

North Common Alleyways Inventory



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1. Methuen and Essex Streets

Location:

This alleyway is located between Methuen and Essex Streets from Union to Jackson Streets.

Existing Uses:

This is a commercial alley that is used by the local businesses in the area for deliveries, garbage pick up and through traffic.

Existing Conditions:

Currently the alley is in various states. At Union St., the alley is paved and used for parking and access. The alley is paved from this point until Mill St. Then the alley is partly paved, but mostly soil and gravel. There are light areas of trash at the beginning and then becomes heavier as the alley crosses Newbury St.

Access:

Access is allowed from Union St. and an adjacent parking lot, there is a chain blocking straight through access at what seems to be the property line for the parking lot. The alley is also accessible via Newbury, Mill and Jackson Sts.

Owner:

Essex Company



2. *Essex and Common Streets*

Location:

This alleyway is located between Essex and Common Streets from the back of Corpus Christi Church on Union Street up Essex Street crossing over Jackson Street and ending at City Hall.

Existing Uses:

This is a commercial alley that is used by the local businesses and residents for deliveries, garbage pick up and through traffic.

Existing Conditions:

This alley is paved for commercial and vehicle access from the Pemberton Way access point to the parking lot access point. The alley then continues in cobblestone and soil and gravel, ending paved behind Corpus Christi Church.

Access:

Currently access is allowed via Pemberton & Appleton Ways (this part of the alley is very narrow), takes a sharp curve where the parking lot ends. Access is also allowed via Jackson and Newbury Sts.

Owner:

Essex Company



3. Common and Garden Streets between Newbury and Jackson Streets

Location:

This alley is located between Common and Garden Streets from Newbury to Jackson Streets. This alley is surrounded by a combination of businesses and residents.

Existing Uses:

The alley is commonly used for through traffic and garbage pick up. It is also a place where a lot of dumping occurs.

Existing Conditions:

This alley is paved and has some trash.

Access:

This alley is accessible via Newbury St. and a parking lot on Common St.

Owner:

Essex Company



4. Garden and Orchard Streets

Location:

This alley is located between Garden and Orchard Streets from Union to Newbury Streets. This alley is located between the Historic Mechanic Row Houses.

Existing Uses:

This was formerly a trash-ridden alley where constant dumping occurred. There were also illegal drug-related activities going on. The residents of the neighborhood decided to clean the alley and find a reuse for it. The alley is currently being used as a “green alleyway” with flower gardens, butterfly gardens and stone benches for the residents to use. It has become an extension of the neighbors’ backyards and the children of the neighborhood play there.

Existing Conditions:

The alley is currently being prepared for the spring planting season. This summer the mural will be completed by a local artist with the help of some neighborhood children.

Access:

This alley is accessible via Garden and Orchard Sts.

Owner:

Essex Company



5. Garden and Jackson Court between Newbury and Jackson Street

Location:

This alley is located between Garden Street and Jackson Court from Newbury to Jackson Streets. It is located in a residential area.

Existing Uses:

This alley is used for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. There are also vehicles that park there.

Existing Conditions:

This alley is a constant dumping ground and is currently in very poor condition.

Access:

This alley is accessible via Garden St and Jackson Ct.

Owner:

Essex Company



6. Jackson Court and Summer between Newbury and Jackson Street

Location:

This alley is located between Jackson Court and Summer Street from Newbury to Jackson Streets. The alley is located in a residential neighborhood behind an old parochial school.

Existing Uses:

The alley is currently used for vehicle access and for pedestrian access. It is also used for parking access behind peoples' houses. There is also constant dumping, due to the isolated location and the fact that the school building is abandoned.

Existing Conditions:

The alley is paved and has some gravel and soil. It is relatively clean.

Access:

This alley is accessible via Jackson Terr., Jackson Ct. and Summer St.

Owner:

Essex Company



7. Orchard and Summer St. between Union and Newbury St.

Location:

This alley is located between Orchard and Summer Streets from Union to Newbury Streets. The alley is located in a residential neighborhood between garages on Orchard Street and residential units on Summer Street.

