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The rain we experienced last summer and the mild temperatures this past winter are good ingredients for hydrangea to grow. (Andrew Boucher/Spectrum News 1)

HYDRANGEAS IN BLOOM

### Why hydrangeas are having a better flowering season this year

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BOYLSTON, Mass. – Massachusetts typically sees a bloom of flowers in the spring, but this year, the color has continued into the summer with hydrangeas.

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill said there are a few reasons why the plant is having a better flowering season this year.

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growing conditions they have. Hydrangea macrophylla are the common blue hydrangea we think of. They are particularly sensitive to moisture in soil, so we're seeing a lot more of those flowers in the landscape this year as a direct result of

Richardson said lilacs also had a good season this past spring, for the same reasons as hydrangeas.

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having all that moisture last year."



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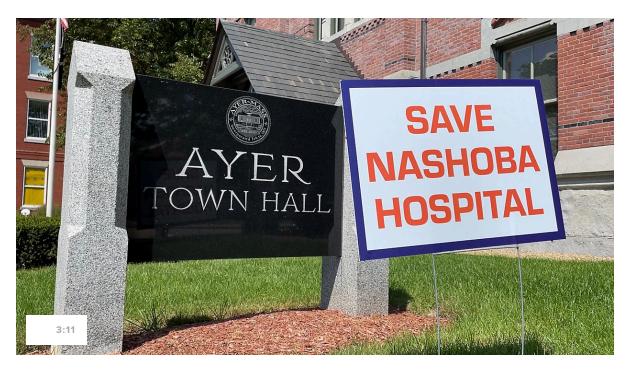
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