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Korrin Petersen Discusses Why Water Infrastructure Is Critical to Massachusetts Housing Goals

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Expanding the housing supply in Massachusetts will require more than new development opportunities—it also depends on having the infrastructure to support that growth. In an op-ed published by the *Boston Business Journal*, [Korrin Petersen](#) discusses how aging water and wastewater systems are limiting housing development in many communities and examines funding strategies that could help modernize critical infrastructure while advancing the state's housing goals. Below is an excerpt:

Housing affordability remains a persistent challenge for the commonwealth. The state's 2025 "[Unlocking Housing Production](#)" report finds that employers cite the housing shortage as a key obstacle in attracting and retaining talent. Recent college graduates and young adults starting families face daunting costs in obtaining affordable apartments and reasonably priced starter homes.

The state has set the goal of creating 222,000 new housing units by 2035. A little-discussed obstacle to new housing construction is the problem of water infrastructure.

Read the op-ed "[New housing requires upgrades to water infrastructure](#)" in the *Boston Business Journal* (subscription required).