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Hope is now real for Lynn's waterfront

In time, power lines re-location will pay off

All involved in the planning and execution of the re-location of Lynn's South Harbor power corridor deserve much credit today.

It's a long list of people, including former Mayor Edward "Chip" Clancy Jr. and Lynn Economic and Industrial Corp. Director James Cowdell who spearheaded the project, the City Council, Lynn's legislative delegation who secured state funding and assisted in negotiations with private property owners, and Mayor Judith Flanagan Kennedy and her administration who saw the work through to completion.

Kudos also goes to National Grid for performing the work ahead of schedule and \$1 million under budget, savings realized largely due to the timing of materials purchased and fluctuations in the steel market.

Because of the efforts of those cited, in addition to General Electric and other private landowners, Lynn now has the opportunity to shape a newly opened 100-acre swath of coastline into vibrant waterfront community bustling with new business, residential and recreation components.

This will not happen overnight, especially given the commonwealth's early stage of economic recovery. Patience will be the key to suitably develop the waterfront over the next decade, and perhaps longer; for now at least, the hope is real the waterfront can become a destination spot and linchpin of the city's economy.



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