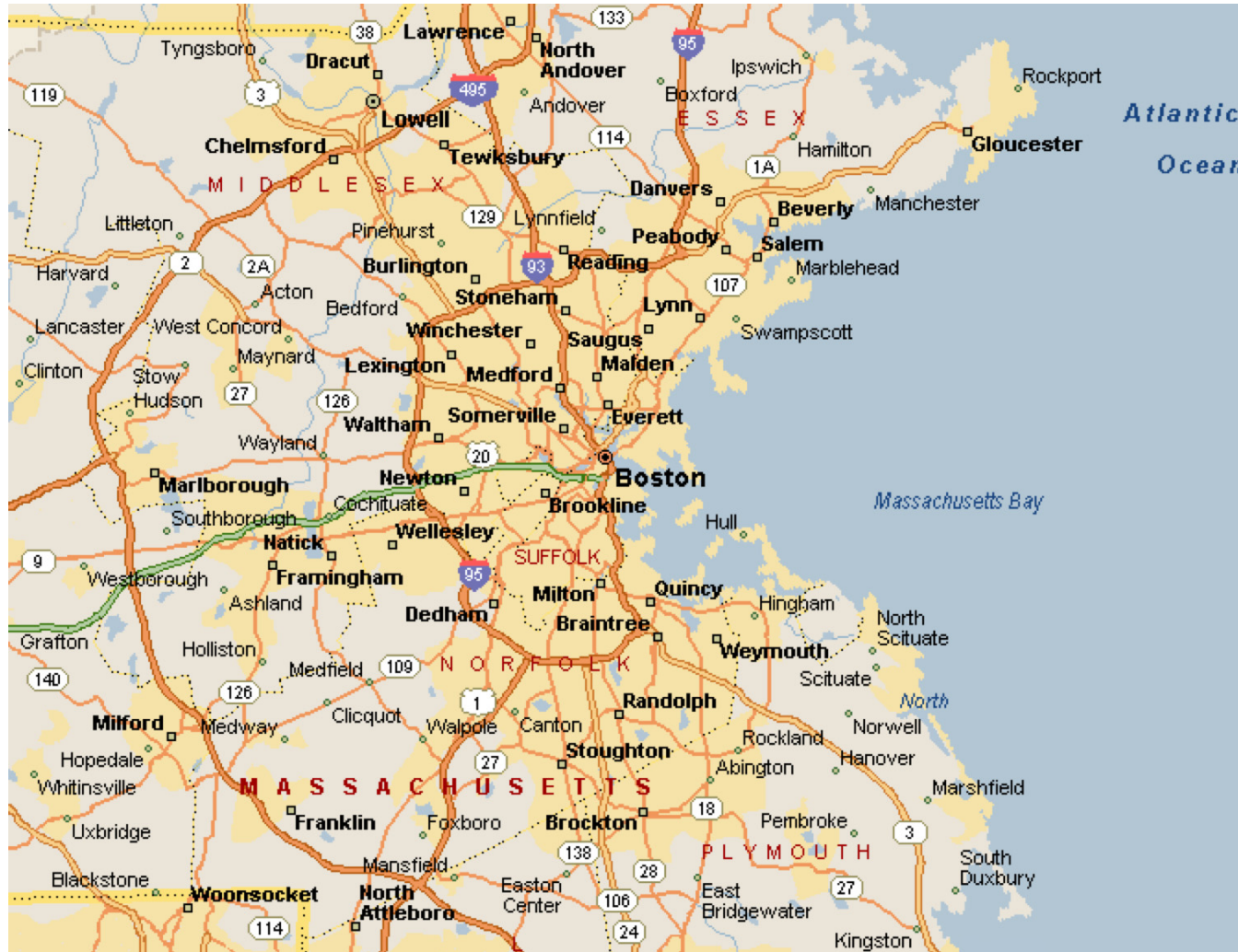
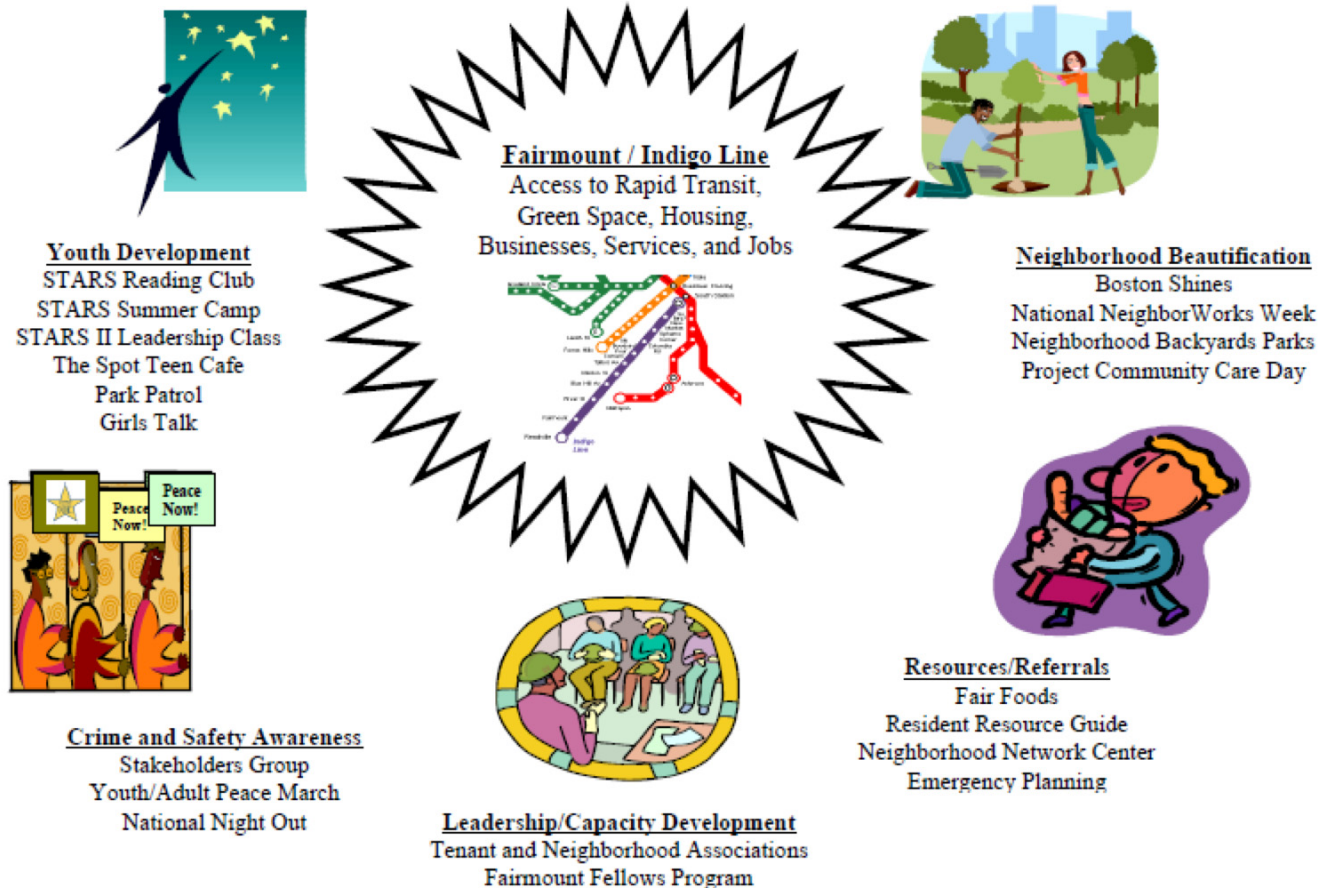


