

A map of Boston, Massachusetts, showing various neighborhoods including Cambridge, Somerville, Charlestown, East Cambridge, North End, and West End. The map is overlaid with numerous blue dots, representing development projects. The Charles River is visible on the right side of the map.

MassBuilds

Explore development in Massachusetts through a collaborative inventory of past, present, and future projects.

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Democratize Information: Making data easy to find and use

Municipalities hold a lot of information that is valuable – and sometimes critically important – to residents, organizations, developers, and neighboring governments

The Challenge

Tracking and anticipating development across the region comes from disparate data sources and multiple municipal planning departments.

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MassBuilds is...

a free tool for tracking past, present, and planned development.

a living library, powered by a community of Municipal Data Stewards, developers, citizens, and MAPC staff.

Benefits to Municipal Planners

- Free, online, searchable library for tracking planned development
- Resource to share information with residents
- Makes space for “Big picture thinking” – see development trends in aggregate, over time, town by town
- Use data for further analysis (TOD, Hazard Mitigation Plans, etc)

Exploring and Exporting Data



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Search for a Place

Summary Statistics

3,749 DEVELOPMENTS

3193 Washington Street
planning

- COMPLETED
- IN_CONSTRUCTION
- PLANNING
- PROJECTED

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3193 Washington Street

📍 3193 Washington Street, Boston MA 02130

[🔗 Project Website](#)

Planning (est. 2020)

Total Cost: \$13,000,000

Edit



Moderate No Pending Changes

Incentive Programs

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BUILDING & SITE

49
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

0
COMMERCIAL SQUARE FEET

24 on-site parking spaces

Nearest Transit Station Green Street

RESIDENTIAL

Housing

Units by use type

Housing Type	Number of Units
Single family homes	0
Small multifamily	0
Large multifamily	49
Total housing units	49
Group Quarters i.e. dorms, barracks, etc.	0

COMMERCIAL

Commercial Uses

Floor area by use type

Use Type	Floor Area square feet	Percent of total nonresidential floor area
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3193 Washington Street
Boston, MA





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Results:

34

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Bedford



Bedford

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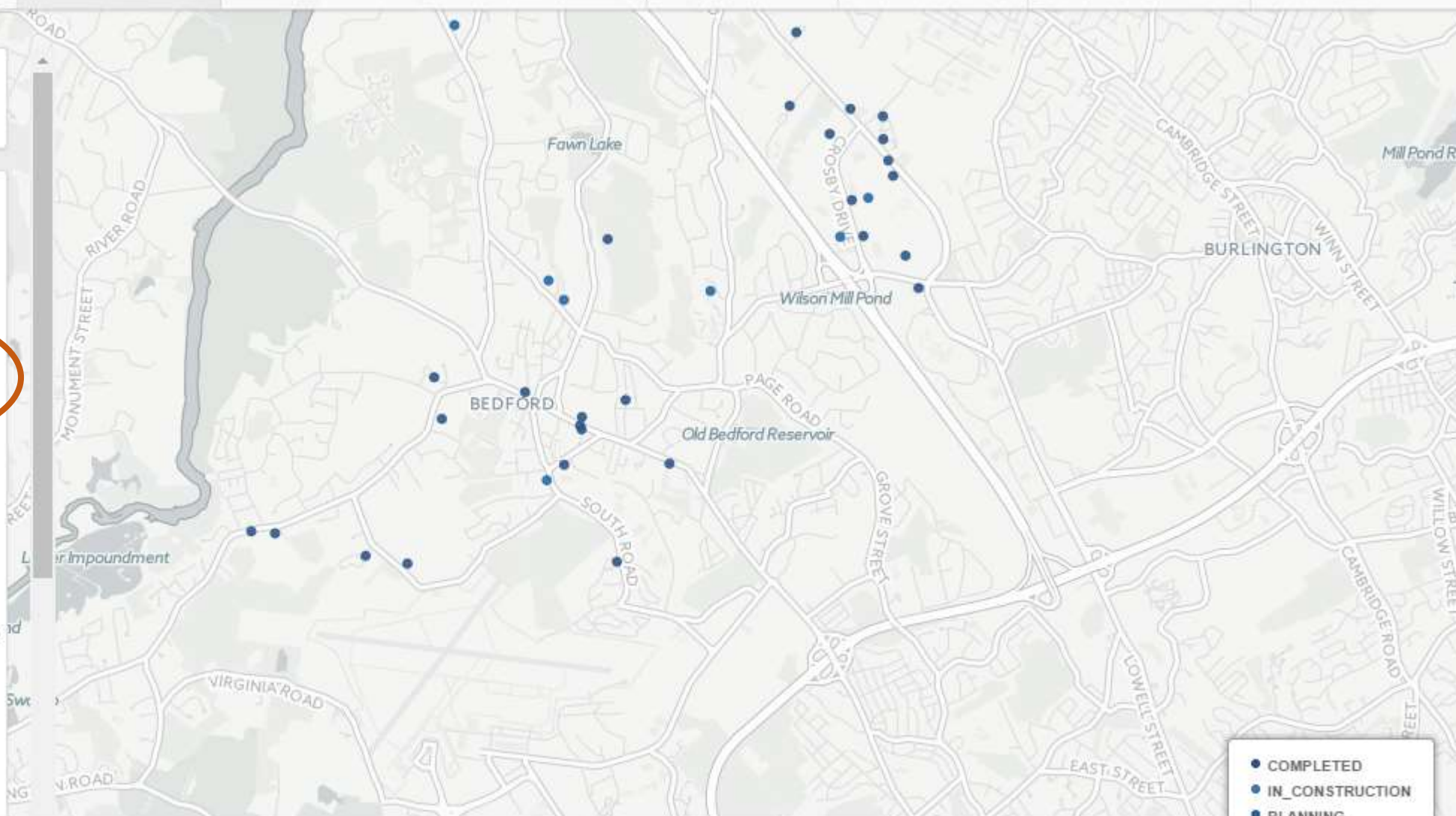
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Avalon at
Bedford

