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District Local Technical Assistance Day

Requesting:

$4 million for the **District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA)** program

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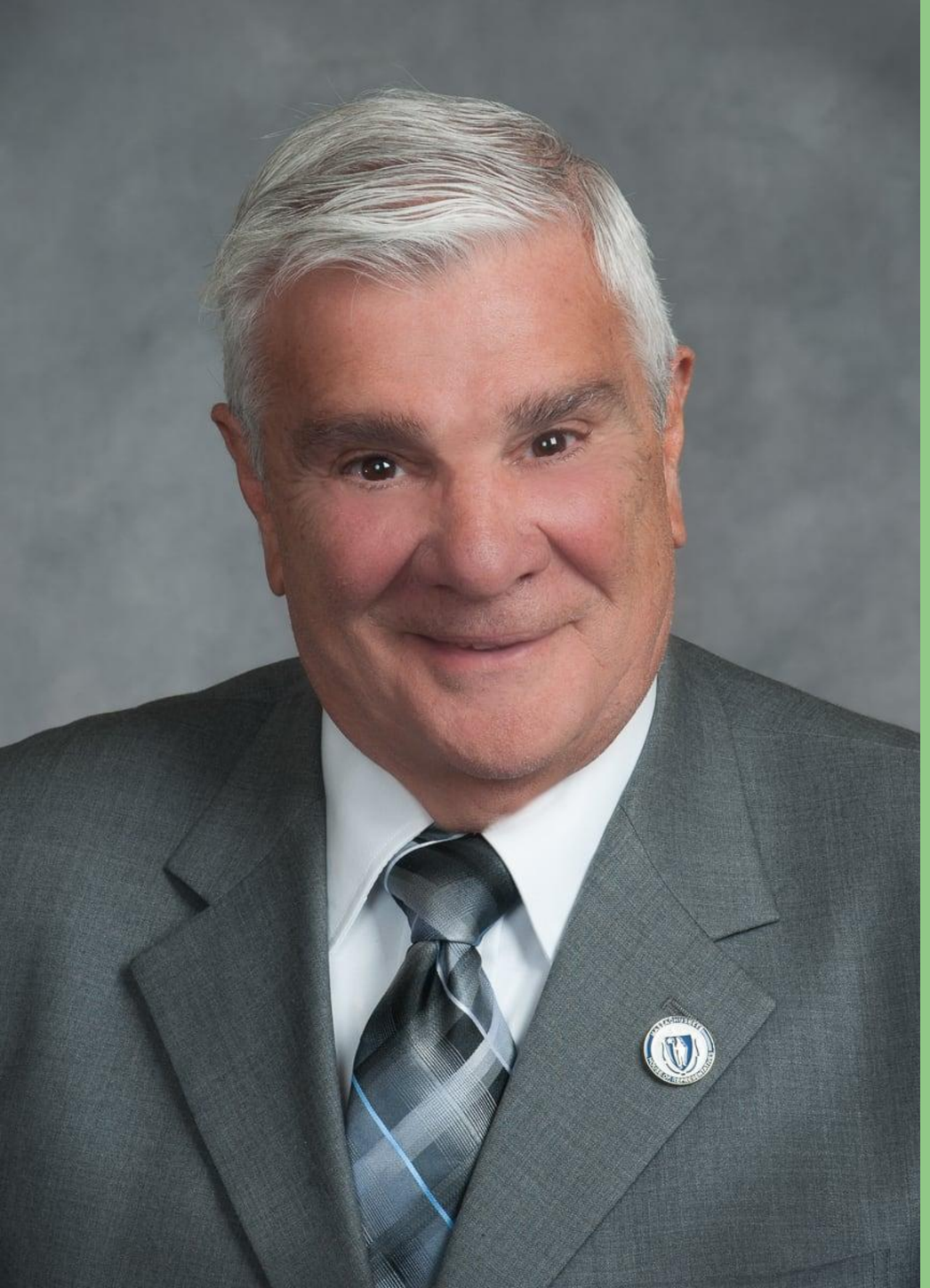