Coordinating Regional Initiatives with Local Partners



Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation

Community Building



Marcos Beleche, Director of Community Organizing and Resident Resources

Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation

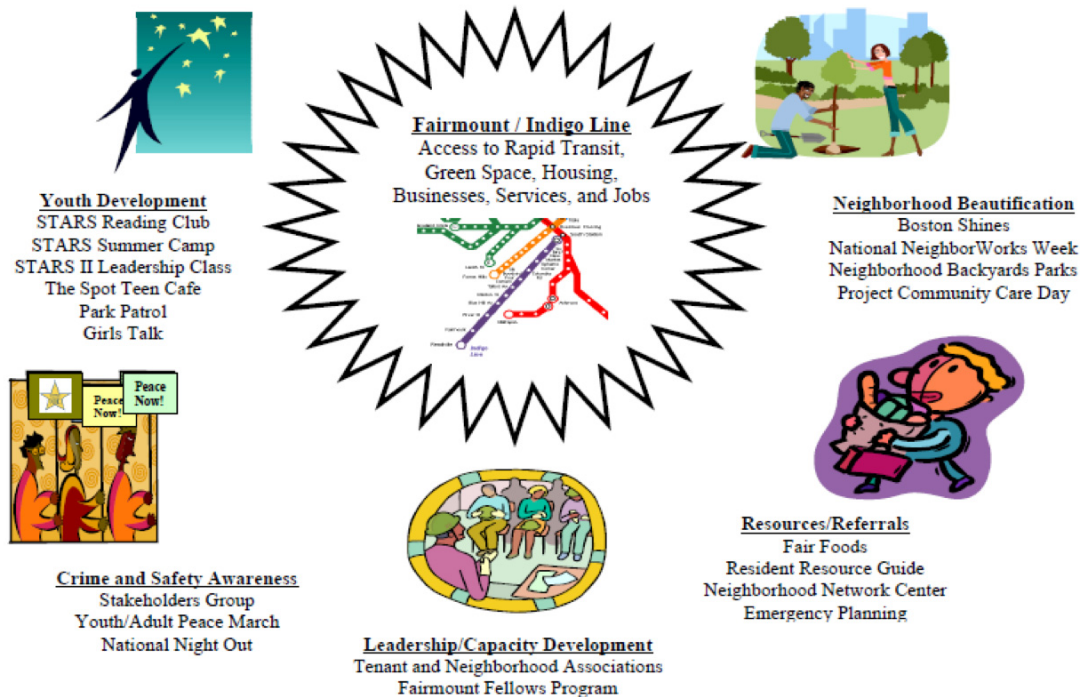
“Residents are the foundation for strong communities. If you don’t have great residents willing to participate, you don’t have community.”
 -James Darby, Neighborhood Activist, Aspinwall Street

