

Area 1

Dwight Street Gateway



Holyoke, MA

This area includes both sides of Dwight Street from Beech Street to Elm Street, which serves as a western gateway into the downtown area. There are a number of vacant lots and City-owned parcels along this section of Dwight Street. Streetscape enhancements were completed by the City using CDBG-R funding several years ago. This work included new sidewalks and the installation of sustainable plant beds located to the rear of the sidewalk when possible. Recommendations include the acquisition of vacant lots, combining lots where necessary to create larger parcels, and then selling the lots to be redeveloped for a mix of residential and retail use within the corridor that is in the same scale and character as the abutting neighborhood, along with accessory uses. Streetscape improvements are also included. If redevelopment is not imminent, the promotion of green spaces should be encouraged to minimize the blighted appearance. In addition, a formal themed “gateway” through the use of art and visual elements should be created.

712 Dwight St

006-06-010

Area #1 - Dwight Street Gateway

Ward: 1
Zoning: BL
Acres: 0.063
Bldg. Type: MX USE < 9
Condition: Poor
Bldg. Size: 11,076 GSF

Owner: CITY OF HOLYOKE
Address: 536 DWIGHT STREET
HOLYOKE, MA 01040

Total Value: \$144,300
Land: \$24,800
Building: \$119,500

Vacant? Yes
Tax Title? No

Action: Transfer

Description:

This vacant building contributes to blight in the Dwight St. gateway. Redevelopment of this building would present the opportunity to create quality housing and light commercial/retail uses which, as a result, would increase tax revenue and property values in the area. An adjacent city owned parcel, also in the URP, can be aggregated and utilized for parking and green space to support the redevelopment.

