

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Accomplishments

**Building Momentum. Strengthening Neighborhoods.
Preparing for What Comes Next.**

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was a year of progress, perseverance, and renewed direction for the Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency.

The CRA Board, CRA Advisory Board, staff, community partners, businesses, property owners, and residents continued working together toward a common goal: strengthening the CRA District through strategic investment in the places, infrastructure, businesses, homes, and public spaces that make up our community.

Much of this work does not happen with a spotlight on it.

That is often the nature of redevelopment.

The CRA works differently from the City as a whole. The City must look broadly at the needs of the entire community and provide essential municipal services across Quincy. The CRA has a more concentrated mission. Within the designated CRA District, it can focus redevelopment resources directly on eliminating blight, improving infrastructure, encouraging private investment, strengthening neighborhoods, supporting businesses, and creating conditions for long-term economic growth.

The two roles complement one another, but they are not the same.

During the past year, the CRA often worked quietly in the background: identifying problems, developing solutions, building partnerships, addressing long-standing issues, and putting the pieces in place for projects that residents can now begin to see.

Sometimes the best approach is simply to **let the work speak for itself.**

Infrastructure That Makes a Difference

Infrastructure investment remained an important part of the CRA's work during FY 2025-2026.

Improvements to **ADA-accessible sidewalks** are helping create safer and more accessible routes for residents and visitors, particularly for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges.

At the same time, the CRA continued addressing **streets and stormwater needs** within the redevelopment area. These projects may not always receive the same attention as a new building or park, but streets, drainage, sidewalks, utilities, and accessibility are the foundation upon which successful redevelopment is built.

Good redevelopment begins beneath our feet.

Breaking Ground on a New Downtown Park

One of the most visible signs of progress this year was moving forward with a **new park within the Downtown District**.

Creating quality public spaces is about more than landscaping and recreation. Parks can become gathering places, improve the appearance of neighborhoods, support nearby businesses, encourage activity in downtown areas, and provide residents with places that belong to everyone.

Breaking ground represents more than the beginning of construction. It represents another step toward creating a Downtown District where people can live, visit, gather, invest, and spend time.

Reimagining Tanyard Creek as a Community Gathering Place

The CRA also initiated improvements and modifications at **Tanyard Creek Park**, with a renewed vision for the park as a more passive, welcoming, communitywide gathering place.

The goal is to create a setting where families, friends, seniors, children, and visitors can spend time together in a comfortable and accessible environment.

Rather than focusing solely on active recreation, the evolving vision for Tanyard Creek emphasizes the value of **connection, relaxation, accessibility, and community gathering**.

Planned improvements are intended to enhance the park as a place for everyday use: family outings, small gatherings, quiet recreation, community events, and opportunities simply to enjoy the outdoors.

The CRA's work at Tanyard Creek reflects a broader understanding of redevelopment. Strong communities need more than buildings and infrastructure. They also need places where people can gather, build relationships, create memories, and feel connected to their community.

Tanyard Creek is being positioned to become just that: a **family-and-friends gathering place for the entire community**.

Improving Homes and Reducing Household Costs

The CRA also continued investing directly in residents through its **residential energy-efficiency efforts**.

Helping eligible homeowners make energy-related improvements accomplishes several redevelopment goals at once. It improves existing housing, helps preserve neighborhoods, can reduce household utility expenses, and extends the useful life of homes already within the CRA District.

Redevelopment does not always mean tearing something down and starting over.

Sometimes the smartest investment is helping residents preserve and improve what they already have.

Supporting Small Businesses

Small businesses remain essential to Quincy's redevelopment and economic future.

During FY 2025-2026, the CRA continued providing **small-business assistance**, helping local businesses make investments that may otherwise have been difficult to accomplish alone.

Every successful small business contributes something beyond its own front door. It creates economic activity, supports jobs, occupies buildings, attracts customers, strengthens commercial corridors, and generates confidence that encourages additional investment.

Supporting existing businesses while creating opportunities for new ones remains an important part of the CRA's redevelopment strategy.

Weathering the Storm and Righting the Ship

This past year was not without challenges.

The CRA experienced a period that required its leadership to examine operations, address concerns, strengthen processes, and make difficult decisions while continuing to move projects forward.

The CRA Board and Advisory Board remained engaged throughout that process.

Leadership is easiest when everything is going according to plan. It matters most when circumstances are difficult.

During FY 2025-2026, the organization worked to **weather the storm and right the ship**.

That meant reviewing how the CRA operates, strengthening accountability, improving procedures, addressing outstanding matters, and returning the organization's attention to the fundamental purpose for which a Community Redevelopment Agency exists: investing redevelopment dollars where they can create meaningful and measurable improvement within the CRA District.

The result is an organization entering the new fiscal year with greater focus, clearer priorities, and renewed momentum.

The Work Behind the Work

Some accomplishments can be photographed.

Others cannot.

Behind every sidewalk improvement, grant award, housing project, park, street or stormwater improvement, and redevelopment initiative are months of planning, meetings, research, legal review, financial analysis, procurement, coordination, and problem-solving.

The CRA Advisory Board plays an important role in that process by examining issues, discussing community needs, and helping shape recommendations.

The CRA Board carries the responsibility of considering those recommendations, establishing priorities, approving investments, and providing policy direction.

Those efforts do not always make headlines.

They do, however, make projects possible.

Looking Forward

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 established a foundation for what comes next.

The coming year provides an opportunity to build upon that progress through continued investment in infrastructure, redevelopment, housing, parks and public spaces, small businesses, historic resources, and economic development opportunities throughout the CRA District.

There is still substantial work ahead.

Redevelopment does not happen overnight, and communities are not transformed by one project, one grant, one Board meeting, or one fiscal year.

They are transformed through consistent investment, responsible stewardship, strong partnerships, and the willingness to keep moving forward.

The Quincy CRA enters Fiscal Year 2026-2027 with lessons learned, projects underway, new opportunities ahead, and a commitment to producing results residents can see and experience.

The CRA will continue doing what redevelopment organizations are designed to do:

Invest strategically.

Build partnerships.

Solve problems.

Create opportunities.

Improve neighborhoods.

Create places where people belong.

And let the work speak for itself.

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