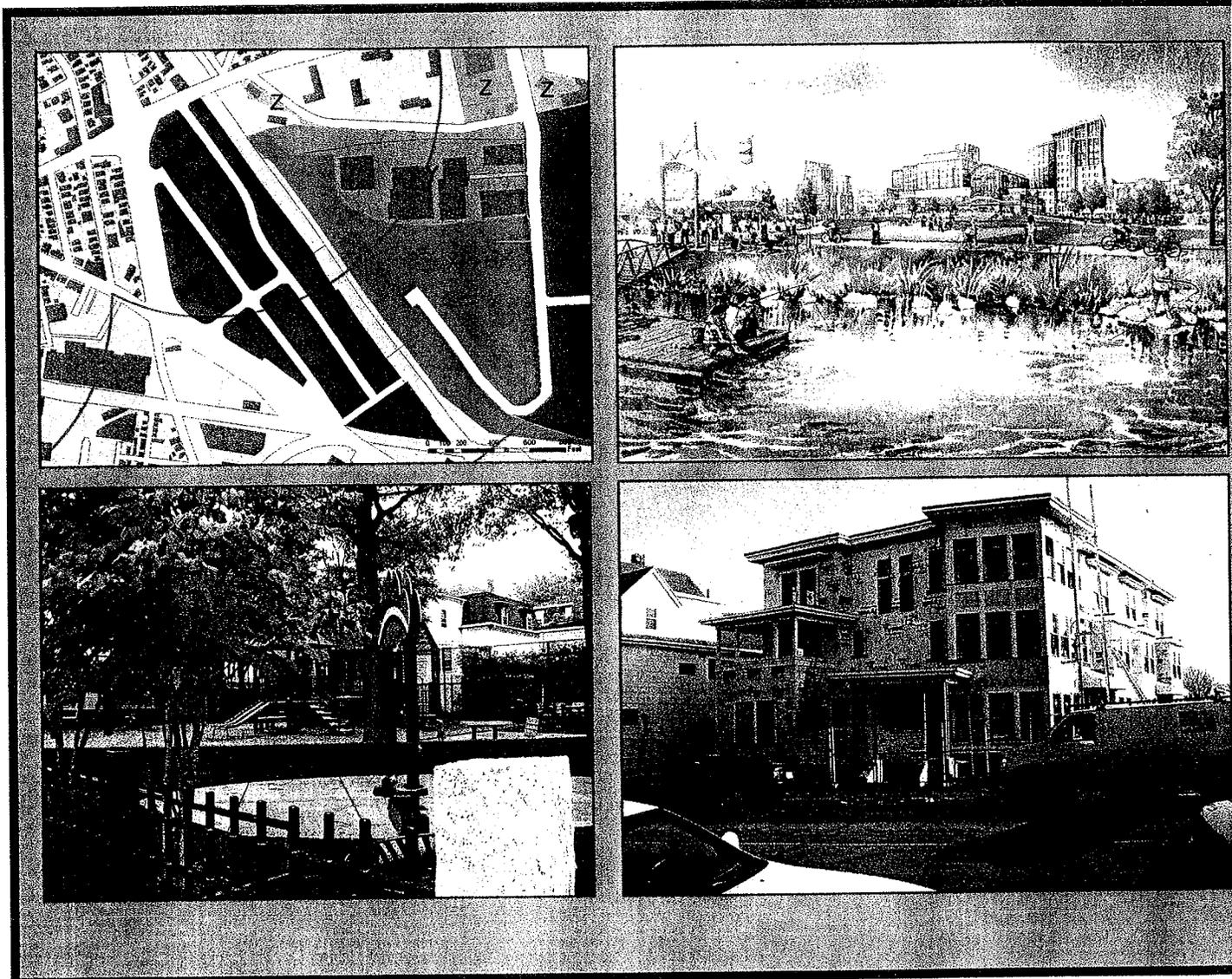


ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

April 1, 2006– March 31, 2007



City of Somerville, MA
Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE 2006 ACTION PLAN

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MAYOR

January 20, 2006

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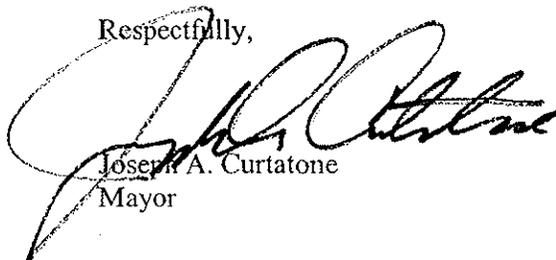
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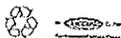
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MAYOR'S REQUEST

Requesting review and approval of the City's updated draft HUD 1 Year Action Plan.

JAN 26 2006

In Board of Aldermen

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John J Long
City Clerk

FEB 9 2006
In Board of Aldermen

Approved

John J Long
City Clerk

APPROVED FEB 14 2006
[Signature]
MAYOR

The Committee on Housing and Community Development recommends that this item be
 Not Approved.
 Placed on File.
 Approved. With Conditions.

[Signature]
Chairman
Date 2/1/06

TRUE COPY ATTEST:
John J Long
CITY CLERK

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
2006 HUD 1 YEAR ACTION PLAN**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

In April of 2003, the City of Somerville embarked on the first year implementing projects and programs to achieve the larger goals and objectives set forth in the 2003-2008 Five Year Consolidated Plan, which was created with the oversight of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. At its core, this 2003-2008 Five Year Consolidated Plan presents the framework that guides the City of Somerville in the development of targeted Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded programs throughout the City over that five-year timeframe.

On an annual basis, the City of Somerville develops a One Year Action Plan delineating the specific efforts the City will undertake in order to meet the larger goals and objectives set forth in the Five Year Consolidated Plan. This document represents the fourth One Year Action Plan in that 2003-2008 cycle, which builds on the efforts undertaken in the prior three years to address the needs of the City of Somerville in the areas of: housing, economic and community development, historic preservation, parks and recreation, and public services.

In this fourth One Year Action Plan the City of Somerville estimates total funding of \$7,932,212. These funds are comprised of HUD Community Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HUD HOME Investment funds, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program funds. The City also makes aggressive efforts to leverage those HUD funds with state and other matching funds in order to create maximum benefit for the community.

This year's One Year Action Plan seeks a balanced approach to meeting the needs within the City, with 32% of new entitlement funds going towards housing projects, 20% earmarked for economic and community development projects, 13% earmarked for parks and recreation projects, another 13% going towards public service related grants, and the majority of the remainder going to support these projects either directly or indirectly.

The budget set forth in this plan contains HUD's actual allocations determined on a formula basis for the City of Somerville for the upcoming year beginning April 1, 2006 (please see TAB J). The CDBG allocation represents a 10% reduction in new CDBG entitlement funds for next year as compared with the present year (\$2,947,577 in 2006 versus \$3,269,586 in 2005), the HOME allocation represents a 5% reduction in new HOME entitlement funds for next year (\$900,130 in 2006 versus \$951,220 in 2005). The ESG allocation represents (approximately) level funding for next year (\$125,755 in 2006 versus \$126,183 in 2005). These reductions, while significant, have been absorbed in a variety of ways – even while the costs of completing many of these projects continue to increase. The City of Somerville will continue to search for effective ways to program

these funds so as to maximize their benefits for the entire community, and will seek to partner with the citizens, service agencies, and businesses within the City to make these projects and programs a reality. Different planning tools will continue to be implemented in the pursuit of these goals, including Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSA's) in both Union Square and East Somerville, and innovative financing tools will be considered, such as District Incremental Financing (DIF's), in order to keep these projects moving toward completion.

The City's two NRSA's are particularly powerful tools for planning and implementing long-term strategies to revitalize the City's areas of low to moderate income persons and families. The East Somerville NRSA encompasses the Assembly Square area, and in 2005 this area already saw new economic development with new retail stores opening and the associated jobs creation that come with those stores. Consistent with the City's plans to create jobs and improve transportation, public open space, and other infrastructure, in 2006 the City plans to continue its work in this area. The Union Square NRSA remains Somerville's other strategy area for targeted improvements with the help of HUD funds. Planning efforts continue in 2006 to unify the Union Square area, the role of public places and facilities will be strengthened through the continuance of the Union Square Arts-Union project, and other 2006 projects will also target Union Square and this NRSA.

The rest of what follows below is an overview of the different areas of focus and the projects planned for next year in the areas of housing, economic and community development, parks and recreation, historic preservation, and public service related grants. Included in this One Year Action Plan are budget summaries of the various projects (see Tab C), the specific proposed HUD projects for the City and some of their associated HUD eligibility criteria (see Tab D), a variety of maps of the City (see Tab F), including a map showing the location of specific proposed projects within the City (see Map #2 under Tab F), and the Citizen Participation Plan.

The City of Somerville's fourth One Year Action Plan for the HUD year beginning April 1, 2006 represents the culmination of months of planning within the various departments within the City, the participation of public agencies and citizens, and will have the intended results of a more vibrant, economically healthy, and stronger community.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Storefront Improvement Project:

This year's Action Plan continues funding for the City's storefront improvement program in the amount of \$100,000, which provides financial and technical assistance to businesses in low and moderate income areas for exterior/facade improvements. Up to \$40,000 in funding is available for each project, with a business required to equally match the City's investment.

Union Square Farmers Market:

The current action plan includes \$12,000 of funding for an additional year's support for the management of a Farmers Market in Union Square (NRSA). The market serves existing residents, and attracts customers from a wide area to help support existing businesses in this low- and moderate-income area.

Somerville Main Streets:

The current action plan continues support of the City's Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) partner in Union Square with \$75,000, and includes another \$75,000 of funding for a second such partnership in the East Somerville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). CBDO activities will focus on neighborhood revitalization and economic development activities.

ArtsUnion Streetscape Project:

The current action plan includes \$50,000 to design, fabricate, and install custom-made street furniture and other public facilities (public art, streetscape elements) in Union Square. This project builds on the success of a similar project in the prior year's action plan. This funding will also serve as a match for a State grant for \$50,000 focused on arts and cultural economic development.

Wayfinding Kiosk (Union Sq.):

In previous years the City completed the first phase of an ongoing "wayfinding" project for Union Square, including design and signage improvements to help orient vehicular and pedestrian traffic to the Square. The City has also worked with the MBTA to install a stand-alone bus shelter for Union Square Plaza, serving five different routes. This year's project would earmark \$30,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to build on both of these efforts, with an attention to ADA accessibility. These funds would be used to enhance the new shelter and wayfinding signage to create a central and accessible location for directional and other information.

East Broadway Streetscape:

The Action Plan includes additional funding to undertake a comprehensive streetscape enhancement project for an approximately ¼ mile long stretch of Broadway. The project (currently at 75% design and funded in prior years) would include new sidewalks, streets, benches, trees, signals, lighting and other amenities. A key component of the design involves pedestrian amenities and traffic calming measures. The City has approximately \$165,000 in developer's contributions dedicated to this project (currently in a revolving fund), and recently applied for \$972,000 in funding through a state grant to supplement CDBG funds. The entire length of this project would be contained within the East Somerville NRSA.

PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS

Street Tree Planting Program:

The City plans to plant approximately 75 trees in CDBG eligible areas. This on-going program has been successful for over 3 years, and the City plans to allocate an additional \$75,000 in this program year for its continuation.

Kemp Nut Community Park:

This park is to be built at site of the former Kemp Nuts factory and brownfields site on Walnut Street near Pearl Street, and will be one of the largest open spaces (0.985 of an acre) in this part of the city which currently has little or no available open space. The funding for this project includes \$225,000 of existing CDBG funds and \$280,000 in new entitlement funds. These funds will be leveraged with a state grant of \$495,000 in order to complete this parks project.

The criteria which formed the framework for the design of the park was developed by a panel of local constituents, educators, and outside planning professionals. As such it is being designed to serve as a vital link and gathering spot for members a very diverse ethnic neighborhood, high school students, library users, artists in nearby work spaces, elderly residents of the Pearl Street Housing project, and potential future users of a possible extension of the community path and Green line station.

Park Features: Large lawn open space, grassy hilltop ridge, trees/urban forest, flowering gardens, pathways, play opportunities for children, and an off-leash dog area. Changes to the site also include: rebuilding a collapsing masonry wall near the Walnut Street Bridge and the rail corridor, and making improvements necessary to change Skilton Avenue from a private way to a public street.

Perry Park:

A rare large older park (approximately one acre) in an exceptional location surrounded by a stable older neighborhood that includes a mix of newly converted residential buildings and commercial spaces. The City is carrying forward \$300,000 in CDBG funding toward the completion of this project.

In spite of the parks location on Washington Street near the intersection of Beacon Street, Perry Park is in need of an extensive renovation. The existing park is overgrown, has extensive cracked asphalt surfacing, broken play equipment, and bad fencing. In addition, the existing park is not very visible from the street, and is underutilized by residents.

Park features: The design for the park will include an open café/plaza area on Washington Street, an active play area for children, a large rolling green lawn space, new

tree plantings, a jogging /circulation path, and an off-leash dog area. In addition, the park will have additional lighting for passive evening use.

Stone Place Park:

Stone Place Park is a small pocket park located directly behind Union Square between Homer Square and Stone Place. Like Perry Park, which is being designed by the same landscape architect, and will have the same construction contractor, Stone Place Park is in a great location abutting a neighborhood and a growing commercial area, and like Perry Park, this park also suffers from disrepair and is in need of extensive renovation. The City intends to allocate \$150,217 of new CDBG entitlement funds (in addition to the \$149,000 in existing funds) toward the completion project.

Park features: As requested in community meetings, the design of Stone Place Park will focus upon improved directional pathways bisecting the park, less asphalt, a new green lawn area, seating, and screened views of the adjacent parking lot, dumpster, and buildings.

Allen Street Community Garden:

This future Community Garden is just outside Union Square; the former downtown of Somerville, which in recent years has suffered from neglect, but is now a key component of a HUD Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). As it currently exists this site is a vacant parking lot with polluted soils; however after the EPA sponsored cleanup scheduled for the spring, the site will then be converted to a neighborhood community garden. The City is earmarking \$30,000 in new CDBG entitlement funds, which will augment the \$10,000 of existing funds already programmed. The City will use these funds to leverage another \$77,647 in stating matching funds for this project.

Park features: The plans for this community garden started with a neighborhood initiative, the result of which will ultimately be a well deserved and much needed space for this densely populated, multi-ethnic neighborhood will to grow and provide healthy vegetables for their families, hands-on educational opportunities for their children, and continued opportunities to participate in the development of the Union Square area.

Durrell School Community Garden-Park:

This project is to be located in the former parking lot of the Durrell Street School, a property that was retained by the city when it sold the adjacent school building for private development. The idea for this Garden was started by a neighborhood resident who, with the help of the Conservation Commission has expanded a broad base of support within the local community. In order to fund this project, the City will leverage a state grant of \$37,464 by carrying forward \$25,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds from a prior year.

Park features: As a true community park, the vision for this space was meant to include users of every age and background. The plans include complete ADA accessible pathways, raised planter beds, lighting for evening use, benches, trees, and a play space, for a variety of residential user groups.

Groundwork Somerville:

This program represents funding to landscape (and related efforts) in schools and other eligible public areas of the City. In program year 2006, the City plans to allocate \$10,000 in new entitlement CDBG funds toward this program.

Harris Park Design:

The City intends to allocate \$55,000 in total Community Development Block Grant funds to begin the design process for the reconstruction of Harris Park located in the East Somerville eligible area.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Milk Row Cemetery Project:

Encompassing less than one acre of land along one of Somerville's busiest avenues, the Milk Row Cemetery offers a welcome and much needed oasis within the Union Square Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989 and has been designated a local historic district because of its eminence as the community's first burial grounds. It was established in 1804 on farmland owned by Samuel Tufts, a member of a prominent local family that was associated with the founding of Tufts College. Members of the Tufts family were the first individuals buried in the Cemetery, as well as a number of locally important residents, including some who participated in the skirmish between the British and the Colonials along the Milk Row as they retreated from Concord and Lexington. The Cemetery also incorporates a monument reputed to be the first one erected in the nation by citizens to honor veterans of the Civil War.

Despite its strong historical significance the Cemetery has fallen into disrepair and is no longer accessible to the public due to the fragility of its environment. A wrought iron fence installed on its perimeter is kept locked, preventing visitors except on special occasions. The \$22,000 in CDBG funds will be used to complete a major restoration effort begun in 2005 with the benefit of a matching grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The project will focus on relocation, repair, and conservation work on a flagpole, grave marker and tomb that have highly deteriorated due to age, adverse weather, and extreme urban conditions. At the conclusion of the project it is expected that much more regular public access and enjoyment will again be possible.

HOUSING PROJECTS

Housing Special Projects:

Housing Special Project funds are available to for-profit and non-profit developers of affordable housing for the acquisition, demolition, predevelopment, operating and construction costs of both rental and homeownership housing projects located within the City of Somerville. With \$950,000 in prior year HOME funds carried-forward for the VNA project, the City of Somerville is earmarking a total of \$1,500,092 in total funds towards this project in program year 2006.

Housing Rehabilitation Projects:

The Housing Rehabilitation Program offers deferred payment loans to income-eligible homeowners to assist in making needed repairs, improvements and the abatement of hazardous materials from the home. The Program is designed to utilize both federal CDBG and HOME funds to improve the existing housing stock and to create and/or maintain affordable rental units. The City is earmarking \$600,000 in total CDBG and HOME funds for this program in program year 2006.

HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance:

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance funds are available to subsidize and stabilize income-qualified tenants of rental housing units located within the City of Somerville. The City will earmark \$135,000 in HOME funds towards this program in 2006.

HOME CHDO Operating:

As a requirement of this HUD program, CHDO operating funds of 5% are set-aside from our annual HOME Program entitlement grant to assist our Community Housing Development Organization, the Somerville Community Corporation with its costs to operate its non-profit housing development department. Based upon total HOME funds for 2006, the City is earmarking \$45,007 towards this.

HOME CHDO Set Aside:

Also a HUD requirement, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) new entitlement project funds of 15% are set-aside from our annual HOME Program entitlement grant to assist our Community Housing Development Organization - the Somerville Community Corporation (new entitlement funds of \$135,019) funds. These funds can be used to acquire, demolish and create affordable housing units within the City of Somerville. Including carried-forward funds for the Temple Street and Gilman Street projects, the City has earmarked \$811,519 towards these efforts.

PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS

Public Services Grants:

The City of Somerville is utilizing 15% of its annual CDBG allocation (which equates to \$442,137 in 2006) toward the provision of grants to various non-profit organizations to provide special services to meet the needs of very low, low, and moderate income people and families. In program year 2005 approximately thirty agencies and programs in the City of Somerville were funded through this project – from pre-school and youth after-school programs to transportation services for the elderly. Through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the City of Somerville will select programs to fund services for 2006.

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS

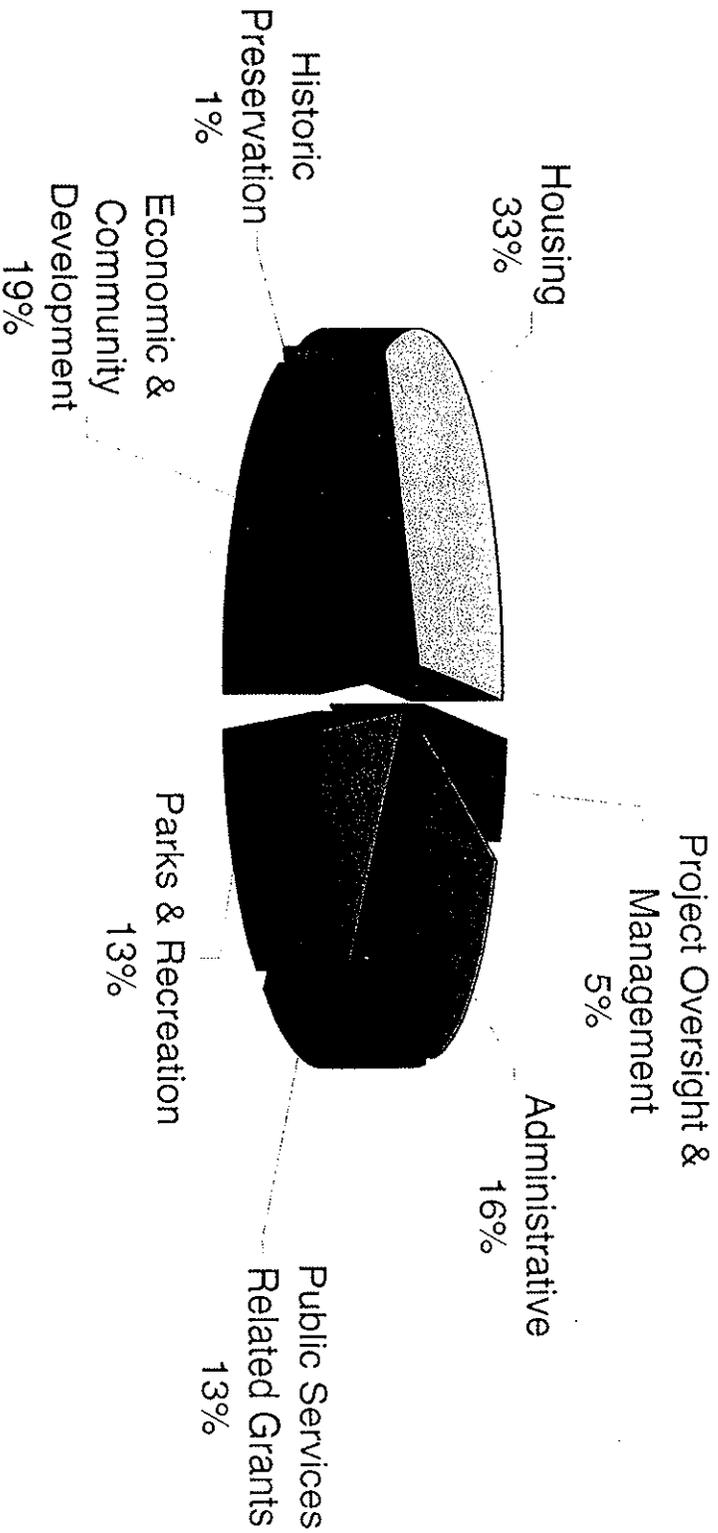
Emergency Shelter Grants:

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) funds are provided under the McKinney-Vento Act (42 USC 11362) and are targeted toward the operation of emergency shelters, homeless prevention, and crisis intervention programs. Through an RFP process, the City of Somerville will use its total \$125,755 in ESG funds to select programs to fund for 2006.