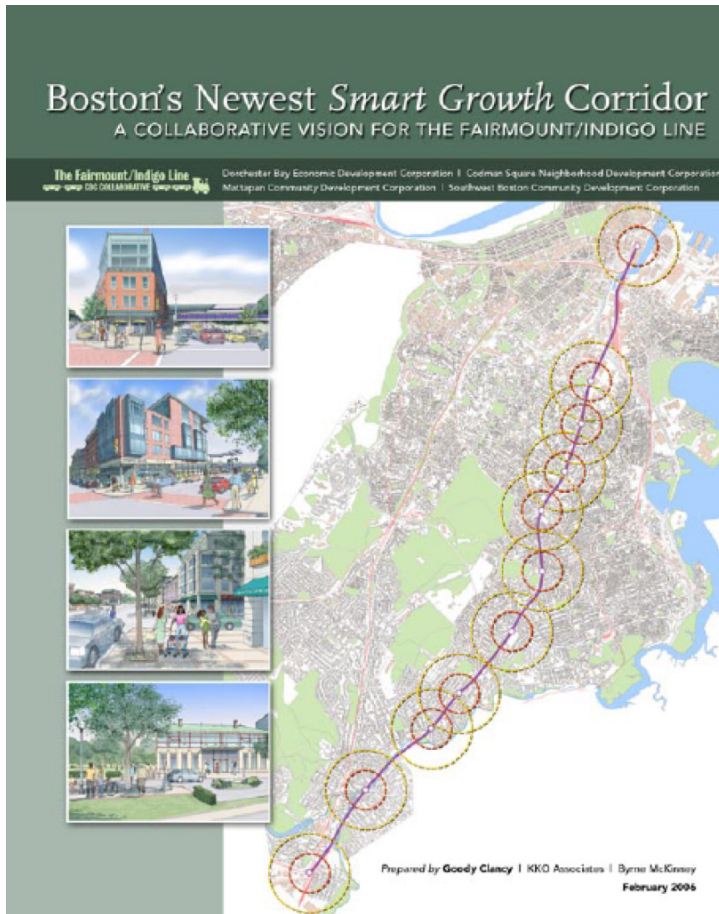
“Participating citizens are the foundation to a strong community” -Joan McCoy, Neighborhood Activist, Torrey Street

“Safety, voice, and opportunities are the foundations for strong communities”
 -Thomas Bennet, Small Business Owner, Washington Street

“Strong families make for a strong community. People looking out for each other: That’s being a good neighbor
 -Juanita Smith, Neighborhood Activist, Champlain Circle”