Existing Uses:

The alley is currently riddled with trash and is the site of illegal activities. It has also been brought up by the neighbors that people use the alley for changing oil and other car repair work. The residents have also expressed an interest in converting the alley into usable space.

Existing Conditions:

This alley is currently riddled with trash and has been the site of illegal activities. People have also used this alley for car repairs and have dumped motor oil and other hazardous substances in the ground.

Access:

This alley is accessible via Summer and Orchard Sts.

Owner:

Essex Company



8. Summer and Haverhill St. between Union and Newbury Streets

Location:

This alley is located between Summer and Haverhill Streets from Union to Newbury Streets. This alley is located in a residential area with some small local businesses.

Existing Uses:

There is through traffic for access to parking for residents.

Existing Conditions:

The alley is currently riddled with trash and is the site of constant dumping.

Access:

This alley can only be accessed via Haverhill St.

Owner:

Essex Company. A portion of this alley is owned by a trust created by Lawrence Community Works to protect the owner of the property located adjacent to the alley.



9. Mechanic and Union Street

Location:

This alley is located between Mechanic and Union Street. It is located in a residential neighborhood and has residential units to one side and vacant lots to the other.

Existing Uses:

The alley is currently being designed for a community garden. One of the vacant lots is currently a community garden and the alley will be designed to give the gardeners more permanent gardens when residential housing is developed in the vacant lot. Both ends serve as parking for nearby residents.

Existing Conditions:

The alley is in good condition. There have been several cleanups and bulbs and grass were planted on the site last fall.

Access:

This alley is accessible via Mechanic and Elm Sts.

Owner:

Lawrence Community Works



10. Union and Brook Street

Location:

This alley is located between Union and Brook Streets. The alley is located in a residential neighborhood with limited local businesses.

Existing Uses:

The alley is currently used for through traffic and parking.

Existing Conditions:

The alley is a site for dumping and is currently riddled with trash.

Access:

This site is accessible via Union and Brook Sts.

Owner:

Essex Company



11. Elm Street between Union and Newbury Street

Location:

This alley is located off of Elm Street from Union to Newbury Streets. It is located in a residential neighborhood.

Existing Uses:

The alley is currently used for limited parking and some through traffic.

Existing Conditions:

The site is currently in good condition. It is not paved. The alley has also been a site of constant dumping.

Access:

This site is accessible via Elm, Newbury, and Union Sts.

Owner:

Essex Company



12. Haverhill and Elm Street between Newbury and East Haverhill Street

Location:

This alley is located between Haverhill and Elm Streets from Newbury to East Haverhill Streets. This alley is located in a residential neighborhood.

Existing Uses:

The alley is currently used for limited parking and through traffic.

Existing Conditions:

It is a constant site of dumping and is riddled with trash. The residents have cleaned the property and have expressed interest in working with Groundwork to enhance it.

Access:

This site is accessible via Elm and Haverhill Sts.

Owner:

Essex Company



13. Elm Street between Newbury and East Haverhill

Location:

This alley is located off of Elm Street from Newbury to East Haverhill Streets. It is in a residential neighborhood with limited small businesses.

Existing Uses:

The alley is currently used for limited parking.

Existing Conditions:

It is a constant site of dumping and riddled with trash. The residents of this neighborhood have done cleanups and have expressed interest in a reuse plan for the alley.

Access:

This site is accessible via Elm, East Haverhill and Newbury Sts.

Owner:

Essex Company



14. Elm Street between East Haverhill and Jackson St.

Location:

This is located off of Elm Street from East Haverhill to Jackson Streets. The alley is located in a residential neighborhood.

Existing Uses:

The alley is currently used for limited parking.

Existing Conditions:

It is a constant site of dumping and riddled with trash. The residents of this neighborhood have done cleanups and have expressed interest in a reuse plan for the alley.

Access:

This site is accessible via Jackson and Elm St.

Owner:

Essex Company

