

Part III: Development and Infrastructure

Introduction

Public facilities and infrastructure connect East Granby residents to essential services, including education, public works, public safety, recreation, and social services. As East Granby plans for the next decade, it will be important to ensure that transportation, water and sewer systems, recreational amenities, and educational and other civic facilities can support the community and remain accessible to all residents. Recent investments including STEAP funding for the North End at East Granby Farms, fundraising for a new playscape, continued support for Cowles Park, and renewed attention to Granbrook Park demonstrate the Town's commitment to maintaining and improving public spaces. Looking ahead, the Town should consider staffing, programming, fundraising, and weather-safety limitations that may affect recreation services and facilities in town. East Granby is committed to sharing services and resources where possible within the East Granby school system in an effort to improve efficiency and reduce operating costs.

Public Buildings and Municipal Facilities



The East Granby Town Hall Complex serves as the primary administrative center, housing many of the municipal departments and administrative services used by residents. This includes the Granby Ambulance Association (East Granby Ambulance Station), Fire Department, Police Services, Assessor's Office, Building Department, Engineering Department, Fire Marshal, Game Warden, Maintenance Services, Public Works, Planning and Zoning Department, Economic Development Department, First Selectmen's Office, Senior Services, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Water Pollution Control Authority, Senior Center/Community Center and Youth Services.

Public Works



*Town of East Granby Public Works Department
Source: Town of East Granby*

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining much of the Town's core infrastructure and supporting the daily operation of municipal services. The Department is comprised of four primary divisions: Roadways, Parks and Grounds, Facilities and Maintenance, and the Recycling Collection Center (RCC).

Roadways. The Roadways Division is responsible for maintaining Town roads during the warmer months, providing snowplowing and salting services during the winter (including for school properties) and removing trees from Town roadways when needed. This work supports safe travel, emergency access, and the movement of residents, visitors, and municipal services throughout East Granby. The Town also provides sand mixed with salt for East Granby residents at the Town Garage to support residents in their own snow removal efforts.

Parks and Grounds. The Parks and Grounds Division maintains Town-owned properties, including school grounds, through mowing, weeding, planting, and general upkeep.

Facilities and Maintenance. The Facilities and Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining, cleaning, and repairing Town-owned buildings and school facilities. This supports safe and efficient municipal operations, protects public investments, and helps ensure that public buildings remain usable for residents, staff, students, and community programs.

Recycling Collection Center (RCC). The Recycling Collection Center (RCC) is a transfer station located on Turkey Hill Road where valid permit holders may dispose of household and bulky waste, leaf and grass clippings, and other regulated materials. The facility supports local waste management needs and provides residents with a convenient option for disposing of materials that require proper handling.

Additionally, The Metropolitan District Commission or (MDC) is a regional public utility organization that is located in the area. Through MDC, East Granby residents participate in the regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection programs to safely dispose of any hazardous substances (*Source: 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Schedule*).

The Public Works Department also coordinates with other Town boards, commissions, departments, and outside agencies to address infrastructure needs, respond to weather-related events, and support public facility maintenance. East Granby should continue to prioritize roadway and drainage improvements by incorporating these needs into the capital planning process which will ensure safe, reliable, and cost-effective services to residents.



*East Granby Recycling Collection Center
Source: Town of East Granby*

Parks and Recreation



Source: Town of East Granby

The Town's Parks and Recreation Department supports residents through its provision of year-round recreational programming, maintenance of vibrant Town parks, and public open spaces for residents of all ages to enjoy (see Chapter 4- Natural Resources and Open Space). The Department also offers summer camps, youth sports, art classes, bus trips, and more (*Source: Town of East Granby*). The Department works closely with the Parks and Recreation Commission and oversees key recreational assets in Town such as Granbrook Park, Cowles Park, East Granby Farms, the East Granby Recreation Center and the Town-owned portion of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (*Source: Town of East Granby*). The East Granby Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Department's Director and helps to identify and deliver resources pertinent to community needs, programs and activities. The Commission also volunteers to assist with oversight of Town parks.



The Pavilion at Granbrook Park
Source: Town of East Granby Recreation
Department

Granbrook Park. This park contains a playground and picnic facilities including a pavilion for rental and outdoor grills. Residents and visitors can also access the Salmon Brook through this park. In May of 2025 a new playscape and baseball field at this facility completed construction.

Cowles Park. Cowles Park boasts more than 15 miles of wooded multi-use trails including the notable New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) trails and connects to the popular Metacomet Trail which offers scenic vistas overlooking the Farmington River.