Community Building





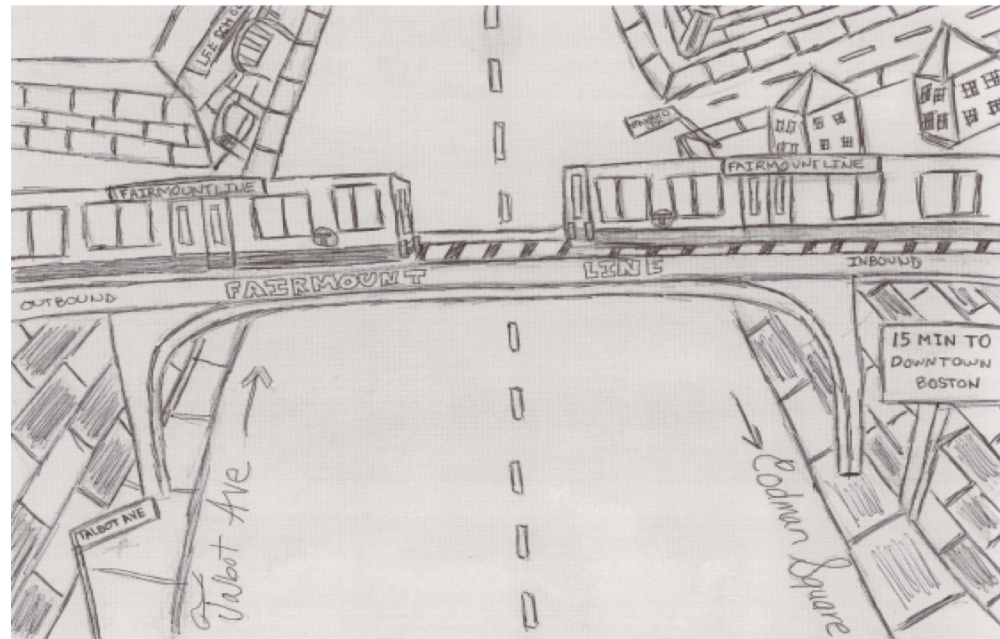
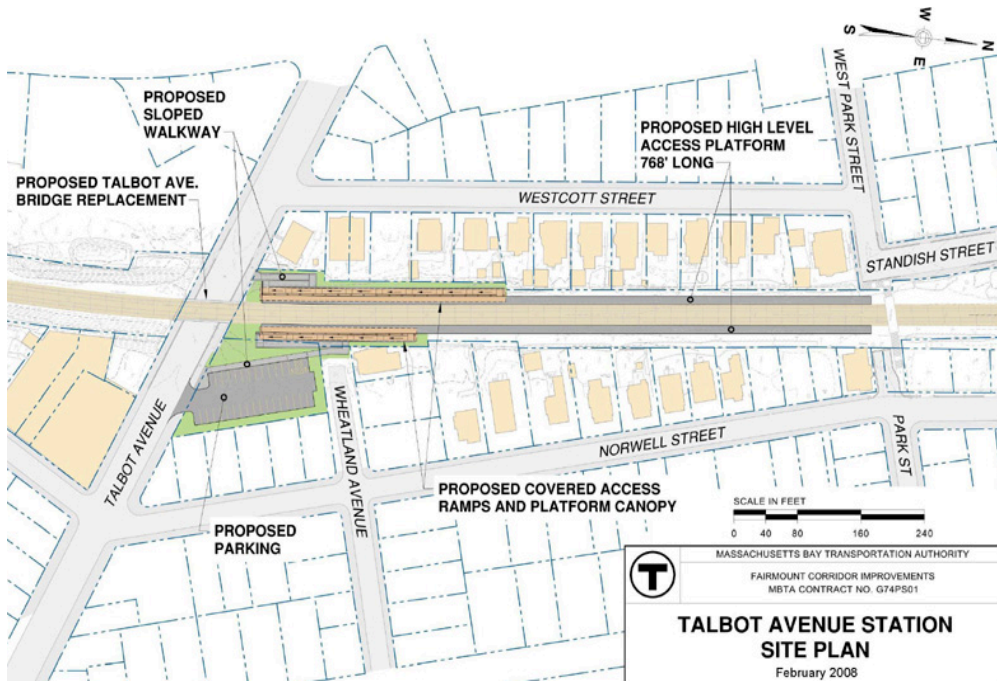
“A leader is someone that can listen...and has got to be willing to do a lot of leg work.”

-Juanita Smith,
Neighborhood Activist,
Champlain Circle

“A leader does not have to be one person. A leader can be a group of people that is focused on getting things done.”

-Thomas Bennet,
Small Business Owner,
Washington Street





THE FAIRMOUNT GREENWAY CONCEPT PLAN

MARCH 2011
THE FAIRMOUNT GREENWAY TASK FORCE

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WITH BRYANT ASSOCIATES



“A leader is someone willing to stand up for the community, not afraid to put our issues on the table and not back down”

**-James Darby,
Neighborhood Activist,
Aspinwall Street**



“A leader is one that is informed, concerned and a bit aggressive as well.”

**-Joan McCoy,
Neighborhood Activist,
Torrey Street**





“Jobs and people working together are the key to economically healthy neighborhoods”
-Juanita Smith, Neighborhood Activist, Champlain Circle

“The key to economically healthy neighborhoods is networking and having consensus about the things that are acceptable to everybody in order to make them long-lasting and stable.”
-Thomas Bennet, Small Business Owner, Washington Street

“The key to a healthy economy in our neighborhood is a diverse business district that has something everyone could use.”
-James Darby, Neighborhood Activist, Aspinwall Street

“The key to an economically healthy neighborhood is employment...Everyone who wants and is able to work has a job.”
-Joan McCoy, Neighborhood Activist, Torrey Street

Resilient Communities, Resilient Families:

*Supporting Local Neighborhoods, Looking for Regional
Intersections*

Melissa Jones, Program Officer

LISC

Greater Boston

*Helping neighbors
build communities*



**Resilient Communities
Resilient Families**

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Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

- Founded in 1979, with the goal of supporting community revitalization
- Neighborhoods were rebuilt:
 - 271,000 Affordable homes
 - 40 Million Square feet of retail space
 - 132 school developments
 - 157 child care facilities
 - 225 playgrounds
 - \$10B in resources for cities
- The Work Remaining to be done



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Sustainable Communities

- Impacting the nexus of quality of life issues in a neighborhood:
 - Family Economic Stability
 - Economic Development & Jobs
 - Quality Education
 - Health Disparities
 - Housing



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The Next Phase

- Community leadership & empowerment
 - Organizations
 - Local Residents
- Community Driven Plans As Investment Tools
 - LISC as advocate and intermediary