House Champion

Representative Paul Donato

Senate Champion

Senator Jamie Eldridge

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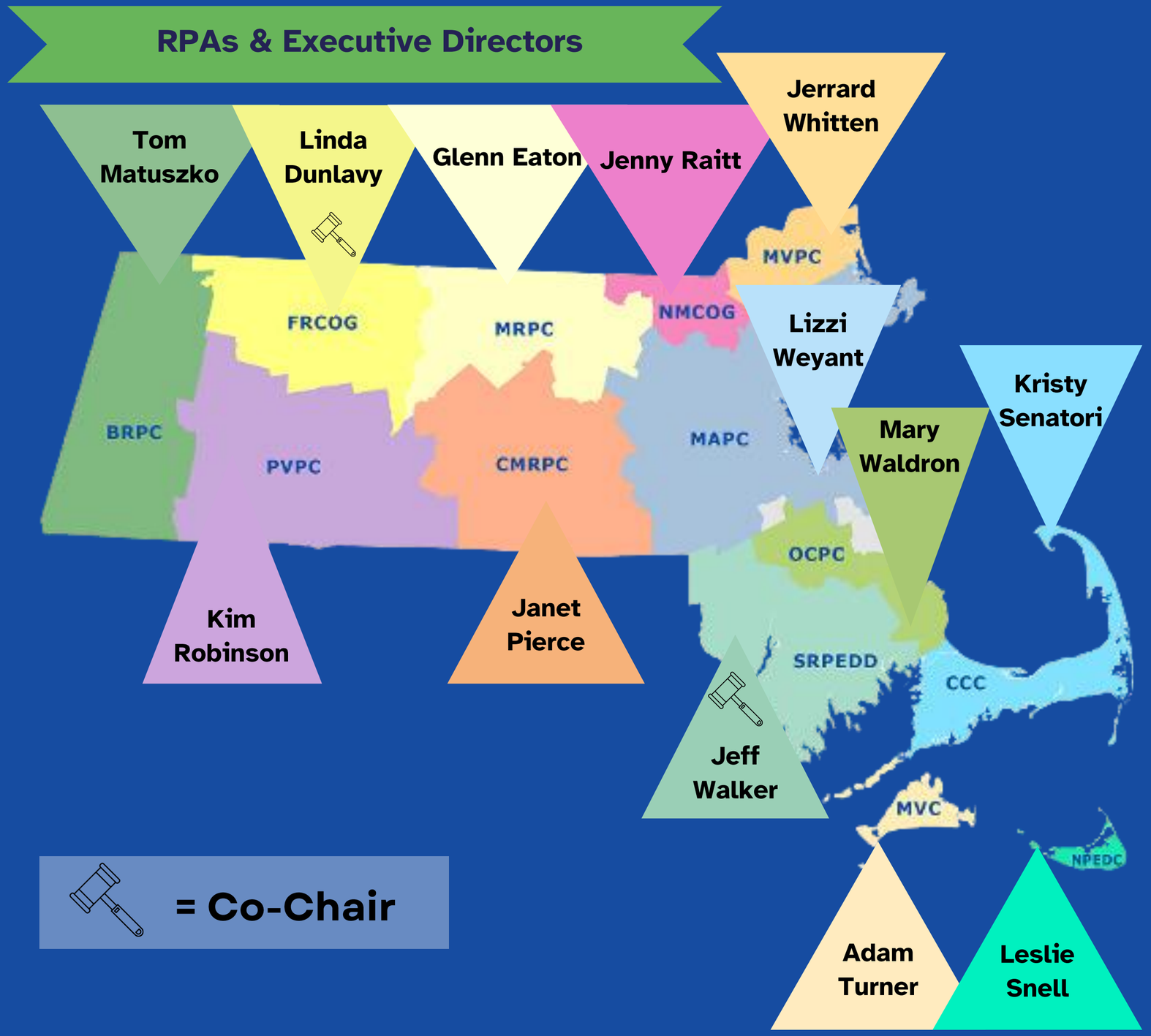
Who is MARPA?