Funding Sources

| | | |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Entitlement Grant (includes reallocated funds) | | |
| CDBG | \$2,947,577 | |
| ESG | \$125,755 | |
| HOME | \$900,130 | |
| HOPWA | \$0 | |
| Total | | \$3,973,462 |
| Prior Years' Program Income NOT previously programmed or reported | | |
| CDBG | \$0 | |
| ESG | \$0 | |
| HOME | \$0 | |
| HOPWA | \$0 | |
| Total | | \$0 |
| Reprogrammed Prior Years' Funds | | |
| CDBG | \$2,027,250 | |
| ESG | \$0 | |
| HOME | \$1,651,500 | |
| HOPWA | \$0 | |
| Total | | \$3,678,750 |
| Total Estimated Program Income | | |
| CDBG Housing Rehab Revol Loan Fund | \$150,000 | |
| HOME Housing Rehab Revol Loan Fund | \$130,000 | |
| Total | | \$280,000 |
| Section 108 Loan Guarantee Fund | | \$0 |
| TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES | | \$7,932,212 |
| Other Funds | | |
| EOEA - State Grant | \$610,100 | |
| MA Cultural Council Grant | \$50,000 | |
| SIP - (Business Match) | \$100,000 | |
| Total | | \$760,100 |
| Submitted Proposed Projects Totals | | \$7,932,212 |
| Un-Submitted Proposed Projects Totals | | \$0 |

**City of Somerville
2006 H.U.D. Action Plan
New Entitlement Funds & Program Income**



CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROGRAM YEAR 2006 (APRIL 1, 2006 - MARCH 31, 2007)
PROPOSED PROJECTS
CDBG, HOME, and EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAMS

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|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| 2004 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS | ELIGIBLE CDBG AREAS OF THE CITY | Funds for the renovation of commercial retail facades in CDBG eligible commercial districts. Provides 50% reimbursement of the cost of exterior renovations up to a maximum of \$40,000. Includes \$60,000 in prior years' funding. | 100,000 | - | - | 100,000 |
| 2005 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | UNION SQUARE FARMERS' MARKET SECTION 108 LOANS PAYMENTS | UNION SQUARE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 93 HIGHLAND AVE SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Grant to non-profit to organize and manage Union Square Farmers' Market | 12,000 | - | - | 12,000 |
| 2005 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | SOMERVILLE MAIN STREETS | UNION SQUARE NRSA EAST SOMERVILLE NRSA | Interest and principal on the City's outstanding Section 108 Loan Balance | 396,488 | - | - | 396,488 |
| 2004 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | ARTS UNION STREETScape ELEMENTS | UNION SQUARE NRSA | Support for Main Streets organizations and initiatives in Union Square and East Somerville | 150,000 | - | - | 150,000 |
| 2005 | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | WAYFINDING KIOSK in UNION SQUARE | UNION SQUARE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | For streetscape improvements in Union Square. Match to grant from the MA Cultural Council. | 50,000 | - | - | 50,000 |
| 2006 | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | EAST BROADWAY STREETSCAPE PROJECT | UNION SQUARE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | To design and install ADA-accessible wayfinding signage for Union Square. | 30,000 | - | - | 30,000 |
| 2003 | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM | E. BROADWAY - MCGRATH HIGHWAY TO SOM. LINE Somerville, MA 02145 | Streetscape improvements along Broadway from McGrath Highway to the Boston city line. Includes prior year CDBG funds of \$635,000. Also applied for state T.O.D. grant for \$972,000. | 785,000 | - | - | 785,000 |
| Total Economic & Community Development Project Costs | | | | | 1,523,488 | 0% | 0% | 1,523,488 |
| | | | | | 30% | | 0% | 19% |
| 2005 | PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES | STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM | ELIGIBLE CDBG AREAS OF THE CITY | Funding will provide for the planting of approx. 100 trees in CDBG eligible areas city-wide. | 75,000 | - | - | 75,000 |
| 2005 | PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES | KEMP NUT PARK CONSTRUCTION | WALNUT STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Construction costs related to site improvements at existing park in CDBG eligible neighborhood. Includes prior year CDBG funds of \$225,000, as well as matching state grant of \$495,000. | 505,000 | - | - | 505,000 |

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| 2005 | PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES | 30 ALLEN STREET CONSTRUCTION | UNION SQUARE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Design of pocket park in Union Square NRSA. Includes prior year CDBG funds of \$10,000, as well as a matching state grant of \$77,646. | 40,000 | - | - | 40,000 |
| 2005 | PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES | DURRELL PARK CONSTRUCTION | BEACON STREET, SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Construction costs related to site improvements at existing park in CDBG eligible neighborhood. Includes prior year CDBG funds of \$25,000, as well as a matching state grant of \$37,464. | 25,000 | - | - | 25,000 |
| 2004 | PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES | PERRY PARK DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION | PERRY PARK | Completing Design and Construction costs related to existing park in CDBG eligible neighborhood. Includes prior year CDBG funds of \$300,000. | 300,000 | - | - | 300,000 |
| 2005 | PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES | STONPLACE PARK CONSTRUCTION | UNION SQUARE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Construction costs related to existing park in CDBG eligible neighborhood. Includes prior year CDBG funds of \$149,000. | 299,217 | - | - | 299,217 |
| 2006 | PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES | HARRIS PARK DESIGN | EAST SOMERVILLE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02145 | Design of park in CDBG eligible area. | 55,000 | - | - | 55,000 |
| 2006 | PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES | GROUNDWORK SOMERVILLE | 93 HIGHLAND AVE. SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Landscaping and planting improvements in schools and other eligible public areas. | 10,000 | - | - | 10,000 |
| Total Parks & Recreation Project Costs | | | | | 1,309,217 | 0% | 0% | 1,309,217 |
| | | | | | 26% | | | 17% |
| 2006 | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COSTS | CD PROJECT COSTS | 93 HIGHLAND AVE. SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Projects costs associated with activities carried out by the Community Development Division, including staff salaries. | 466,592 | - | - | 466,592 |
| Total Economic & Community Development, Parks & Recreation Project Management Costs | | | | | 466,592 | 0% | 0% | 466,592 |
| | | | | | 9% | | | 6% |

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| 2004 | HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES | MILK ROW CEMETARY RESTORATION II | SOMERVILLE AVE. AT SCHOOL STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Restoration of the Milk Row Cemetery - Historic Cemetery located in the Union Square NRSA. This is in addition to \$109K in Phase I | 22,000 | - | - | 22,000 |
| Total Historic Preservation Project Costs | | | | | 22,000 | - | - | 22,000 |
| | | | | | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% |

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| 2005 | HOUSING ACTIVITIES | HOUSING SPECIAL PROJECTS | 50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Funds to be reserved and used for the creation of LMI housing throughout the City. Includes prior year's HOME funds of \$950,000 (VNA PROJECT), and \$25,000 of CDBG funds carried forward from prior year grants. | 150,001 | 1,350,091 | - | 1,500,092 |
| 2005 | HOUSING ACTIVITIES | HOUSING REHAB | 50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Funds to rehab rental and homeowner properties occupied by and/or affordable to residents who are income eligible under Home and/or CDBG regulations. Includes prior year funding of \$200,000. | 350,000 | 250,000 | - | 600,000 |
| 2005 | HOUSING ACTIVITIES | HOUSING DIVISION PROJECT COSTS | 50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Costs associated with project oversight of the Housing Division CDBG program | 271,877 | - | - | 271,877 |
| 2005 | HOUSING ACTIVITIES | HOME ADMIN | 50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Staff salaries and overhead costs associated with administering the HOME program. | - | 90,013 | - | 90,013 |
| 2005 | HOUSING ACTIVITIES | HOME TBRA | 50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Funds to provide subsidies to formerly homeless young people in conjunction with Wayside, Inc. For P.A.S.S. Program administered by Somerville Homeless Coalition. Includes \$25,000 in HOME carryforward from prior year grants. | - | 135,000 | - | 135,000 |
| 2005 | HOUSING ACTIVITIES | HOME CHDO Operating Set Aside | 50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | 5% of the HOME entitlement set aside for the City's designated CHDO's operating costs. | - | 45,007 | - | 45,007 |

CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROGRAM YEAR 2006 (APRIL 1, 2006 - MARCH 31, 2007)
PROPOSED PROJECTS
CDBG, HOME, and EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAMS

| Initial Year Funded | Project Name | Activity Name | Address | Descrip | Total CDBG | Total HOME | Total ESG | Total Program |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|---|----------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 2005 | HOUSING ACTIVITIES | HOME CHDO Set Aside | 50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | 15% of the HOME entitlement set aside to be used to fund projects of the City's designated CHDO. New HOME funds equal \$135,019. Includes \$256,500 (109 Gilman St Project), and \$420,000 (65 Temple St Project) of HOME funds carried forward from prior year grants. | - | 811,519 | - | 811,519 |
| Total Housing Project Costs | | | | | 771,878 | 2,681,630 | - | 3,453,508 |
| | | | | | 15% | 100% | 0% | 44% |

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| 2006 | PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS | PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS | 93 HIGHLAND AVE. SOMERVILLE, MA | Set aside of 15% of current year CDBG grant to fund Public Service grants within the City. | 442,137 | - | - | 442,137 |
| 2006 | EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT | ESG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION | 93 HIGHLAND AVE. SOMERVILLE, MA | A portion of the staff salaries associated with administering the ESG Grant. | - | - | 5,030 | 5,030 |
| 2006 | EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT | ESG GRANTS | 93 HIGHLAND AVE. SOMERVILLE, MA | Funds to be allocated through an RFP process to agencies providing emergency shelter, crisis intervention and homeless prevention. | - | - | 120,725 | 120,725 |
| Total Public Service Related Grants | | | | | 442,137 | - | 125,755 | 567,892 |
| | | | | | 9% | 0% | 100% | 7% |

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| 2006 | ADMIN & PLANNING | CDBG ADMIN | 93 HIGHLAND AVE. SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 | Staff salaries and overhead costs associated with administering the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs | 589,515 | - | - | 589,515 |
| Total CDBG Administration | | | | | 589,515 | - | - | 589,515 |
| | | | | | 12% | 0% | 0% | 12% |

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| PROJECT TOTAL | | | | | \$ 5,124,827 | \$ 2,681,630 | \$ 125,755 | \$ 7,932,212 |
| | | | | | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

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| 0006 | Storefront Improvement Program | 14E Rehab; Publicly or Privately- Owned Commercial/Industrial | CDBG \$ 40,000 ESG \$ 0 |
| | Economic Development | 570.202 | HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | Expansion of economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents by providing 500 additional jobs and elimination of economic distress. Provide physical improvements and infrastructure development in commercial districts to attract new businesses to the City and provide for suitable living environments within Somerville's neighborhoods. | 3 Businesses | Prior Funding \$ 60,000 CDBG |
| | | | TOTAL \$ 100,000 |
| | Grant funds for the renovation of commercial retail facades. Provides 50% reimbursement of the construction cost of exterior renovations, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$40,000. | | Other Funding \$ 100,000 Business Match \$ 100,000 Total Other Funding \$ 100,000 |

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Subrecipient Private 570.500(c)
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0083 | Farmers Market | 18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance | CDBG ESG |
| | Other <i>P.F.</i> | 570.201(o) | HOME HOPWA |
| | | 1 Organizations | TOTAL |

NRSA Activity - During the consolidated plan period, the City will focus on making the Union Square and East Somerville NRSA's attractive, inviting and safe neighborhoods by undertaking the following: improve public transportation, open space, public areas and streetscapes; utilize housing programs to promote increased homeownership and condition of existing housing stock; increase neighborhood participation in community planning and events; and attract new businesses, create new jobs and grow existing businesses.

Grant to nonprofit to operate and manage Union Sq. Farmers Market.

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 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Subrecipient Private 570.500(c)
 Location(s): Addresses

Union Sq. NRSA, Somerville, MA 02143

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| 0032 | Section 108 Loan Repayments for Boynton Yards Economic Development Expansion of economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents by providing 500 additional jobs and elimination of economic distress. Provide physical improvements and infrastructure development in commercial districts to attract new businesses to the City and provide for suitable living environments within Somerville's neighborhoods. | 19F Repayments of Section 108 Loan CDBG Principal 570.705(c) 0 N/A | \$ 396,488 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 TOTAL \$ 396,488 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Interest and principal payments on the City's outstanding Section 108 Loan balance.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility:
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Addresses

495 Columbia St, Somerville, MA 02143

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| 0095 | Somerville Main Streets | 17D Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements | CDBG ESG \$ 150,000 \$ 0 |
| | Other | 570.203(a) | HOME HOPWA \$ 0 \$ 0 |
| | NRSA Activity - During the consolidated plan period, the City will focus on making the Union Square and East Somerville NRSA's attractive, inviting and safe neighborhoods by undertaking the following: improve public transportation, open space, public areas and streetscapes; utilize housing programs to promote increased homeownership and condition of existing housing stock; increase neighborhood participation in community planning and events; and attract new businesses, create new jobs and grow existing businesses. | 500 Businesses | TOTAL \$ 150,000 |
| | | | Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Funds provided under grant agreement to assist CBDO in two NRSA districts.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Subrecipient Private 570.500(c)
 Location(s): Addresses

East Somerville-NRSA, Somerville, MA 02145
 Union Sq.-NRSA, Somerville, MA 02143

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| 0081 | ArtsUnion Other NRSA Activity - During the consolidated plan period, the City will focus on making the Union Square and East Somerville NRSA's attractive, inviting and safe neighborhoods by undertaking the following: improve public transportation, open space, public areas and streetscapes; utilize housing programs to promote increased homeownership and condition of existing housing stock; increase neighborhood participation in community planning and events; and attract new businesses, create new jobs and grow existing businesses. | 03 Public Facilities and Improvements (General) 570.201(c) 500 Businesses | CDBG ESG HOME HOPWA TOTAL Other Funding MA Cultural Council Total Other Funding |
| | | | \$ 50,000 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000 |

For streetscape improvements in Union Square. Match to grant from the MA Cultural Council.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Addresses

Union Sq, NRSA, Somerville, MA 02143

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| 0058 | Union Square Universal Wayfinding Kiosk | 03 Public Facilities and Improvements (General) | CDBG \$ 30,000 ESG \$ 0 |
| | Other | 570.201(c) | HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | NRSA Activity - During the consolidated plan period, the City will focus on making the Union Square and East Somerville NRSA's attractive, inviting and safe neighborhoods by undertaking the following: improve public transportation, open space, public areas and streetscapes; utilize housing programs to promote increased homeownership and condition of existing housing stock; increase neighborhood participation in community planning and events; and attract new businesses, create new jobs and grow existing businesses. | 1 Public Facilities | TOTAL \$ 30,000 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Design and install ADA-accessible wayfinding signage for Union Square.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): CT & BG's

CT: 351200 BG: 2 County: 25017
 CT: 351200 BG: 3 County: 25017

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| 0060 | East Broadway Improvements | 03K Street Improvements | CDBG \$ 150,000 |
| | Other | 570.201(c) | ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | NRSA Activity - During the consolidated plan period, the City will focus on making the Union Square and East Somerville NRSA's attractive, inviting and safe neighborhoods by undertaking the following: improve public transportation, open space, public areas and streetscapes; utilize housing programs to promote increased homeownership and condition of existing housing stock; increase neighborhood participation in community planning and events; and attract new businesses, create new jobs and grow existing businesses. | 9000 People (General) | Prior Funding \$ 635,000 CDBG |
| | | | TOTAL \$ 785,000 |
| | | | Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Streetscape improvements, including curb extensions, crosswalks, street furniture, trees, sidewalks and signalization improvements. Also, applied for State TOD Grant for \$972,000.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Addresses

East Somerville NRSA, Somerville, MA 02145

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| 0055 | Street Tree Planting Program | 03N Tree Planting | CDBG \$ 64,000 |
| | Public Facilities | 570.201(c) | ESG \$ 0 |
| | The City intends to increase open space and neighborhood facilities; create and renovate parks and playgrounds; plant trees in eligible neighborhoods; review historic properties for capital improvements; and make ADA improvements to streets, playgrounds and other public facilities. | 100 Public Facilities | HOME \$ 0 |
| | | | HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | | | Prior Funding |
| | | | CDBG \$ 11,000 |
| | | | TOTAL \$ 75,000 |
| | Funding will provide for the planting of approximately 100 trees in CDBG eligible areas, city wide. | | Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 09/30/08

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Community Wide



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| 0088 | Kemp Nut Park - Construction Public Facilities The City intends to increase open space and neighborhood facilities; create and renovate parks and playgrounds; plant trees in eligible neighborhoods; review historic properties for capital improvements; and make ADA improvements to streets, playgrounds and other public facilities. Park construction at former "Kemp Nut" site. | 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c) 1 Public Facilities | CDBG \$ 280,000 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 Prior Funding CDBG \$ 225,000 TOTAL \$ 505,000 Other Funding EOEA-State Grant \$ 495,000 Total Other Funding \$ 495,000 |
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Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): CT & BG's

CT: 351400 BG: 7 County: 25017

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| 0072 | 30 Allen St. - Construction Public Facilities The City intends to increase open space and neighborhood facilities; create and renovate parks and playgrounds; plant trees in eligible neighborhoods; review historic properties for capital improvements; and make ADA improvements to streets, playgrounds and other public facilities. | 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c) 1 Public Facilities | CDBG \$ 30,000 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 Prior Funding \$ 10,000 CDBG TOTAL \$ 40,000 |
| | Construction of pocket park in Union Sq.- NRSA | | Other Funding \$ 37,500 EOEA-State Grant \$ 37,500 Total Other Funding |

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Addresses

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| 0091 | Durrell Park - Construction Public Facilities The City intends to increase open space and neighborhood facilities; create and renovate parks and playgrounds; plant trees in eligible neighborhoods; review historic properties for capital improvements; and make ADA improvements to streets, playgrounds and other public facilities. Construction costs related to site improvements at existing park in CDBG eligible neighborhood. | 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c) 1 Public Facilities | CDBG ESG HOME HOPWA Prior Funding CDBG TOTAL Other Funding EOE-A-State Grant Total Other Funding |
| | | | \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 25,000 \$ 25,000 \$ 77,600 \$ 77,600 |

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Addresses

Beacon St., Somerville, MA 02143

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| 0089 | Perry Park - Construction Public Facilities The City intends to increase open space and neighborhood facilities; create and renovate parks and playgrounds; plant trees in eligible neighborhoods; review historic properties for capital improvements; and make ADA improvements to streets, playgrounds and other public facilities. | 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c) 1 Public Facilities | CDBG \$ 0 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 Prior Funding \$ 300,000 CDBG \$ 300,000 TOTAL \$ 300,000 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |
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Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): CT & BG's

CT: 361200 BG: 5 County: 25017
 CT: 361200 BG: 1 County: 25017
 CT: 361200 BG: 6 County: 25017

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| 0069 | Stone Place Park Renovation - Construction | 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities | CDBG \$ 150,217 |
| | Public Facilities | 570.201(c) | ESG \$ 0 |
| | The City intends to increase open space and neighborhood facilities; create and renovate parks and playgrounds; plant trees in eligible neighborhoods; review historic properties for capital improvements; and make ADA improvements to streets, playgrounds and other public facilities. | 1 Public Facilities | HOME \$ 0 |
| | | | HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | | | Prior Funding |
| | | | CDBG \$ 149,000 |
| | | | TOTAL \$ 299,217 |
| | Construction costs related to site improvements at existing park. | | Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Addresses

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| 0090 | Harris Park - Design Services Other NRSA Activity - During the consolidated plan period, the City will focus on making the Union Square and East Somerville NRSA's attractive, inviting and safe neighborhoods by undertaking the following: improve public transportation, open space, public areas and streetscapes; utilize housing programs to promote increased homeownership and condition of existing housing stock; increase neighborhood participation in community planning and events; and attract new businesses, create new jobs and grow existing businesses. | 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(c) 1 Public Facilities | CDBG \$ 26,000 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 Prior Funding \$ 29,000 CDBG TOTAL \$ 55,000 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |
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Design of one park in East Somerville NRSA.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Addresses

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| 0005 | Groundwork Somerville Public Facilities The City intends to increase open space and neighborhood facilities; create and renovate parks and playgrounds; plant trees in eligible neighborhoods; review historic properties for capital improvements; and make ADA improvements to streets, playgrounds and other public facilities. | 03 Public Facilities and Improvements (General) 570.201(c) 2 Public Facilities | CDBG \$ 10,000 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 TOTAL \$ 10,000 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |
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Support landscaping and planting improvements in schools and other public eligible areas.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0002 | Community & Economic Development Project Costs Public Facilities The City intends to increase open space and neighborhood facilities; create and renovate parks and playgrounds; plant trees in eligible neighborhoods; review historic properties for capital improvements; and make ADA improvements to streets, playgrounds and other public facilities. | 03 Public Facilities and Improvements (General) 570.201(c) 18000 People (General) | CDBG \$ 216,592 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 Prior Funding \$ 250,000 CDBG TOTAL \$ 466,592 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Project costs associated with activities carried out by the Community & Economic Development Divisions, including staff salaries, to manage project development and construction.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0080 | Milk Row Cemetery-Phase II | 16B Non-Residential Historic Preservation | CDBG \$ 22,000 |
| | Other | 570.202(d) | ESG \$ 0 |
| | NRSA Activity - During the consolidated plan period, the City will focus on making the Union Square and East Somerville NRSA's attractive, inviting and safe neighborhoods by undertaking the following: improve public transportation, open space, public areas and streetscapes; utilize housing programs to promote increased homeownership and condition of existing housing stock; increase neighborhood participation in community planning and events; and attract new businesses, create new jobs and grow existing businesses. | 1 Public Facilities | HOME \$ 0 |
| | | | HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | | | TOTAL \$ 22,000 |
| | | | Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Restoration of the Milk Row Cemetery located in the Union Sq. NRSA. This is in addition to the \$109K in Phase I.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(1) - Low / Mod Area
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Addresses

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| 0066 | Housing Special Projects | 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential | CDBG \$ 125,001 |
| | Housing | 570.202 | ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 400,091 HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | The primary objective of the City of Somerville's affordable housing programs is to create and preserve affordable housing for low and moderate-income individuals and families. The City seeks to maximize the number of units created with funds available; leverage additional non-city funding; restrict affordability for the longest term possible; avoid concentrations of poverty or minorities in certain census tracts; revitalize neighborhoods and provide access to all residents of the City through 350 units or rehabilitation, 200 new housing units in addition to 50 residents receiving down payment assistance. | 15 Housing Units | Prior Funding \$ 25,000 CDBG \$ 950,000 HOME \$ 1,500,092 TOTAL \$ 0 |
| | These funds will go toward the creation of LMI housing units at various sites throughout the City. | | Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(3) - Low / Mod Housing
 Subrecipient: Subrecipient Private 570.500(c)
 Location(s): Community Wide

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|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| 0033 | Housing Rehabilitation Program | 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential | CDBG \$ 150,000 |
| | Housing | 570.202 | ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 250,000 HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | The primary objective of the City of Somerville's affordable housing programs is to create and preserve affordable housing for low and moderate-income individuals and families. The City seeks to maximize the number of units created with funds available; leverage additional non-city funding; restrict affordability for the longest term possible; avoid concentrations of poverty or minorities in certain census tracts; revitalize neighborhoods and provide access to all residents of the City through 350 units or rehabilitation, 200 new housing units in addition to 50 residents receiving down payment assistance. | 29 Housing Units | Prior Funding \$ 200,000 CDBG \$ 600,000 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Funds to rehabilitate rental units occupied by and or affordable to tenants who are income eligible under HOME and/or CDBG regulations.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(3) - Low / Mod Housing
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0004 | Housing Division Project Costs | 14H Rehabilitation Administration | CDBG \$ 163,627 |
| | Housing | 570.202 | ESG \$ 0 |
| | | | HOME \$ 0 |
| | | | HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | The primary objective of the City of Somerville's affordable housing programs is to create and preserve affordable housing for low and moderate-income individuals and families. The City seeks to maximize the number of units created with funds available; leverage additional non-city funding; restrict affordability for the longest term possible; avoid concentrations of poverty or minorities in certain census tracts; revitalize neighborhoods and provide access to all residents of the City through 350 units or rehabilitation, 200 new housing units in addition to 50 residents receiving down payment assistance. | 29 Housing Units | Prior Funding \$ 108,250 |
| | | | CDBG \$ 271,877 |
| | | | TOTAL \$ 271,877 |
| | | | Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Salaries, fringe benefits and overhead costs associated with administering Housing Division CDBG programs.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(3) - Low / Mod Housing
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0053 | Home Program Administration | 14H Rehabilitation Administration | CDBG ESG |
| | Planning & Administration | 570.202 | HOME HOPWA |
| | Preserve the quality of life and characteristics of the city's neighborhoods by increasing the collaboration with City residents, developers and city departments on zoning issues, street scape density and open space over the five year period. Administratively, the City, through OHCD, will increase community awareness of the programs it administers by enhancing outreach efforts, by utilizing advanced communications technology to neighborhood groups, advisory boards, non-profit organizations, city departments and officials during the next five years. The city anticipates serving 25000 low/moderate income persons. | 24 Housing Units | TOTAL |
| | | | Total Other Funding |
| | | | \$ 0 |
| | | | \$ 0 |
| | | | \$ 90,013 |
| | | | \$ 0 |
| | | | \$ 90,013 |
| | | | \$ 0 |

Salaries, fringe benefits and overhead costs associated with administering Housing Division HOME Program activities.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility:
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0034 | Tenant Based Rental Assistance Housing The primary objective of the City of Somerville's affordable housing programs is to create and preserve affordable housing for low and moderate-income individuals and families. The City seeks to maximize the number of units created with funds available; leverage additional non-city funding; restrict affordability for the longest term possible; avoid concentrations of poverty or minorities in certain census tracts; revitalize neighborhoods and provide access to all residents of the City through 350 units or rehabilitation, 200 new housing units in addition to 50 residents receiving down payment assistance. | 05S Rental Housing Subsidies (tenant-based rental assistance) 570.204 45 Youth | CDBG \$ 0 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 110,000 HOPWA \$ 0 Prior Funding \$ 25,000 HOME TOTAL \$ 135,000 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |
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These funds will be used to provide rental subsidies to formerly homeless young people (aged 18-24) in conjunction with Wayside, Inc. and the Pass Program. Also, funds will be used to provide rental subsidies to individuals at risk of eviction or homelessness.

