# Reading Arts and Culture Action Plan | Phase 1 MDI Report July 1, 2024



### **Overview of the Reading Arts & Culture Action Plan**

In January 2024, the Town of Reading started working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to develop an arts and cultural plan. The Reading Arts and Culture Action Plan will guide Reading's efforts to foster thriving arts and cultural assets that are accessible to its residents and visitors. Components will include an updated cultural asset inventory and map, a list of local and regional arts and culture stakeholders, policy goals and strategies to strengthen arts and cultural opportunities, recommendations for creative placemaking opportunities, and an assessment of community needs for a potential cultural facility. The Town of Reading received a \$25,000 Massachusetts Downtown Initiative (MDI) Technical Assistance grant to support MAPC's completion of Phase 1 of the Arts and Culture Action Plan.

This report documents the initial findings of Phase 1, from January through June 2024, including a vision statement to guide the plan, a summary of community engagement activities to date, and documentation of existing conditions including a list of local and regional cultural stakeholders, an inventory of municipal and open spaces, and an updated cultural asset inventory. In Phase 2, MAPC will draft and revise an action plan to guide the future of arts and cultural development based on engagement findings from a community-wide survey, interviews, focus groups, and a community forum. The Town of Reading will share the final plan with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development as a final deliverable for the project and to augment and update this interim report.

## I. Initial Findings Report

This report includes a brief overview of Reading's context alongside a snapshot of the town's arts and culture assets and activities. Creative and cultural organizations, stakeholders that support the arts, town gatherings and events, and local businesses and culture bearers that steward the stories and heritage of Reading are all documented. Reflecting on Reading's history and unique stakeholders lays the foundation for the Town to imagine the future of arts and cultural life in Reading.

## Reading's Community Today

Reading is a mature suburban town approximately fifteen miles north of Boston. As of the 2020 Census, Reading was home to a population of about 25,518, with around 9,547 households. Around 11.6% of households also speak a language other than English at home, based on the 2022 American Community Survey. The Reading Public Schools Multilingual Learner (MLL) program serves students in Reading Public Schools speaking 20 languages. Half of MLL students are Portuguese speakers and 10% are Spanish speakers. Other languages spoken by MLL students include Assamese, Albanian, Arabic, Benin, Gujarati, Haitian Creole, French, Japanese, Korean, Luganda, Maithili, Mandarin, Persian, Polish, Telugu, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

#### **Reading's Historical Stakeholders**

Multiple stakeholders steward Reading's history as they seek to preserve and expand Reading's documented historical narrative and assets. The Town has two volunteer boards tasked with historic preservation activities: the Reading Historical Commission (RHC) and Reading Historic District Commission (HDC). These boards identify and record Reading's historical assets and promote historical awareness through historic markers for buildings of historic and architectural significance, Lafayette's Tour trail signage and markers, new development partnerships, and have established three Local Historic Districts. The RHC also supported the "Outside the Box Project," which put displays of historic photographs and information about the town's history on utility boxes throughout the town.

In addition to town-staffed commissions, local organizations preserve and elevate Reading's historic places and stories of Reading residents. The Reading Antiquarian Society was formed in 1916 to save Parker Tavern from demolition and eventually purchased the building in 1923. Following renovations, the building opened to the public in 1930. 7 Parker Tavern is the oldest structure in Reading today and remains open to the public as a museum.

The Coalition of Us, or CATO, was named for one of the enslaved individuals who lived in Reading. The organization was formed in 2020 following the tragic murder of George Floyd, with the mission to advance racial justice for Black and Brown people through advocacy, education, engagement, and empowerment. CATO's projects include multiple efforts to broaden and reflect on the town's history, including the Reading Remembrance Tour, which is a biannual walking tour in downtown Reading that explores the lives and locations of Black and enslaved residents in the colonial era. Additionally, CATO is leading efforts to educate residents about the history of Bill Russell's experiences living in Reading in the 1960s while playing for the Boston Celtics.