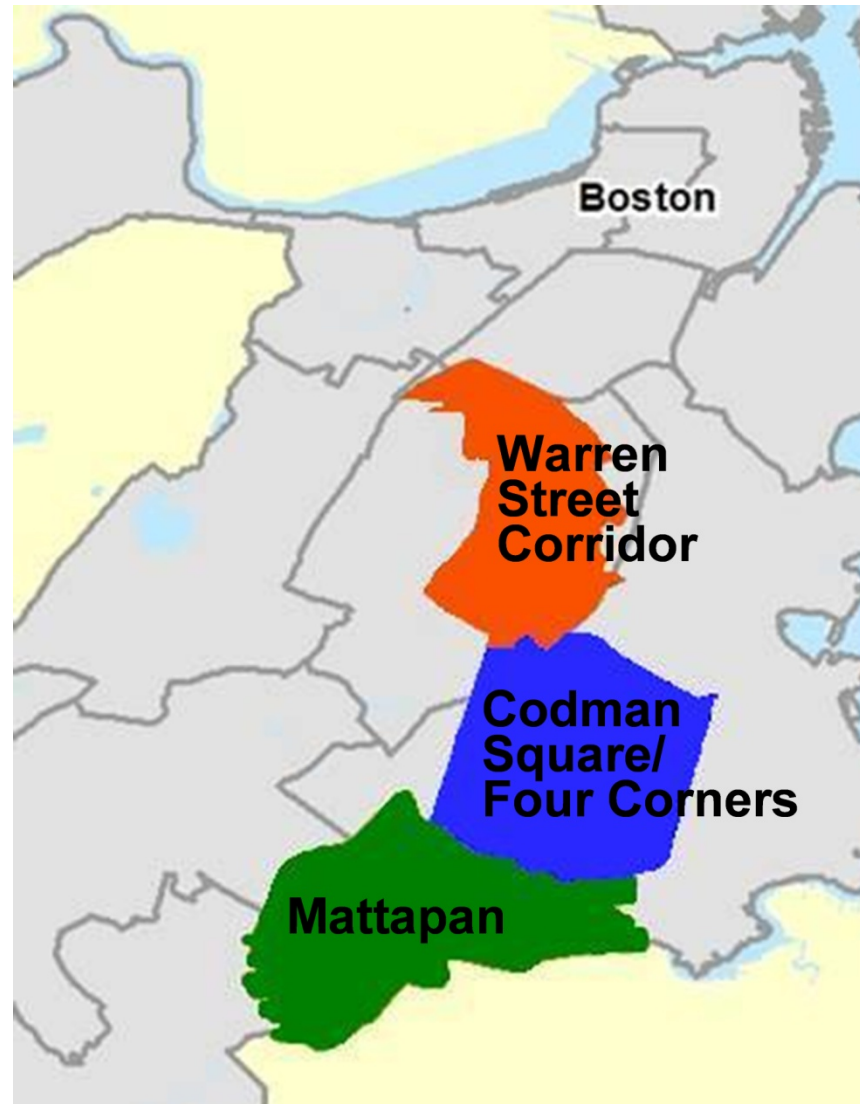
Putting the Pieces Together In Boston

- Resilient Communities, Resilient Families
 - Putting Neighborhoods in Driver Seat for Community planning
 - Coordinating Funding on behalf of their interests
 - Special focus on reconnecting residents and organizations
 - Special focus on reframing institutional relationships



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Our Neighborhoods



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Why Codman?

- **High Capacity Neighborhood & Leaders**
 - 30 year old Neighborhood Develop Corp
 - 30 year old health center
 - 30 yr old senior center
 - 2 vibrant organizing agencies
- **History of Success and Innovative Thinking**
 - Health Center focused on social determinants of health
- **Leadership of Transit Oriented Development**
 - Fairmount Line
 - Levedo Development (24 units of housing, commercial space)
 - 157 Washington Street (24 units of housing, commercial space)
 - Talbot Station (40 units housing, community space)
 - Whittier School Apartments (45 units)



Our Coordinating Role

- **Locally**
 - Technical Assistance for the process
 - Raising profile of neighborhood priorities through ‘special initiative’ energy
 - Coordination with Local Funders; Access to National Resources

- **Regionally**
 - Supporting other initiatives
 - Maximizing funding, being smart



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When Is An Issue Regional, When Is it Local?

- **National Model, Local Context:** How much flexibility in the process? Surveys, One on Ones, Neighbor Circles.
- **Flexibility in Funding Allocation:** Can everything be spent on staffing and agencies, what must be held for projects that arise from resident organizing?
- **When to be neighborhood focused, when to work across neighborhoods:** Transit, Weatherization?
- **Funder Interests, Local Interests**