The Farmington Canal Heritage Trail/ The Greenway. The 5-mile stretch of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail located in East Granby contains a paved multi-use trail for walking, running, cycling, and roller bladers/skaters. The trail extends from the border of the Town of Suffield to the Town of Granby's border. Three trailhead access points are located in East Granby, two of which have

lighted paths.

East Granby Farms. East Granby Farms is a recreation area sized at approximately 480 acres that features open fields and a plethora of grassy areas, walking paths and trails. The property also boasts pickle ball courts, basketball courts, and other improvements including ball fields, playgrounds and more.

The David K. Kilbon Recreation Center. The Town's Recreation Center, also known as The Barn is located on the East Granby Farms property. The building is 2,400 square feet and contains kitchen facilities, projector and sound system capabilities



*Private event at the David K. Kilbon Recreation Center.
Source: Town of East Granby Recreation Department*

among other amenities which are available for residents to rent for a small fee. The space is ideal for private events and business meetings and provides the Town with a space for its recreational programming and activities. The facility is used for a number of Parks and Recreation events and hosts both public and private events.

Together the Parks and Recreation Commission and Department provide residents with the opportunity to participate in a range of active and passive recreation activities and the facilities serve as essential gathering spaces for activities and celebrations that promote a greater sense of belonging and community pride. In May of 2025, the East Granby Playscape officially opened with a ribbon cutting

ceremony to celebrate. The playscape is inclusive, safe, and serves as an example of the positive impacts that come from the efforts spearheaded by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and Commission along with the generous support from various foundations, businesses and groups. Looking ahead, the successful development of the East Granby Playscape should serve as an example of the community benefits that can be achieved through coordinated efforts by public and private partnerships. While programs and parks hosted by the Parks and Recreation Commission are well-attended, a focus on improved marketing efforts could greatly improve awareness of these amenities. More information about the Department's programming can be found on their website linked here: [East Granby Recreation Department](#).



Source: Town of East Granby Parks and Recreation Department

Transportation and Roadway Infrastructure

East Granby benefits from a robust transportation network that provides regional connectivity while preserving the Town's rural character. Several major state roadways intersect the Town including Route 187 (South Main Street and North Main Street), Route 189 (Hartford Avenue), Route 20 (Rainbow Road and Turkey Hills Road) and Route 540 (Hatchet Hill Road). The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Conn DOT) is primarily responsible for the maintenance and improvement of

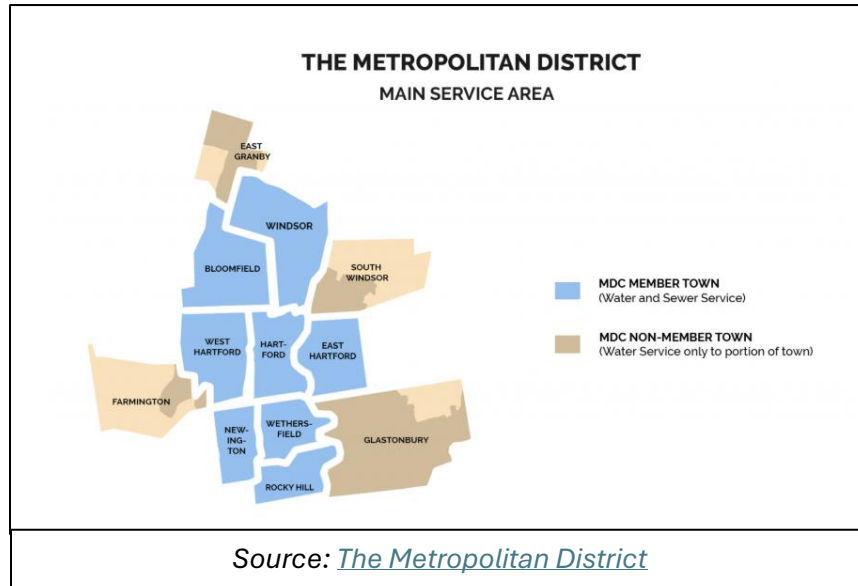
these roadways in addition to snow and ice removal services when needed. Additionally, the Town's location equidistant from Hartford, CT and Springfield, MA displays its accessibility to both cities.

The Town's transportation system also contains portions of the Bradley International Airport, the second-largest airport in New England (*Source: Town of East Granby*). The airport supports passengers and cargo transportation services that drive major economic activity in the region. The Town is located in the Bradley Development League and is a part of the Bradley Airport Development Zone Program which may provide incentives for certain airport-related eligible businesses (among other requirements) developed within the zone.