#### Reading's Arts & Cultural Stakeholders

Reading's arts and culture community includes multiple organizations that provide town-wide services. Within the town, the Reading Public Library and Community Services lead numerous programs, activities, and initiatives related to arts and culture. Reading Public Library provides integral resources and spaces for Reading's community life. In 2022, the Office of Equity and Social Justice was established in Reading Public Library to lead efforts like the 2024 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Audit and the creation of the Partners and Allies for Inclusive Reading. Reading's Community Services includes the Recreation Division, which offers art classes and workshops for youth, and Elder and Human Services, which hosts culture events at the Senior Center. Multiple organizations augment Town-led efforts for arts and culture educational programs, partnerships, and funding for arts and culture in Reading.

Reading Cultural Council (RCC) is a volunteer board in Reading that awards grants to individuals and organizations offering cultural programs that serve the community. As a part of MCC's Local Cultural Council (LCC) network, the RCC receives an annual allocation from the Massachusetts State Legislature. In 2024, the RCC distributed \$25,802 in grant awards. Additionally, the RCC conducted a town-wide survey in 2022<sup>1</sup> to gauge the arts and culture needs within Reading. With 118 responses, the survey highlighted Reading Porch Fest as the most attended arts and cultural event, followed by the Downtown Reading Art Walk. Community-wide gatherings, like festivals, concerts, and plays, were the most prioritized activities for future investment for the RCC, followed by projects celebrating local history and cultural diversity. Survey responses also suggested that the town needs more coordination and promotion of arts and cultural events.

Creative Arts is a non-profit formed in 1978 in partnership with the Town of Reading that serves as a community arts school, providing instruction and classes in music, theater, and visual arts. In 2014, a coalition of regional artists, arts organizations, and cultural groups formed Arts Reading to explore the possibility of creating a state cultural district designation.

#### **Reading Cultural District Exploratory Study 2014**

In 2014, Reading's Community Services and Planning Division hired FinePoint Associates to prepare a report to apply for cultural district designation. While the findings did not fully support the ability for a cultural district designation, the planning process created a cultural inventory of existing cultural facilities, historic assets, businesses that complement the arts and culture sector, local cultural organizations and individual artisans, and events. The report includes a survey with 52 respondents from Reading's downtown business owners, representatives from cultural organizations, and individual artists and artisans. The Downtown Reading Cultural District Exploratory Study <sup>9</sup> provided a five-year vision for Reading's future cultural district that continue to resonate with community stakeholders today including:

- Downtown Reading is a destination that hosts great restaurants and a diversity of cultural offerings.
- Reading hosts multiple venues for art performances, exhibits and classes.
- Reading collaborates and amplifies promotion for arts and cultural events in town.
- Reading is home to a cultural arts center facility.

While the application for a cultural district was unsuccessful, the ArtsReading organization continues with organizational and individual memberships to support Reading's arts and cultural community. **Appendix A** includes a list of Reading's arts and culture stakeholders.

#### Activating Reading's Downtown

Reading's efforts to invest in the downtown development extend beyond the cultural district designation exploration and have been a priority since the 2005 Master Plan. In 2007, the Town's Reading Downtown Revitalization Observations<sup>2</sup> presentation to the Reading Economic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.readingma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2965/2022-Survey-Results-Report-PDF?bidId=

 $<sup>^{2}\</sup> https://www.readingma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/413/Cultural-District-Exploratory-Study-2014-PDF$ 

Development Committee included a recommendation for creating a Business Improvement District (BID) to improve downtown Reading. The presentation identified funding strategies including setting up a local options tax to collect funds, utilizing a parking benefit district model, or establishing a 501(c)3 nonprofit to make investments in downtown. Other recommendations included improving pedestrian access in alleys with enhanced lighting, appearance, and crosswalk visibility.