Help the Homeless? Yes Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility:
 Subrecipient: Subrecipient Private 570.500(c)
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0036 | CHDO Operating Support Housing The primary objective of the City of Somerville's affordable housing programs is to create and preserve affordable housing for low and moderate-income individuals and families. The City seeks to maximize the number of units created with funds available; leverage additional non-city funding; restrict affordability for the longest term possible; avoid concentrations of poverty or minorities in certain census tracts; revitalize neighborhoods and provide access to all residents of the City through 350 units or rehabilitation, 200 new housing units in addition to 50 residents receiving down payment assistance. | 211 HOME CHDO Operating ExpensesCDBG (subject to 5% cap) 9 Housing Units | \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 45,007 \$ 0 \$ 45,007 \$ 0 |
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5% of the Home Entitlement set aside for the City's designated CHDO's operating costs.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility:
 Subrecipient: CHDO - 92.2
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0035 | CHDO Project Funds Housing The primary objective of the City of Somerville's affordable housing programs is to create and preserve affordable housing for low and moderate-income individuals and families. The City seeks to maximize the number of units created with funds available; leverage additional non-city funding; restrict affordability for the longest term possible; avoid concentrations of poverty or minorities in certain census tracts; revitalize neighborhoods and provide access to all residents of the City through 350 units or rehabilitation, 200 new housing units in addition to 50 residents receiving down payment assistance. | 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 9 Housing Units | CDBG \$ 0 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 135,019 HOPWA \$ 0 Prior Funding \$ 676,500 HOME TOTAL \$ 811,519 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |
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15% CHDO funds in projects of the City's designated CHDO to complete HOME eligible projects.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility:
 Subrecipient: CHDO - 92.2
 Location(s): Community Wide

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|-------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| 0003 | Public Services | 05 Public Services (General) | CDBG \$ 442,137 |
| | Public Services | 570.201(e) | ESG \$ 0 |
| | | | HOME \$ 0 |
| | | | HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | | | TOTAL \$ 442,137 |
| | The City will continue its financial obligation to the non-profit organizations serving the low and moderate income residents by providing 15% of its annual CDBG grant for public services. Also, increase outreach and collaborative efforts of the organizations by incorporating these efforts into their contracts. The City anticipates funding approximately 30-35 agencies annually. | 9000 People (General) | Total Other Funding \$ 0 |
| | Funds are available for competitive bid by agencies providing human and social services to low income residents | | |
| | Help the Homeless? | No | Start Date: 04/01/06 |
| | Help those with HIV or AIDS? | No | Completion Date: 03/31/07 |
| | Eligibility: | 570.208(a)(2) - Low / Mod Limited Clientele | |
| | Subrecipient: | Subrecipient Private 570.500(c) | |
| | Location(s): | Community Wide | |

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| 0082 | Emergency Shelter Grant Program Administration | 21A General Program Administration | CDBG ESG \$ 5,030 |
| | Planning & Administration | 570.206 | HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | Preserve the quality of life and characteristics of the city's neighborhoods by increasing the collaboration with City residents, developers and city departments on zoning issues, street scape density and open space over the five year period. Administratively, the City, through OHCD, will increase community awareness of the programs it administers by enhancing outreach efforts, by utilizing advanced communications technology to neighborhood groups, advisory boards, non-profit organizations, city departments and officials during the next five years. The city anticipates serving 25000 low/moderate income persons. | 700 People (General) | TOTAL \$ 5,030 |
| | | | Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Portion of staff salary and overhead cost associated with administering funds to individual and family shelters.

Help the Homeless? Yes Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? Yes Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility:
 Subrecipient: Subrecipient Public 570.500(c)
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0071 | Emergency Shelter Grant Program Homeless & HIV/AIDS The City of Somerville will work with its Homeless Shelter and Service providers in partnership during the coming 5 years to continue to fill identified gaps in the City's Continuum of Care and to meet the more specific objectives identified in the 5 Year Strategic Plan for the Housing and Homelessness section of this Consolidated Plan. Projects will provide case management for sheltered guests, as well as, support services for persons on the street, voice mail capability for housing and/or employment, eviction prevention assistance and the hiring of a consultant for financial stability & coordination of services. The City anticipates serving 700 homeless individuals and families during the 5 year consolidated plan. | 03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs 570.201(e) 700 People (General) | CDBG ESG HOME HOPWA TOTAL Total Other Funding |
| | | | \$ 0 \$ 120,725 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 120,725 \$ 0 |

Funds for emergency shelter, crisis intervention and homeless prevention grants to area shelters.

Help the Homeless? Yes Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? Yes Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility:
 Subrecipient: Subrecipient Private 570.500(c)
 Location(s): Community Wide

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| 0001 | Program Administration | 21A General Program Administration | CDBG \$ 589,515 |
| | Planning & Administration | 570.206 | ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0 |
| | Preserve the quality of life and characteristics of the city's neighborhoods by increasing the collaboration with City residents, developers and city departments on zoning issues, street scape density and open space over the five year period. Administratively, the City, through OHCD, will increase community awareness of the programs it administers by enhancing outreach efforts, by utilizing advanced communications technology to neighborhood groups, advisory boards, non-profit organizations, city departments and officials during the next five years. The city anticipates serving 25000 low/moderate income persons. | 25000 People (General) | TOTAL \$ 589,515 Total Other Funding \$ 0 |

Staff salaries and overhead costs associated with administering the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/06
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/07

Eligibility:
 Subrecipient: Local Government
 Location(s): N/A



Fourth Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Fourth Annual Action Plan includes the SF 424 and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

SF 424

Narrative Responses

GENERAL

General Questions

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year.

Response: Map # 2 under Tab F of this plan identifies the planned projects for next year within the City. Geographically, the site-specific projects tend to be focused within one of the City's two NRSAs. These two NRSAs, in turn, are located generally in the eastern part of the City of Somerville. Please see Tab F for more details.

2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.

Response: In considering the basis for the allocation of funds within the City of Somerville, proposed projects were divided into two separate groups: 1) site-specific projects, and 2) city-wide projects. All site-specific projects were evaluated within the confines of their eligibility for federal HUD funding. Based upon the demographics of the City, most eligible site-specific projects tend to fall within certain geographic areas of the City – and those areas are largely encompassed within one of the two established NRSA's. City-wide projects are considered based upon their planned overall benefit to the City, and how that benefit may help to further strengthen other City goals.

The Storefront Improvements Project is an example of a City-wide project. This project which requires the local business owner to leverage his/her funds alongside the federal CDBG funds, may have a benefit of strengthening local businesses within a certain neighborhood, thereby creating new jobs for low to moderate income persons. That same Storefront Improvement Project, if carried out within the Union Square NRSA, may also strengthen the efforts of the Arts Union project – thereby magnifying the City’s investment in both projects. All of these projects, however, are considered within the light of the priorities and objectives of the City’s 2003-2008 Consolidated Plan.

Funds under the Public Services Grants and ESG programs may be City-wide in their distribution, depending upon the needs identified through the RFP process. Parks & Recreation projects are identified based upon their location within a CDBG eligible area – either within a NRSA or within a low to moderate income area as defined by the most recent census data.

Economic and Community Development projects are identified and funds allocated depending upon their locations within similar areas. Housing Projects will be identified City-wide to benefit low and moderate income families and persons. The City of Somerville will continue to hold public meetings, forums, and conduct outreach to provide more effective services as new and changing needs are identified throughout the City.

3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

Response:

Planning & Development: Underserved needs include aging infrastructure and need for improved transportation. The major obstacle to addressing these needs is lack of resources. The City uses CDBG funds where appropriate but needs the Commonwealth and other Federal sources of funds to pay a share in order to meet these underserved needs effectively.

Housing: Affordable housing is an underserved need of very high importance in the City. A shortage of contractors has also stalled some implementation of the City’s homeowner rehab program. The City uses CDBG and HOME funds where appropriate to address these needs. Other actions taken include

- Increasing the linkage fee charged to developers building in the City. The largest portion of the linkage goes into the City’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- Encouraging the City’s CHDO to build/provide more rental housing units rather than home ownership units.
- Providing affordable housing to homebuyers at 80% and 110% AMI through the application of the inclusionary housing ordinance.
- Targeting public service and some HOME funds to programs that provide transitional housing.

Public Service: Non-homeless special needs is another underserved need in the City. The obstacle to addressing these needs is lack of funding for public and private agencies that address these needs due to cuts in state and Federal programs. The City addresses these needs by providing CDBG and ESG grants to

public service agencies. These grants enable agencies working to address non-homeless special needs to leverage other public and private resources.

Managing the Process

1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.

Response: The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development is the office within the City charged with overseeing and administering the Five Year Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plans. That office, in conjunction with the City's Housing Department, and various other departments throughout the City participate in the planning and implementing of these HUD programs.

2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.

Response: The City of Somerville's 2006 One Year Action Plan was developed by:

- 1) The first major step in the 2006 One Year Action Plan development process was taken with the public hearing held on November 9, 2005. Public comments were taken during this meeting and during the planning period to date in order to identify resource needs within the City. Representatives from a range of public service agencies (see Public Hearing transcript under Tab G), interested citizens, members of City's Commission on Disabilities, and even Board of Aldermen participated in the public hearing and provided useful comments toward the development of this plan;
 - 2) From the November public hearing, the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development began the internal process of soliciting requests for project needs from all relevant departments within the City;
 - 3) All resource needs were evaluated within the light of last year's Action Plan, the 2003-2008 Consolidated Plan, and comments from the first public hearing, and anticipated funding for next year;
 - 4) Meeting with various departments and administration officials to coordinate 2006 HUD programs with efforts and priorities for the City as a whole.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

Response: The City of Somerville will take the initial approach of solidifying processes and lines of communication which already exist to coordinate these programs. The public hearings for these HUD programs include City managers from each of these programs, and input/feedback from the community is considered subsequent to those hearings. Opportunities to identify areas where there are perceived benefits from stronger coordination are identified and followed up upon. During the process of evaluating program year 2005 year-end accomplishments, the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development will further evaluate the coordination of outputs among the different housing, health, and service agencies. The results of these year-end evaluations will also be disseminated to all of these programs and their managers to ensure further coordination among these programs.

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.

Response: Please see the public participation process discussion under Tab G.

2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.

Response: These comments will be published once the second public hearing has been held and the public participation process has been completed.

3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.

Response: Please see the discussion of the public participation process under Tab G.

4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

Response: These comments will be published once the second public hearing has been held and the public participation process has been completed.

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.

Response: Through the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, the City will continue to build upon the structures in place to administer these HUD programs. Efforts to reorganize office functions, enhance software used to process and track financial activities, continue to update filing systems, and to improve staff training will all strengthen the City's institutional structure in support of these programs.

Monitoring

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

Response: Monitoring of all HUD programs will begin with comprehensive review of federal regulations to ensure that 2006 projects are in compliance with relevant Code of Federal Regulation's (CFR's). In addition, all relevant environmental reviews will be performed throughout the planning process in order to obtain release of funds for 2006.

The next step in the City's compliance monitoring will be monthly financial monitoring of each project. Variances will be noted and unexpected variances will be researched.

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development intends to initiate quarterly review meeting on all projects with project managers. Financial and output variances will be noted and explained, and substantive reviews of project goals and objectives should help ensure longer term goals are being met.

Annually, City annual audits will continue to be another useful tool in reviewing selected projects to help ensure requirements are being met. All HUD monitoring will also be reviewed and recommendations implemented where ever possible.

Lead-based Paint

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families.

Response: The City has received two HUD Lead Hazard Abatement grants, which it uses to provide forgivable loans to homeowners for all work necessary to bring a unit into full lead abatement compliance. The City has reached out to homeowners and landlords, including Section 8 landlords, to encourage use of the program. The City's lead program is a critical priority for the City because over half of its housing stock was built prior to 1910 and two-thirds of the units are in two- or three-family houses. The City of Somerville is currently in full compliance with federal Title 1012/1013 regulations, Section J, which requires that lead based paint be addressed in all properties receiving Federal funds for housing rehabilitation. Safe work practices and all requirements under Title 1012/1013 have been fully integrated into existing housing rehabilitation programs, which are funded primarily with CDBG and HOME grants. A fully implemented plan for addressing lead based paint hazards has been in effect in the City since 2001.

Lead Abatement Statistics for Program Year 2004:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Number of units abated: | 45 | |
| Number of properties abated: | 26 | |
| LMI units: | 45 | |
| Section 8 units: | 19 | |
| Total Lead Grant Loans given: | | \$748,544 |

| Lead Hazard Abatement | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| | Total Units |
| 5-year goal | 160 |
| Year one actual | 66 |
| Year two actual | 45 |
| % of 5-year goal completed | 69% |

Somerville will continue to support and expand the Housing Rehabilitation and Lead Abatement programs, which rehabilitates the existing housing stock while often placing rent restrictions on apartments in multi-family homes. This is especially important in Somerville, where 87% of all units are in two or three-family housing. Somerville's Lead Abatement program, which is funded by a Lead Hazard Control grant from HUD, has been recognized by HUD as a national model and is often requested to conduct presentations during annual HUD Lead Abatement Conferences. The staff from the Lead Abatement program have been conducting Lead Education programs for children in our elementary school systems with great success.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve during the next year.

Response: The City's 2003 Five Year Consolidated Plan established a basic goal of creating, preserving or rehabilitating 406 units of housing for low and moderate-income households. This five-year goal includes the following objectives:

- o Developing new affordable rental units
- o Preserving existing affordable rental units
- o Helping Low and Moderate-Income households become homeowners
- o Stabilizing and renovating owner-occupied housing
- o Reducing the number of housing units with lead hazards, and
- o Expanding the supply of permanent housing for homeless individuals and families

| Program Year 2006 Goals and Objectives with Grant Funds (CDBG and HOME) | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Category | 5 Year Goal | Year 4 Goal |
| Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing | 142 | 20 |
| Increase LMI Homeownership | 25 | 15 |
| Housing Rehabilitation | 230 | 35 |
| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | 0 | 45 |
| Permanent Housing for the Homeless | 9 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 406 | 117 |

Specific Housing Objectives

Despite indications that the housing market in Somerville is weakening, the past year has seen large increases in regional housing costs. In Somerville, the main barrier to homeownership and rental units is the high cost of housing. The Somerville Housing Needs Assessment, conducted in the fall of 2005 reveals that:

- o Household size in Somerville decreased from 2.44 to 2.38 persons per household from 1990 to 2000
- o Somerville has lost significant portions of both youth and elderly populations
- o Only 34% of units are owner-occupied, compared to a national average of 65%
- o Over 550 rental units were converted to condominiums in 2005
- o The average price of a single family home rose to \$415,000, up by 9% since 2004
- o A household must earn almost \$60,000 a year to afford the average two-bedroom apartment in Somerville

As a result of these conditions, households of every size, at every income level, and at every age are finding it increasingly difficult to remain in Somerville. The City's specific priorities for the coming year include a focus on:

- o New Housing Development
- o Continued Lead Abatement and Housing Rehabilitation
- o Decreasing Barriers to Existing Housing
- o Expanding the Type and Range of services available to Somerville residents

Needs of Public Housing

The City does encourage public housing residents to participate in the homeownership programs offered, such as Inclusionary Housing Units. In addition, grants given to many agencies serve the Public Housing population. In addition, the City provides loans to property owners willing to lease to Section 8 eligible tenants.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

The largest constraint facing Somerville's housing development is the lack of available land. Between 2002 and 2004, Somerville saw a net gain of only 64 housing units. Every year that Somerville sees a gain in housing units, land becomes sparser and more difficult to develop. Sparse land leads to higher land acquisition costs, making the development of affordable housing more challenging. Private developers, more capable of paying debt with high condo sales prices or high rents, are better able to buy and develop the few parcels that remain. An additional impediment is that as land costs rise, funding from state and federal agencies for affordable housing development simultaneously decreases.

The development of large parcels by private developers does add to the affordable housing stock of the City by providing units through the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. However, litigation and environmental concerns have held up development of some larger mixed-use sites, which will provide the City both units and funds through the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and Linkage Fees.

Strategies for Affordable Housing

With these barriers in mind, the City seeks to expand the number of affordable housing units in the City while simultaneously making access to existing housing units more affordable. Through a combined approach of new development and housing assistance, the City hopes to increase the number of households who can afford to live in Somerville and decrease the number of households with housing burdens.

The following housing strategies are the results of a Housing Needs Assessment conducted by the Housing Division in the summer and fall of 2005. Building upon previous housing strategies and the resources of housing providers, developers, advocates and studies, these strategies are a blueprint for the City's housing service provision and a commitment of the City to provide for its residents.

- o Somerville will work to create new programs to assist households with incomes over 110%. As housing burden statistics indicate, even families with higher income are having trouble in Somerville's housing market.
- o Somerville will continue to support Lead Hazard Abatement and Housing Rehabilitation programs. Both of these programs are essential in maintaining affordable rents in Somerville, as well as improving deteriorating housing stock. The Lead Abatement program also reduces barriers to fair housing by helping landlords comply with lead regulations that require a significant dollar investment to make the housing unit safe for children. Many landlords simply refuse to rent to families with young children.
- o Somerville will continue to assist individuals and families at risk of homelessness through the Prevention and Stabilization Services program, as well as to formerly homeless youth through the Wayside Inn program.

- The City will work with its designated Community Housing Development Organization, the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC), to develop affordable housing units at 65 Temple Street and 109 Gilman Street, as well as the proposed mixed-use development of the former St. Polycarp's site.
- The City will continue to work with the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) to develop 95 units of affordable assisted living for Somerville's frail elderly population.
- The City will continue to promote our First Time Home Buyer Training Courses. In the next year, the City will conduct 4 training courses, providing training to roughly 200 households.
- The City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance mitigates the impact of private development on the overall housing market by creating units affordable to low and moderate-income households. The City will continue to market these units and evaluate necessary changes to the ordinance. In the past year, the City made changes to improve the resale process of these properties and will work to implement these changes in the coming year.
- The City will continue to collect linkage fees for commercial developments over 30,000 SF. These monies are deposited into the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support affordable housing development and housing related activities for Somerville's low and moderate-income residents.
- The City will re-evaluate its down-payment assistance program to create a more effective program. The City will explore the possibility of an Employer Assisted Housing Program and will cultivate partnerships with major employers in the City to leverage additional down payment resources for Somerville employees and residents.
- The City will collaborate with the Somerville Homeless Providers Group (SHPG) to develop more permanent housing solutions for homeless and disabled populations. The City and the SHPG have been successful at creating homeless prevention programs, emergency shelters and transitional housing and will now work to increase permanent housing options for these populations to reduce reentry into homelessness.
- The City will work to preserve the 21 units at risk of expiring in the coming year. The City has contracted with an expert consultant to provide services to assist in negotiations with current owners, encouraging them to continue renting to low and moderate-income tenants. The City will also collaborate with the Somerville Community Corporation to preserve these units.
- The City will encourage the development of a wider range of unit sizes. Data suggests that there is a lack of larger rental units and smaller ownership units. The City will work with both private and non-profit developers to close the gaps between need and supply.

- The City will encourage in-fill development and the reuse of surplus and former church properties. With few developable land parcels remaining in the City, Somerville will work with property owners to develop the few remaining sites to their most effective use. The City will collaborate with SCC to redevelop the St. Polycarp's site into a mixed-use, mixed-income development and will seek out other partnerships to continue these efforts.
- The City will explore the possibility of offering post-homeownership counseling courses to help prevent foreclosures. With the prevalence of new mortgage products, many homeowners may not be able to maintain their loan payments. The City will work to educate these homebuyers about the risks of homeownership and the strategies to prevent foreclosure.
- With over 900 condominium conversions in the past two years, the City will explore the possibility of offering a Condominium Association Training Course. This course will educate new condo owners about the challenges and issues involved with condo associations, preventing problems that often result from shared property ownership.

The City will continue to update and expand its Housing Division website for education and outreach purposes. The initial phase of this activity was undertaken in the program year with much success and the web page will be continuously updated as the City receives feedback and improves its capacity.

2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Needs of Public Housing

1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.

Response: The City addresses the needs of public housing throughout the public service grant process. In addition, programs offered by the City's Housing Division-discussed elsewhere in this document encourages housing residents at or below 80% of area median income to participate in homeownership counseling and lotteries for purchasing first-time homebuyer opportunities. Such programs include the City's Inclusionary Housing Program and affordable housing initiatives.

2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

Response: Not Applicable.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Response: Please see the discussion on Affordable Housing Strategies above.

HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)

1. Describe other forms of investment not described in § 92.205(b).
2. If the participating jurisdiction (PJ) will use HOME or ADDI funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of the HOME rule.

Response:

The City of Somerville utilizes HOME funds to provide Down payment Assistance to income eligible households earning less than 80% of Area Median Income.

- The City can provide up to \$15,000 in the form of a 0% interest, Non-Forgivable, Deferred Payment loan which requires no monthly payment.
 - Borrowers must sign a mortgage and promissory note which will be recorded at the SMD Registry of Deeds.
 - The principal amount must be paid back when the property is sold or transferred.
 - Borrowers must obtain city authorization in order to refinance.
 - Acquisition costs cannot exceed 203B limits as published by HUD for Somerville Area
 - Participants must evidence their ability to provide a minimum 3% of the purchase price from their own funds.
 - Participants must be 1st-time homebuyers
 - Participants must evidence completion of a 1st-time Homebuyer Education Class
 - Participants must maintain the property as their primary residence.
3. If the PJ will use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines required under § 92.206(b). The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt. At a minimum these guidelines must:
 - a. Demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing.
 - b. Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestments in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.
 - c. State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.

- d. Specify the required period of affordability, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.
 - e. Specify whether the investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy under 24 CFR 91.215(e)(2) or a Federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.
 - f. State that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
4. If the PJ is going to receive American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds, please complete the following narratives:
- a. Describe the planned use of the ADDI funds.
 - b. Describe the PJ's plan for conducting targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public housing and manufactured housing and to other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purposes of ensuring that the ADDI funds are used to provide down payment assistance for such residents, tenants, and families.
 - c. Describe the actions to be taken to ensure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.



Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

1. Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.
2. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.
3. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.
4. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.

Response: According to the 2005 Homelessness census, 204 Somerville residents are homeless. The City of Somerville is currently in the process of finalizing its "Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness." Through collaboration between the Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness and the Somerville Homeless Providers Group, the City has formulated eight goals and corresponding strategies to address the needs of the homeless population and end both chronic and non-chronic homelessness for families and individuals. These goals include:

- o Develop a central prevention-oriented case management system for individuals and families at risk of homelessness so that basic services are accessible at one location
- o Increase awareness of Homelessness in community and support for solutions
- o Improve Coordination of Services for Homeless Population
- o Determine the prevalence of chronic homelessness in Somerville
- o Increase permanent housing stock for the chronically homeless
- o Provide appropriate housing options for severely disabled homeless.
- o Prevent those at risk of homelessness and transient and episodically homeless individuals from becoming chronically homeless through early intervention
- o Transitional housing that is targeted to specific sub-populations and their needs

The City of Somerville's Continuum of Care was recently awarded \$1,095,458 through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for seven programs addressing the needs of Somerville's homeless and at-risk population through housing and rental assistance. In addition, the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust dedicates 10% of its annual budget to housing assistance programs in the form of grants. These funds are used to provide housing search assistance and eviction prevention services to Somerville residents.

Specifically, the City will continue to assist income-eligible individuals and families at risk of homelessness transition to permanent housing through the Prevention and Stabilization Services program. The City will also continue to assist homeless young people through the Wayside Inn. The Somerville Affordable Housing Trust will continue its renter revolving loan fund to assist tenants at risk of eviction. The McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care award recipients will provide a wide range of services, through the Somerville Homeless Coalition, Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Rehabilitation (CASPAR), Wayside Youth and Family Support Network and Transition House. The seven Continuum of Care programs will serve a combined 400+ homeless or formerly homeless individuals and families, providing them with permanent or transitional supported housing, case management and other necessary services.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

(States Only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

Response: Not Applicable.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.

Response: Many of the City's non-housing community development needs are interwoven with economic development needs. The Arts Union project in Union Square, the Wayfinding Kiosk, and the East Broadway Streetscape Improvement projects all seek to strengthen the local communities. The Wayfinding Kiosk will provide improved information for many people – particularly for persons with disabilities. The Arts Union project will continue to provide improvements to Union Square. And the East Broadway Streetscape project is planned to provide major enhancements to infrastructure along this stretch of road in both aesthetic and functional ways. However, the economic development projects also have a goal of improving the communities surrounding the projects.

| Economic Development Objectives | Actions/Activities |
|---|---|
| 1. Increase employment opportunities for Somerville's low to moderate income residents | Assembly Sq. zoning; Assembly Sq. Orange Line feasibility study; 33 Allen Street (Head Start) facility; East Broadway Improvements; |
| 2. Elimination of economic distress in CDBG eligible areas through building rehabilitation, acquisition, and construction | Storefront improvement projects; Somerville Main Streets; Somerville Avenue Improvements; 33 Allen Street; 30 Allen St. (garden site); Inner Belt gateway; Assembly Sq. gateway |
| 3. Elimination of economic distress in CDBG eligible areas through land acquisition and disposition | Boynton Yards Phase I and II |
| 4. Enhance and encourage commercial development and stabilization in CDBG eligible areas | Somerville Main Streets; East Broadway Improvements; Prospect/Webster Street Design; Storefront Improvement projects; |
| Infrastructure | Actions/Activities |

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|---|---|
| 5. Development of roadway improvements within core commercial areas of Assembly Sq., Inner Belt Park, Union Sq., Boynton Yards, and East Somerville | Assembly Sq. Gateway; Assembly Sq. zoning; Inner Belt Access Study; Inner Belt Gateway; Prospect/Webster Street Design; Somerville Avenue design; East Broadway Improvements. |
| 6. Development of streetscape improvements with pedestrian amenities, including ADA, within core commercial areas of Assembly Sq., Inner Belt Park, Union Sq., Boynton Yards, and East Somerville | Assembly Sq. Gateway; Assembly Sq. zoning; Inner Belt Access Study; Inner Belt Gateway; Prospect/Webster Street Design; Somerville Avenue design; East Broadway Improvements. |
| 7. Development of roadway improvements within the major transportation corridors of McGrath Highway, Somerville Avenue, Beacon Street, and Broadway | Route 28 study; Prospect/Webster Street Design; Somerville Avenue design; East Broadway Improvements. |
| 8. Development of streetscape improvements with pedestrian amenities, including ADA, within the major transportation corridors of McGrath Highway, Somerville Avenue, Beacon Street, and Broadway | Route 28 study; Prospect/Webster Street Design; Somerville Avenue design; East Broadway Improvements. |
| Parks & Recreation and Other | Actions/Activities |
| 9. Reconstruct parks and playgrounds in eligible areas | Durrel Park; Allen Street Park; Kemp Nut Park; Perry Park; Stone Place Park; Harris Park, Groundwork Somerville; |
| 10. Increase the number of trees in the city | Street tree program |
| 11. Catalog and review historic properties | Historic property survey |

In addition to these overarching goals and objectives, most of the activities undertaken over the past year were directed towards one or both of the City's NRSA's. Section 13 below presents a more detailed discussion of the City's progress towards those goals, objectives, and benchmarks.

Please see Needs Table data at the end of this Tab for more information.

Public Service

Consolidated Plan Goal/Objective Description

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| 1. | Community Health –Increase awareness about violence against women & child abuse |
| 2. | Improve programs to meet basic needs, such as income maintenance, food, shelter, adequate clothing |
| 3. | Expand prevention & intervention for young families to reduce incidents of infant morbidity & mortality. Identify risk factors and early warning signs of developmental delays and educate families to implement behavioral changes |
| 4. | Reduce substance abuse & destructive conduct through individual & group |

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| | counseling |
| 5. | Provide necessary transportation for medical appointments and emergencies |
| 6. | Address the needs of emotionally disturbed & mentally ill youth & adults |
| 7. | Support Family Employment – Increase affordable day care slots for working families |
| 8. | Decrease isolation through education & workshops designed to empower & enable parents to share and support one another & form a community |
| 9. | Support Youth Empowerment – Training youth in capacity building, leadership development & service-to-other skills |
| 10. | Provide training to youth in how to reduce violence, create understanding, resolve conflicts & build community |
| 11. | Discrimination & Diversity – Provide ESL, Citizenship & immigration instruction. Empower diverse groups to participate in the community and assist them to advocate for themselves & integrate into the community & economy. Provide representation in judicial proceedings |
| 12. | Self-Sufficiency – Provide education, information, referral & training to enable residents to solve problems effectively & participate in the community |

- Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

Response: Strengthening the community with a continuation of the Union Square Farmers Market will enhance the community, and attract an increased number of customers to local businesses, improving the streetscape and strengthening local businesses in low and moderate income neighborhoods through 2-3 new the Storefront Improvement Projects in 2006, and helping local business communities to identify common needs and opportunities through the formation of a second Main Streets Program East Somerville (in addition to the Union Square project) will create more jobs for low and moderate income persons, improve the quality of life for the low to moderate income persons, and the Wayfinding Kiosk will improve access to information and mobility for persons with disabilities in Union Square. The Main Streets project will go into its third year of an expected five year program.

*Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

Antipoverty Strategy

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.

Response: The City's public service grants have funded numerous programs targeted at reducing the number of people living below the poverty level, including: ESL, citizenship classes and financial literacy workshops have enabled the immigrant & low income community employment opportunities and access to resources. Partnerships with the Career Source have provided residents with job search workshops and assistance with other resources. Computer training in public housing has enable residents to update their resumes and research job postings. Childcare training programs and business management courses have enabled 5 Haitian women to start their own day care centers while another 5 women are working as day care assistants.

The CIT/LIT program introduced 48 youth ages 13-15 to a job readiness program that included team building and leadership skills development. Two 4 week training sessions with 24 participants each met to train youth for future employment in a camp program or other job opportunity when they were age appropriate. Youth received a certificate and stipend upon completion of the program. At least four of the program alumni have found jobs in the child care or youth counseling field due to involvement and/or recommendations from the program.

Affordable child care, infant/toddler care and summer camp tuition assistance are strong preventative measures to ensure that parents remain in the workforce while their children are in safe, stimulating care environments. The Boys & Girls Club After-school program served 60 children, Mystic Learning Center 40 and Elizabeth Peabody House 24.

Early intervention services offered by the Guidance Center provided 84 linguistic minority families to access services for their developmentally challenged children (ages 0 to 36 months). Early specialized services and parenting education enable many children to transition into day care programs so families could continue to work. Early intervention services are cost efficient in lieu of special needs education.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Response: The Consolidated Plan identifies the following as medium to high priority non-homeless special needs:

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| 1. Severe Mental Illness | High |
| 2. People with Alcohol/Other Drug Addiction | High |
| 3. Frail Elderly | Med |
| 4. Developmentally Disabled | Med |
| 5. People with HIV/Aids | Med |

The City will continue to provide additional resources to target assistance for individuals and households that require permanent housing and supportive services for frail elderly, victims of domestic violence, formerly homeless teens and unwed mothers with children.

Actions taken to address special needs of people that are not homeless but require supportive housing are addressed in the Housing Section of this report.

2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Response: The City of Somerville has committed over \$1.2 million in CDBG and HOME funds toward the development of a (95) unit assisted living facility that will serve some frail elderly individuals under 30% of median area income. The City will continue to provide resources towards those agencies serving the needs of individuals and households who are on the verge of homelessness or in need of counseling or other mediation services to stabilize their environments. The City is considering funding renovations to the Walnut Street Center which houses individuals who are receiving services from the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The City has also provided Affordable Housing Trust funds towards the acquisition and rehabilitation of a home for battered women and children. Our federal resources have leveraged both federal, state, public and private resources in all of these projects.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

*Please also refer to the HOPWA Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.
2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.
3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.
4. Report on the accomplishments under the annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and

(3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.

5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.
6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.

Response: Not Applicable.

7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.

Response: Not Applicable.

8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.

Response: Not Applicable.

9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.

Response: Not Applicable.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Response: Not Applicable.

Jurisdiction

Only complete blue sections.

| Community Development Needs | Needs | Current | Gap | 5-Year Quarters | | | | | Completion | % of Goal | Priority Need: H, N, L | Dollars to Address | Elig. to Fund: Y/N | Fund Source |
|---|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | | | | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | | | | | | |
| | | | | Goal | Actual | Goal | Actual | Goal | | | | | | |
| 01 Acquisition of Real Property 570.201(8) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02 Disposition 570.201(9) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03 Public Facilities and Improvements (General) 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03A Senior Centers 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03B Handicapped Centers 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03C Homless Facilities (not operating costs) 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03D Youth Centers 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03E Neighborhood Facilities 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201(1) | 15 | 0 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03G Public Services 570.201(8) | 10 | 0 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03H Solid Waste Disposal Improvements 570.201(1) | 150 | 0 | 150 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03I Public Works Improvements 570.201(1) | 36,160 | 0 | 36,160 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03J Water/Sewer Improvements 570.201(1) | 505,600 | 0 | 505,600 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03K Street Improvements 570.201(1) | 133,800 | 0 | 133,800 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03L Sewerage 570.201(1) | 6,827 | 0 | 6,827 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03M Child Care Centers 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03N Teen Mentors 570.201(1) | 800 | 0 | 800 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03O Fire Station/Equipment 570.201(1) | 7 | 0 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03P Health Facilities 570.201(1) | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03Q Abuse and Neglected Children Facilities 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03R Address Removal 570.201(1) | 5 | 0 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03S Facilities for AIDS Patients (not operating costs) 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patient Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04A Clean-up of Contaminated Sites 570.201(1) | 50 | 0 | 50 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04B Public Services (General) 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04C Senior Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04D Handicapped Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04E Legal Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04F Youth Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04G Transportation Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04H Substance Abuse Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04I Substance Abuse Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04J Substance Abuse Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04K Employment Training 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04L Crime Awareness 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04M Fire Housing Activities (if CSBG, then subject to 570.201(4)) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04N Rental/Voucher Counseling 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04O Child Care Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04P Health Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04Q Abuse and Neglected Children 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04R Mental Health Services 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04S Screening for Lead-based Paint/Lead-based Pigment 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04T Solid Waste 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04U Neighborhood Activities (not CSBG) 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04V Rental/Voucher Subsidies (if HOME, not part of 570.201(4)) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04W Rental Voucher Subsidies (if HOME, not part of 570.201(4)) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04X Security Deposits (if HOME, not part of 570.201(4)) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04Y Interim Assistance 570.201(1) | 50 | 0 | 50 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04Z Urban Renewal Completion 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AA Relocation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AB Loss of Rental Income 570.201(1) | 10 | 0 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AC Removal of Architectural Barriers 570.201(1) | 7,332 | 0 | 7,332 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AD Construction of Housing 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AE Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AF Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AG Multi-unit Residential 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AH Public Housing Rehabilitation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AI Public Housing Rehabilitation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AJ Public Housing Rehabilitation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AK Public Housing Rehabilitation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AL Public Housing Rehabilitation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AM Public Housing Rehabilitation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AN Public Housing Rehabilitation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AO Public Housing Rehabilitation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AP Energy Efficiency Improvements 570.201(1) | 205 | 0 | 205 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AQ Energy Efficiency Improvements 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AR Acquisition - for Rehabilitation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AS Rehabilitation Administration 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AT Lead-based/Paint Hazard Test/Abate 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AU Code Enforcement 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AV Residential Historic Preservation 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AW Non-Residential Historic Preservation 570.201(1) | 17 | 0 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AX Non-Residential Historic Preservation 570.201(1) | 35 | 0 | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AY Historic Preservation 570.201(1) | 25 | 0 | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04AZ Historic Preservation 570.201(1) | 20 | 0 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04BA Direct Financial Assistance to Homeowners 570.201(1) | 35 | 0 | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04BB Direct Financial Assistance to Homeowners 570.201(1) | 50 | 0 | 50 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04BC Direct Financial Assistance to Homeowners 570.201(1) | 20 | 0 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04BD Technical Assistance 570.201(1) | 25 | 0 | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04BE Homeownership Assistance 570.201(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04BF HOME Admin/Planning Costs (not part of 570.201(4)) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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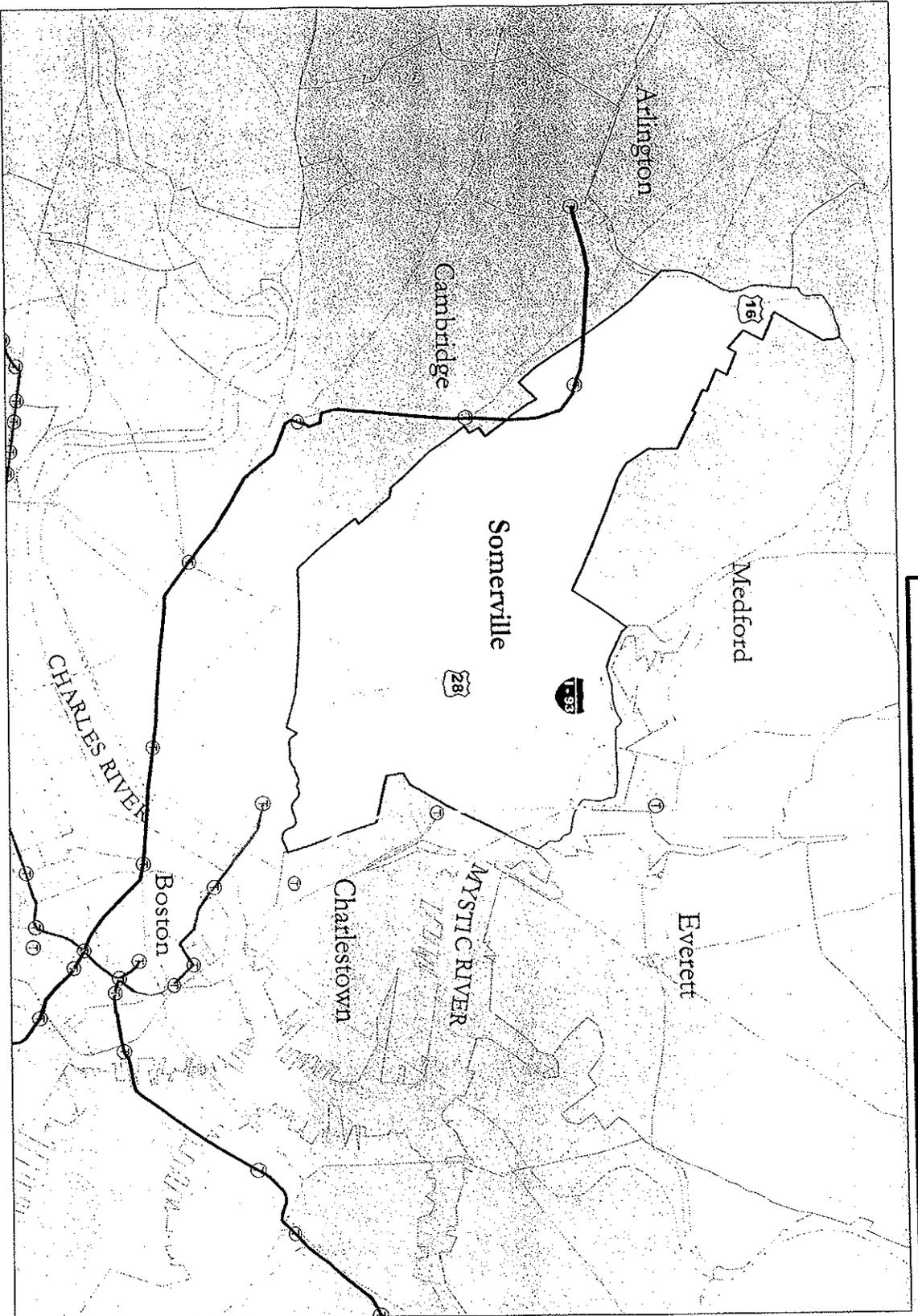
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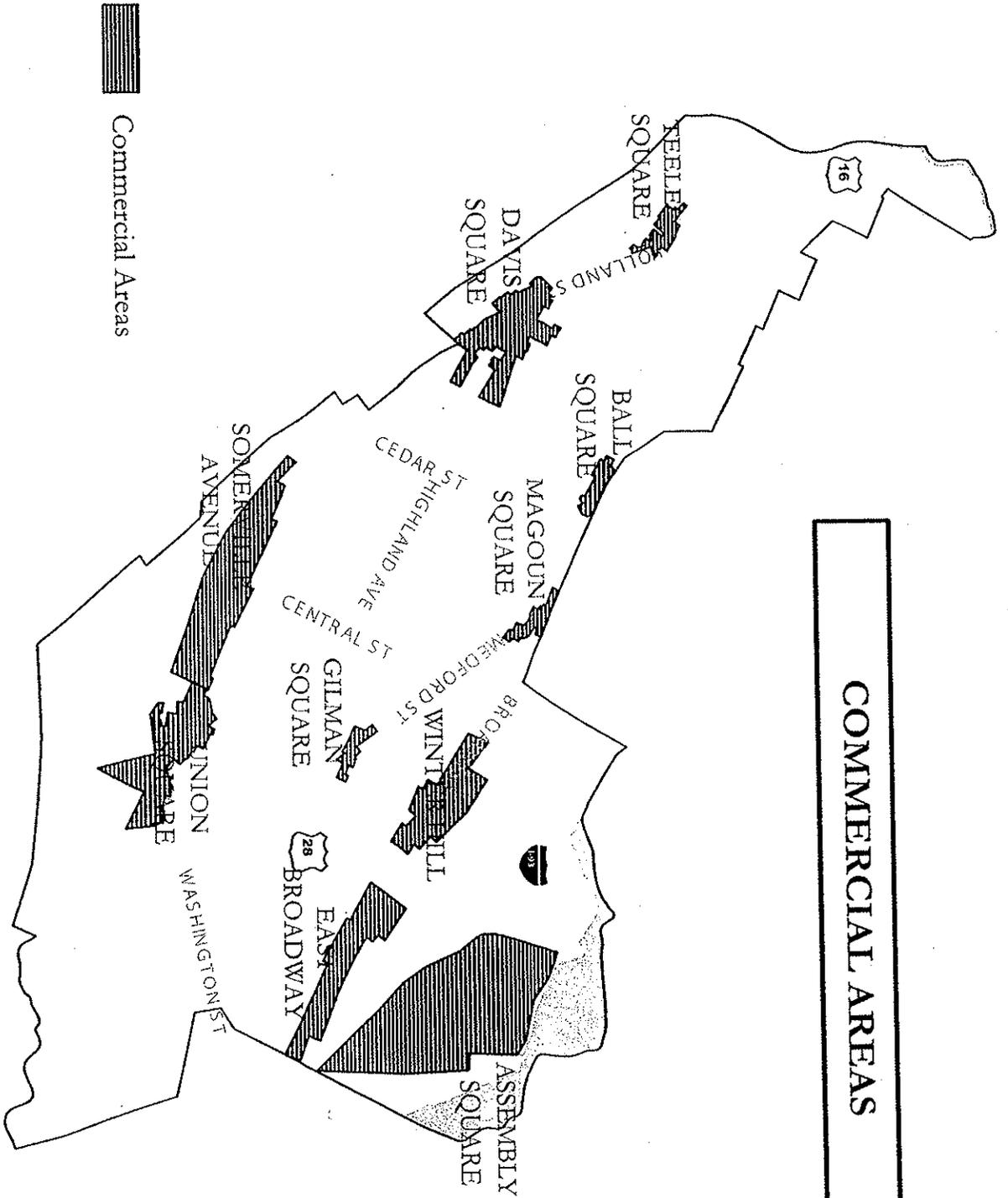
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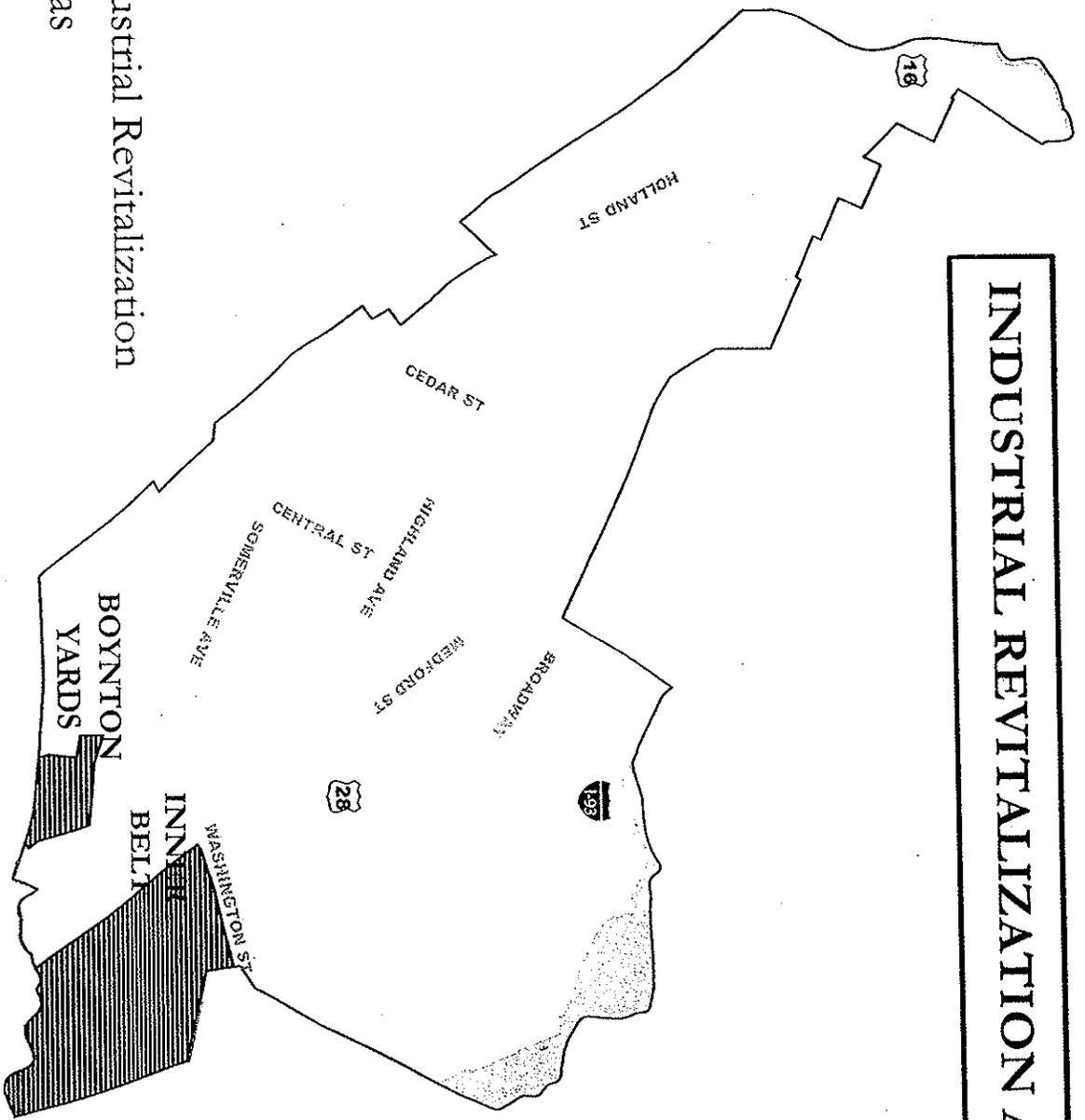