The **Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies** (MARPA) is the statewide organization representing the Commonwealth's **13 Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs).**

MARPA **works on projects, and advocates for policies that promote efficiency and reduce municipal financial burdens** through regionalism in Massachusetts.



RPAs and Your Community

- Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs) provide technical assistance and support to all 351 of the Commonwealth's cities and towns.

- RPAs work with communities to deliver effective and efficient municipal services, to collaborate across municipal and regional boundaries, and to implement planning best practices.

- RPAs are here to support your communities as they develop and implement solutions to their most pressing challenges, from housing and transportation to economic development, public health and beyond.

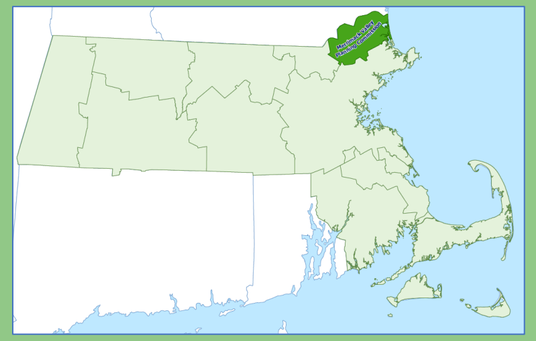
What is DLTA?

- **District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) directly funds technical assistance for cities and towns on projects they can't take on alone.**

- **DLTA is uniquely flexible - supporting planning and implementation projects from zoning and housing production to economic development, resiliency and more.**

- **Communities use DLTA to unlock funding opportunities, and move forward state laws and initiatives like:**
  - **Roadmap Law:** climate action plans, municipal energy aggregation, EV planning
  - **SAPHE Act:** support regional public health collaboratives
  - **Housing Choice:** Housing Production Plans, Housing Needs Assessments