In 2021, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) completed a *Rapid Recovery Plan*<sup>3</sup> to help stabilize municipal downtowns following the economic impacts brought on by COVID-19. EOHLC worked with Reading's Business Improvement District (BID) Steering Committee on the plan. It included three core recommendations: improved access and connectivity, technical assistance, and business support, particularly for marketing, outdoor activities, and placemaking. Specific to art and culture, over 49% of respondents in the Customer Survey "indicated they would like to see more arts and culture activities in the Downtown" (pg. 25). The plan included recommendations for a call for art for street murals as tactical pedestrian improvements downtown to increase safety, an event to encourage walking in downtown, a calendar of downtown events, a pop-up permitting to allow for more tactical urbanism, hosting a festival for illuminating downtown in the winter months, activating vacant storefront windows with artwork, and creating a placemaking plan to support more arts and culture activities downtown including public art and events. This plan provides multiple recommendations relevant to arts and culture investments.

### **Building on Prior Work**

The Reading Arts and culture Action Plan will integrate and build on the findings from these prior engagement and planning efforts. In addition to survey analysis and outreach, Phase 2 of the planning process will explore how Reading's public facilities and open spaces, listed in **Appendix B**, can support arts and cultural activities and programming.

#### II. Summary of Community Engagement Activities

In January 2024, the Town of Reading hosted a community forum at Reading First Congregational Church to kick off the Reading Arts and Culture Action Plan. Attendees included stakeholders in cultural and historical organizations, arts leaders, and local businesses. Following this initial meeting, the Town staff invited individuals to participate in the planning process by volunteering as part of the Reading Arts and Culture Action Plan Working Group.

The Reading Arts and Culture Action Plan Working Group was formed in February 2024 and includes representation from the Arts Reading, Creative Arts, Reading Antiquarian Society, Reading Business Improvement District Committee, Reading Cares, Reading Chamber of Commerce, Reading Cultural Council, Reading First Congregational Church, Reading Public Library, and Reading School of Guitar. The working group's role is to support engagement, inform the plan's goals and strategies, and steward the vision for the planning process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.readingma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1863/Local-Rapid-Recovery-Plan-for-Downtown-Reading?bidId=

MAPC conducted eight interviews with the Reading Cultural Planning Working Group members in February and March 2024. The interviews covered a variety of topics about the participants' lives and their experiences in Reading, providing important context on prior processes.

Town staff, MAPC, and working group members participated in public events in June, including Reading's Friends and Family Day and Reading Porch Festival, to support outreach and engagement. These direct outreach efforts informed Reading community members about the arts and culture plan and invited community members to participate in the community survey published in May 2024. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese and will remains open through July 2024. In the survey, respondents are asked to identify arts and cultural assets in Reading, which will supplement the initial list of arts and cultural assets included in **Appendix C**.

#### **III. Vision Statement**

The Reading Arts and Culture Action Plan Working Group drafted a vision statement to guide the Reading Arts and Culture Action Planning process:

"Our vision is to create an inclusive and vibrant arts and culture community in Reading, where diverse programming reflects the richness of our community's experiences."

With this plan, we aspire to:

- Collaborate and coordinate efforts among arts and culture groups and other institutions
- Provide accessible arts and culture programming
- Foster a sense of belonging for all members of the Reading community
- Amplify the voices of underrepresented communities in a safe and welcoming environment
- Explore opportunities to establish a physical home for supporting arts and culture
- Cultivate a more connected community with an active, vibrant downtown

The vision statement was created by merging the visions and goals the Working Group members presented and revised in a meeting. This vision statement guides the Reading Arts and Culture Action Planning process and engagement activities. The Working Group will revise the statement in the plan's second phase based on community feedback if needed.

#### IV. Next Steps: Phase 2

In Phase 2, the planning process will continue with survey analysis and additional engagement activities. Engagement will include focus groups and activities in late summer and early fall of 2024 designed to reach Reading's youth, elders, non-English speakers, local businesses, and arts stakeholders interested in a future cultural facility.

Feedback from the survey and engagement will be used to update the asset inventories and vision statement developed in Phase 1 and to inform recommendations for how to achieve the vision of an inclusive and vibrant arts and culture community in Reading. The Reading Arts and Culture Action Plan will be the final deliverable of Phase 2 and will include the following items:

- A summary of community engagement findings;
- A set of recommendations to execute creative placemaking programs;
- An assessment of community needs and preferences for a future cultural facility; and
- A set of policy goals and short-, mid-, and long-term strategies for public and private actions that will support the Vision Statement.