East Granby also offers important multimodal transportation opportunities through the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. The trail is paved which increases access to various non-motorized modes of transportation. Other regional connections in the area include the town's close proximity to Amtrak and CTRail train platforms in Windsor and Windsor Locks. Maintaining safe and efficient transportation infrastructure will remain a key priority as the Town balances residential quality of life, economic development, and regional connectivity. Particularly, as the town works towards increasing accessibility for senior citizens to age in place, increased walkability between the senior housing developments and other businesses and facilities in the Town Center are imperative. Additionally, planning efforts should ensure the housing developments proposed for the north side of Route 20 are cohesive with the existing network of sidewalks in the area and have connections to the Village Center. The Town should continue to prioritize roadway maintenance, pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, traffic calming where appropriate, and improved connectivity between neighborhoods, schools, parks, municipal facilities, and commercial areas. Transportation improvements should be coordinated with land use planning, capital budgeting, and opportunities to strengthen walking and biking linkages throughout Town.

Public Utilities, Water and Wastewater Systems

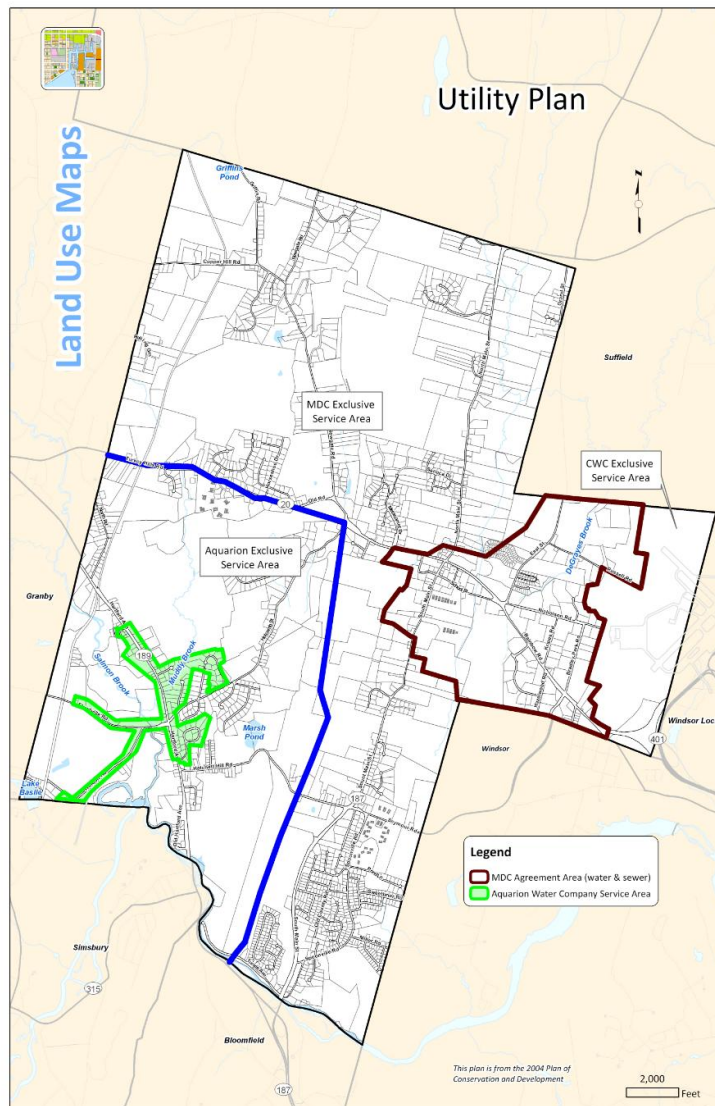
A Town's public utilities are essential to the community's health, safety, communication, emergency preparedness, and economic vitality. Utility services such as electricity, telecommunications, natural gas, water, and sewer infrastructure are provided through a combination of public systems, private providers, and regional or intermunicipal arrangements. While Eversource serves as the main provider for natural gas service in Town, East Granby is a non-member Town of The Metropolitan District (MDC) which is a non-profit municipal corporation that provides water services to a portion of town (Source: [About the](#)



[Metropolitan District | The MDC](#)). The Aquarion Water Company is the other major service provider of water service in Town. The Town of East Granby owns all the piping and pumping stations located within, and operates sewer services and coordinates related fees.