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission



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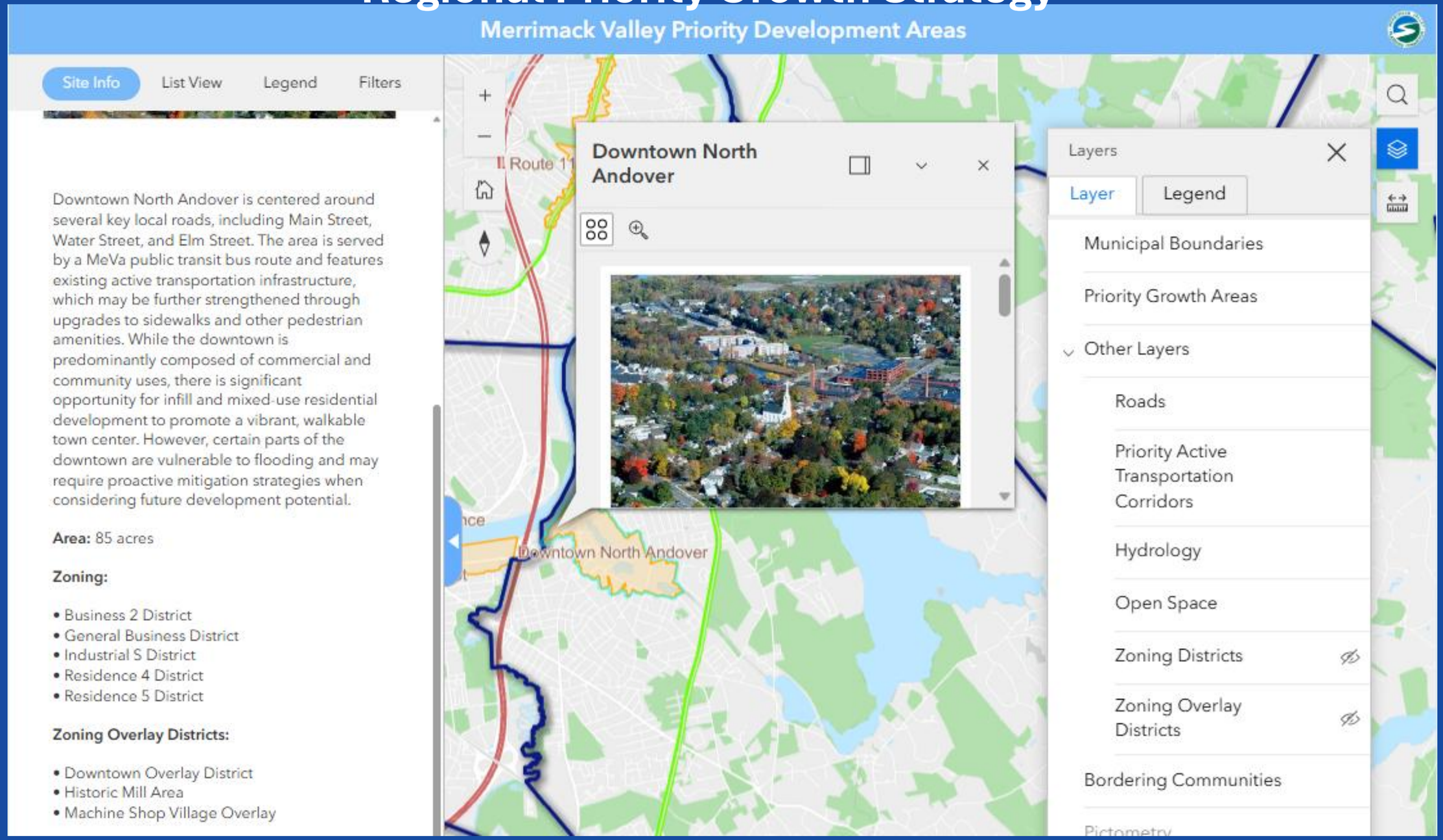