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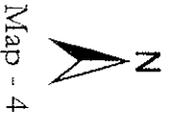
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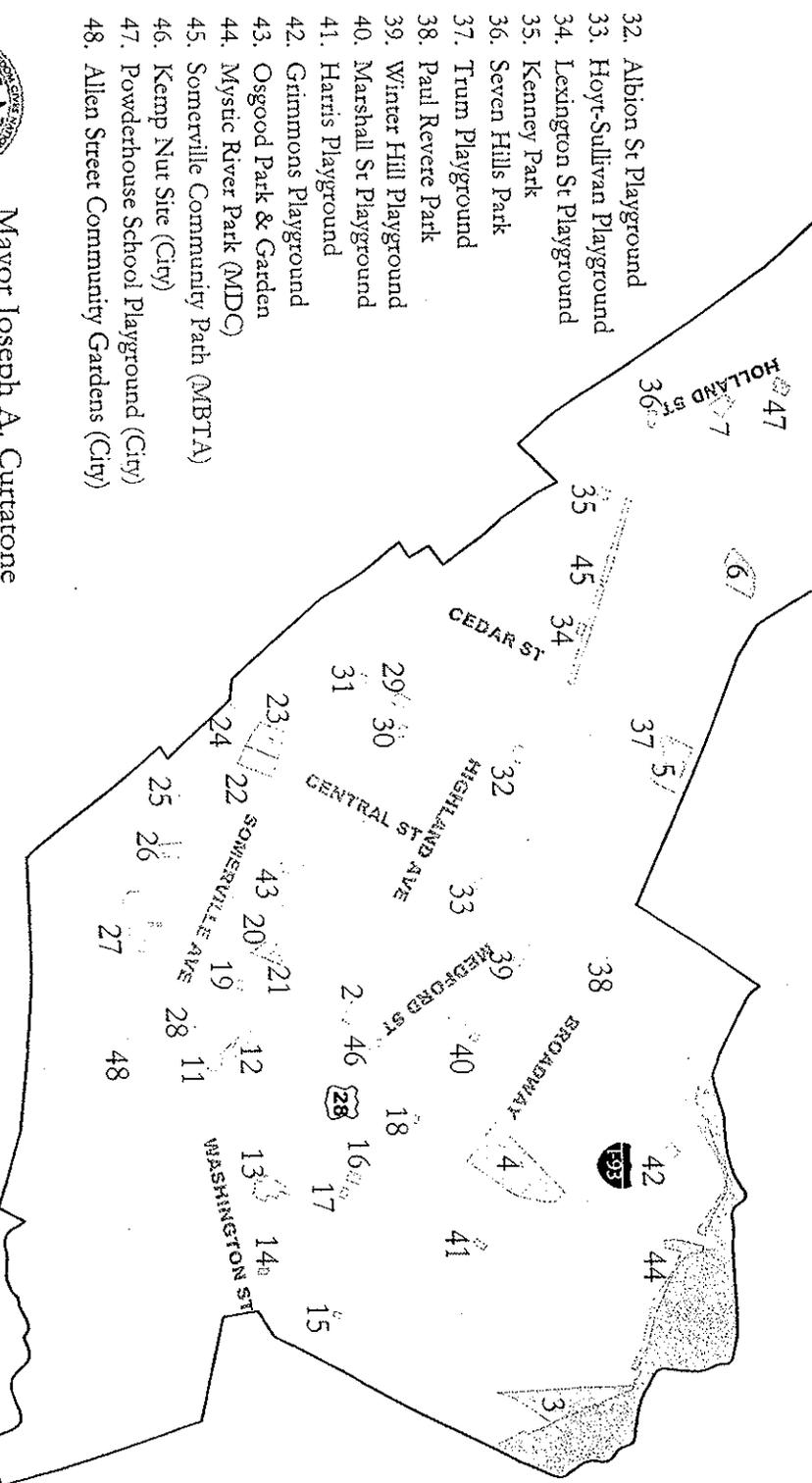


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PARKS & OPEN SPACE

- 1. Alewife Brook Park (MDC)
- 2. Central Hill Playground
- 3. Draw Seven Park (MDC)
- 4. Foss Park (MDC)
- 5. Trum Field
- 6. Nathan Tufts/
Powderhouse Park
- 7. Hodgkins/Curtin Park
- 8. Dilboy Field (MDC)
- 9. North
- 11. Corbett Park
- 12. Prospect Hill Park
- 13. Glen Park & Garden
- 14. Florence Playground
- 15. Perkins Playground
- 16. East Somerville Playground
- 17. East Somerville Courtyard
- 18. Otis Street Playground
- 19. Walnut Street Park & Garden
- 20. Nunziato Field
- 21. Community Growing Center
- 22. East Conway Park
- 23. West Conway Park
- 24. Durrell Playground
- 25. Palmacci Playground
- 26. Perry Park
- 27. Lincoln Park & Garden
- 28. Stone Place Playground
- 29. Dickeman Playground
- 30. Bailey Park

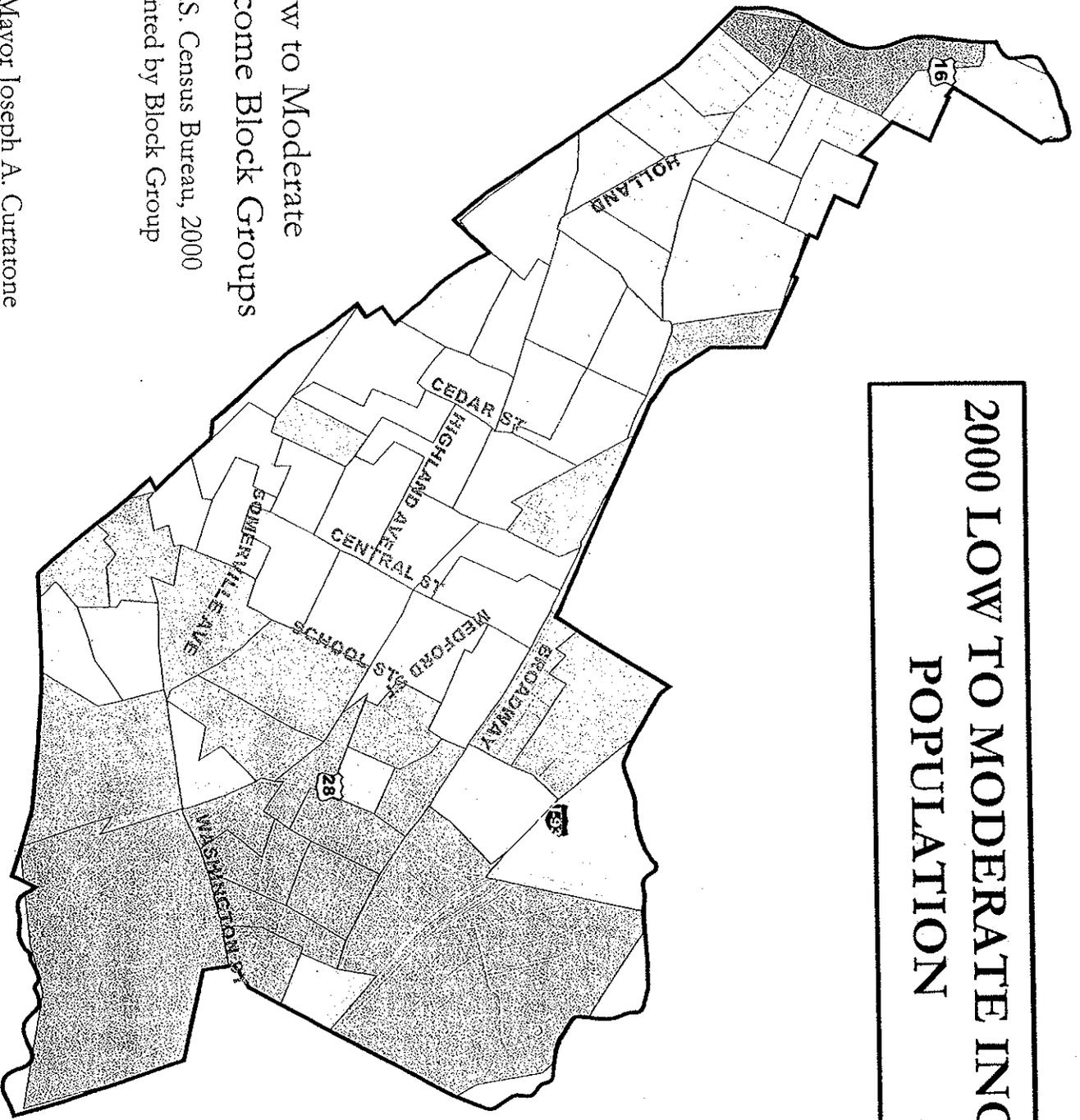


- 32. Albion St Playground
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- 34. Lexington St Playground
- 35. Kenney Park
- 36. Seven Hills Park
- 37. Trum Playground
- 38. Paul Revere Park
- 39. Winter Hill Playground
- 40. Marshall St Playground
- 41. Harris Playground
- 42. Grimmons Playground
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2000 LOW TO MODERATE INCOME POPULATION

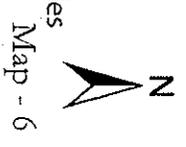


Low to Moderate
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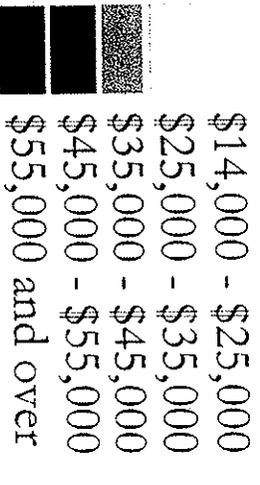
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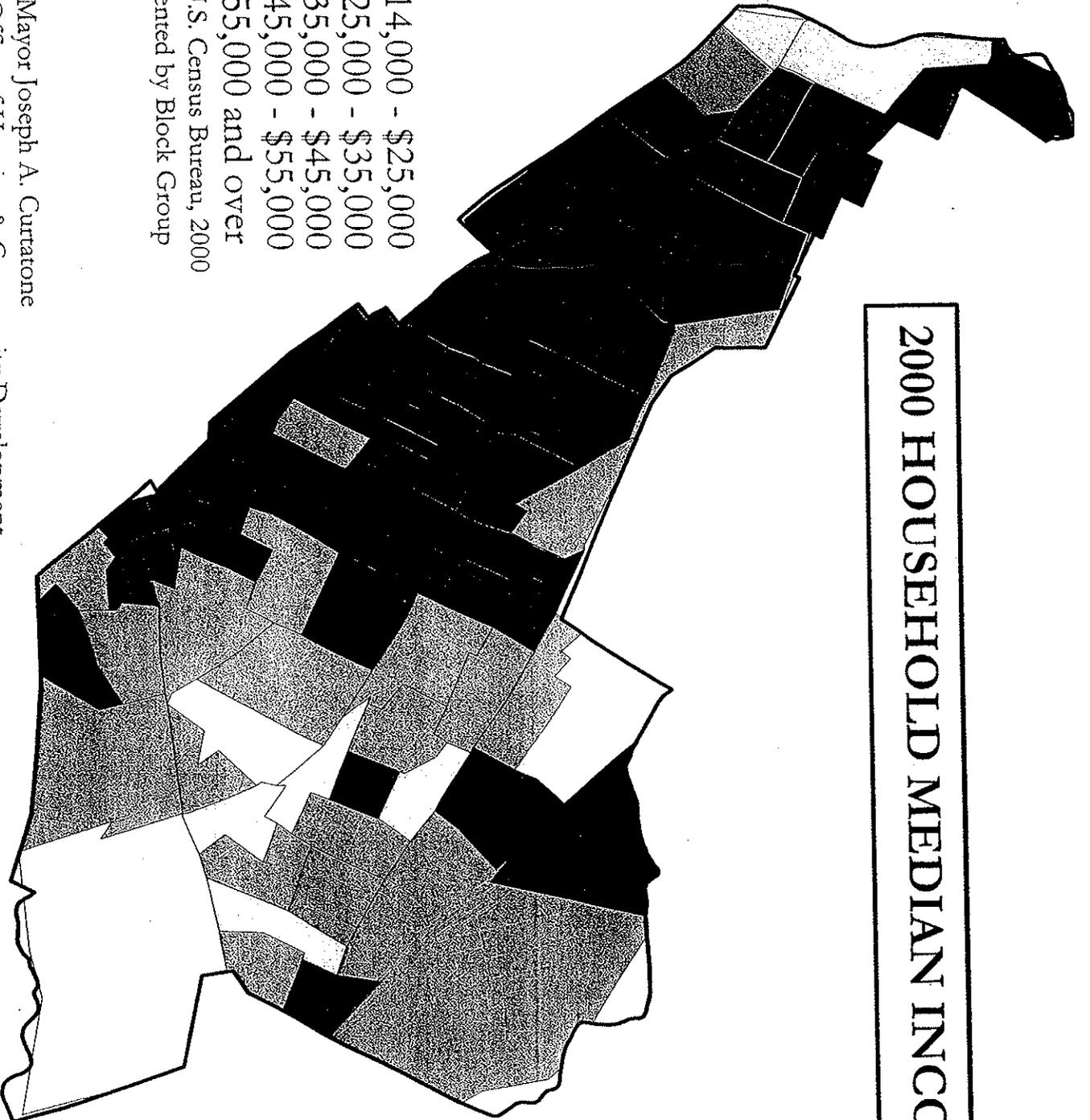
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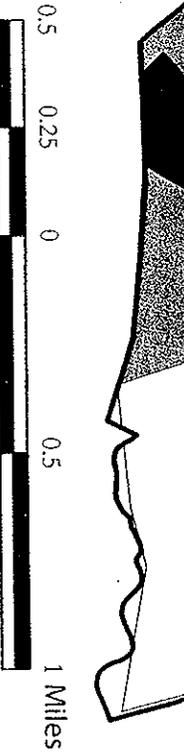
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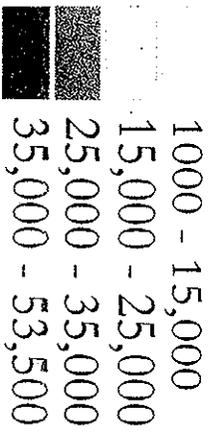


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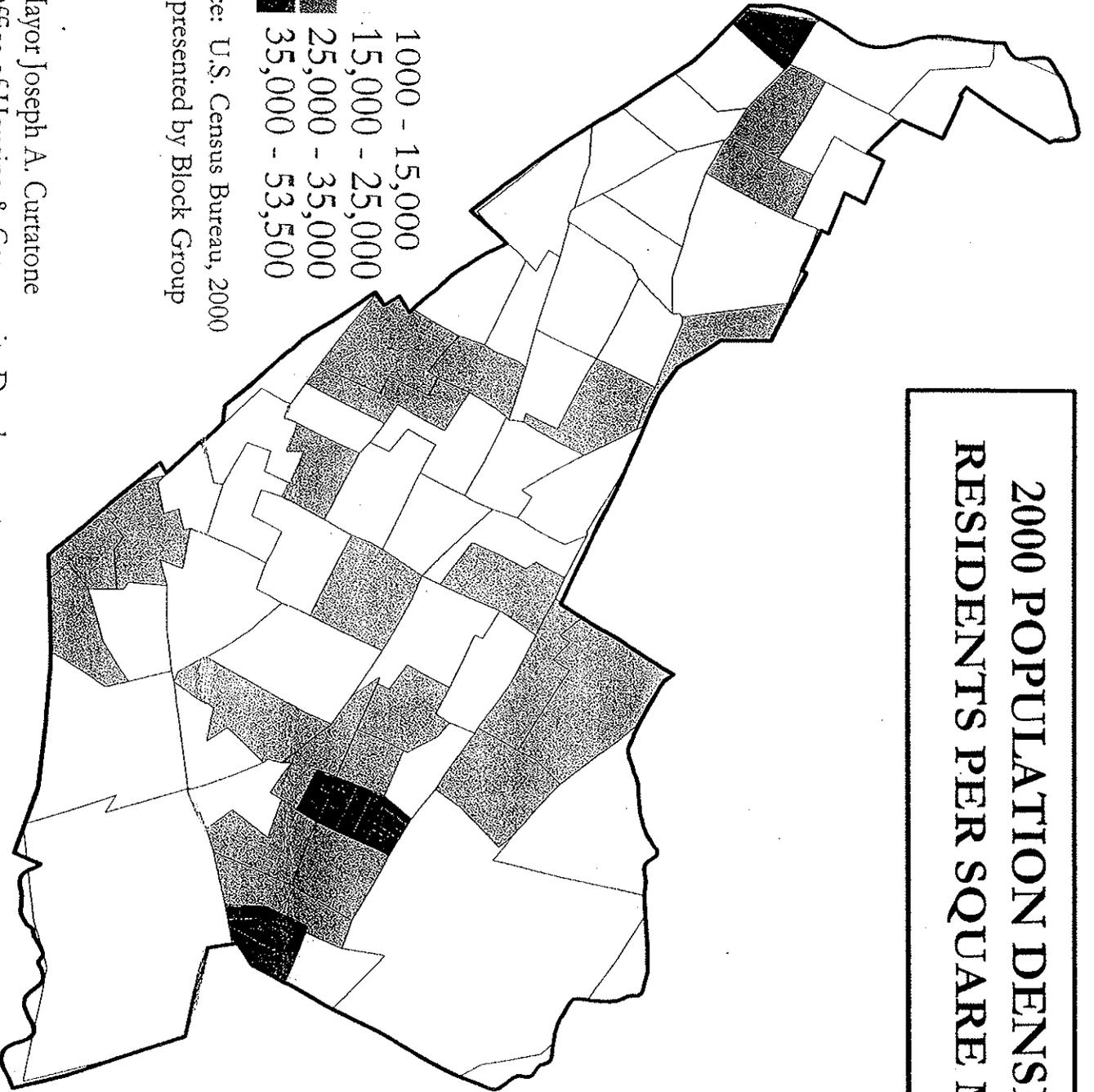


