

About Holyoke

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Holyoke is an exciting community with committed citizens, a rich history, a dynamic business sector, and a wide variety of opportunities. The best way to learn about our proud city is to experience it.

Walk through the Mount Tom State Reservation, row the Connecticut River, shop with 20 million others at the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside, view [dinosaur footprints](#) , enjoy our annual [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) , or enjoy a ride on the historic [Merry-go-round at Holyoke Heritage State Park](#)

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Holyoke developed in the 19th Century as the nation's first planned industrial community, at one time boasting the greatest paper production in the world. Many artifacts of the City's pioneering engineering machinery is on display and in use today, making Holyoke a unique living museum ahead of the curve in the 21st century. To learn more about Holyoke's fascinating history, please visit the [Holyoke's History](#) section of this Web site.

The City's attractive complement of urban scale and natural serenity includes numerous mill sites as well as a collection of parks, historic sites and recreation destinations. What else would you expect from the [Birthplace of Volleyball](#) ?

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Holyoke sits at a major interstate interchange. At the Crossroads of New England, Interstate 90 (Massachusetts Turnpike) and Interstate 91 (I-91) quickly connect Holyoke to metropolitan hubs like Boston (1.5 hours), New York City (3 hours), Montreal (5 hours) and to New England's second largest airport, Bradley International Airport (30 minutes).

Education thrives in the Pioneer Valley. There are 14 colleges and universities convenient to the city, which cooperate to provide skilled graduates to the area. Holyoke is at the center of New England's Knowledge Corridor, which extends from the Vermont border to just below Hartford. Locally employers have available the Dean Technical High School that partners with businesses to supply both skilled workers and customized training programs. [Cooperating Colleges of Greater Springfield](#)

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Finally, Holyoke is ahead of the curve when it comes to "Green Energy". The City was built on water power and continues to use this incredible asset through the municipally run dam. Two-thirds of the electricity produced by Holyoke Gas & Electric is derived from non-greenhouse gas producing, renewable hydroelectric generation resources. With a growing consumer interest in sustainable production practices, Holyoke's hydroelectric production capacity is more than just an environmental decision - it makes business sense.