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## Urban Renewal Planning in Downtown Fall River

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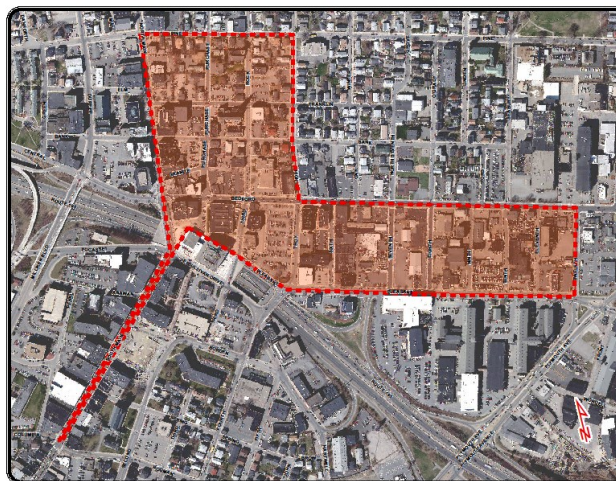
On June 7, 2016 the Fall River Redevelopment Authority (FRRA) received two proposals for the creation of a Downtown Urban Renewal Plan. These proposals were submitted by BSC Group and The Cecil Group in response to a Request for Proposals issued by the FRRA.

The creation of an Urban Renewal Plan in the City's downtown will assist the City in stimulating development and redevelopment in underutilized and underperforming properties, eliminate blighted conditions and enhance economic development opportunities in an area of the City that is in dire need of

attention.

The company selected to create the Urban Renewal Plan will be required to analyze the location and create definitive boundaries for the plan, perform community outreach and engage public participation, and create a cohesive Urban Renewal Plan to be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for approval.

The proposals are currently under review by the FRRA. Candidate interviews will be conducted in the coming weeks with the final selection in mid/late July.



Above: A draft of the Downtown Urban Renewal Plan area.

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## 1,012 Jobs Available

Looking for a job?

Visit [froed.org](http://froed.org) then select the "Current Employment Opportunities" tab. Next click "Job Search" and this will launch an interactive database.

Within this database alone there are currently **1,012** employment opportunities within a 5 mile radius of Fall River.



## Cannatech Medicinals, Inc. to Begin Construction in Fall River

In December of 2015, the Fall River Redevelopment Authority (FRRA), the entity which owns the undeveloped land in the Southcoast Life Science and Technology Park at Fall River, heard presentations from two companies interested in purchasing land at the park for the construction of a medical marijuana grow facility. Ultimately, the FRRA selected Cannatech Medicinals, Inc. and the two parties entered into an option agreement on a 12 acre parcel abutting the Amazon property.

In addition to entering into an agreement with the FRRA, Cannatech also received a letter of support from Mayor Jasiel Correia and a letter of non-opposition from Police Chief Daniel Racine, which allowed Cannatech to move forward in the Commonwealth's medical marijuana producer licensure process.

Earlier this month Cannatech received Phase 3 approval from the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health to construct a 30,000 square foot facility. It is expected that Cannatech will break ground on their new

facility by early/mid July. The facility is expected to take 6 to 8 months to construct and product should be ready for sale 16 to 18 months after the start of construction. Cannatech expects to employ approximately 30 people initially with hopes of increasing that number.

The facility located in the park will be a grow-only facility and will not have a retail component. Cannatech President Henry Crowley and Steven Pimental, a partner in Cannatech, are not new to Fall River as they are both part of the Same Day SurgiClinic located on Stanley Street.

Kenneth Fiola, Jr., Executive Vice President of the Fall River Office of Economic Development is pleased with the announcement noting, "Cannatech represents a unique and exciting opportunity for the development of a natural product, which will help alleviate numerous medical symptoms for men, women and children. Once again, Fall River is uniquely positioned to play a major role in the use of marijuana for medical purposes."

## FRRA Moving Forward With Waterfront Urban Renewal Plan

The Fall River Redevelopment Authority (FRRA) is looking to create an urban renewal plan along the City's waterfront. Urban renewal is a strategy for redeveloping and revitalizing substandard, decadent and blighted open areas for residential, commercial, industrial, business, governmental, recreational, educational, hospital or other uses.

As such, the FRRA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified and experienced entities to provide the products and services necessary to prepare an urban renewal plan that will receive state approval.