# Appendix A: List of Local and Regional Stakeholders

Reading is an essential anchor for many regional arts and culture stakeholders. Below is a list of local and regional stakeholders who have participated in ongoing conversations around Reading's arts and cultural planning efforts and who are critical partners in the Reading Arts and Culture Action Plan next steps. This list will continue to expand with individuals as engagement continues throughout Phase 2 of the planning process.

Name	Organization / Businsess	Participation
Reading Historical Commission	Town Committee	Local Stakeholder Group
Reading Historic District		
Committee	Town Committee	Local Stakeholder Group
Eileen Barrett	Draw 01867	January Kick Off Meeting
	First Congregational Church Reading,	January Kick Off Meeting,
Besty Schneider	Reading Cares	Working Group Member
Tara Gregory	CATO - The Coalition of Us	January Kick Off Meeting
		January Kick Off Meeting,
Joe Leto	Arts Reading, Woburn Guild of Artist	s Working Group Member
		January Kick Off Meeting,
Michelle Aguillon	Creative Arts	Working Group Member
Brian Kimerer	Reading Arts Association	January Kick Off Meeting
Tom Coffin	Arts Reading, Colonial Chorus Player	s January Kick Off Meeting
Nora Bucko	Arts Reading	January Kick Off Meeting
Rod Chandler	Reading Community Singers	January Kick Off Meeting
		January Kick Off Meeting,
Jon Taubman	Reading School of Guitar	Working Group Member
Alan Foulds	Reading Porchfest	January Kick Off Meeting
Ace Foulds	Reading Porchfest	January Kick Off Meeting
	Reading Antiquarian Society, Parker	
Virginia Blodgett	Tavern	January Kick Off Meeting
	Reading Antiquarian Society, Parker	
Cherrie Dubois	Tavern	January Kick Off Meeting
	Reading Antiquarian Society, Parker	January Kick Off Meeting,
Jen Barsotti	Tavern	Working Group Member
		January Kick Off Meeting,
Reverend Emelia Attridge	First Congregational Church Reading	Working Group Member
Matthew Kraunelis	Town of Reading Town Manager	Working Group Member
Liz Whitelam	Whitelam Books, BID Committee Reading Director of Equity Social	Working Group Member
Albert Pless	Justice	Working Group Member
Rob Minor	Reading Chamber of Commerce	Working Group Member
Michelle Filleul	Reading Public Library	Working Group Member
Stephen Theodoridis	Reading Cultural Council	
		Working Group Member

Christine Keller

Reading Cultural Council

Working Group Member

# Appendix B: Inventory of Municipal Facilities and Open Spaces

The Town of Reading is responsible for maintaining eight school buildings and seven town buildings, as well as the public and open spaces included in the inventory below. Municipal Facilities and Open Spaces include parks, fields, courts, and open spaces maintained by the Town, as well as schools and Town buildings providing public services or event space.

Facility	Address
Barrows Elementary School	16 Edgemont Avenue
Barrows Elementary School - Baseball Field	16 Edgemont Avenue
Barrows Elementary School - Basketball Court	16 Edgemont Avenue
Barrows Elementary School - Cafeteria	16 Edgemont Avenue
Barrows Elementary School - Field	16 Edgemont Avenue
Barrows Elementary School - Gymnasium	16 Edgemont Avenue
Barrows Elementary School - Playground	16 Edgemont Avenue
Barrows Elementary School - Tennis Courts	16 Edgemont Avenue
Birch Meadow Complex	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Adventure Course	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Castine Field/Skating	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Community Tennis Courts	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Morton Field	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Multi-Purpose Field	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Stadium Turf Field	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Street Field	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Tot Lot	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Turf Field 2	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Complex - Tennis Court Baseball Field	62 Oakland Road
Birch Meadow Elementary School	27 Arthur B Lord Drive
Birch Meadow Elementary School - Cafeteria	27 Arthur B Lord Drive
Birch Meadow Elementary School - Gymnasium	27 Arthur B Lord Drive
Burbank YMCA	36 Arthur B. Lord Drive
Burbank YMCA - Pool	36 Arthur B. Lord Drive
Castine Field	Birch Meadow Drive
Castine Field - Ice Skating	Birch Meadow Drive
Community Tennis Courts	Bancroft Avenue
Community Tennis Courts - TENNIS COURTS	Bancroft Avenue
Coolidge Middle School	89 Birch Meadow Drive
Coolidge Middle School - Cafeteria	89 Birch Meadow Drive

