

# POSSIBLE DREAMS 2025

COMMUNITY VISIONING EVENT • MARCH 10

## SUMMARY REPORT



*team* **HAVERRHILL**

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Community members, non-profits and city leaders came together at the Hartleb Technology Center at Northern Essex Community College on the evening of Monday, March 10th for Possible Dreams 2025.

We asked participants to share their knowledge, support, and creativity toward fourteen “Possible Dreams.” Fourteen ideas were selected beforehand, and all idea submitters were present to discuss their ideas with the attendees.

The evening’s format consisted of a welcome introduction by Team Haverhill Vice President Lisa Marzilli followed by two rounds of discussion. Participants chose their evening discussion topics following a quick 1-minute idea pitch from all fourteen idea submitters. Participants had a 30-minute discussion, followed by a 20-minute open session where idea submitters connected with participants to help advance their ideas.

Several major themes at Possible Dreams 2025 centered around the environment, resiliency, community, and food. Following up on last year’s Open Space & Recreation Plan survey data, the city’s conservation department had a popular table discussing the creation of trail stewards to help maintain Haverhill’s conservation areas. In addition, “Let’s Paddle Haverhill” wants to expand outdoor exploration beyond the trails to our water sources (lakes, ponds, and rivers) and received the “Most Doable” project award.

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There were 138 attendees from Haverhill and beyond, contributing their energy to the success of Possible Dreams 2025.

The idea of a “Resilient Haverhill Initiative” generated significant discussion about encouraging gardening and self-sufficiency throughout the city. The “Repair Café” and “Increasing Textile Recycling” initiatives aimed to promote environmental awareness and reduce waste among residents. The “Repair Café” received the “Most Creative” project award.

Ideas to unify our community were prominent. Suggestions included a “Hello & Welcome Wagon,” a “Haverhill Pride Parade,” a “Holistic Soul and Spirit Festival,” and an expanded holiday “Christmas Stroll” event. In addition, a big dream of a “Performing Arts Center” in Haverhill continues to spark conversation.

Local access to food has been discussed previously and remains a topic of interest, with the establishment of a “True Community Garden” for residents who want to grow their own food and a “Food Forward Community Kitchen” for residents requiring a commercial kitchen. A community kitchen is planned to be established at Trinity Church (26 White Street) and will function as a business incubator for local cooks and bakers. “Food Forward Community Kitchen” won the “Biggest Impact” project award.

# POSSIBLE DREAMS 2025 IDEAS

## GET INVOLVED!

If you are interested in contributing, supporting or helping to move any of these ideas forward, please email the listed contact. If you know of any resource, individual or organization, funding source or sponsor, volunteers or any other connection that might be able help, please take that extra step and connect them with the listed contact, too! Dreams only become a reality when action is taken!

### REPAIR CAFÉ

Start meet-ups where people come together to help each other fix small items and learn new skills.

**Contact:** **Kathy Kaczor** [kathy@kaczorzoo.net](mailto:kathy@kaczorzoo.net)

### LET'S PADDLE HAVERHILL

Develop a series of guided group paddles for kayaks and canoes on Haverhill lakes, ponds and rivers.

**Contact:** **Karl Brunelle** [heykbrunelle@gmail.com](mailto:heykbrunelle@gmail.com)

### HAVERHILL PRIDE PARADE

Create an inclusive parade for people of all identities to celebrate freely and proudly.

**Contact:** **Hailey Moschella** [haileymoschella@gmail.com](mailto:haileymoschella@gmail.com)

### HAVERHILL TRAIL STEWARDS

Organize volunteers to help keep our trails tidy and safe by alerting the City to hazards, litter, and damage to our open spaces.

**Contact:** **McKayla Arsenault** [marsenault@haverhillma.gov](mailto:marsenault@haverhillma.gov)

### TEXTILE RECYCLING IN HAVERHILL

Educate and build awareness around successful textile recycling in Haverhill.

**Contact:** **Barbara Canyes** [bcanyes@ruthshouse.org](mailto:bcanyes@ruthshouse.org)

### PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Explore the vision of building a community performing arts center in Haverhill.

**Contact:** **Matt Belfiore** [mbelfiore@haverhillcommunitytv.org](mailto:mbelfiore@haverhillcommunitytv.org)

### ART IN THE PARK

Expand the concept of public art installations and the Edible Avenue project at Riverside Park.

**Contact:** **Erin Padilla** [erin.cogswellarts@gmail.com](mailto:erin.cogswellarts@gmail.com)



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### HOLISTIC SOUL & SPIRIT FAIR

Develop a Haverhill event celebrating the metaphysical, holistic, and soulful sides of life.

Contact: **Kristen Hewitt** [Bohemiancove@yahoo.com](mailto:Bohemiancove@yahoo.com)

### BEYOND WALLS 3.0

Beyond Walls is beginning a third year of installing large scale public murals in Haverhill.

Contact: **Philip Fagan** [philip@beyond-walls.org](mailto:philip@beyond-walls.org)

### TRUE COMMUNITY FARM

Free community farm space for individuals and organizations to grow fruits and vegetables.

Contact: **Laurence Najuch** [namacfarm@aol.com](mailto:namacfarm@aol.com)

### RESILIENT HAVERHILL INITIATIVE

Make Haverhill a more resilient community in the case of disruptions in food supply, water, electric, gas etc.

Contact: **Sven Amirian** [sven@svenamirian.com](mailto:sven@svenamirian.com)

### FOOD FORWARD COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Create a multi-purpose community kitchen and workforce development program targeted to low income residents.

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### HELLO & WELCOME WAGON

Start a very low key "Hello and Welcome" to new people moving into our city neighborhoods.

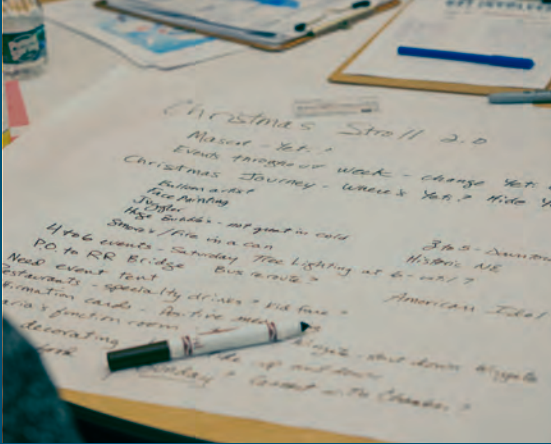
Contact: **Elaine Barker** [paperpot@aol.com](mailto:paperpot@aol.com)

### CHRISTMAS STROLL 2.0

The Haverhill Christmas Stroll is expanding from a one-day event to a full week of festive holiday activities for the community.

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# POSSIBLE DREAMS 2025 THANKS

TEAM HAVERHILL  
THANKS ALL OF THE  
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POSSIBLE DREAMS 2025

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We would also like to thank the Greater Haverhill Foundation for their continued support.

**THANK YOU HAVERHILL!** We hope to see you at Possible Dreams 2026!

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