Name

Completion Year

Total Housing Units

Commercial Square Feet

Municipality

Bedford Marketplace

2015

0

147

Village at Taylor Pond

2008

188

16000

Village at Bedford Woods

2008

58

Heritage at Bedford Springs

2010

164

Fuji Film Micro Disks

2007

0

56500

Mitre Center

2007

0

96000

Blue Ribbon Plaza

2007

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Shapefile



GeoJSON



PDF



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Data Sources



Municipal Records: planning board meeting minutes, municipality websites



News Articles: Boston Globe, Wicked Local, etc.



Development sites: Bldup, coUrbanize, BBJ Crane Watch, etc.

Municipal Data Stewards

- Already use development information in their work
- Work as planners or in economic/ community development
- Are Responsible for quarterly edits/ additions of development data

Adding and Editing Projects



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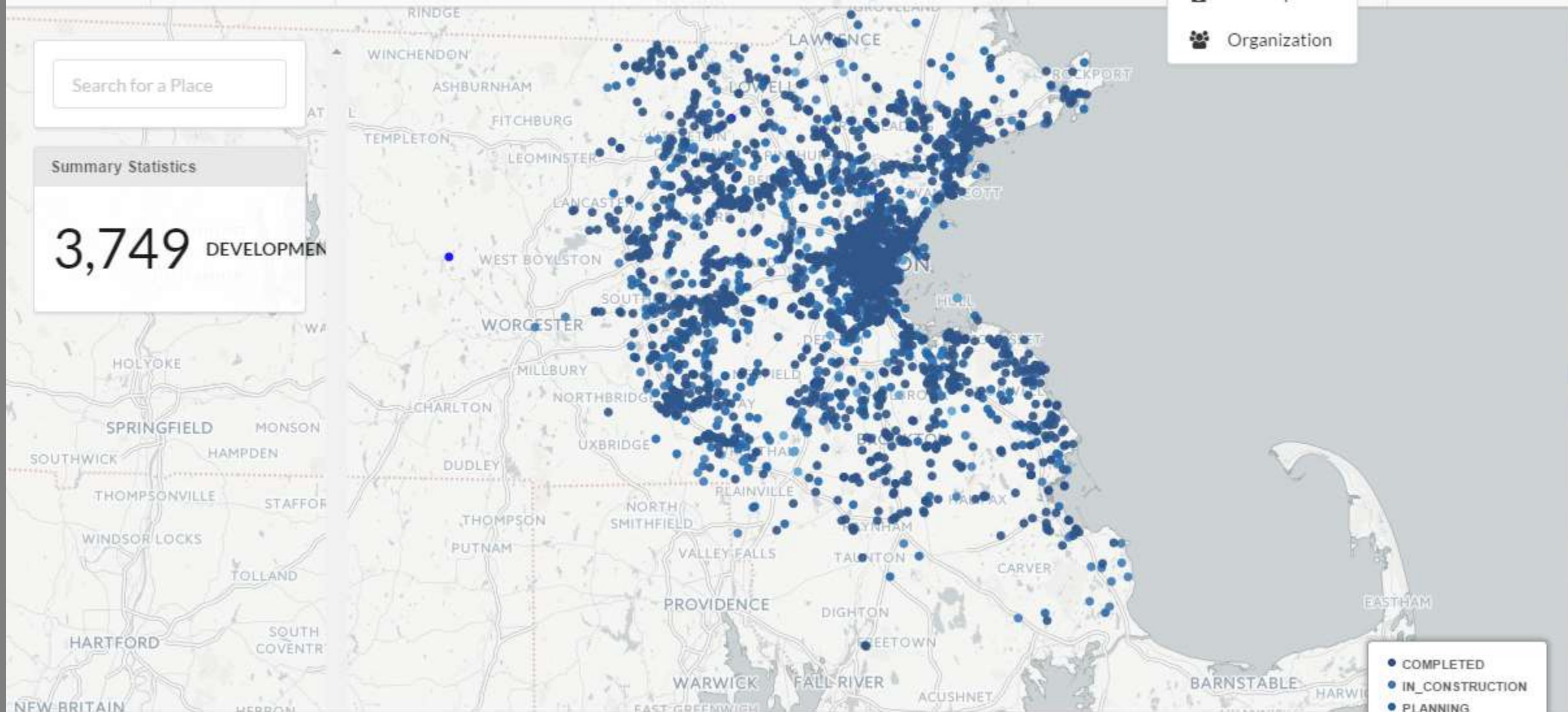
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CREATE NEW

Development

Organization

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GENERAL

Project Name ⓘ *

Descriptive name for development project

Tagline ⓘ *

Project tagline

Description ⓘ *

e.g. 'Transit-oriented affordable housing complex with ground-floor retail and restaurant spaces.'

Project Tags - Click to Select

- Redevelopment
- As-of-Right
- Age Restricted
- Cluster / Open Space
- Phased
- Cancelled
- Private
- 40B
- Residential
- Commercial

Construction Status

- ☐ Projected: Known opportunity or planning priority but no specific proposal or developer
- ☐ Planning: Specific proposal & proponent, building permit not yet issued
- ☐ In Construction: Commencement of site work to receipt of final occupancy permit

Add

- Project name*
- Description*
- Project Tags
- Status*
- Completion year*
- Parking spaces*
- Address
- Housing units* by type
- Commercial square footage by type
- Project area
- Project height
- Employment change
- Reason for the proposal*

Required fields marked with *

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🗑 Moderate

No Pending Changes

All edits are moderated by MAPC staff and therefore will not show up on the site right away.

If notice a project should be deleted please email sphilbrick@mapc.org or info@massbuilds.com

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Using the data



8 projects are located in a
2014 FEMA High Risk Coastal Area



47% of MassBuilds projects are
within a 1/2 mile walkshed of a rapid transit
or commuter rail stop



49% of housing units “in
planning” are proposed to be built in an
Environmental Justice block group (2010)