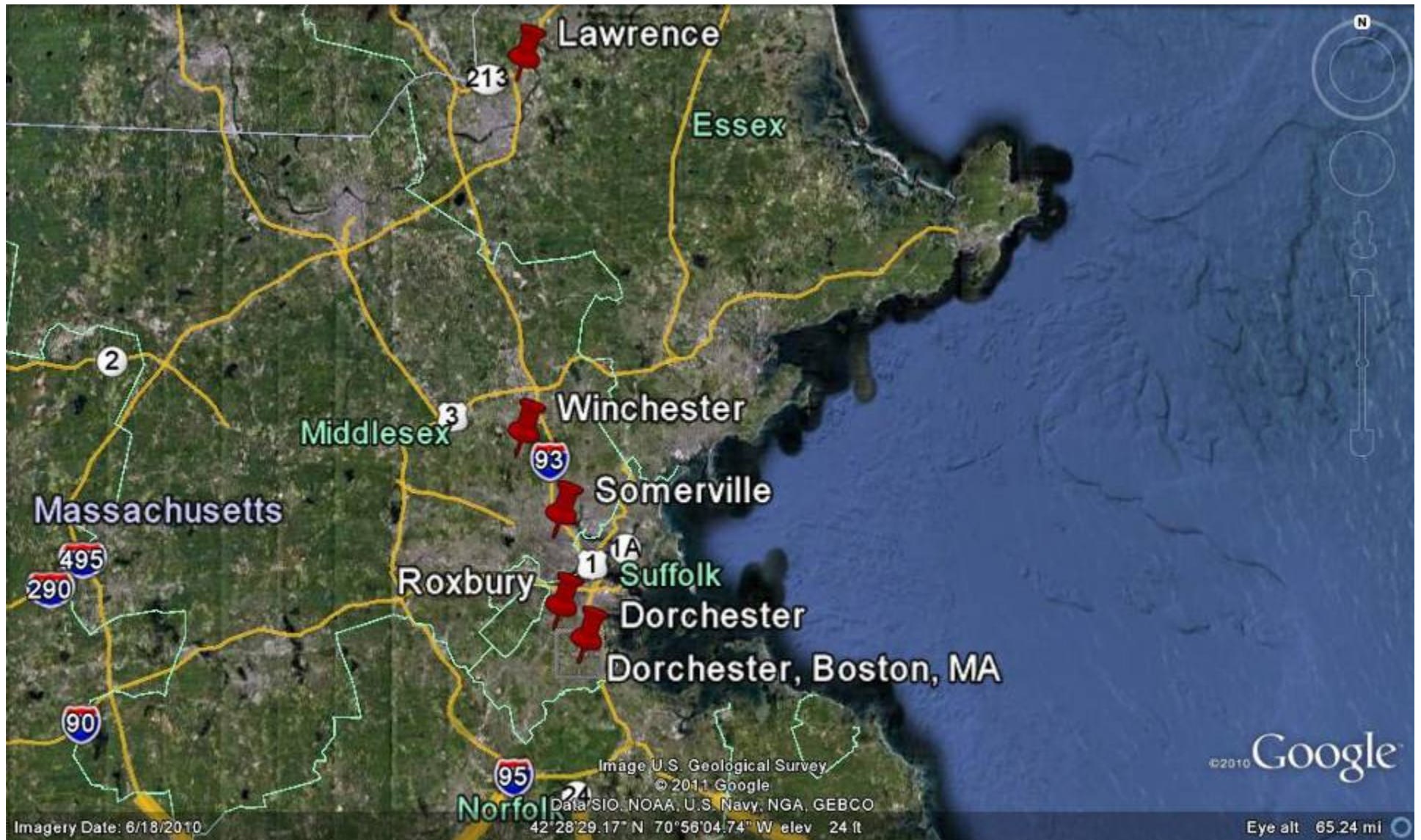
Local Placemaking In Action



Great Neighborhoods

Ina Anderson, Partnerships Director

Great Neighborhoods



Boston's Fairmount Indigo Line



Lawrence





Roxbury



Somerville

Winchester





Collaboration





Implementing
MetroFuture
Making a Greater Boston Region

Amy A. Cotter
Director of Regional Plan
Implementation



The MetroFuture Vision



Be responsible stewards of our resources, passing on an environmentally, financially, and socially sustainable region to our children.



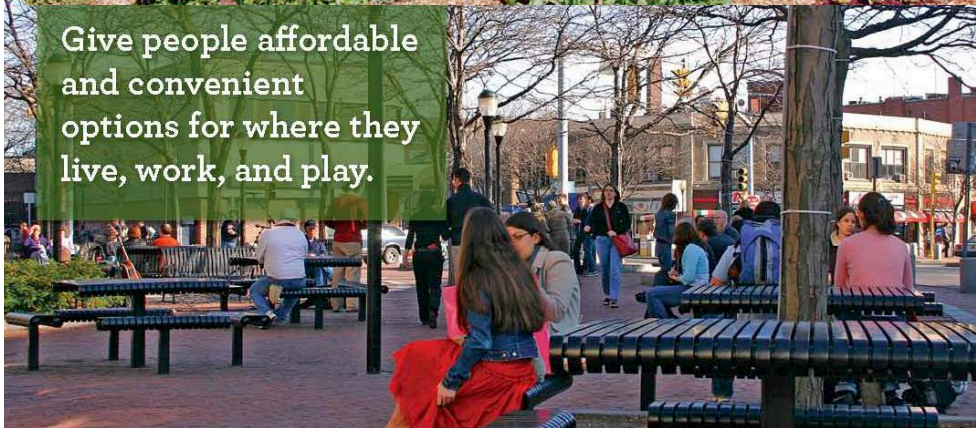
Involve more people in making the decisions that shape their lives.