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2000 POPULATION DENSITY RESIDENTS PER SQUARE MILE



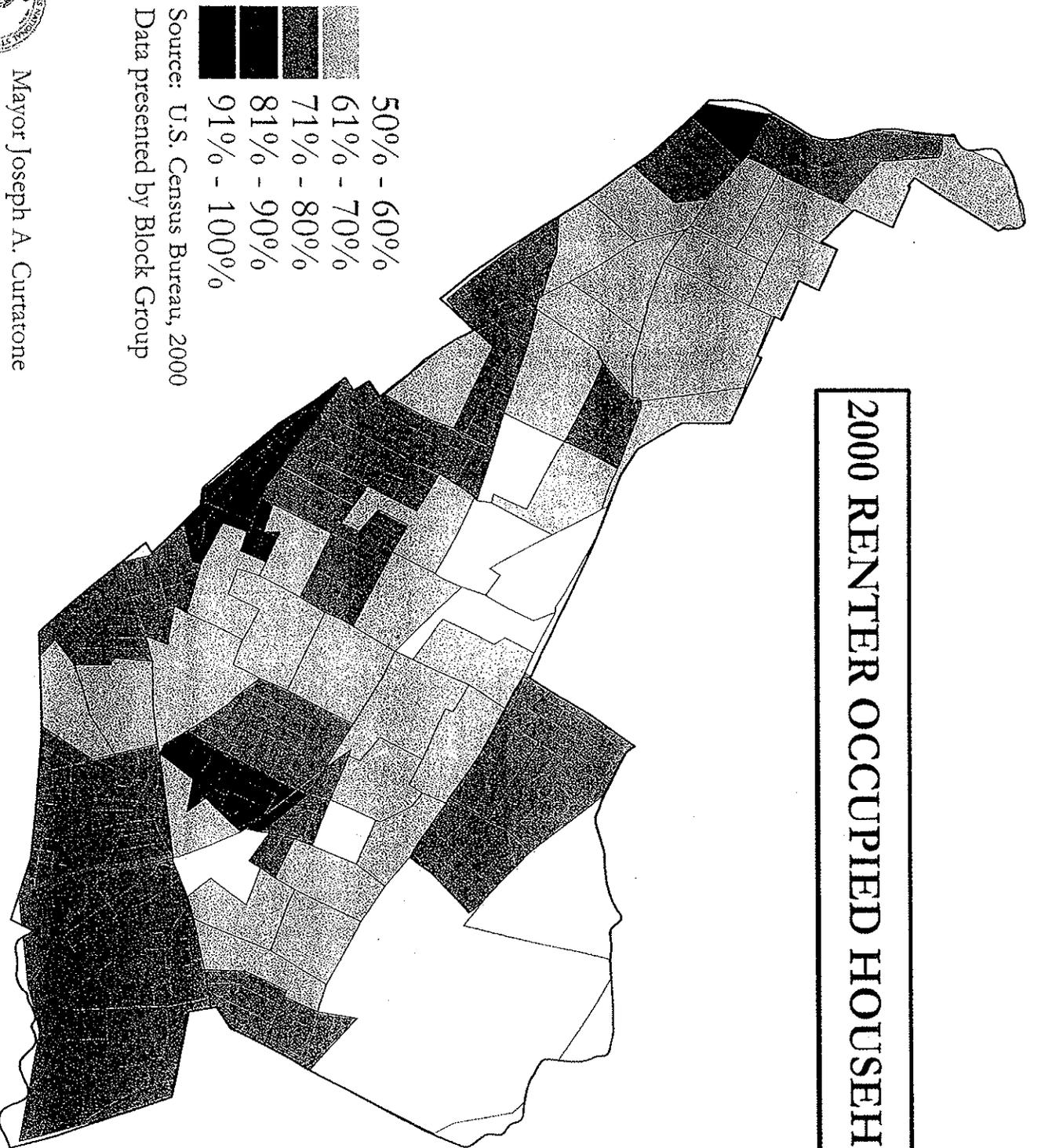
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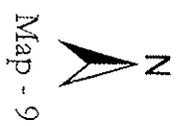
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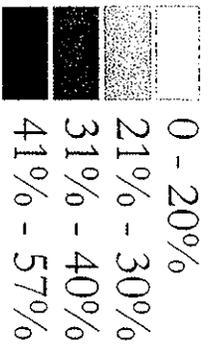
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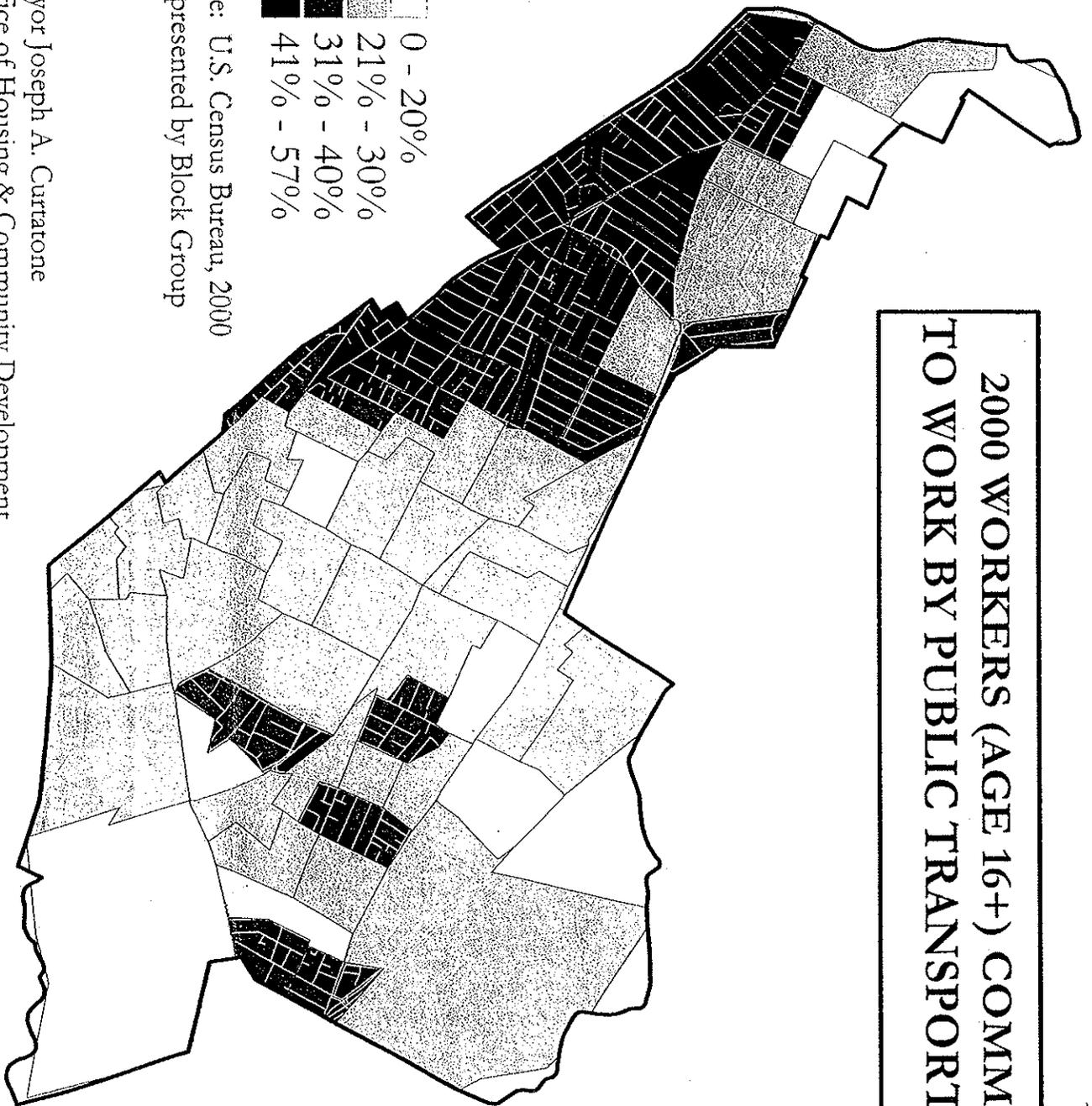
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2000 WORKERS (AGE 16+) COMMUTE TO WORK BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



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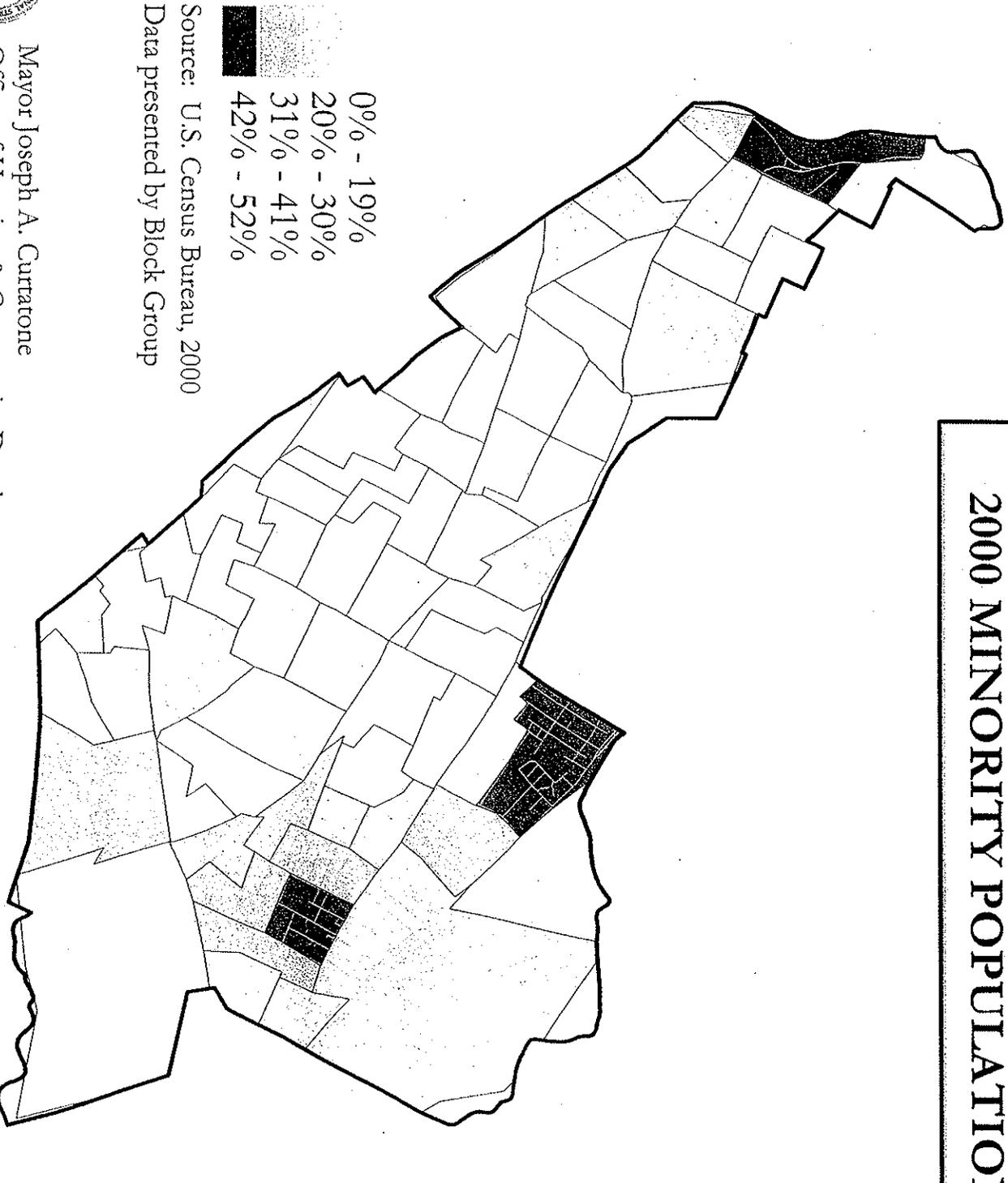


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2000 MINORITY POPULATION



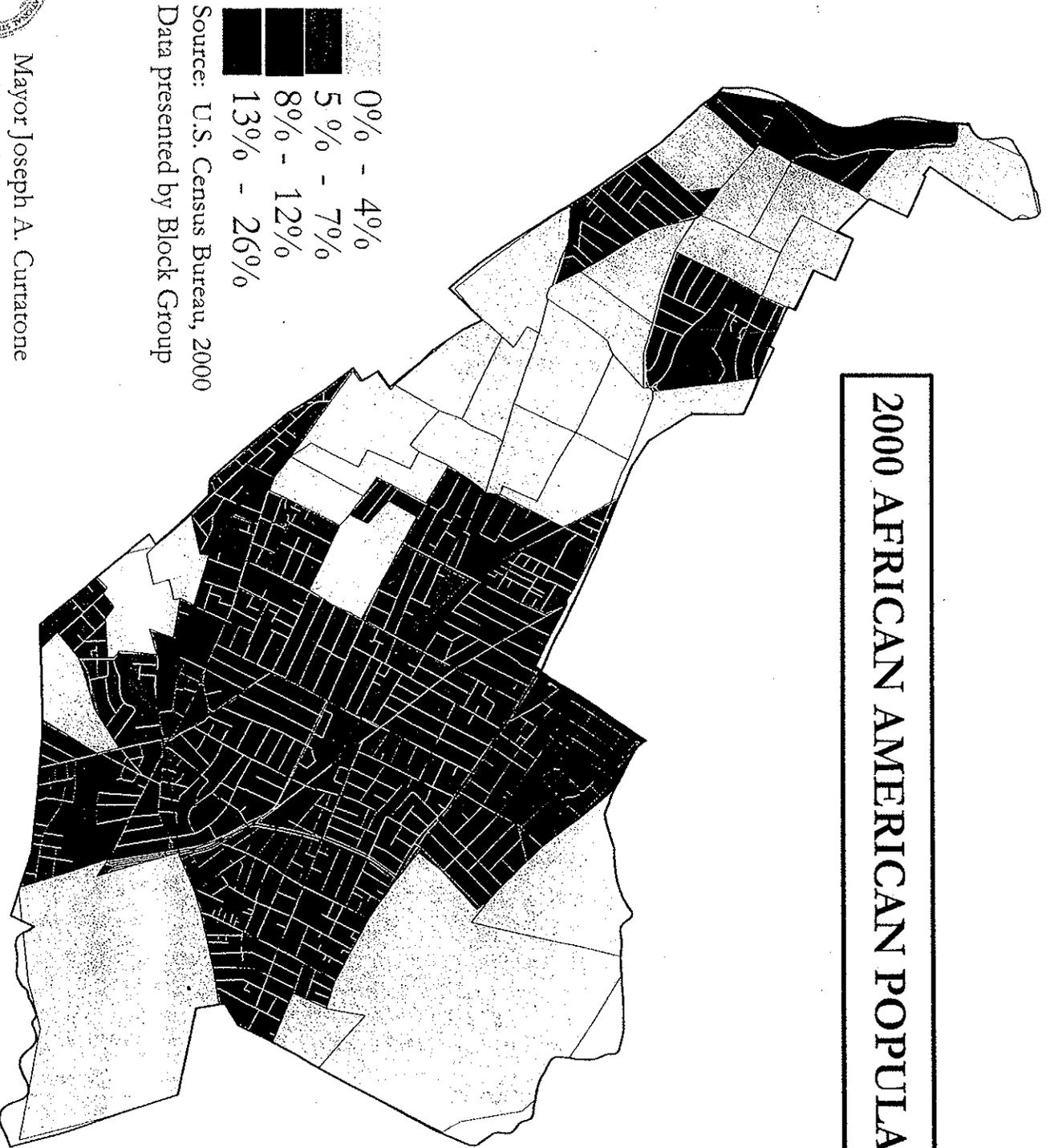
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2000 AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION



0% - 4%
5% - 7%
8% - 12%
13% - 26%

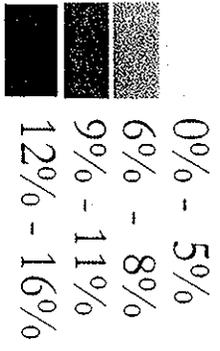
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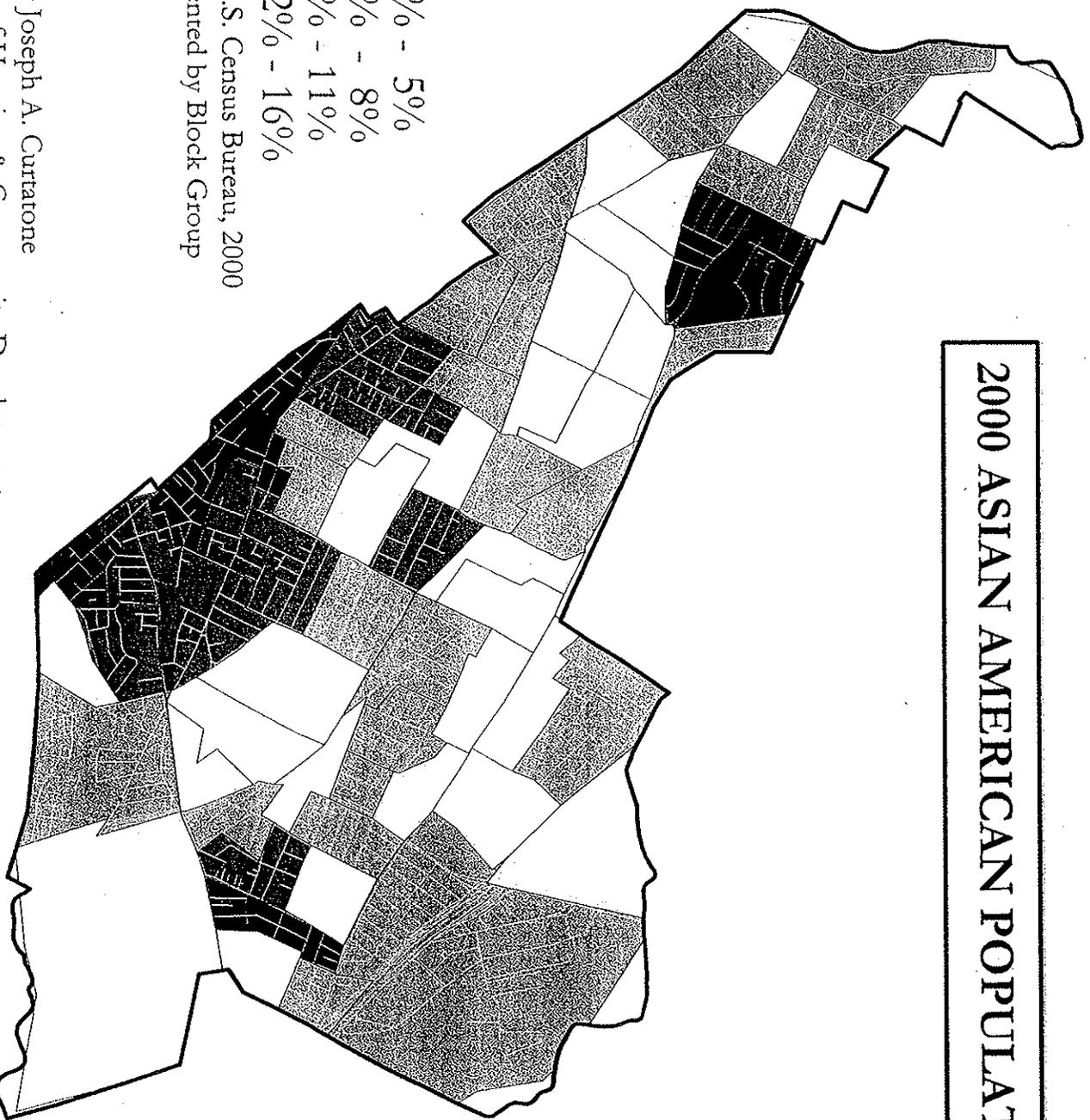
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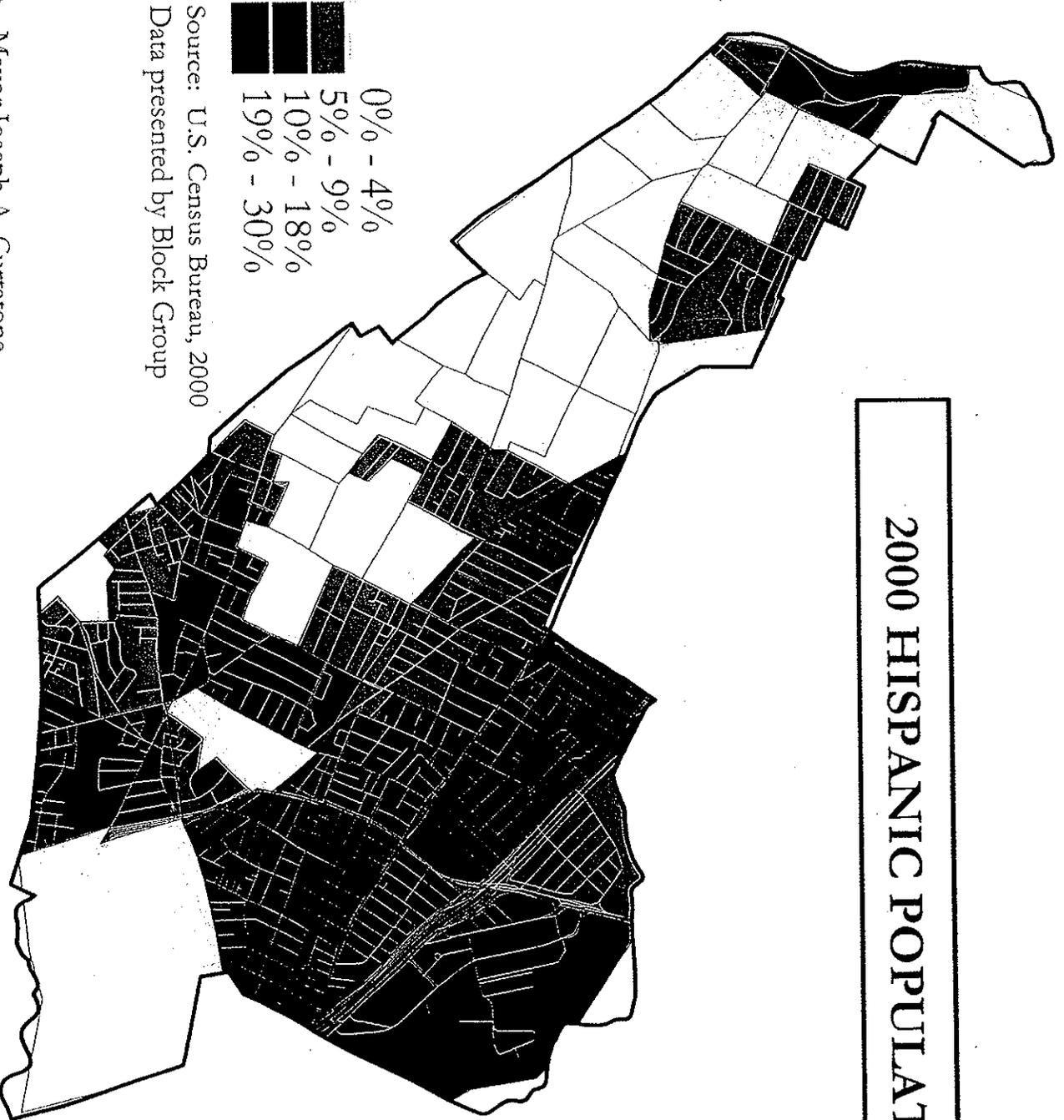
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City of Somerville

2006 Action Plan

Citizen Participation Plan for HUD Funded Programs

This plan is designed to encourage citizen participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan any substantial amendments to the Consolidated plan and the annual performance report that the City submits to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on annual basis to implement programs funded by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs.

