

Downtown Lighting Project



State Street looking towards Market Square 1970s
Courtesy of The Newburyport Public Library Archival Center, the John Moak Collection

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- Newburyport's historic downtown was saved from blight through preservation and restoration rather than wholesale demolition during the 1960s-70s.
- From 'A Measure of Change' video about Urban Renewal: "The Historical Society of Old Newbury's grassroots committee was successful in saving the historic integrity of the downtown area. And since that time Newburyport has grown and flourished, its downtown is a national example of how historic preservation can save a community from blight and neglect."

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- 290 street light toppers to be replaced throughout downtown historic district:
 - Toppers to be replaced with energy-efficient LED fixtures in keeping with sustainability initiatives
 - Toppers selected will mimic historic form of existing lights
 - Lights will improve accessibility of our downtown





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- \$115,957 in CPC funding has been requested by the Department of Public Services to replace 290 post light toppers
- Requesting support from the Historical Commission for this effort