Build safe, healthy, and welcoming communities.



Ensure that all residents fairly share the costs and benefits of the region's growth.



Give people affordable and convenient options for where they live, work, and play.



Create a world-class region that is vibrant, competitive, and connected.

The MetroFuture Process



Talk to people about their **vision for the region**

Create a model projecting the region's major trends

Work with others to create **alternative futures**

Evaluate the alternatives and **select a preferred future**

Develop a strategy for **implementation**



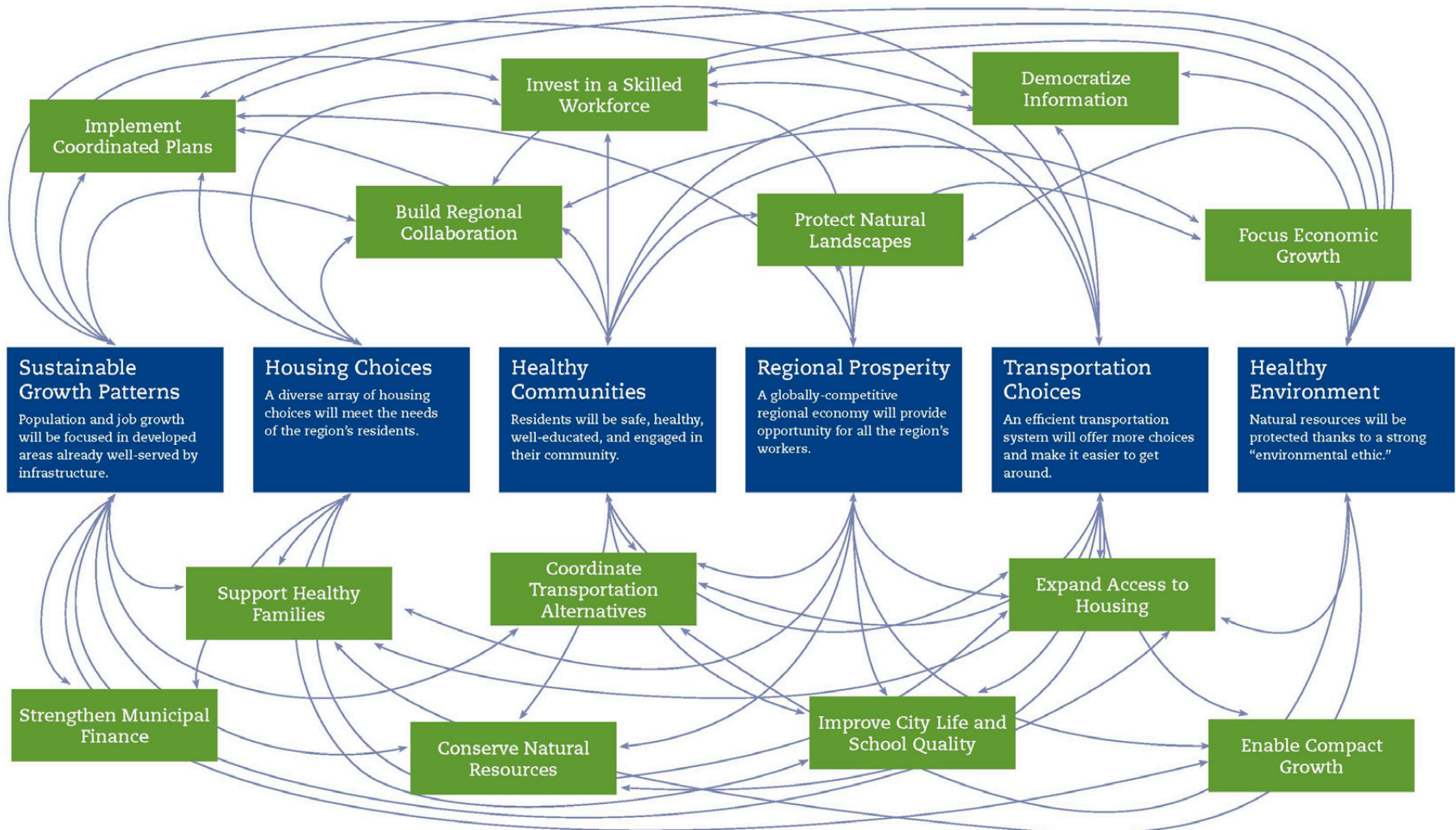
From Plan to Action!

Making our goals . . .

