

Middlesex Canal Association

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Caren Demoulas, trustee Telemachus and Irene Demoulas Family Foundation

Hi Caren,

After many applications to the family foundation without success, Teddy Filistowcz encouraged me to apply again. He would welcome a phone call to discuss the good work of the Middlesex Canal Association. Teddy is a member of the Association and my nephew. 978-436-0088.

Attached is a copy of the 2020 application. Updating the numbers in the May 1 letter, Massachusetts has granted the Association \$250,000, and Billerica town meeting has granted \$380,000 in Community Preservation funds so far. More than \$2 million has been spent as of July 2023 with more than \$500,000 to be spent in the next twelve months to complete the project.

Planning for the bicentennial of Lowell's founding has begun with culmination in 2026, two centuries after the legislature granted the charter separating Lowell from Chelmsford. Pawtucket Falls for power and the Middlesex Canal for transportation are the two physical elements which made Lowell and its workers productive. The Association's new museum/visitor center will be part of the success of the celebration.

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