interchanges to Routes Interstate 195, 24 and 140 serve Dartmouth directly.
- Other major routes are US Route 6, Mass. Routes 79, 88, 138, 177 and 495.
- A number of motor freight lines serve the area.



QUALITY OF LIFE

Dartmouth is New England

Dartmouth is a town rich in natural beauty. It is embraced by over 45 miles of shoreline encompassing protected marshlands, harbors and unspoiled beaches. Our seascape combines three golf courses, two tennis clubs, a yacht club, horseback riding trails,

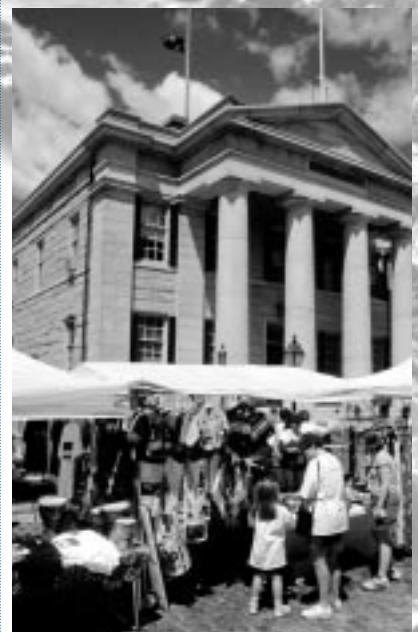


and vineyards to make Dartmouth a recreational paradise for lovers of land and sea. The town's three libraries offer monthly cultural events including a winter art film series. Our working farmlands spill into sleepy, steeple-studded harbor-side villages. This atmosphere creates a special place for children to grow and a relaxing pace for parents on the go.

But Dartmouth isn't all seclusion - cultural diversions are close by. New Bedford, our neighbor and inspiration for the classic, *Moby Dick*, is home to the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the Zeiterion Theatre, the New Bedford Art Museum, Buttonwood Park & Zoo, majestic mansions and ferry service to the islands of Cuttyhunk and Martha's Vineyard. Cape Cod is a short trip away and Boston, Providence and Newport, RI are less than an hour's drive.

You don't need to travel to Boston to receive renowned medical care. Southcoast Health System, a comprehensive network of healthcare facilities and providers, supplies expert healthcare to Southeastern Massachusetts. Dartmouth is also home to two brand-new assisted living communities. Heritage at Dartmouth and Marriott Mapleridge

of Dartmouth let older residents lead a healthy, active and supported lifestyle.



QUALITY EDUCATION

Dartmouth offers families quality schooling - both public and private.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Four elementary schools
- Dartmouth Middle School
- Dartmouth High School

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

- Bishop Stang High School

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- Friends Academy (K-9, co-ed)
- Tabor Academy, Marion, MA
(9-12, co-ed)

VOCATIONAL

- Greater New Bedford
Regional Vocational Technical
High School

HIGHER EDUCATION

- University of Massachusetts
Dartmouth

Four-year undergraduate and
graduate studies

- Bristol Community College,
Fall River, MA

Two-year degree and
certificate programs

- Southern New England School
of Law, Dartmouth