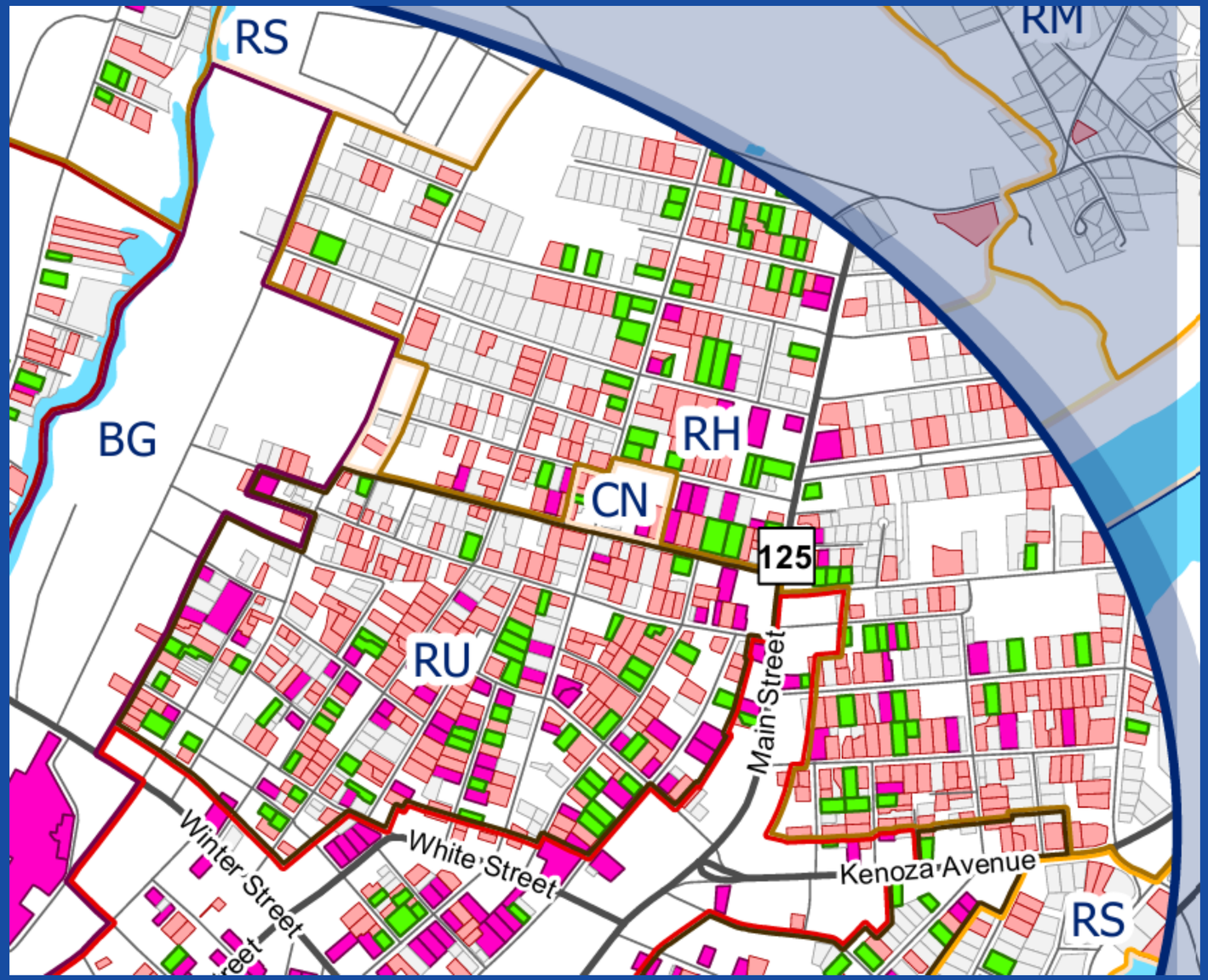
Using DLTA for strategic land use planning and advancing housing production

