How can MAPC help my community prepare for MBTA Communities (Section 3A) compliance?

Who We Are

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning authority serving the people who live and work in Greater Boston. There are 101 cities and towns in the MAPC region, 97 of which are classified as MBTA Communities under Section 3A.

Our mission is to promote smart growth and regional collaboration. Our regional plan, MetroCommon 2050, guides our work as we engage the public in responsible stewardship of our region’s future.

How We Can Help

MAPC has been working with many communities in our region to prepare for Section 3A compliance. We can assist with the following tasks, including but not limited to:

- Visioning and location selection
- Community engagement
- Analyzing existing zoning for compliance
- Crafting zoning scenarios that could achieve compliance
- Compliance model testing
- Creating 3D visualizations and illustrations of zoning scenarios
- Preparing economic feasibility analyses (EFAs) for inclusionary zoning policies
- Town Meeting preparation (show your support trainings, for example)
- Developing digital tools to inform decision-making

If you're interested in working with MAPC to achieve Section 3A compliance, contact:

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To learn more about MAPC’s Section 3A work, visit: www.mapc.org/mbta-multifamily-zoning