Coolidge Middle School - Gymnasium	89 Birch Meadow Drive
Coolidge Middle School - Library	89 Birch Meadow Drive
Coolidge Middle School - Multi Purpose Room	89 Birch Meadow Drive
Coolidge Middle School - SMALL NON-FIELD AREA	89 Birch Meadow Drive
Coolidge Middle School - Soccer/Lacrosse Field	89 Birch Meadow Drive
Hunt Park	Pleasant Street
Hunt Park - Baseball Field	Pleasant Street
Hunt Park - Playground	Pleasant Street
Joshua Eaton Elementary School	365 Summer Avenue
Joshua Eaton Elementary School - Cafeteria	365 Summer Avenue
Joshua Eaton Elementary School - Field A	365 Summer Avenue
Joshua Eaton Elementary School - Field B	365 Summer Avenue
Joshua Eaton Elementary School - Gymnasium	365 Summer Avenue
Joshua Eaton Elementary School - Playground	365 Summer Avenue
Joshua Eaton Elementary School - Soccer Field	365 Summer Avenue
Killam Elementary School	333 Charles Street
Killam Elementary School - Cafeteria	333 Charles Street
Killam Elementary School - Gymnasium	333 Charles Street
Killam Elementary School - Playground	333 Charles Street
Killam Elementary School - Soccer Field	333 Charles Street
Killam Elementary School - Softball/Baseball Field	333 Charles Street
Lighted Softball Field	Birch Meadow Drive
Longwood Park	75 Pearl Street
Longwood Park - Soccer Field	75 Pearl Street
<u>Mattera Cabin</u>	1481 Main Street
<u>Memorial Park</u>	Harrison Street
<u>Memorial Park - Basketball Court</u>	Harrison Street
Memorial Park - Ice Skating	Harrison Street
<u>Memorial Park - Playground</u>	Harrison Street
Memorial Park - Tennis Courts	Harrison Street
Parker Middle School	45 Temple Street
Parker Middle School - Cafeteria	45 Temple Street
Parker Middle School - Collins Field	45 Temple Street
Parker Middle School - Gymnasium	45 Temple Street
Pete Moscariello Ballpark	62 Oakland Road (Parking Area)
Pete Moscariello Ballpark - Batting Cage	62 Oakland Road (Parking Area)
Pete Moscariello Ballpark - Full Size Baseball Diamond	62 Oakland Road (Parking Area)

Pleasant Street Center	49 Pleasant Street
Reading Memorial High School	62 Oakland Road
Reading Memorial High School - Baseball Field	62 Oakland Road
Reading Memorial High School - Cafeteria	62 Oakland Road
Reading Memorial High School - Field House	62 Oakland Road
Reading Memorial High School - Gymnasium	62 Oakland Road
Reading Memorial High School - Soccer Field	62 Oakland Road
Reading Memorial High School - Stadium Field	62 Oakland Road
Reading Memorial High School - Tennis Court Field	62 Oakland Road
Reading Memorial High School - Track	62 Oakland Road
Reading Memorial High School - Turf Fields	62 Oakland Road
Sturges Park	South Street
Sturges Park - Basketball Court	South Street
Sturges Park - Ice Skating, Outdoor	South Street
Sturges Park - Playground	South Street
Sturges Park - Soccer Field	South Street
Sturges Park - Softball/Baseball Field	South Street
Sturges Park - Tennis Courts	South Street
Symonds Way Field	Symonds Way
Symonds Way Field - Baseball 90' Field	Symonds Way
Symonds Way Field - Soccer Field	Symonds Way
<u>Tot Lot</u>	Located by Community Tennis Courts - Bancroft Avenue
Tot Lot - Basketball Court	Located by Community Tennis Courts - Bancroft Avenue
Tot Lot - MultiCourt	Located by Community Tennis Courts - Bancroft Avenue
Washington Park	Washington Street
Washington Park - Baseball Field	Washington Street
Washington Park - Basketball Court	Washington Street
Washington Park - Playground	Washington Street
Washington Park - Tennis Courts	Washington Street
Wood End Elementary School	85 Sunset Rock Lane
Wood End Elementary School - Cafeteria	85 Sunset Rock Lane
Wood End Elementary School - Gymnasium	85 Sunset Rock Lane
Wood End Elementary School - Lacrosse Field	85 Sunset Rock Lane
Wood End Elementary School - Soccer Field	85 Sunset Rock Lane