Regional Priority Growth Strategy



City of Haverhill Multi-Family Structure Zoning Analysis



- Single-Family Structures
- Two-Family Structures
- Three-Family Structures
- Four+ Unit Multi-Family Structures
- Waterbodies
- Municipal Boundaries

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Executive Director

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS
Regional Planning Commission

Strengthening Economic Development by Nurturing Local Arts & Culture

Regional Collaboration & Resource Sharing – Local Cultural Council Best Practices Guide

Central Massachusetts
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Best Practices Guide

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Town of Shrewsbury Transit Feasibility Study

Town of Shrewsbury

Transit Feasibility Study

Prepared by: Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

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the town of SHREWSBURY massachusetts

Shrewsbury Maple Ave Transit Corridor

Legend

- WRTA Route 15
- Town-Owned Parcels within Buffer
- Shrewsbury Parcels within Buffer

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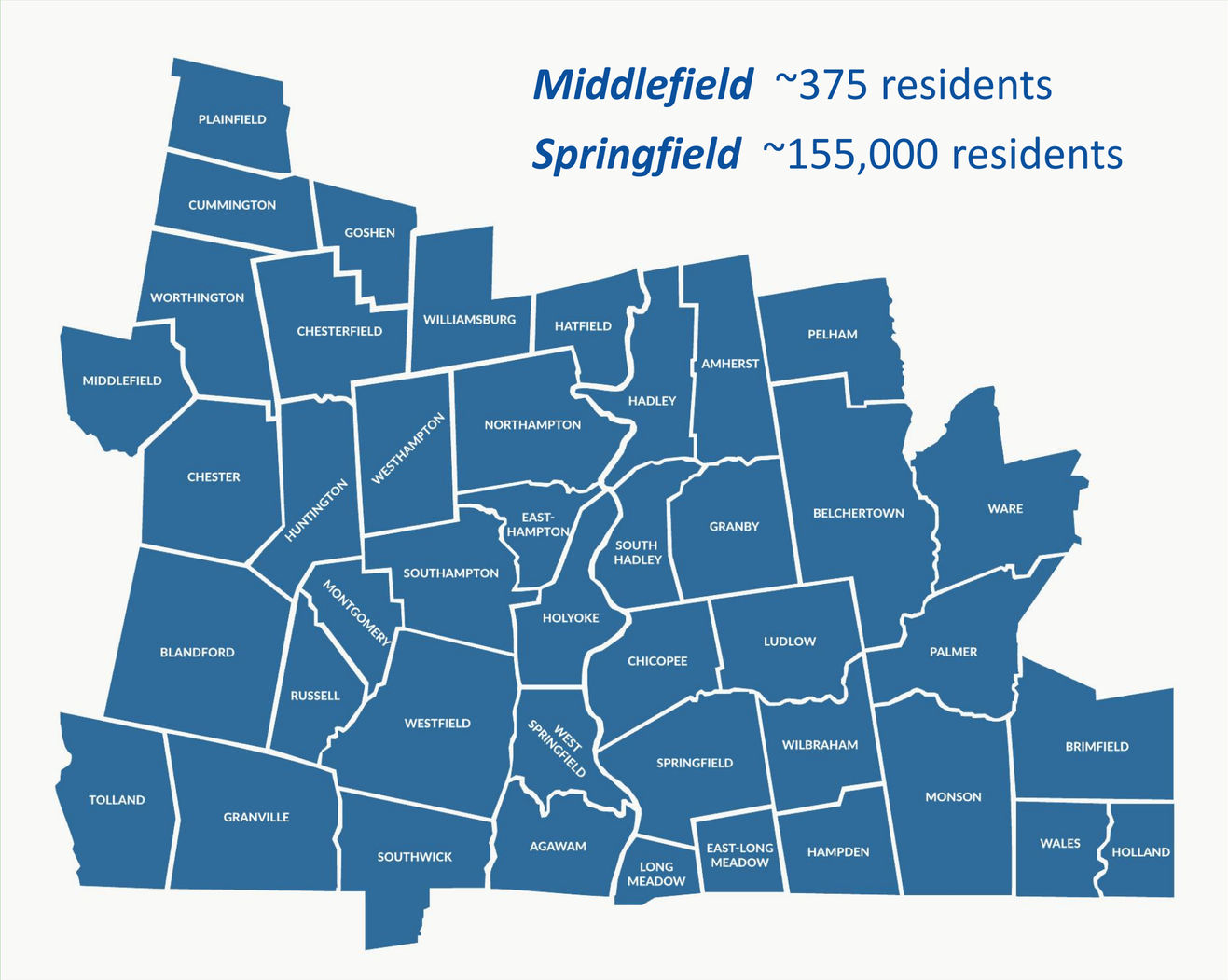
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

(PVPC)

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Shared Services

- Since 2008, PVPC has distributed nearly $4.5 million in DLTA grant funding across nearly every community in the Pioneer Valley.
- DLTA allows us to **provide expertise at the regional level** that individual towns simply could not afford to hire on their own.
  - Reduces administrative burden
  - Creates efficiencies
  - Aggregates demand and unlocks purchasing power
  - Streamlines processes and frees up limited municipal staff to focus on core services.



Shared Services – Regional Animal Control

FOUND CAT

MONSON, MA

This cat was found on Paradise Rd in Monson

TO CLAIM: EMAIL animalcontrol@townofpalmer.com

PLEASE SHARE TO HELP GET THIS CAT HOME!

Williamsburg

Every $1 in DLTA funding leveraged $16.40 in other funds:

- $10,000 in DLTA funds for visioning for a comprehensive plan
- $149,000 from One Stop application
- $15,000 investment from the Town
- **$164,000 total for complete comprehensive plan**

THANK YOU!

Stick around to learn more about how DLTA can help your district!

Please support:

$4 million for DLTA