Public Hearing Process

1. Frequency. The City will hold a minimum of two public hearings annually, at different times during the consolidated plan process to obtain citizen input on proposed programs and projects.
2. Location. Hearings will be held in areas of the City where CDBG funds are proposed to be used, specifically in neighborhoods of predominantly low- and moderate-income citizens as defined by the most recent U.S. census data.
3. Outreach. Public meeting notices will be published in both English and Spanish two weeks prior to the date of the hearing in general circulation publications within the City.
 - Translations of the public meeting notice in Haitian Creole and Portuguese, in addition to English and Spanish, will be published on the City's cable wheel.
 - Meetings will be posted in English on the City's website.
 - Fliers of the meeting will be posted and distributed in the following locations throughout the City
 - Mailing to all public service agencies with a request that the fliers be translated, if possible, into languages other than Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole or English, if this is appropriate for their constituency.
 - All branches of the Public Library
 - Front hall of City Hall
 - The Mayor's office
 - SPCD front desk
 - Other locations as deemed appropriate
4. Accessibility. All hearing/meeting locations will be handicapped accessible. Meetings will be advertised in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole (and other languages as appropriate). All ads, notices and fliers will include a TTY phone number and contact information to arrange for special accessibility requirements.
5. Information Provided. At the first public hearing after the City receives information on the amount of assistance it expects to receive from HUD (including grant funds and program income), the City will provide this information to the public. Generally at each hearing the following information is to be provided:
 - Amount of assistance received from HUD annually (grants & program

income);

- The range of activities that may be under-taken using these funds, including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low- and moderate-income;
- The areas of the City where activities may be under-taken;
- A description of the projects programs and services that are underway using currently available funds; and
- Copies of the most recently published consolidated plan; performance report; and other relevant documents (NRSA plans etc.)

Notification to Public Housing Authority

The City will provide information on a regular basis to the housing authority about consolidated plan activities related to its developments and surrounding communities so that the housing authority can:

- Make this information available at the annual public hearing required under the Comprehensive Grant program.
- Encourage participation among residents in the process of developing and implementing the consolidated plan.

Citizen Comment on the Consolidated Plan and Amendments, and Performance Reports

1. **Notification.** The City will publish notification of the availability of the proposed consolidated plan in a newspaper of general circulation, on the City website giving citizens not less than 30 days for the Consolidated Plan and Amendments and not less than 15 days for the Performance Report to comment.
 - The date on which the plan will be available and the date by which comments must be received;
 - The name of the person and/or agency where comments should be directed; and
 - The form that comments should take (written, email, fax etc.).
2. **Location.** The City will make the plan available at the following location for a period of not less than 30 days so that citizens may comment on the plan:
 - All branches of the public library;
 - Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development;
 - By email or parcel post as requested; and
 - On the City website.
3. **Consideration of Comments.** All comments or views of Citizens received in writing, or orally at the public hearings will be considered in preparing the final consolidated plan.

Criteria for Amendments to the Consolidated Plan

A deletion or addition of an activity, source of income or objective will constitute a substantial change in the consolidated plan.

Availability to the Public

The final consolidated plan and amendments and the final performance report will be made available to the public at the following locations and by the following means:

- All branches of the public library;
- Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development;
- By email or parcel post as requested; and
- On the City website.

Technical Assistance

The City will provide technical assistance to citizens, public agencies and other interested parties in providing technical assistance in developing proposals for funding under any of the programs covered by the consolidated plan.

**PUBLIC HEARING 11/9/05
ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN**

Mark Friedman - With us tonight is Paul Mackey, Assistant Director of Housing, Ezra Glen the Director of Planning, Dana LeWinter Director of Special Projects at the Housing Department, Penny Synder, which some of you may know, is the Public Service Project Administrator. That is it for us tonight. The Executive Director of this department, James Kostaras is not able to attend tonight, but on behalf of Jim I would like to welcome everybody. Before we dig in a little bit tonight I just want to ask Ezra Glen to ask any questions of folks.

Ezra Glen- The Mayor couldn't be here, Jim Kostaras couldn't be here he is actually at a Chamber of Commerce event. I want to thank you guys for coming out. I would love to have a meeting like this and have a hundred people in the room. I don't want to blame you guys because you guys came but as the process goes on certainly help spread the word. A lot of you are key stakeholders. Talk to constituents and neighbors and get people to come. This is really a process we want to get much input as possible. Where here to talk about Community Development and how to spend the city's community development money that we get from HUD. How many of you live here in Somerville? How many of you work here? Who has been to a public meeting in Somerville before? Who has ever had an idea to make the city better? How many of you have talked to your Alderman about that idea? How many have someone at called city hall about it? That's the process and this is a more formal process. We have voicemail, email, where they're from eight-thirty to four-thirty. Let us know your ideas. Block grant money and money that comes from HUD is really good money. It's here for really good things. I think Block Grant is one of the last great things that come out of Washington.

Mark Friedman - I want to start out the meeting by explaining a few basic things to everybody. Some of you may be familiar with these programs and a lot of the acronyms that you will hear but for those of you that aren't familiar I just want to run over a couple quick definitions for you. You may hear OSPCD that means The Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development in the City of Somerville. You may here CDBG which means Community Development Block Grant, PSG is Public Service Grants, and the whole program and then also ESG which is Emergency Services Grants. We have a couple slides for you tonight. It may be helpful to go through a couple of things. I just want to give everybody a high level view of what were talking about tonight in terms of programs and also dollar amounts that the city of Somerville currently has available in program. For CDBG we sometimes refer to as the entitlement grants. The city has 3.3 million dollars of programs from the federal government. The CDBG basically provides annual grants to carry out community development activities directed towards neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and improving community facilities and services. The amount of funds that Somerville receives each year is determined by a formula. The formula is a federal formula and one of the intentions of the CDBG program is to provide flexibility to the Cities and Towns for us to determine what the best use of those funds are. However it is a flexible program, as many of you may know there are restrictions that the federal government places on the uses of this money. For example, according to the Federal regulations no less than 70% of the funds spent must be used for activities that benefit low or moderate-income persons. That's a highlight of the CDBG in terms of money we have this year. One subset of the CDBG which many of you are very interested in here tonight. Is the PSG and this year we have approximately half a million dollars per grant from the Federal Government that we have allocated towards the PSG. That money comes out of the larger 3.3 million dollars just so you can keep the budgeting straight in your minds.

Question: I assume it has gone down from last year. Can you tell us how much you had last year?

Mark Friedman: I think the numbers were roughly about 10% higher. We don't know what's coming for next year. We hope to find out from our local HUD officials in Boston but it's possible we could be looking at another tight year maybe even some reductions but right now were just waiting to see what type of allocations are approaching down in Washington D.C. The PSG are approximately half a million dollars again for this year and as many of you know these grants allow the city of Somerville to provide public services. They can be concerned with but not limited to employment, crime prevention, childcare, health, drug abuse education, and energy cultivations. As an aside, for those of you that are interested in this program its important to know for this year coming up that applicants these funds are only in the case of newly offered activity or in the case of an existing activities we must be able to quantifiably measure an increase in the programs activities from the

prior year. Those are the federal regulations that the City of Somerville is operating under. What the intention of that guidance really is that this is to spur on new approaches and new activities for the city but not just a replacement necessarily of funding for existing programs so we need to keep that in mind for this year.

Question: Is that new or is that been the case?

Mark Friedman: It's been in existing at least in terms of the existing regulations. How far back I don't know the answer to that but I want to make sure that going forward everybody preparing to submit applications for these funds that they are really thinking about that.

Ezra Glen: One thing that has been changing is HUD as been getting normal pressure to show results to document. So even though you had to do something new that was expanding but you never had to really document it, it was harder to say if you were really doing it or not. But now they are really trying to get that performance measured.

Mark Friedman: We also have a program for this year what we call Home funds. Less than one million dollars for this year. Paul Mackey will explain about it a later on. But basically what these funds do is they provide annual grants to implement local housing strategies design to increase home ownership and affordable housing opportunities for low and very low income Americans. The last pieces of funding that were looking at tonight if the Emergency Shelter Grants. It's a smaller part of money for the city but it is important. It's approximately \$126,000 for this year and these grants go to help increase both number and the quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families and to operate these facilities and provide essential support services and to prevent homelessness. Some of the things that we look at as we try develop budgets and programs for the upcoming program year is we will be looking to see weather the programs that we want to implement next year weather they fall within eligible activities. What we mean by eligible activities is there a whole list of eligible and ineligible activities that the federal government, HUD basically outlines for us as a way to guide us what we can and can't use these moneys for. We can use these money for in a broad sense is the acquisition of a property, public facilities, and improvements, clearance of debris and other things from property, rehabilitating property, special economic development activates, including job creation. It allows to use some of this money for planning and administration purposes and then we also were allowed to use block grant money for public services within the city. We do have some initial restrictions on how much money we can use for public services. Hopefully that gives you a broad overview of how much funding we get this year. We don't know how much money or funds we will be looking at for next year. We are hoping that we will get a good share for this program year coming up. But there is a picture of the overall funding.

Ezra Glen: The next piece is to just a tour of some of the projects we have done or doing to give you a sense of that. Then we are going to open and get some comments from you about programs, projects, and activities that you think we should be doing. On you table you can see all the activities that we have been doing in 2004-2005 using block grant and home money. You can see they tend to cluster around low moderate areas with these rates it's a lot easier to spend money there. We can occasionally do it some other areas but it's trickier. Every year we put money in the block grant program to plant street trees. We can only use that money to plant them in low moderate-income areas. We put about 70,000 that gets us about 120 trees. They plant them in the spring and sometimes in the fall and it's a pretty straightforward program. We want it and we have a commitment to continue to do it. We can up the number we can reduce the number depending on how the whole budget looks but that's an example on how to spend block grant money to make the city better. **(Next slide)** This is another standard thing we do is renovate parks. In 2004, we came up with some money in the block to design an improvement to Perkins Park but \$50,000 hiring a designer, working it through with the community, coming up with a really cutting edge new design for an interesting small little park. In the current year action plan we put money to construct that park about \$300,000 and construction is under way now. One nice piece about that is we were putting block grant money in and we had that commitment, we knew we could do it, we were able to move ahead and then as we were moving through with the process, we were able to use those good designs, use that commitment to get a state grant to actually pick up 2/3's of the costs. So this is one of the beauties on the block grant program is because we know we have the money, we can spend time seeking other pools of money outside the city and as a result we are getting a whole new park for just over \$100,000 when you put the design and construction together. The hope is then that park will get re-done and we won't have to come back to it for about 15-20

years we can move on to another one. So every year there were 2 or 3 parks in there we move around. That's Parks and Open Space. We cannot make it economic development. Priority of this administration we really try to figure out what we can do to get the economy moving, to create jobs, to increase our commercial tax. A piece of that is the block grant program. There is a program a lot like the Street Tree Program that's been going on for many years, The Store Front Improvement Program. Every year we put about \$100,000 in to this program. There is a project manager in our department that goes out and markets the program to business owners. We recently redid Casey's. We put in \$40,000 and the owner put in about \$60 or 70 of his own money and there's a successful project. It's much easier to spend this money in low moderate-income areas. It does require a match on the part of the business owner so again it's a good way to levered private investment. This isn't just a give away for business owners it's a way to say lets meet in the middle. We do exercise from design control to make sure the designs really work with the community.

(Next slide) This is a new program we did in the past year. Hopefully you heard about the Union Square Main Streets. In the action plan we put money in almost as a challenge. There were no Union Square main streets at the time. But we knew that was a model that we thought would work to create a public-private partnership. We wanted to have a private partner. We looked to Union Square community and said if you guys could form an organization and work with us along this national model we could give you some seed money for that and that money came from the block grant program. We committed to them \$75,000 the first year another \$75,000 the second year, which allowed them as a new non-profit to get off the ground. It was a nice section to exempt from the public service cap so they didn't compete with all of you for that money because they were doing economic development and were hopes of doing that same project on East Broadway. We put up some pillars and hopes of someday have a number of main streets prophecies. Union Square Main Street has had some success already. They partnered with the city and the arts council for the arts union festival, they got the farmers market to come to Union Square this summer and all of that was a small investment as part of the block grant program.

Question – What are some of the future plans for East Broadway?

Ezra Glen - Number one is pull that money out to East Broadway so you can get Main Street group together and corporate it that money is here waiting in a box for you. We currently have about \$600,000 set aside for East Broadway Streetscape project. Right now were seeking some money from the State and double that pool and do the plans that some of you may have seen in the past few years. Those two are the biggest.

Paul Mackey- The housing rehab and housing program we use both Block Grant and we use Home. W have been doing this for more then 20 years and its one of the most popular usage of block grant and home funds that can be used for similar purposes. What we do is have low interest loans and we give them to property owners to fix up their property or maintain them. In exchange in doing that something that most people don't realize, is if they rental units those rental units get a restriction on them and can't charge more then the fair market rent for the life of the loan. By using this money over the years and talking hundreds of homes. There are hundreds of units that are affordable but we don't count as affordable because the state regulations don't allow us to but they are in fact affordable. It keeps Somerville families here in Somerville and keeps rents to a level. So we used that money for that purposes plus it fixes up the home. It also has a major impact for our seniors because we have a lot of seniors on fixed income and all the taxes have gone up, waters gone up, the cost of living and utilities and they can't maintain their properties. But they also don't want to leave so the only way we can help them is use the Block Grant or Home funds to help them maintain their property. Fix their roof, put a new heating system in, a lot of energy improvements over the years especially in the wintertime. That has been the bread and butter of Block Grant it started in housing rehab and has flourished into economic development with street and parks. But we actually were the first recipients.

Question: How many homes are actually set-aside for people with disabilities?

Paul Mackey: Housing Authority does and certainly some developments do. For our program no, these are private homes. There maybe some with ramps, and accessible but it's not a requirement of the program. Who comes to use is people who own the home and often times over the years we out in handicap ramps and bathrooms that are accessible. It really benefits people we all know. It just people that lived here and want to stay here and don't have the miens to maintain their property.

Question: Is the money for owner occupied residents only?

Paul Mackey: No. That is most of our clients. But we certainly will invest your property for somebody that doesn't live there again tying their rents to make affordable rents and tying it to individuals who are low income. So it doesn't have to be in fact, we like to see investors come through and say I have three apartments I'm looking for a decent deal and we have a deal for them. They would have to keep their rents affordable for the life of the loan until you pay us back. So that's how we capture it. It's a win win situation for everybody.

Question: Fair market rents and where do they come from?

Paul Mackey: Their actually generated by HUD, the same group that does generate our income restrictions and rent restrictions. What they do is just take Boston and take the area and based on senses and income and so forth, and they generate what a fair market rent is and if you want that information anytime it's on the city's website. If you don't have access to the website it's in our offices posted on the third floor at City Hall and also posted at the housing division on fifty Evergreen Ave.

Question: Just wanted to clear up that you said it's not a requirement of the program to work with making homes disability confined but this a federal program so it has to be confined through the ADA?

Paul Mackey: We can address ADA requirements but no. In this case private homes like this that are owned by mom and dad do not have to meet those ADA requirements.

Question: But if they are funded by this grant then of course they do.

*Paul Mackey: Yes. We can talk about that and show you the requirements that allow home rehabilitation that don't require that. Otherwise you have every home needing to be completely redone to make it accessible for everybody when it wasn't necessary. There is a reasonable standard and this is one of those. Good questions and just wanted to point out that we also have a heating system replacement program, which is very popular so if you know clients or family members that live in Somerville we all know what the heating bills are going to be like this winter. A lot of heating systems in the city and we try to replace them and it's a wonderful deal for owner occupancy only not investors for that program. We have lead hazard abatement. It has been successful. We have done 282 houses in the city in the last few years. Removing lead paint so were helping children so they don't get lead poison. We have a great outreach program. We have FEMA money that we administer from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that comes in and were able to disperse that to people who are having trouble paying utility bills. We have affordable housing projects, which we will talk about on the next slide, both rental and homeownership. For a small office we do incredible amounts of development and investment in some of this development. It kind of gets unsung because that's just the nature of the business. (Next Slide) This is a way to expense some of our block grant money. Anybody who is familiar with Somerville Community Corps property down on Linden Street which has 42 affordable units that was made possible by our investment of \$276,000 in Block Grant. We then invested a lot in home dollars and that leveraged again an enormous amount of money from the state that allowed the building to be built and occupied by low and moderate income folks. If anyone has seen on Jaques and Temple Street were putting 15 new homeownership units. If anyone has been to the public meetings at the VNA on Lowell Street that was our project with the help of about one million dollars in block grant. We invest a million and the thing gets built for about \$17 million and it's a home to 97. The only assisted living facility in the state that is home to all 97 low income seniors. No body else has done that. So we have been successful using our block grant and leveraging it for good purposes. We are always open to new ideas. Many of you that work in agencies you already kind of know where you want to go. SCC and many of the developers that we work with kind of know where they want to go. If anybody has ideas or if they see a need out there we certainly would welcome those opinions. Thank you.

Penny Snyder: The next set up of slides is about public services. The public service funding enables the city of Somerville to provide social services to low income residents. Approximately 15% of the cities entitlement funds can be used for social services. Last year the city funded just under \$500,000 and they awarded 33 contracts to non-profit agencies. The picture you see up here is one of our guests here tonight. This is kind of special program. It's an after school daycare which provides an enrichment recreation program for approximately 45 children. And in addition it provides an employment component for 15-17 young teens who are employed as teacher's aides who then are these positive role models for these young kids that they work with. (Next slide) As I said, last year we awarded 33 grants for low income families. They provided affordable childcare and daycare

enabling parents to work. School aged children from low income families received after school homework help and assistance with class room material. Low income families with special needs children were able to attend parenting workshops to help them support their child towards development. Low income families moving out of residential and shelter programs received mentor education and support. Low income women experiencing domestic violence received crisis intervention. Low income families received emergency food at our food banks. Low income families received updates and accurate information about local services and how to stabilize their life. In addition to servicing low income families these services also provided youth leadership programs in the city. Teens worked hard to identify pressing issues and ways to develop strategies to address them. Teens were trained as mentors to teach cooperation, tolerance, and conflict resolution. Teens learned job readiness skills and social skills to contribute in the community. Additionally there were programs for elders and disabled residents. There were medical transportation and shopping transportation to enable them to remain independent. There were wellness and health prevention programs to develop for the elderly and mentally disabled residents. Substance abuse counseling was funded to facilitate treatments and living situations. There were culturally appropriate program for our newcomers and non-English speakers. There was education and counseling service as well as ESL classes to promote their ability to come into the community to establish their self-efficiency. I attempted to give you an overview of all the social services that were provided with the CDBG funds last year. I am very proud of the work the social service agencies did with the funds they received. With these CDBG funds many agencies were able to leverage other public and private funds. Also the RFP will be available December 1st for next year funding cycle due back January 10th. Thank you.

Mark Friedman: There are a few key dates coming up for us that we want all of you to know about. Penny just mentioned for the Public Service and Emergency Shelter Grants the RFP will be available December 1st and we will be requesting the completed RFP come back to us on or before January 10th. And again this meeting tonight is basically the kick off to our public process to gain input into the development of an action plan for next year and were very eager tonight to hear opinions and inputs from everybody here to find out what needs you see, what programs your looking for to improve and looking to get that input and to find out from you all the information that can go into developing an effective action plan for next year. While we are kicking off the process tonight we plan to have a draft plan available sometime around the beginning of next year. The reason why that is approximate is because we don't know the precise funding that were going to be getting from the federal government yet so when we know that we can then crunch all our numbers and put out a draft plan to everybody for their review. Were targeting a draft plan for sometime around the beginning of next year for public review. We will have a second public hearing where everybody can have a chance to look at the plan and have additional feedback and then we have a firm deadline of February 15 in order to have a finalized plan back to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Those are our key dates right now in this process and as a result of all that we will be kicking off the new program year for these programs which start April 1st of next year.

Ezra Glen: That includes the boring part of the presentation. Now you get to talk and we get to listen. The only thing about the key dates is we know it's a very aggressive timetable. We plan on getting that done in time to meet that deadline. Keep in mind I would like to thank Mark, who's been here 2-3 weeks, as Director of Administration and Finance. I had been to these a number of times and typically we come and here from the public service agencies, which is great. I was concerned that you saw that 15% of the money is the most we can give to public services and all the rest for other community development like housing things, economic development, parks, transportation, and infrastructure. I do want you to think about your role here as an applicant for your public service agency and also a key member of our community with other ideas. So make your pitch for funding the youth program or senior program or whatever it is that needs to be funded. Also tell us what the sidewalk is like in front of your facility or the kids down the street that can't get a job or here's a great way to avoid them. We love to hear these ideas. We will concern ourselves with all the requirements and how to create a project out of that. I'm not making any promises but we need to start with these great ideas. I guess it is a formal public hearing so if you come up so the microphone could hear you.

Dennis Sullivan: One thing that I noticed being on the Board of Alderman for the last year in a half, I have been very involved with the disability commission over the past six months. One thing I get visiting senior homes in East Somerville and across the City is accessibility issues. People on motorized wheelchairs. A guy on Election Day says, "How do I get from our pleasant apartments to the New Development in Assembly Square?" He can't do it so I would like to look at the big picture. I know in Main Street I have gone to some meeting in Union Square. I have gone to some meetings their

trying to start down on lower Broadway and their talking about accessibility issues. I know we don't have full time ADA coordinator here in the city. One thing I'm fighting for on the board is a full time ADA coordinator. Bonnie Carroll did a great job. When somebody saw an issue regarding somebody was handicapped we brought it to their attention and we reacted to it. I would like to get to the point regarding disability issues that weren't proactive areas. We have a disability commission. Many members are here tonight and they do a great job. They don't have a budget and I would like to see them have a budget and a full time ADA coordinator and get proactive on making this city more accessible. That's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

Walnut Street
Center:

Thanks a lot everyone. First thing on June 6th President Bush published something, which is formally known as CED0503. It subject is implementing the new freedom initiative and involving persons with disabilities and the preparation of the consolidated plan through citizen participation. What they are talking about is exactly this. This particular document, which is eight pages long, gives multiple examples on how these grants can be used to improve the access for persons with disabilities in the city of Somerville. So of course were delighted to be here as the disability commission and were really curious about what Somerville as done to create a city that is accessible to persons with disabilities. So one of the things you mentioned was some of these moneys could be used for administrative purposes. It appears to me Somerville is in real need of a city transition plan. This would be preempted by self-evaluation citywide and throughout the city government. If there was a evaluation through the city for instances, we might look at the parks and recreation department. We might say how come in the city's budget that was proposed for 06-07 how come it states that the city has a goal to provide more recreation activities for persons with disabilities but there is zero moneys budgeted for the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. So one suggestion is that recreational programs could not only be augmented for persons with disabilities. Programs could be out in the recreational department for people with disabilities. For instances, it would be really exciting to take one of the four sites in Union Square that was recently looked at by a contractor, recreational, SCAT, silver heating ducts, and the police station. How about taking one of those sites and creating a larger recreational facility that would include training opportunities for Veterans and persons with disabilities and persons with low economic status that haven't had an opportunity to go to an apprenticeship or other types of training. An even could be supplemented by programs in other areas of the government like creating opportunities for folk grafts to be revitalized. So something like that in a large recreational and arts facility. That's just a large dream that I had thinking of this money. Another thing that would be really important is just overall improving the cities accessibility putting in some real signage and telecommunications devices for the deaf. One suggestion might be to take the Union Square project and right there in Union Square where there is the bus stop how about making a universal design bus stop and at the bus stop include a telecommunications device, include real signage, and continue that exciting project all threw the streets of Somerville as we continue year after year. That's one idea that we folks dreamed up. There is just this problem when you folks talked about this meeting. What venous did you use to tell the people of Somerville that this meeting is happening?

