METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

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Economic Development in the Inner Core

- How do we incentivize growth while also preserving affordability for small/medium businesses?
- How can we frame housing as an economic development tool? How do we meet our housing needs while balancing the needs of other uses (industrial, commercial)?
- How do we <u>support an increasingly diverse workforce</u> and facilitate access to workforce opportunities throughout the region?





Economic Development at MAPC

- MAPC's economic development group provides stakeholders in the region (municipalities, regional organizations, state entities) with
 - equitable economic development plans
 - policy analyses
 - and wealth creation strategies

with the goal of expanding access to

- quality employment
- entrepreneurship
- and real estate

and works to facilitate the inclusion of these plans, analyses and tools in government processes.





- Economic Development Plans:
 - Visioning sessions
 - Market Analysis
 - Land Use Analysis
 - Final report with key next steps





Grow Smart Norwell

A Forum on Strategic Economic Development





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- <u>Red Line Life Sciences Project:</u>
 - Market analysis
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Recommendations for recruitment, retention strategies







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- <u>Creative Economy Project in Uphams Corner, Boston:</u>
 - Strategies to create an Arts & Innovation District to manage neighborhood change & mitigate displacement
 - Research on commercial displacement
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Policy and program recommendations





• Lynn Hospital Re-Use Project:

- Market Analysis (using CoStar)
- Scenario Testing based on current and potential zoning
- Final recommendations





- <u>Economic Development Administration Grant Assistance:</u>
 - Labor market projections to demonstrate project impact
 - Assistance with grant development and communication with EDA staff
 - \$3M Chelsea Roadway Improvement Project





- Potential Projects:
 - Commercial affordability
 - Industrial Land Use Analysis
 - Housing as Economic Development Tool
 - Economic Development network to share best practices, provide training
- <u>Long-Term</u>
 - Equitable Economic Development project

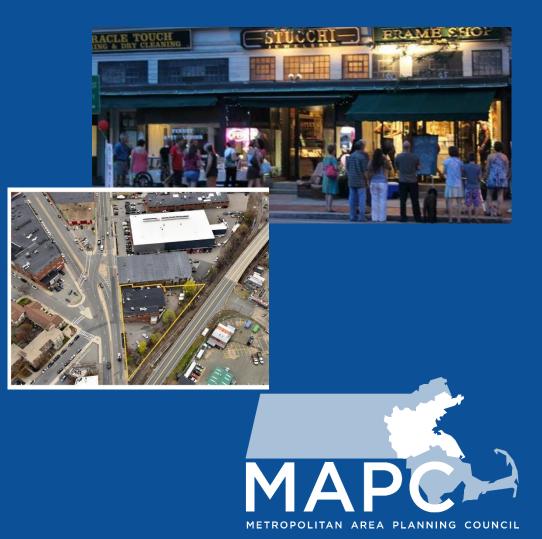


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