

What happens if the new zoning for MBTA Communities (Section 3A) gets voted down?

Loss of eligibility for funding for the Housing Choice Initiative, the Local Capital Projects Fund, the MassWorks Infrastructure Program and the HousingWorks Infrastructure Program.

The Wilmington Housing Authority will lose approximately 11% of funding.

As part of the MassWorks program, the Town received a \$3.89M grant for a new culvert at Lubber's Brook at Rt 62.

In an interview in December, Governor Healey stated that funding for schools, bridges, and roads could be impacted by non-compliance.

The following discretionary grant programs will take compliance with the new law into consideration when making grant award recommendations:

EOHLC: Community Planning Grants

EOED: Massachusetts Downtown Initiative, Urban Agenda, Rural and Small-Town Development Fund

MassDevelopment: Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, Underutilized Properties Program, Collaborative Workspace Program, Real Estate Services Technical Assistance, Commonwealth Places Programs

EOEEA: Land Use Planning Grants, Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grants, **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)** Planning and Project Grants

In 2020, Wilmington received a \$31k MVP Planning Grant. An application for the design of the Martin's Brook culvert replacement is anticipated in 2024 (\$350k). Up to \$3M in construction funds would be pursued through MVP as well.

The Massachusetts Attorney General has stated that there is no ability to opt out of compliance with Section 3A.

In February, the AG's office filed a lawsuit against the Town of Milton for failure to comply with Section 3A. In addition to legal consequences, the Town of Milton had funding (\$140k) for a seawall revoked due to their non-compliance.