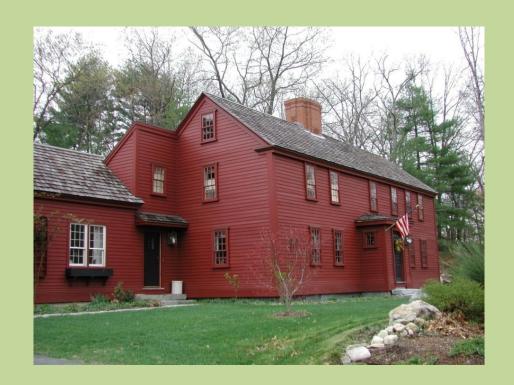
Demolition Delay Bylaws provide a "window of opportunity" to save significant historic resources



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.



John Perkins House
Wenham
Circa 1710
Demolished in 2011

Little House Newbury Circa 1806 Demolished in 2012



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.

150 cities and towns in Massachusetts have demolition delay