The Town's Engineering Department and WPCA serve key roles in public utility operations in East Granby. The Town Engineering Department reviews plans and performs inspections for projects related to roadways, drainage, and sewer systems constructed by private developers to ensure compliance with Town standards; issues permits for Excavation, Driveway and Sewer connection development; provides technical advice to Town Departments, Boards and

Commissions, and the public; and reviews engineering plans submitted to the Inland Wetlands Commission and Planning and Zoning Commissions. The Department also prepares designs for the construction of municipal public works improvements. The Water Pollution Control Authority's responsibilities include: setting and approving sewer rates (the MDC sets water rates and issues bills for their services accordingly), and establishing procedures associated with billing and assessment based on recommendations from the Town's Engineer. The WPCA is also responsible for developing, financing, constructing, and



Source: Town of East Granby

operating water and wastewater supply, disposal and distribution facilities required to properly serve the needs of the Town. Public water and sewer infrastructure can help guide growth to desired locations, supporting commercial and industrial development where appropriate, and reducing environmental constraints where needed in order to protect sensitive natural resources.

Looking ahead, the Town should support efforts to ensure that desired growth areas are sufficiently covered by water and sewer service areas, for example the condos on Seymour Road and the apartments on Nicholson Road. Lastly, supporting MDC's efforts through the Infiltration and Inflow Study will help identify problem areas, and monitor the flow of sewer systems to identify the costs associated with repairing and upgrading pipes, meter pits, pump stations and other stormwater infrastructure in the future.

As technology rapidly develops, the Town should also seek to update electric power, telecommunications and broadband internet services throughout Town. This ensures that schools, businesses and homes remain connected while increasing access to modern communication systems.

Educational and civic facilities



Source: [R. D. SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL](#)

The Town's excellent school system provides educational and civic facilities that serve as important community anchors by supporting learning, public services, recreation, social services, and civic engagement. The East Granby Board of Education sets the policies that guide the Town's school system. The East Granby Public School District contains four schools: R.D. Seymour Elementary School, Carl Allgrove Elementary School, East Granby Middle School and East Granby High School. In total, the District serves approximately 900 students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Carl Allgrove Elementary serves Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd Grade and encourages strong foundations in reading, math, writing, and creative and critical thinking skills (Source: [Carl Allgrove Elementary School](#)). The R.D. Seymour School, which serves grades 3 through 5, has received State level recognitions such as the School of Distinction title awarded during 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 school years (Source: [R.D. Seymour School](#)). East Granby Middle School serves grades 6 through 8 and East Granby High School serves grades 9 through 12 and both remain highly rated among middle and high schools statewide (Source: [EGMS - US News "Best Middle Schools"](#)). These buildings serve as key educational institutions in Town and also as gathering places for

community events and recreational programs. Looking ahead, prioritizing high quality education, shared-use opportunities for school and municipal buildings to further the [goals and vision of the East Granby Board of Education](#) is key.

Public Safety



Public safety is integral to the well-being and security of every community, and East Granby has multiple agencies that serve the town in this capacity. The East Granby Fire Department, which was formed in 1929, provides service to the entire town and is comprised of two stations. The Fire Department apparatus fleet consists of three engines, one aerial, two rescues, one tanker, a brush unit, one utility vehicle, one equipment trailer and a Chief's vehicle (Source: eastgranbyfire.com). These vehicles allow the Department to perform (when necessary): water supply operations (including shuttling water to a scene), forcible entry operations, search and rescue, ventilation, vehicle extractions, entry and egress provision operations, and salvage and overhaul among many other tasks. The Fire Department also has a plethora of other supplies including ground

and roof ladders, various extinguishers, and specialized equipment tools such as hydraulic, pneumatic and electric tools, life-safety rope, and rigging hardware.

The Granby Ambulance Association, which operates out of the East Granby Ambulance Station provides ambulance services to East Granby. This includes Advanced Life Support (Paramedic service) (*Source: Town of East Granby*).



Source: Granby Ambulance Building

Other Public Services

Senior Services

The East Granby Senior Services Department provides a range of programming for the wellness, education, socialization and recreation of senior citizen aged residents (*Source: Town of East Granby*). The Town offers Mini-Bus services for free by reservation and Dial-a-Ride transport for medical, dental, and personal care appointments in addition to grocery stores and trips to other shopping venues, banks, library, the post office and community events (*Source: Town of East Granby*).

Additionally, the Town's "Good Samaritan" volunteer program provides opportunities for seniors to build friendships and connections within the community by providing transport, small jobs, friendly visits, and errand assistance to senior residents (Source: [Town of East Granby Senior Services](#)).