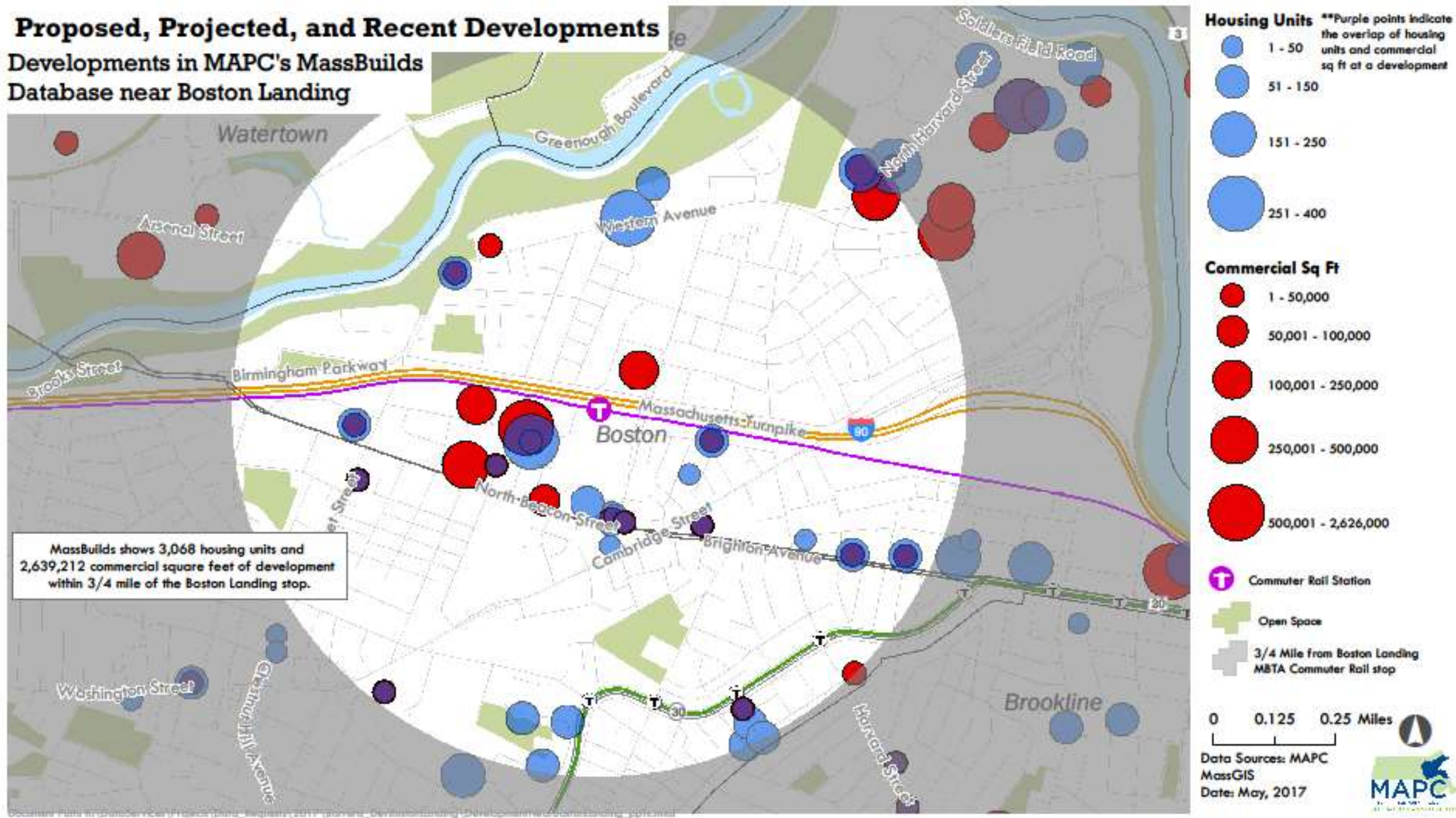


The ratio of parking spots to housing units for
multi-family developments in MassBuilds is

1.38 spaces/unit

Proposed, Projected, and Recent Developments

Developments in MAPC's MassBuilds Database near Boston Landing



Regional Development Database

Tracking and anticipating development trends across Metro Boston is a challenging endeavor.

Each municipality has its own planning office and building inspector, with no regional system for development applications or building permits. Housing and job growth can only be measured after the fact, through data sources that often lack critical detail about location or other development attributes.

MAPC's *Development Database* paints a vivid picture of the region's growth trends, through an interactive website that allows local, state, and private-sector users to view, edit, and contribute information about thousands of development projects recently completed or in the pipeline, with details about each project. This map shows projects completed in the past year or two, as well as those in or nearing construction. This group totals over 60,000 housing units and 75 million square feet of commercial development. The dense mix of growth in the Inner Core includes almost half the estimated new housing and jobs, with the balance distributed among scattered, mostly single-use developments.

This tool can help communities and state agencies get a fuller picture of development trends in real time, as they regulate and invest in sustainable and equitable development. The Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development will be using the database to measure progress toward the state's housing production goal of 10,000 multi-family units annually. At the regional level, the database is a key input into the "MetroFuture Population and Employment Projections" to support the Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Housing Plan. To explore the database, visit dd.mapc.org

Data Source: MAPC Development Database