The FRRA received two responses to the RFP and chose to hire The Cecil Group to create the Waterfront Urban Renewal Plan.

The Cecil Group has extensive experience with Urban Renewal Planning in communities throughout the Commonwealth. In addition, The Cecil Group is familiar with Fall River from past projects including the Fall River Harbor and Downtown Plan, Urban Renewal Planning for the Kerr Mill, and studies for Battleship Cove.

The Cecil Group anticipates the Urban Renewal Planning process will take 10-12 months to complete.



*Above: Aerial of the Waterfront Urban Renewal Plan Area*



## Fall River by the Numbers...

Congratulations Class of 2016!! The charts below identify the colleges to be attended by the top 10 students from local high schools. We wish all graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors.

### BMC Durfee High School

Ranking	College Enrollment
1	Harvard University
2	Swarthmore College
3	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
4	Rhode Island College
5	Salve Regina University
6	Fitchburg State University
7	University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
8	University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
9	Bristol Community College
10	University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth

### Bishop Connolly High School

Ranking	College Enrollment
1	University of Rhode Island
2	Roger Williams University
3	Roger Williams University
4	University of Notre Dame
5	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
6	Quinnipiac University
7	Roger Williams University
8	University of Rhode Island
9	Bentley University
10	University of Rhode Island

### Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School

Ranking	College Enrollment
1	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
2	University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
3	University of Massachusetts at Amherst
4	Bridgewater State University
5	University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
6	Rhode Island College
7	University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
8	University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
9	University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
10	Massachusetts College of Art and Design

### Somerset-Berkley Regional High School

Ranking	College Enrollment
1	Providence College
1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
2	Boston College
3	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
4	University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth
5	Unknown
6	Florida State University
7	United States Coast Guard Academy
8	Bridgewater State University
9	University of Massachusetts at Amherst
10	Worcester Polytechnic Institute





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## TODAY: Technical Assistance Workshop

On Thursday, June 16, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm the Fall River Office of Economic Development will host a seminar entitled "How to Deliver Fanatical Customer Service" as part of the "How to Start or Grow a Business in Fall River Workshop Series." The workshop will take place at the CWT Professional Building located at 139 South Main Street.

Whether you have clients, buyers, patients, members or just plain customers, keeping them happy and coming back is the key to the success of your business. In order to win people over and stop them from going to your competition, everyone in your organization must have the knowledge and skills to provide exceptional service in every interaction with your customers and to spot and solve problems before they

occur.

Mike Motta is not only the Fall River Office of Economic Development's (FROED) Microloan technical assistance specialist, but he's a customer service fanatic!

In this interactive workshop Mike uses a variety of techniques and role-playing to demonstrate the right ways to handle situations and deliver exceptional customer service.

Please register by emailing [m.motta@froed.org](mailto:m.motta@froed.org).



## Fall River's Finest: Jo A. Hannafin, M.D., Ph.D.

Jo A. Hannafin was born in Fall River in 1955, one of three children, to Arthur and Helen Hannafin. She is married to John Brisson and they have three children.

Hannafin attended St. Joseph's School, Mount St. Mary's and Bishop Gerard High School. She graduated from Brown University and Yeshiva University and has both a medical degree and Ph.D.

Hannafin is a board certified orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine physician, as well as Director of Orthopedic Research at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. She is also a professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Hannafin was the first clinician-scientist at the Hospital for Special Surgery and maintains an active research program in the area of ligament physiology. Her specialties include knee, shoulder, elbow

and sports medicine with special expertise for female athletes. She is the co-founder of the Women's Sports Medicine Center at Hospital for Special Surgery.

Hannafin was a 2004 Olympic Games Physician in Athens and the Pan Am Games in 2003. She serves on the FISA Medical Commission and was the FISA physician for the 2012 Olympic Games. Hannafin is also the president of the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine.

Hannafin is also vice president of the Board of Trustees of the National Rowing Foundation. She was a silver medalist in the lightweight double at the 1984 Rowing World Championship and a three-time gold medalist at the U.S. National Rowing Championships. She is also a steward of the Brown Rowing Association.

*(Profile from John B. Cummings, Jr. "Cream of the Crop—Fall River's Best and Brightest")*



### Mission statement of the Fall River Office of Economic Development:

*Incorporated in 1978 as a 501(c)(4) corporation to promote the prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of Fall River through the stimulation of economic strength and expansion of new and existing business.*

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