Social Services

The East Granby Social Services Department provides residents with assistance for their social, emotional and economic needs. Some of the programs offered include: Energy Assistance, the Renter's Rebate Program, Holiday programs, Back to School programs, Food Programs, and Information and Referrals (Source: [Town of East Granby Social Services](#)). Additionally, the Town offers financial assistance through the East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund which helps qualifying residents who are facing financial hardship with the cost of fuel, housing, medical, electric and other needs and is solely funded through donations and gifts from the community (Source: [Town of East Granby Social Services](#)).

Other important social services within Town include the Friend to Friend Food Pantry and Thrift Store. The East Granby Senior Center, East Granby Public Library and the East Granby Congregational Church collaborate to provide transportation, deliveries (for those who are homebound) and access to the local Food Pantry for qualifying residents (Source: [Town of East Granby](#)). Moreover, the Waste Not Want Not Community Kitchen through the East Granby Congregational Church provides free community meals for all in need on a weekly basis, and Meals on Wheels provides food (for a fee) for those who are ill, homebound or disabled 5 days a week (Source: [Town of East Granby Social Services](#)).

Youth Services

The East Granby Youth Service Bureau (YSB) offers various support and programming efforts to the town's youth population. The YSB is served by the Youth Services Commission and is comprised of representatives from various community segments including law enforcement, education, children and families and local businesses and organizations. After school and sports programming, substance abuse prevention, stress management, parent workshops and family events help cultivate healthy habits, develop peer relations and promote positive youth development (Source: [Town of East Granby Youth Services](#)). Moreover, the Youth Services Office offers help with referrals for those in need of emotional, behavioral, and mental health counselling for children and families in the community (Source: [Town of East Granby Youth Services](#)). The Juvenile Review

Board runs a community-based program that diverts eligible cases from the Juvenile Justice System and provides personalized local intervention.

East Granby Public Library

The East Granby Public Library is a key central hub in the community which offers access to educational, technological, and learning materials to community members of all ages. In 1922, the Library was started by 6 townspeople and has since grown in size and now offers a broad range of services. This includes book clubs, movie showings, reading groups, painting and crafts, resources for local business owners, and a plethora of other programming and entertainment (Source: [East Granby Public Library](#)). The library's meeting rooms also serve the town's Boards and Commissions when other rooms are not available for monthly meetings. Doreen's Nature Trail, located on the library's property serves as a key outdoor learning environment in the community. Future planning efforts should include a balance of educational programming, public accessibility and community stewardship to maintain the high quality learning environments for the youth population in East

Granby.

Together, these services support community well-being and secure access to resources and lifelong learning opportunities for residents. Ensuring that residents of all ages can stay informed, connected, and supported through various Town-led initiatives is a sign of a reliable network of public utilities and services. Planning policies should prioritize accessibility, spreading awareness of programs that are available to residents, interdepartmental coordination and volunteerism.



Doreen's Nature Trail

*Source: East Granby Public
Library*

Goals and Actions

- Continue quality programming and recreational facilities in Town
- Improve and maintain drinking water quality in East Granby
- Support efforts to grow and increase connectivity with the municipal complex
- Preserve areas for passive and active recreation
- Continue to enhance programs that promote volunteer recruitment and participation for the fire and ambulance services
- Continue to support improvement and expansion of facilities at East Granby Farms, Granbrook Park and Cowles Park

Actions

- Explore ways to better market the programs and parks in Town
- Prioritize efforts to increase connectivity throughout East Granby
- Financial planning for the regular maintenance and improvements of Town facilities
- Explore hiring paid personnel to produce the high quality programming and facility upkeep of Town recreational facilities
- Protect water supply and support conservation efforts through protecting reservoirs and promoting groundwater recharge and implementing educational efforts
- Continue to serve desired growth with expanded public sewer and water services
- Work with Simsbury to extend the Town's sewer service areas
- Develop and maintain adequate recreational facilities
- Manage neighborhood parks, forests and other open spaces to enhance their value to the public
- Work with the Recreation Department to spread awareness of available recreational opportunities in East Granby
- Further connectivity of walking and biking paths to create linkages between the public spaces in Town

- Continue to encourage local and regional coordination and cooperation in all areas of community facilities (including equipment sharing, community service, and providing services and accessibility to facilities) by encouraging collaboration of Town boards and commissions
- Support MDC in the planned Infiltration and Inflow Study
- Explore the consolidation of town services to reduce redundancy in operations and cut costs