Wood End Elementary School - Upper and Lower Playground 85 Sunset Rock Lane

# Appendix C: Updated Cultural Asset Inventory

The cultural asset inventory below is an update to the 2014 cultural asset inventory included in the Reading Cultural District Exploratory Study. In the table below, MAPC documented 161 assets, and a summary of the eight categories as part of the inventory. Reading's Arts and Cultural Organizations and Businesses category lists the most assets, followed by Eating and Drinking Places, and then Public Art or Events. This cultural asset inventory will continue to be updated throughout the planning process and in collecting responses from the Reading Arts and Culture Action Plan Survey.

Arts and Cultural Asset Category	Number of Assets	Percent of Total
Arts and Cultural Organizations and Businesses	57	34.55%
Eating and Drinking Places	29	17.58%
Public Art or Event	17	10.30%
Public Facilities and Open Space	31	18.79%
Historic Landmarks and Attractions	20	12.12%
Religious Institutions	9	5.45%
Arts Exhibition Spaces	1	0.61%
Artist Work Spaces	1	0.61%

#### Cultural Asset

First Congregational Church: Artist Studios Arts Reading Boston City DJs **Colonial Chorus Players Comically Speaking Cordele Photography** Creative Arts Elite Freestyle Karate **Elyse Jewlers Encore Dance Academy** Erin Dhimo's Bass Lab Studio **Executive Headshots Boston** Five Star Theatre Company IMAX Theatre (Jordan's Furniture) Infinite Recording Studios J&D Dance Academy Justine Yandle Photography Katheine Henry Photography La Pierre School of Dance Liquor Junction

#### **Cultural Asset Designation**

**Artist Work Spaces** Arts and Cultural Organizations and Businesses Michele's Music School Nuimage Entertainment Peg Raciti Photography Portraits by Frank **Quannapowitt Players** RCTV **Reading Advocate Reading Arts Association Reading Community Concert Band Reading Community Singers Reading Connection Audio Institute** Reading Memorial High School Drama Club **Reading Patch Reading School of Guitar Reading Symphony Orchestra Ron Ranere Photography** Simms Jewlery Sound Play Music Spiritual Diva Hair Salon and Jewlery **Square Liquors** The Swan Boudoir Studio by Tara Starr Photography Thrown Together Pottery Studio Tin Bucket Shop Whitelam Books Intertwine Media **B & D Advertising Agency Inc Pellet Productions Inc** Northeast School of Ballet **Barrier Architectural Reps Inc** Rick Obey's Entertainment Co **O'Sullivan Architects** Music Works International Relux Decor Inc M & H Interiors Inc Square Dance Foundation of New England Intent Architects LLC Callan Photo LLC Home Elation Interior Design **Downtown Artwalk Bagel World** Bunratty Tavern

Arts and Cultural Organizations and Businesses **Arts Exhibition Spaces** Eating and Drinking Places Eating and Drinking Places

