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Jack's Abby Named Massachusetts "Manufacturer of the Year" by the U.S. Small Business Administration

[Jack's Abby](#) continues to make a name for itself - and not just in the beer industry. Last month, the U.S. Small Business Administration named Jack's Abby Craft Lagers "Manufacturer of the Year" in Massachusetts. Their continued growth in sales and job creation helped earned them the title. Since the brewery's inception in 2011, Jack's Abby has seen continued success year after year.

Located in Downtown Framingham, Jack's Abby's reputation goes far beyond our city. The company is a key player in the craft brewery business and their beer continues to be recognized and awarded by industry professionals.

"We're honored to recognize the Hendler brothers who grew up in a family that promoted entrepreneurship and hard work," said SBA Massachusetts District Director Robert Nelson in an [announcement](#). "Since opening their new brewery in Downtown Framingham, Jack's Abby has tripled in size and continues to create jobs for the local community."

In addition to this recognition by SBA, the brewery also recently hosted the inaugural Mass Brewers Technical Brewing & Business Conference on May 22nd. The conference held by the trade association, the Massachusetts Brewers Guild, provided seminars on both the business aspects of brewing as well

Framingham Designated a Housing Choice Community by Baker-Polito Administration



On Monday, May 14th, representatives from the City of Framingham were on hand for an event at the State House celebrating the 67 cities and towns that were named "Housing Choice" communities. Framingham was among one of these municipalities

to receive the designation.

"Our Administration's Housing Choice Initiative aims to maximize collaboration between state agencies, support innovation and data-driven policies, and provide cities and towns across the Commonwealth with tools to drive housing production in their communities," said Governor Charlie Baker in an [announcement](#) by the Baker-Polito Administration. "We are pleased to celebrate the first municipalities participating in the program and look forward to working with the Legislature to pass the Housing Choice Initiative to create more housing opportunities across Massachusetts."

"The communities recognized today are already working hard to help create more housing opportunities across Massachusetts," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We are proud to support our Housing Choice Communities in their efforts to build new housing and create vibrant, welcoming communities for our families, workforce and residents."



Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Arthur Robert and Thatcher Kezer III of the City of Framingham, and Massachusetts Undersecretary of Housing and Community Development Janelle Chan

Framingham's designation recognizes the progress the city has

as technical assistance. You can read more about the event at the [Metrowest Daily News](#).

Jack's Abby was established in 2011 by the Hendler brothers - Jack, Eric, and Sam - who began the brewery with just three employees. Seven years later, they have 130 employees and are now brewing over 60,000 barrels of their beer each year, with capacity to reach 100,000 barrels annually. The Jack's Abby [Beer Hall and Kitchen](#) has quickly become a staple in Downtown Framingham.

Alira Health Continues Its Expansion in Downtown Framingham

The life science footprint in Framingham continues to grow. [Alira Health](#) is intending to expand its business, increasing its research and development work and growing its laboratory space on Grant Street in Downtown Framingham, the central business district. The company has filed paperwork with the city that will increase its current 5,700 square feet to approximately 13,000 square feet.

Alira Health is an international advisory firm providing integrated strategy, execution, and innovation services for healthcare and life sciences companies. Earlier this year, Alira Health announced that it had purchased another Framingham-based organization that provides similar services.

Currently, Alira Health operates one lab in their space at Grant Street, which was formerly the Avery Dennison complex. The additional lab will have a Biosafety Level 2 designation, one of four biosafety designations for labs that conduct

made in producing new units of housing - the city has permitted 411 new units for Downtown Framingham, in addition to the 196 units that are currently under construction at Alta Union House and the 270 apartments that will soon be underway at Modera Framingham.

There is growing recognition that housing is an important part of economic development in Massachusetts. Recently, Putnam Investments' CEO Robert Reynolds said, "the less you supply, the greater demand, the higher prices. That makes us less competitive as a state." Similarly, Jay Ash, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, told State House News Service, "The more housing we build, the better our economy will be." Massachusetts is currently producing less than half of the housing units that the Commonwealth built in the 1970s, which prompted Governor Baker to create the Housing Choice Initiative.

The Commonwealth's [Housing Choice](#) designation will provide Framingham and other communities a "leg up" in competing for state grant and capital funding programs, including MassWorks, Complete Streets, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) capital projects, and PARC and LAND grants. Framingham will also gain access to a new Housing Choice Capital Grants program.

"It was a true honor to represent the City of Framingham at the event," said Arthur Robert, Chairman of Framingham's Community and Economic Development Division. "But more importantly, we are grateful to the Commonwealth and to the Baker-Polito Administration for highlighting our hard work and for providing even more opportunities for us to grow this vibrant community."

Framingham Is Open For Business

One Clark's Hill is Class A Office Space That Can Serve a Whole Host of Businesses

The City of Framingham offers businesses of all sizes - from start ups to multinational corporations - space that fits all their needs. This month, [Choose Framingham](#) spoke to the commercial real estate company [Yaro Enterprises](#) about the Class A office space available at their property, One Clark's Hill. The three story, 101,907 square foot building currently has 24,471 square feet available among three suites and will likely

research with infectious micro-organisms and laboratory animals. The level 2 designation covers labs working with agents associated with human diseases and requires enhanced measures for personnel.

Alira Health has offices in six locations across the United States and Europe. You can read more about the company they chose Framingham in this [profile](#) from 2016 (the profile was written prior to the company's name change).

have more options available in November. Additionally, the site is close to downtown amenities like Jack's Abby and to the new transit-oriented residential developments that are under construction in Downtown Framingham.



You have space available at One Clark's Hill. Tell us a little about the site.

We have multiple sections of the building available or coming available and are willing

to build to suit. We have recently renovated all bathrooms and are completing several other internal upgrades to the elevators. The parking lot is set to be paved and striped and the landscaping will be completely redone in the coming weeks.

What kind of companies should be looking at this space?

Any company requiring abundant parking as this facility provides tenants with great access. Any company who needs Class A office space. We would be a great fit for a company looking for new "headquarters."

What amenities are available at One Clark's Hill?

Class A office space, elevators service, wet sprinkler service and a cafeteria. Parking is not a problem. We are also discussing a lighting upgrade to be completed in the near future.

In general, what do you think are the benefits for a company located in Framingham?

We became interested in this property for its location. It is considered a part of the "metrowest submarket," which has convenient access to I-90 and Route 9. We are within walking distance to MBTA commuter rail and adjacent to downtown Framingham. We are 5 minutes from the largest suburban retail concentration in New England.

How can people be in touch with you if they want to learn more about the space?

We have this property listed with Drew Nelson of Newark Grubb Knight Frank. He can be reached at (617) 772-7254 or via email at dnelson@ngkf.com

Owners can be reached at (585) 444-3300 or

yaroenterprises@gmail.com

Anything you'd like to add?

We are extremely proud of the newest addition to our portfolio. We are delighted to be in the Boston market and look forward to future collaborations and business ventures.

Framingham EDIC

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The [Framingham Economic Development and Industrial Corporation \(EDIC\)](#) was established in 1995 to stimulate economic development and expand employment opportunities in the Town of Framingham in accordance with the town's approved economic development plans.

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