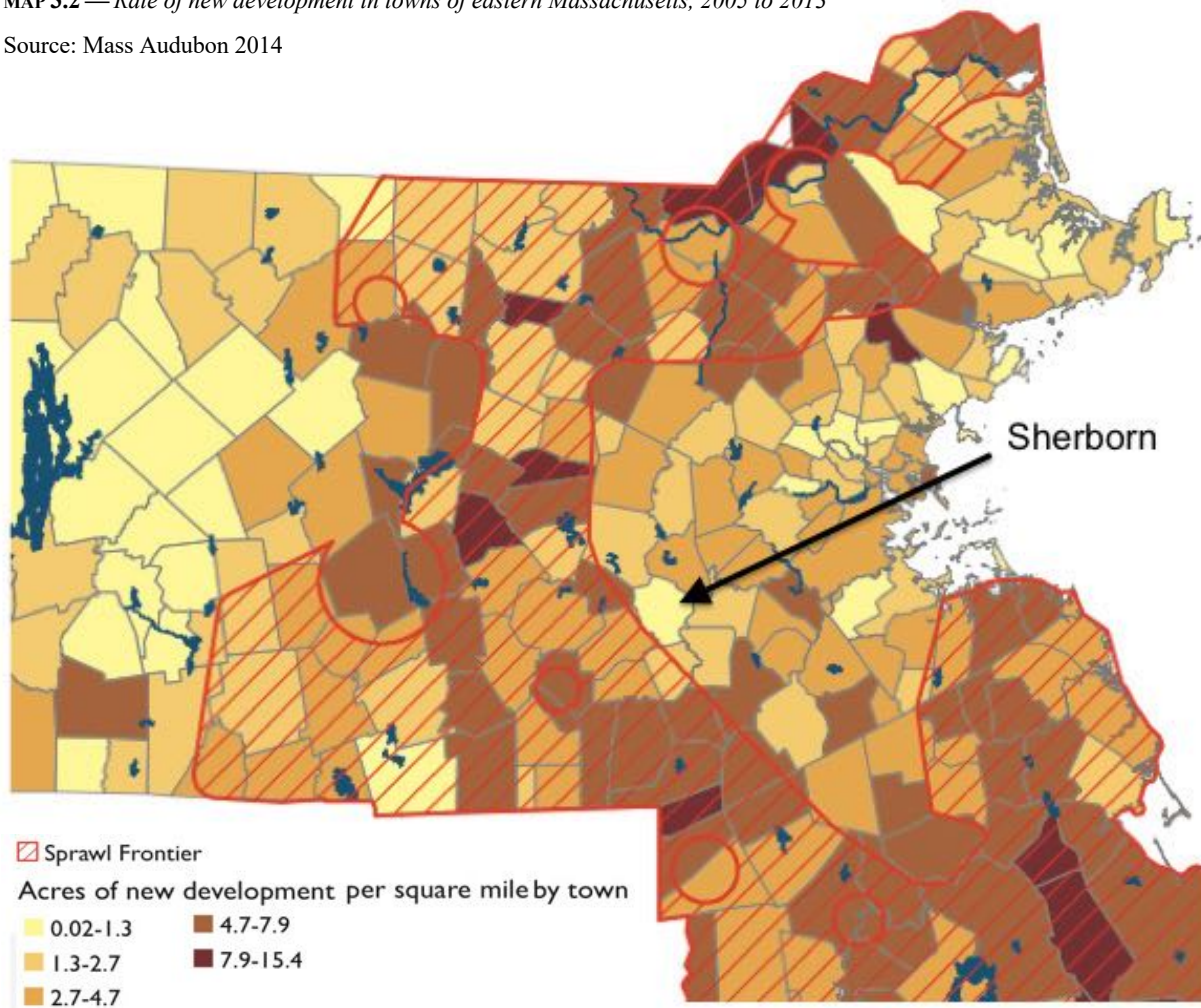


MAP 3.2 — Rate of new development in towns of eastern Massachusetts, 2005 to 2013

Source: Mass Audubon 2014



As a member of the SWAP subregion of MAPC, representatives of Sherborn’s Planning Board meet regularly with representatives of the nearby towns of Bellingham, Dover, Franklin, Hopkinton, Medway, Milford, Millis, Norfolk and Wrentham to discuss issues of common interest and to learn about new state and federal initiatives and programs. The 495/Metrowest Partnership, which also includes Sherborn, is represented at SWAP and provides valuable input for identifying priority development and preservation opportunities at the local, regional, and state levels. These public/private organizations advocate for both the economic development and quality of life for its member communities. They have helped Sherborn keep abreast of regulatory issues at the state level and navigate the local challenges of balancing housing needs and open space preservation.

Sherborn is located within the northeastern region of the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which is the broad open space and recreation plan developed by the commonwealth. This revised Sherborn OSRP is guided by the goals of SCORP.

The open space and recreation plans of the abutting towns of Ashland, Dover, Medfield, and Walpole have expired, but the other abutting towns all have active plans that will expire over the next few years. Natick’s plan expires in 2019, and both Holliston’s and Framingham’s plans are in effect through 2020.