

Hopkinton, MA Home Fire Sprinkler Incentives



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Legacy Farms Single- & Two-Family Homes
The Trails Two-Family Homes

Developer Incentives:

Additional Units Permitted



Developer Wanted More Density

Background:

In the late 1990s, a company requested to sell a large parcel of agricultural land to new-home developers.

The Town of Hopkinton responded with a comprehensive agreement to permit construction of approximately 1,000 new homes with conditions to protect the area's open spaces, control school growth, and ensure fire protection. Fire sprinklers in every new home allowed the city to offer frontage compromises and closer proximity to other buildings.

Outcome:

Today nearly 50% of the property is completed, with Legacy Farms houses built by Pulte and The Trails homes built by Heritage Properties. Thousands of residents are protected by fire sprinklers.

Fire officials have already documented three home fire sprinkler saves. One fire occurred when a candle was left unattended; the second was caused by cooking; the third was oily rags. In all three cases, a single sprinkler confined the fire to the room of origin. There were no injuries.

Sprinkler Costs:

The average cost to install a NFPA 13D system in the developments is just over \$1.15 per sprinklered square foot.

"I go to every single planning board meeting and say fire sprinklers will make it safer for the public. It's a great opportunity to protect new homes as they are built. They will be in rural areas with long driveways and poor access. Many of them don't have municipal water." – **Hopkinton Fire Chief Stephen T. Slaman**

Learn how Hopkinton achieved home fire sprinkler incentives by contacting Hopkinton Fire Prevention Officer Tom Poirier: tpoirier@hopkintonfd.org.