



MAGIC Subregional Projects:

Climate Planning (2015-ongoing)

The MAGIC Climate Resilience Plan was completed and disseminated in 2017 to MAGIC representatives; the MAGIC Climate Action Network; and through the e-newsletter. The Plan is comprised of two parts: The **MAGIC Vulnerability Assessment**, evaluates the degree to which the region is resilient to anticipated climate change impacts. The **Climate Change Response Strategies** present mitigation strategies which seek to minimize or eliminate the impacts of climate change; and adaptation strategies that will strengthen the region's ability to adjust to new conditions that climate changes will create. The document highlights regional strengths that poise MAGIC to act collaboratively to become more resilient; presents priority areas identified by the Climate Resiliency working group and stakeholders; and proposes four regional actions for MAGIC to advance.

MAPC met with individual municipalities in Fall 2017 and early 2018 to discuss the proposed four regional actions; these meetings also addressed the initiatives currently being advanced by municipalities that increase resilience. A public forum in February 2018 engaged a broad audience to discuss opportunities for regional action to address climate change vulnerabilities.

This project was made possible with \$25,000 from MAGIC's special assessment funds, and \$25,000 match funding from MAPC's technical assistance program. The process has been led by MAGIC representatives, the Climate Change Working Group, and other interested stakeholders.

For more: <http://resilientmagic.mapc.org/>

MAGIC Stormwater Partnership (2017-ongoing)

Precipitation that falls on impervious surfaces such as roads and parking lots carries pollutants, which are carried through stormwater drainage systems and ultimately released into local rivers or coastal waters. According to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), stormwater is the cause of over two-thirds of the violations of water quality standards in Massachusetts. Minimizing the impact of stormwater on the Commonwealth's rivers and coastal waters is the responsibility of towns and cities under the federal Clean Water Act. The MS4 Permit regulates municipal management of stormwater; and anticipated updates to the MS4 Permit will require municipalities to comply with stricter stormwater management regulations. The updated MS4 Permit is anticipated to increase administrative and operational costs for stormwater management, and municipalities will need to develop and adopt stormwater management plans that make up for the additional responsibilities and costs.

This project establishes a multi-jurisdictional partnership for the administration of technical assistance to MAGIC communities for improved stormwater management and compliance with the anticipated requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit. Over the course of the project, the Partnership has met four times on topics including Outreach and Education; Stormwater Bylaws; Stormwater Utility Structures; Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) and Retrofit Analysis and Mapping. This project is supported by \$13,000 of MAGIC's special assessment funds, \$50,000 from the Efficiency and Regionalization Grant, and \$40,000 from MAPC's Technical Assistance Program.



I-495 Site Readiness and Priority Development Area updates (2017-ongoing)

MAPC is working with the 495/MetroWest Partnership to assist municipalities, including those in the western part of MAGIC, in undertaking an update of the 2012 Priority Development Area mapping. Participating MAGIC communities are Acton, Bolton, Boxborough, Hudson, Littleton, Maynard, Stow, and Sudbury. This effort will provide information to the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development to assist that agency in determining eligibility for the Site Readiness Program. It will also enable municipalities to update the status of their Priority Development Areas for purposes of marketing those sites, and for other state programs such as MassWorks. This project is supported with \$50,000 from MAPC's DLTA program.

MAGIC Town Projects:

IT Services Office (2017-ongoing)

With Concord, Bedford, Hudson, Boxborough, Littleton, Lexington, Stow, and Carlisle, this project examined IT needs and challenges across the communities; potential areas for collaboration; and opportunities for shared services. An outcome of this assessment was that Concord and Bedford chose to jointly hire a Network Support Staff. This project was made possible with \$20,000 from MAPC's technical assistance program (DLTA).

Maynard Inclusionary Zoning (2016)

Per a recommendation in the Maynard 2015 Housing Production Plan, drafted by MAPC, the agency partnered with the Town in 2016 to draft an inclusionary zoning bylaw. Work was guided by an Advisory Committee comprised of members of the Affordable Housing Trust, Planning Board, Maynard Housing Authority, and other stakeholders. The project was based in an analysis of best practices in inclusionary policies across the Commonwealth and a focus group with local developers and realtors and assessment of local market conditions. MAPC worked with the Town and Advisory Committee to draft inclusionary zoning, including a payment in lieu of units formula. The project team presented the final bylaw at a joint meeting of the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. The Town is currently working to bring the bylaw to Town Meeting on May 21st. This project was supported with Town funds and \$10,000 through MAPC's DLTA program.

Littleton Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-ongoing)

An update to Littleton's Open Space and Recreation Plan began in 2015. The draft plan was submitted to the Mass Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) in time for the Town to apply for open space grant funding. MAPC is continuing to work with the Town of Littleton to make minor amendments and additions to the Plan so that it can be submitted as a final OSRP to the Division of Conservation Services. This project was supported with \$12,800 from MAPC's DLTA program.

Regional Housing Services Office (2017-ongoing)

MAPC continues work begun in 2017 with the Towns of Acton, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Sudbury via the Regional Housing Services Office (RHSEO) to undertake a rigorous review of each affordable housing zoning provision and best practices for use of Payments in Lieu of Units (PILU). The final report will make recommendations for how to strengthen each town's affordable housing requirements given the market context and explore different approaches to PILU these communities may undertake. This project was supported with \$25,200 from MAPC's DLTA program.