



Wareham's 2017 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Project

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What is Chapter 43D?

- A tool for targeted economic development that promotes commercial, industrial or mixed-use development on pre-designated parcels.
- A voluntary, local option.
 - In other words, towns must "opt-in" through town meeting and property-owners must "opt-in" through written approval.
- Sponsored by the Massachusetts Permit Regulatory Office (MPRO).
- A tool to implement the 2016 Route 28 Economic Development Study (cover pictured below)

Town of Wareham Route 28 Economic Development Study

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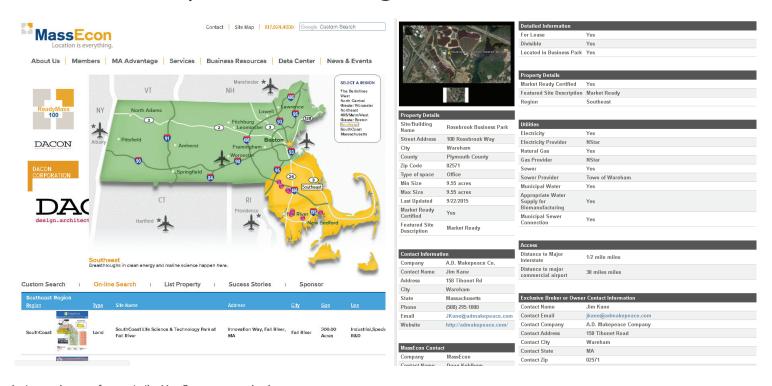
Wareham Crossing and Rosebrook Business Park, 2005

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Wareham Crossing and Rosebrook Business Park, 2015

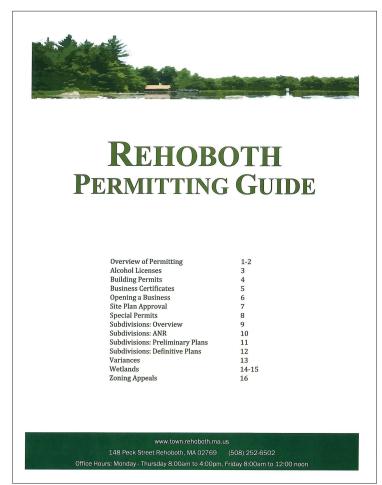
What does 43D do?

- Provides for a streamlined permitting process that promotes transparency and predictability for the development process.
- Guarantees permitting decisions "Yes" or "No" on priority development sites (PDS) within 180 days.
 - In other words, you're promising to respond in a timely fashion not to say "Yes."
- Increases the visibility of PDS through MassEcon site finder.



What does 43D do (continued)?

- Gives the PDS *priority consideration* for MassWorks, brownfields remediation assistance, and other financing programs.
- Guides municipal planning and permitting with a permitting guide.
- Allows for the collection of special fees for PDS applications.





What are 43D's requirements?

- PDS property-owners must *commit in writing to opt-in*.
- PDS must be zoned commercial, industrial, or mixed-use.
- PDS must be eligible for 50,000 s.f. of (re)development.
- PDS must be *approved by MPRO's Interagency Permitting Board* (within 60 days of a 43D PDS application).
- Both the PDS and the provisions of Chapter 43D must be approved by Town Meeting (or City Council) vote.
- Within 120 days of opt-in, the town must¹:
 - appoint a single point of contact for all things 43D,
 - amend local rules, regulations, and bylaws (if needed and only for 43D PDS) to comply with the 180-day permit timeline,
 - determine and provide the requirements for applicable permits,
 - establish procedures for identifying necessary permits, and
 - establish procedures for determining completeness or required submissions.

¹Please note that all this information must be included a packet given to any applicant. In the past, many towns have chosen to include these items in the permitting guide.

What local permits are affected by 43D?

- Planning Board
 - Special Permits and Site Plan Review
- ZBA
 - Special Permits
- Conservation Commission
 - Order of Conditions and Wetland Decisions
- Board of Health
 - Title V
- Fire Chief
 - Flammable Materials License
- Historic Districts

What PDS are you considering? (Let's open to page 10 and discuss.)

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Map 10: Proposed Development Sites

1: Wareham IP 2

Industrial development of vacant parcels.

Chapter 43D Priority Development Site (PDS) designation.

Low Impact Development (LID) within PPA.

2: Tobey Road

Industrial development or Research and Development (similar to Smithers Laboratories) on vacant parcels.

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3: Corridor Revitalization

Assemble smaller parcels into larger sites.

Rezoning to allow/incentivize retail and service uses in the emerging commercial corridor.

4: Kendrick Road

Industrial development of vacant parcels.

Site, streetscaping, and branding improvements to the park's entrance.

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5: Cranberry IP

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