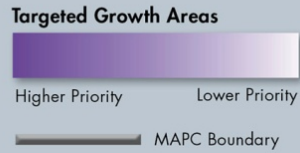
. . . a reality

The MetroFuture plan includes 65 specific **GOALS**, in 6 general categories:

These goals will be achieved by the recommendations contained in MetroFuture's 13 implementation **STRATEGIES**:



MetroFuture Growth and Preservation Areas



Metropolitan Core

Job growth built around medical and educational institutions, and other major industries

Improved schools, safety, parks attract families and retirees

Build on role as the "hub" of the regional transportation network

Regional Hubs

Rebirth of industrial cities and downtowns

Focused growth in major suburban economic centers

Best prospects for new transit outside of Metro Core

Suburban Centers

Maximize potential of major town centers and existing transit

Mixed-use growth expands housing choice and tax revenue

New local bus connections and bike/pedestrian paths

Priority Conservation Areas

Areas with significant natural, scenic, agricultural, and recreational values

Transportation Corridors

Multi-modal investments to support growth

New transit allows people to circulate around MetroCore, as well as "in and out."



Note: The study area for the MetroFuture project (164 cities and towns) is somewhat larger than the MAPC region to account for trends that do not recognize regional boundaries and to ensure compatibility with the Regional Transportation Plan being developed concurrently by the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.

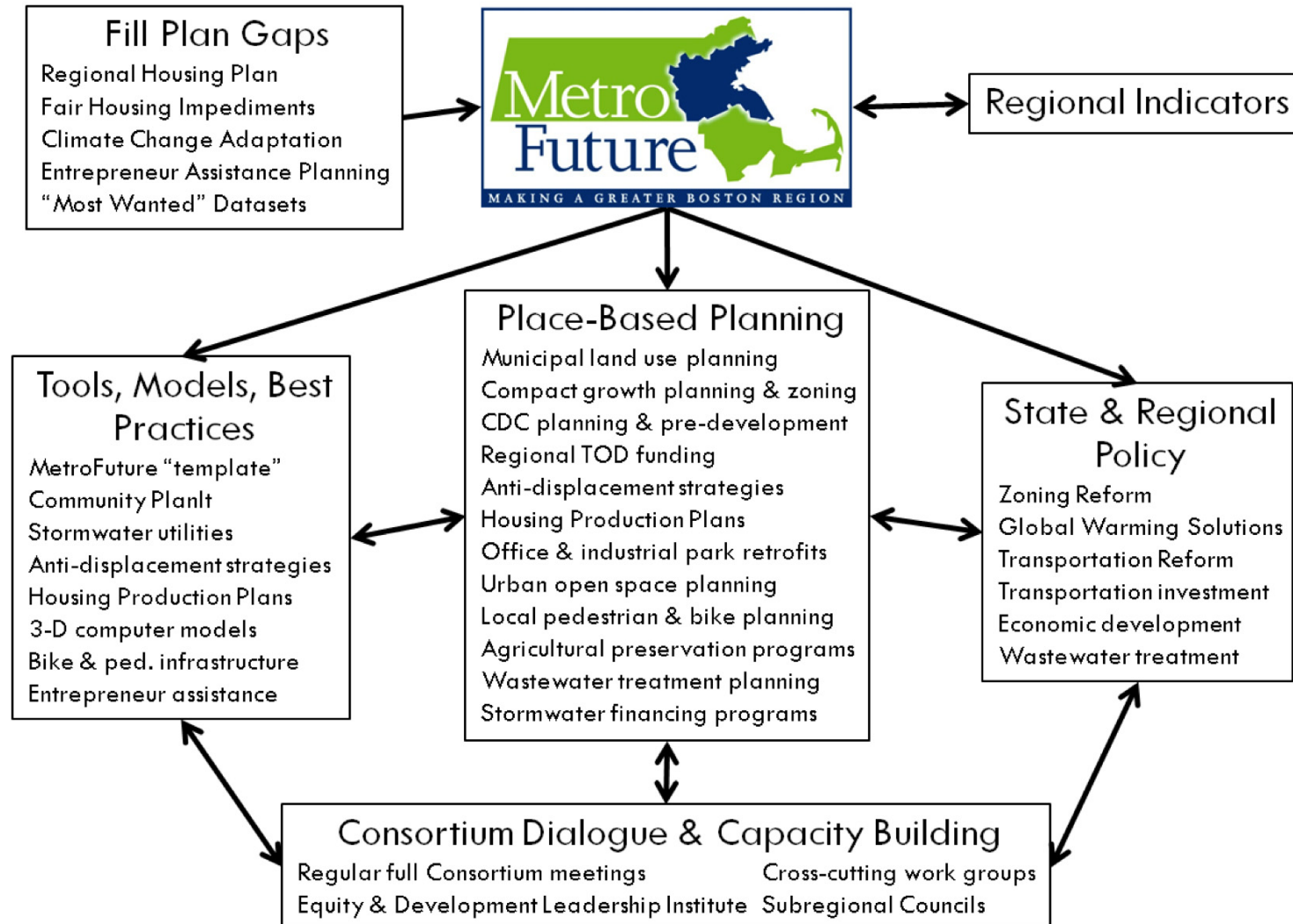
Sustainable Communities

In October 2010, the Obama Administration awarded the Metro Boston Consortium for Sustainable Communities a \$4 million Regional Planning Grant to implement MetroFuture.



Six Areas of Activity

Sustainable Metro Boston – Program Structure



Sustainable Communities Place-Based Projects

