

**RESOLUTION OF THE
ADAMS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF
THE ADAMS ROUTE 8 TARGET AREA AS A BLIGHTED AREA**

WHEREAS, the Adams Route 8 Target Area is currently experiencing serious physical deterioration of its public improvements and buildings;

WHEREAS, the public improvements in the Adams Route 8 Target Area are in a general state of physical deterioration. Approximately, 28.6% of the existing sidewalks and 31.6% of existing streets are rated in fair or poor condition;

WHEREAS, an estimated 26.5% of the primary buildings within the Adams Route 8 Target Area are rated in fair or poor condition, and many of these buildings are physically deteriorated, abandoned, known to be contaminated or suspected of environmental contamination;

WHEREAS, several conditions exist in Adams which contribute to its deteriorating status and pose a threat to its sound development, including deteriorated and obsolete commercial buildings, the existence of decadent, substandard, and obsolete housing, inadequate parking, decaying infrastructure, and the need for site improvements including handicap accessibility;

WHEREAS, the conditions that exist in Adams meet the definition of blighted under Massachusetts General Law Chapters 121A and 121B; and,

WHEREAS, the designation of Adams Route 8 Target Area as a “blighted and decadent area” is required to attract the financial resources that are needed to most directly address the elimination of serious deteriorated and blighted conditions that exist in the designated area;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Selectmen for the Town of Adams that Adams Route 8 Target Area is hereby designated as a “blighted and decadent area.”

DATE: March 4, 2026

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