

**Demolition Delay Bylaws
provide a “*window of opportunity*”
to save significant historic resources**



***Foster Emerson House, Reading
Saved due to the demolition delay bylaw***

Cities and towns throughout Massachusetts have saved historic buildings by having a window of opportunity to come up with an alternative.



Worcester



Eastham



Framingham

Examples of buildings saved through demolition delay

The Ames Shovel Shops in Easton were saved through demolition delay and have since been converted from industrial use to residential use.



However, some buildings are simply demolished following the end of the delay period



The 1805 House in Dudley was demolished as soon as the delay expired.

With no demolition delay bylaw in place, very significant properties are gone forever within just a few hours.



**Little House
Newbury
Circa 1806
Demolished in 2012**

**John Perkins House
Wenham
Circa 1710
Demolished in 2011**



With demolition delay, a building that has stood for 100, 200 or 300 years won't disappear in an afternoon.



**Fowler-Clark Farm, Boston
Circa 1800
Saved through demolition delay**

The length of the delay is typically 6, 12 or 18 months. Milton just passed a 24 month delay.



The longer the delay, the better the chance of finding an alternative to its loss.

