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# WHAT DOES CITY GOVERNMENT DO?

## City Government Has Two Jobs:

### 1. Taking Care of the City.



**List** some things that city government manages directly (such as the Fire Department and Police Department) and some things that city government does NOT manage (such as pizza delivery). You can use the list of Malden City Departments or the Malden phone book to help. **Draw pictures or symbols** representing five or more city departments and put them around the edges of your map.

Too much traffic on your street? Troublesome dog? Worried about a new building being planned in your neighborhood? City Hall is responsible for taking care of everyday problems and issues in the city.

### 2. Making Things Happen.



City government works with other groups (state government, federal government, private businesses, developers, nonprofit agencies, other cities) to make good things happen in the city. **Talk about** some of the things happening in Malden - cleaning the Malden River, building Telecom City, improving the Malden T station, getting a new YMCA building. **Draw** these places on your map.

City government can also make positive things happen in the city. Need something to do during vacation? Does an elderly relative need some activities outside the house? Do you wish there were more places to do sports or enjoy nature?

- \* Five K-8 Schools
- \* Malden YMCA - current site and new site
- \* Malden Public Library
- \* Malden River
- \* Telecom City
- \* Malden T station


How many of these places or buildings are new since you were born?  
What new projects might be completed before you graduate from high school?



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## Malden City Hall Departments

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Animal Control	Community Schools Program (Summer and after school programs)	McFadden Manor
Assessor's Office (Property values / property taxes)	Department of Public Works (Roads, sidewalks, etc.)	Planning
Board of Health 	Emergency Management	Police Department
Building Department (Building Inspections) 	Fire Department	School Department Superintendent of Schools
Cemetery	Human Rights Commission	Senior Center
City Clerk (Birth certificates, manages elections, voting, city census, etc.)	Law Office City Solicitor	Treasurer-Collector
City Council Office (Elected city councillors)	Library	Veterans' Services
Code Department (Inspector for Code Enforcement)	Malden Housing Authority	Water and Sewer Department
	Malden Redevelopment Authority	Youth Commission / Recreation
	Mayor's Office	Zoning

## Malden - Making Things Happen

Before the Malden City Hall tour, each troop or troop member should create a map of Malden showing how city government affects different places in the city. Use the information and ideas on these pages to decorate your maps. You can also add your own ideas. The Malden Chamber of Commerce is providing maps for us to use. Use colored pens, pencils or markers, stickers, etc. to decorate the map.