Caffe Nero Cal's Brick Oven Pizza Cal's Creamery Christopher's Restaurant **DelSurNatural Empanadas** DiCara's Deli Dunkin' **Empower on Haven** Fat Larry's Fusilli's Cucina Half & Half House of Bagels Last Corner Restaurant Lonahorn Steakhouse Mandarin Reading Restaurant Nella's Pizza Oye's Restaurant & Bar Perfecto's Caffé Post 1917 Professor's Market **Public Kitchen Reading** Starbucks swissbakers The Charles @ Buntratty Tavern The Chocolate Truffle Venetian Moon ZUCCA Italian Restaurant and Bar Bancrodt Homestead Charles Lawn Cemetery Early Parker House Eaton-Prescott Farm Forest Glen Cemetery Foster-Emerson House Jabez Weston House Joseph Parker House Laurel Hill Cemetery Old Nichols Home Parker Tavern **Reading Common Historic District** 

Eating and Drinking Places Historic Landmarks and Attractions Historic Landmarks and Attractions

Woburn Street National Historic District

Historic Landmarks and Attractions

Historic Landmarks and Attractions

Summer Avenue Local Historic District West Street Local Historic District **Richard Nichols House** Samuel Bancroft House **Stephen Hall House** Walnut Street School Wood End Cemetery Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Chickadee (Outside the Box Artwalk) Generations of Reading (Outside the Box Artwalk) Govenor Greenhalge (Outside the Box Artwalk) Ipswich River Watershed (Outside the Box Artwalk) Mechanics Building (Outside the Box Artwalk) Porchfest Reading Depot (Outside the Box Artwalk) **Reading Fall Street Faire** Reading Friends and Family Day **Reading Winterfest** Reading Lafayette Trail Marker Tour

Reading Mascots (Outside the Box Artwalk) Reading Then and Now (Outside the Box Artwalk) Summer Concert Series at Memorial Park Three Trolley Cars (Outside the Box Artwalk) View from Old South (Outside the Box Artwalk) **Bare Meadow Barrows Elementary School Playground & Fields Birch Meadow Complex Burbank YMCA** Castine Field Cedar Swamp **Community Tennis Courts Coolidge Middle School Fields Driscoll Softball Field Higgins Farm Conservation Area** Hunt Park Joshua Eaton Elementary School Playground & Fields Killam Elementary School Playground & Fields Longwood Park **Maillet Conservation Land** 

Historic Landmarks and Attractions Public Art or Event **Public Facilities and Open Space Public Facilities and Open Space** Public Facilities and Open Space Public Facilities and Open Space **Public Facilities and Open Space** Public Facilities and Open Space **Public Facilities and Open Space** Public Facilities and Open Space **Public Facilities and Open Space** Public Facilities and Open Space Public Facilities and Open Space

Mattera Cabin	Public Facilities and Open Space
Memorial Park	Public Facilities and Open Space
Parker Middle School Field	Public Facilities and Open Space
Pete Moscariello Ballpark	Public Facilities and Open Space
Pinevale Conservation Land	Public Facilities and Open Space
Pleasant Street Center	Public Facilities and Open Space
Reading Memorial High School Courts, Fields, and Stadium	Public Facilities and Open Space
Reading Public Library	Public Facilities and Open Space
Sturges Park	Public Facilities and Open Space
Symonds Way Field	Public Facilities and Open Space
Thelin Bird Sanctuary	Public Facilities and Open Space
Tot Lot	Public Facilities and Open Space
Town Common	Public Facilities and Open Space
Washington Park	Public Facilities and Open Space
William E. Endslow Performing Arts Center (Reading	
Memorial High School)	Public Facilities and Open Space
Wood End Elementary School Playgrounds & Fields	Public Facilities and Open Space
Church of the Good Shepherd	Religious Institutions
Congregation of St. Athanasius	Religious Institutions
First Baptist Church	Religious Institutions
First Congregational Church	Religious Institutions
Korean Church of the Nazarene	Religious Institutions
Old South United Methodist Church	Religious Institutions
North American Foundation of Islamic Services (NAFIS)	Religious Institutions
St. Agnes Church	Religious Institutions
Unitarian Universalist Church	Religious Institutions