






What Gloucester Stands to Lose with a NO Vote

Immediate Grant Losses if not in compliance by July 2025

-  **\$400,000*** – Water infrastructure (Gloucester Ave & Grove St)
-  **\$500,000*** – Wastewater facility design (Essex Ave)
-  **\$1,000,000** – Supplemental payment for Sawyer Free Library
-  **\$217,000** – Sawyer Free Library LEED certification
-  **\$131,000–\$530,000** – 16.7% of Gloucester Housing Authority operating funds

*Spending has begun on these grants since Gloucester received an extension to comply by July 2025

Future Grant Risk

-  In 2024, Gloucester received **\$8.7 million in state grants**. Non-compliance could jeopardize similar future funding.

Higher Local Taxes Likely

Without state funding, **Gloucester taxpayers will foot the bill**—and our tax dollars will go to other towns instead of staying here.

Still Required to Follow State Law

The Planning Board must create a new plan regardless of the vote outcome.

State Can Impose its Own Zoning Plan

A "No" vote means Gloucester loses the ability to control its own zoning if we fail to approve a zoning plan, and the state will write Gloucester's zoning ordinance for us.