Penny Synder:

It was advertised in the local journal, cable wheel, and in the community news.

Walnut Street
Center:

So that's great. I found out about this because I read the journal to the blind and vision repaired. I wouldn't of known about this because I don't always buy the Somerville Journal and I don't have cable. What about the city website it's not accessible to persons with disability. There is many ways to make the website accessible to persons with disability and under the ADA this is a mandate since the very latest January 26, 1993. The commission is working on was to include the websites accessibility. Were looking for grants so that we can rest the burden of the city's budget to include the website accessibility. How about you folks help us out and give us a grant just to create an accessible citywide website. That's something that's not only going to limit the liability of the city but it's going to be exciting to create a website that's top of the line accessible high standard contents for all citizens of Somerville. So those are three ideas right there. We will just follow it up with a letter to folks and give you some of our ideas because we are very happy and interested in collaborating with you and all the different public service agencies that are going to be working with you for these grants.

Cambridge
Health Alliance:

I think the main thing where here to support is the emphasis on empowering teens, jobs for teens, and peer leadership programs. I think that's a really important piece of the of the public service

dollars. We came to support one of the pieces of the plan last year and something for services for teens. Particularly leadership. I know many of you that have been here for a number of years know that we have a lot of good peer leadership programs in the nineties and many of them were funded through the department of public health. Most of that money has gone away know so anything that CDBG can do to help agencies that work with teens is very important.

Mystic Learning
Center:

My name is Fluffy Birdman and while I reside in North Billerica my heart belongs to Somerville in a neighborhood known as Mystic. The past 27 years I have been the director of the mystic learning center. In a nutshell the MLC provides school childcare, youth development, and parental involvement activities targeted to primarily to residents of the Mystic Public Housing Community. CDBG funds have been helping to sustain the learning center since 1978. They provide a stable base of funding from which were able to access other grant resources either leveraging them or using CDBG as matching funds. So these CDBG dollars provide a seed from which many other resources can sprout and go to support and center of parent and youth service model. Projects through this project Mystic teams and parents are empowered to design all aspects of the program and to meet the needs of the community. Community teams serve as childcare workers and peer leaders while parents make up the board of directors. Youth participation and parental involvement are the biggest strengths of the MLC. Through them a program can be offered and the community needs met. Where all involved in learning and taking responsibility and through collaborations with other service providers, youth agencies and funding sources, were able to improve and expand our services. Were licensed by the department of early education care to provide after school, summer, and vacation week programs to 40 school aged children licenses the learning center. We also employ 16 teenagers who staff the summer camp and after school/ evening activities. During the school year the MLC is not only open 5 days but also 5 evenings a week. On Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays we offer a teen choice club and on Tuesday and Thursday we offer a pre-teen club. These clubs and after school activities involve 150 youths and positive out of school activities. I think all of us can agree giving youth's positive activities during the time their out of school can have many good results not only for the youths but for families and community as well. I beg that the city continues to fund the activities of the Mystic Learning Centers. We currently receive \$15,000 and 95% of that grant goes to provide jobs for youths during the fall, winter and spring. Without the support of CDBG dollars their will to many youth and children left without work while employment and activities during the hours they are out of school. The learning center as served Somerville since 1971 as an effective foundation as part of youth services in Somerville. We deserve to continue to be funded for our important work that we do. Thank you for your time and attention.

Cambridge/ Somerville

Legal Services:

Hi. My name is Susan Hagell. I work at Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services as a housing attorney. I'm here basically in support of continue funding and hopefully an increase of funding for various affordable housing projects and the continuing of housing from shelters, affordable rental, home ownership, and homeless prevention. That's sort of what I do is provide legal service to prevent people from ending up on the street. We get a small grant from the city to train other agencies on homeless prevention and I just ask that to be continued. There are to particular populations that I am seeing now. Two populations in the City of Somerville that I think have an increases need. One is people with mental disability that are having behavioral problem that are leading towards the eviction and homelessness. There are a few people that focus on that but urge an increase for that particular population. Other city have Tendency Preservation Project. Somerville doesn't have that but there are models out there that the city could follow. Another population that I'm seeing, isn't a very popular population is people that are coming out of prison that are single people that have no place to do. They end up doubling up with people in public housing or section eight jeopardizing that family and their not able to get housing because they don't have a track record of stable housing. So that need is an emerging need that is very important so I'm asking the city to consider proposals to increase funding.

Respond:

My name is Danielle Levine and I'm here from Respond. For those of you who don't know, we are a domestic violence program. We were founded in 1974 in Somerville by a small group of Somerville community women who were basically sitting around the kitchen talking about how to address the program of domestic violence. Their was no programs or services available for women. We provide a variety of services for women and children including emergency shelter services, 24 hour hotline, community outreach and education, and provide services in the courts in Somerville and Malden. CDBG, Public Service, and Emergency Shelter grants funds support our shelter as

well as our 24 hour hotline. The money does amazing things for us. Just to quote a few statistics in terms of what it has helped us to do and what we hope it will continue to help us to do. In our physical year in 2005 we were able to provide services to 4,000 women and children. We sheltered 32 women and 42 children and staff answered 3,815 hotline calls. The funding insures we answered the hotline 365 days a year, provide counseling support by safety planning. If a women calls the hotline and in need to an emergency cell phone we can provide that and also give referrals for services that we don't provide., legal service, substance abuse counseling, children's counseling, and housing search. There are a whole variety of things that spring off from the hotline. Health and safety of the community in general are connected to domestic violence. The demand for shelter is unbelievable. I was looking at some statistics before the meeting and I just hope CDBG to make continued funds for us.

Question: I want to know if Respond keeps any statistics on what percentage of women and children that you need to turn away for services because of disabilities that you are unable to accommodate.

Respond: Our shelters is accessible as well as our office. We do turn away approximately 90% of women away who call. The reason is being that are space is full. So I would say that as soon as a space opens in our shelters it will only stay open for an hour. There simply not enough shelter for women who are fleeing domestic abuse.

Question: So you have services for deaf women?

Respond: We do. We have our hotline is TTY accessible. Our shelter is wheelchair accessible and where able to provide services to women with disabilities when it comes up. Thanks

Transition House:

Hi. I'm Leanete. I work for Transition House and where a sister agency to Respond. Only Respond does the majority of the domestic violence services in Somerville and we do them in Cambridge. We work with the community in Somerville that's called _____ departments. We have been there for 3 years and it's a low income community with 40 units which has people with disabilities, substance abuse, and people with domestic violence. It's really a whole variety of needs and we provide services and case management which includes working with teens, children, and disabled and really providing case management and groups to these people. You're asking where the money can go for. Beyond the groups and helping people struggling with paying their rent, today's expenses, and help people with low income finding vouchers to get transportation because they can't really leave their home. Women who maybe have 3 children hanging on them have trouble getting to doctors appointment. I have a woman in a unit that has 3 children under the age of 5 who needs to go to the doctor's office and she's very overwhelmed. One child needs to go to daycare and she can't get them there because she doesn't have transportation. We need affordable daycare, and help with transportation, and help with rent so people won't lose their unit. Things are getting very difficult. We also started working with the Somerville Schools. We put a teen dating violence prevention program one of the huge programs of the Transition House. They are starting to work more in the Somerville school but I know they would love to work more in the schools because the whole issue of teen dating is growing. Girls don't know what a healthy relationship is. We need to go to school in the early ages and we talk about bullying, respect, and a good relationship. I know there is more we can do in the school system and I'm sure according to the teen dating program is saying they want to be more Somerville. Through some research there is a lot of teens struggling in Somerville and not finding a place to go to. If there is more presence in the schools, we have the tools and the curriculum just need the money to send these people to the schools and to help and get their before they are adults. So we are bringing them education and prevention before it's too late.

Somerville Homeless Coalition:

Hi. I'm Mike Libby, Director of Programs and Development at the Somerville Homeless Coalition. Just to give you a brief overview, we are actually, celebrating our 20 year anniversary considering the population and the reason why were here: to help homeless people. In February of 1986 is when our adult shelter opened for individuals. Where we serve eight males and four females unaccompanied, which means without children. Many of them have families but they may not be with them at the shelter. We are located in the basement of the College Ave United Methodist Church; we have been for 20 years. We are making an effort to increase shelter capacity by four beds. It has been a long struggle for the past year with all different loop holes that we go through. But hopefully that will come up as Susan from Respond mentioned; the Homeless population is not

going down contrary to what you might hear in the news. On the front lines the demand is increasing. We also have, right here in East Somerville, Cross Street. The Great Baptist Church we have a family shelter where we serve five families, at any given time. Both shelters are filled to 100% capacity 365 days a year. There is really a day where a bed or a room is available. We also have at the same site, a food pantry, which is project Soup. It began in 1969. It was the first supper program in New England. We took it over in 1996. We also have, at One Davis Square administration offices, we administer our housing services program, which is an umbrella term for many different components. Our newest program is called better program, which is money that comes from the federal government under the McKinney Act, which serves disabled homeless people and our most recent extension of the program includes chronic homeless disabled individuals and families. And the chronic piece is people who have had 12 months of homelessness consecutively or having a certain amount of episodes over a certain period of time. We also have the Case Management Program which is called Passages. Who works with homeless people who are Somerville Residents, we have sobriety and stability program which targets 18-24 year olds in recovery and place them in apartments. We also have Shelter Plus Care Program which is very similar to Better Homes, which is a housing program for disabled individuals and or families, who are homeless. Home funds help fund us these subsidy for the PAST Program (Prevention and Stabilization Services) and in a nutshell it basically it is prevention from people falling into homelessness and that is much more cost affective then having someone falling into homelessness and then helping get them out. The Affordable Housing Trust Fund also helps the PAST program. CDBG funds that we receive help our food pantry, our volunteer program, where we act as a information and referral. We act as a clearing house basically for the city for all phone calls from pretty much anyone looking for services and trying to get into a open place and the number most people call is our shelter which is open 24 hours a day 7 days a weeks. Someone is always their to answer the phone and direct you to the appropriate place they need to go. We also receive Emergency Shelter Grant money for both our adult shelter and family shelter. Thanks.

Jim Robertson: I am a 52 year resident of Somerville and I enjoy speaking to the people of Somerville. I grew up in East Somerville, Myrtle Street for 49 years. Moved to Billerica for two years then came back. I'm both on the Recreation Commission and the Disability Commission. What I would like to see is the funding for youth with disabilities and for the recreational commission. Different projects like basketball pick up games, baseball, soccer and basically trying to keep both programs going both youth with disabilities and the recreation. I think it will be more beneficial for the city and try to make improvements for the city to try to make those programs alive. Thank you

Guidance
Center:

I'm MaryAnn Lasher with the Guidance Center, which works both in Somerville and in Cambridge with the spectrum of people dealing with pregnancy who have high risk conditions up to youth tuning 22. But I want to talk mostly about our very youngest kids which I know the most about. CDBG has supported up to maintain bi-lingual staffing for many years and made a lot of things possible. There is such a strong reverberating theme here this evening about the need for Affordable Housing. I want to talk about what we are seeing as emerging needs. Two of our programs begin with women in pregnancy. One is an adolescent parenting program called Helping Families for young women 20 or under having their first baby. The second is a program called Early Intervention Partnership Program, which begins with people have any high risk pregnancy could be because there are things going on in the pregnancy itself, or it could be all kinds of risk factors like domestic violence. We did a survey of all clients of those two programs that begin with pregnancy and more then 50% had precarious housing at that moment and were pregnant and the birth of the child is the tipping point that makes the precarious housing no longer work for a whole variety of reasons. We did a couple of evening groups, one of them was done in Spanish and one in English. Their was a need to do one in Portuguese but we didn't have the money. And tried to work with one of the other speakers spoke very eloquently about preventing families from falling into homelessness and that was the nature of the work. Bringing in housing counselors, helping the women to anticipate what was likely to happen when they brought a baby home into a very fragile situation. What made it possible to do the work was to do it in the evening to provide child care and to provide a meal, to provide the language supports. CDBG is doing so much around affordable housing but that preventing work that needs the housing before the crisis occurs. These are one of the things I want to speak for. Thank you

Teen

Empowerment: My name is Andy Medium and I'm the coordinator at Teen Empowerment. I work in the East Center up on East Broadway and I'm just here to echo a couple of calls I heard earlier in the evening, more youth jobs and Leadership activities. I know we provide 24 jobs for youth rear round and we are also involved in running a youth council which is representing other organizations as well. It's a once per week meeting organization that picked up from the youths funding and there are a couple of agencies I see here that are involved in that. I can't stress the need for youth jobs enough; we have 160 people apply for our positions. We are only able to hire 24. I don't really have anywhere to send them if we don't hire them. It's really distressing because great programs fill up and we don't have anywhere to refer them to. I ant urge CDBG enough to funds some of these programs to continue to do it we really appreciate it. I know the youth really appreciate it and one thing is I really want to say is maybe as a citizen, are 2 of our staff members came from the Mystic Learning Center Programs. They are adult staff members. Full professional positions and they are vital parts of our team and wanted to say that whatever Fluffy is doing up there and the people are working up there are doing a really great. They deserve a lot of funding.

Welcome
Project:

I work for the Welcome Project. I work with immigrants like myself. There are many issues that a lot of us are facing through in many places. A lot of people who don't speak English we have classes, and help them to become citizens so they can vote. So yesterday a few of them came to the polls and came to vote and you can see the results. I think we started to make changes in the community by people who are registered to become citizens and who are registered to vote. I think during the spring at CAST their survey, most of the survey was done within the SCALE and CAST and in CAST within the Hester program, which the majority of families are immigrants and of course the majority of people in SCALE are immigrants. One of the things that came as a number one need for this community is work for development. We do have a grant that we got from Metro-North Regional Employment Board is to work with immigrants and to connect them with the career resource center. One of the problems is there are a lot of resources within the community but one of the problems are people don't know about these resources. That was the number one need that came up on CAST. I think a lot of us try for more funding but like you said it's only 50% and that 50% isn't going to go higher. So as much of us want more funding I think that one suggestion that I have, for me it doesn't matter how big the agency is, try to make it level between all of us. The services are service and I don't understand the big differences in distribution and you can check with our social justice and quality we should start doing that within the city.

Somerville
Community
Corp:

My name is Danny Leblanc. I am the Director of the Somerville Community Corp. We are also in One Davis Square. I guess I want to say two things. One is a sort of plus and minus to being as old as I am. The minus is being as old as I am and the plus is I can remember it was a fight in the 1970's to get the Public Service commitment of CDBG dollars up to 15% which is the maximum allowed. I applauded the city and urge to keep that spending level at the 15%. I don't think that's a hard fight these days. And then I would like to make a pitch to the other 85%, and the pitch is what our organization does is a few things. The best thing were known for is we development more affordable housing probably then anybody else in the city right now and we do ownership and rental housing. We concentrate on special needs population. We build housing for people who just don't have enough money. Rental and ownership we try to make is accessible. Let me give you a couple anecdotes about that. When we opened 42 units of new rental housing near Union Square, on Linden Street at the end of 2002, we had 1,500 families applying for 42 units. So you don't have to look very hard for finding need in the city for affordable housing. The pitch I want to make, I really would love to have the whole 85% but that's not realistic the city has to do a lot with CDBG dollars, but to do affordable housing theirs no magic to it. It costs us the same as it costs a private builder to pay contractors. You need public subsidy from somewhere to make it affordable. CDBG dollars are one of the places that we can use and have used in the past and CDBG dollars were critical to making all 42 units in that Union Square project affordable to people who earn less 60% of the medium income and much of the housing is lower cost then that. We can't do that without that kind of money and I just want to urge that among the priorities for the other 85% that affordable housing continues.

Mark Friedman: Just a request if anybody has any written material that they brought with them and wants us to have as apart of this meeting please drop it off to us and again this is just the beginning of this process so

we look forward to working with all of you over the next coming months and putting together the city's plan for next year and thank you very much for coming.

Question: When is the next meeting?

Mark Friedman: We don't have the date yet it will be sometime in January. It all depends when we find out our funding for this year and then developing a plan and getting it out for everyone to review prior to the meeting. So we will try to give you a lot of notice about it.

Ezra Glen: Don't wait for that meeting to see if your great idea got in there. If it is a Public Service Grant, Penny described that process. But if it is one of these other ideas or something else comes to you, pick up a business card here and give myself, Mark, Paul and Phil a call and come in and talk to us. One point that Eileen made was talking about universal bus shelters, you said there will be a whole group of people that will want to work together to make that happen, give me a call and bring in 3 or 4 people from those groups because we can make 3 or 4 groups happy with one thing. Then you can come to me in January and yell at us about why you didn't put it in or why you didn't keep it in. If you just show up in January were going to say you made a nice suggestion in the meeting in November but I guess it didn't get traction. So let's get some traction, come in and talk. Nelson mentioned the grant they got. If there's a way we can partner on that grant then we have the leverage before we even put the money in. That stuff is great to hear.

Question: I was wondering in terms of partnerships it seems like there is many collaborations right here in this room. Is there any way we can interact as a result of this meeting? And you have a tape so will that be transcribed?

Mark Friedman: Yes, that's our plan. Contact us and we can try to work on that and get every one connected together who seem to have similar interest. We will do what we can on our end.

Ezra Glen: Thank you so much for coming.

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Mark – Good evening everybody. Welcome. I appreciate everyone coming out tonight. My name is Mark Friedman. I am the Director of Finance and Administration in the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (MOSPCD). We're here tonight for our 2nd Public hearing for the HUD One Year Action Plan that will commence for this year 2006. With us here tonight, we have Mr. James Kostaras, Executive Director of MOSPCD. We have Paul Mackey from the City's Housing Department, Penny Synder, who works in the MOSPCD as the Coordinator for the Public Service Grants Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program. Dana LeWinter also from the Housing Program. We have a couple of handouts tonight. One is a copy of a map of Somerville and a stapled copy of the draft budget of next year with all of the proposed projects. We also have a couple of resources up here. We have a full draft copy of the plan. We're in the beginning of our process trying to allocate funds for the upcoming program year. Again the HUD program year starts on April 1 and ends March 31 its different year then the City's fiscal year. But we have a report called the CAPER report which contains all of the outputs and the final results of what we do with the moneys for our latest year that has finished and in this case program year 2004. So you can see what the City actually did with all the moneys from HUD in this report. The last report we have is the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan. It started in 2003 and goes til 2008 and that is basically the guiding documents that the City is using to try to identify the overall needs of the city and then each year as we go through each one of these One Year Action Plan we try to report back to the larger five year consolidated plan. Before we go any further tonight, let me take a moment to ask if Mr. Kostaras wants to say a few words.

Mr. Kostaras – I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. The draft budget that we are presenting tonight for your review and comments, which represents what we hope, is a well-balanced agenda for the coming year. As Mark said this is all part of the going forward of the Five Year Consolidated Plan which started in 2003 and in some ways its good to think about it as a five year block of time. It gets calibrated each year to better achieve the objectives that were outlined in the Five Year Consolidated Plan in 2003. So that's what we are doing in this One Year Action Plan for this coming HUD fiscal year, which starts April 1st. We faced a number of challenges which some of you know we had to absorb budget cuts of 10% in the Community Development Block Grant budget, 5% in HOME funding and level funding for the Emergency Shelter Grants. Somerville isn't alone this is across the nation. Congress is moving forward with a substantial cut in the entitlement programs. I can't over state how much that hurts and how difficult it is to absorb the 10% cut. Good news is I think we done that without impeding our ability to go forward with the balanced agenda, which Mark, Paul, and Dana will be talking about. Penny is here as well to talk in detail about the Public Service Grants, which many of you are interested in. It wasn't easy but we struck a good balance. We're doing this in part by focusing our efforts in what we call the NRSA (Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy

Areas) and on the maps the toned area represents the HUD Community Block Grant eligible areas. We can certainly do certain activities outside that area but were trying to focus our efforts in the special NRSA districts. Were trying to complete some of the projects that we have started and this year that will be ending on March 31st. And we also tried very hard to leverage the Block Grant Funding to get other sources of funding from the state and a number of other sources and we will make reference to that as well. I think it's important for everyone to understand the Block Grants. First of all given the limited resources we and every City in the United States has to be much more creative and strategic about how we spend this money and we have to leverage this money to tap into other resources. I wanted to give you some sense of some of the challenges and I like to believe some of the opportunities that were trying to create through the entitlement program to achieve a whole range of objectives. Mark, unless there is any comments or questions I'm going to turn it over to you.

Mark Friedman - Thank you Jim. One thing that we would like to do tonight is present some summary information that is grouped by a couple major categories of how the budget is structured and we like to stop on each one of those. For example, Parks and Open Space is one category of projects that were proposing for next year. There is also our Housing Department and those projects, which is another group of funds. We would like to go through each one and highlight some of the items going on there and would like to stop and at that point and get some comments or questions that people have on those related projects. We would like to take you through a few slides tonight to explain the One Year Action Plan that we are proposing for next year. I would like to take a moment to give a quick overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program again that is part of HUD's annual entitlement that they give to the City of Somerville. Our entitlement programs include CDBG and also Home Investment Funds those are more focused on housing related projects for the City. Then we also have a third funding category, which is our Emergency Shelter Grants program. The Public Service Grants is a subcategory of the Block Grant program. We have presented to you tonight some information it starts off with Community and Economic Development projects it goes on to Parks and Open Space projects. We have housing related projects next and getting to Public Service Grants and Emergency Shelter Grants. We have a few key dates that we are aware of right now that we are working towards. The main goal that we are aware of and that were working towards is February 15. That is when we have to submit this final plan to HUD. Tonight and for the next fifteen days we have a public comment period and if anybody has comments or written comments that they want to drop off to us and if you want to speak tonight you're welcome to. You can also submit your comments and questions for the next fifteen days we look forward to seeing those. As Jim mentioned a few minutes ago we sustained a 10% cut in our Block Grant entitlement for next year. The final number that HUD has informed of us is two point nine million dollars and the draft plan that you have before you we have allocated the maximum percentage allowed to the Public Service Grants is \$442,137. The Home funding for the upcoming program year of \$900,130 again that is approximately a 5% reduction to our grant funding. It certainly wasn't welcome but we are working to do the most we can with that funding. The final category of funding is the Emergency Shelter Grants we been informed by HUD to expect \$125,755 for next year, which within a few hundreds dollars

is actually not a lot of funding for us from the current year. Again the block grant program the largest piece of money it's a pretty flexible source of funding for the City. What we need to do is focus our efforts and our projects on benefits that will end up benefiting low and moderate income persons within the city. With all the projects that we have proposed within the draft plan we have always keep an eye on how it will benefit low and moderate-income people on our community. A few of the eligible activities that we could consider of the HUD moneys for the acquisitions property and public facilities and improvements. For example reconstructing dilapidated parks within certain areas of the City. We can also earmark moneys towards demolition if we need to. A big effort for the upcoming year for the City would be development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the City. Roughly 1/3 of the City's funding for next year will be earmarked towards affordable housing projects of various types in the up coming year. The City can look at special economic development activities; things like Storefront Improvements Program. We also have the Public Services Projects. Again were capped at 15% of our overall entitlement amount and again in the draft budget in front of you we marked a maximum of 15% towards that grouping. A certain amount of the funding is eligible to fund the Administrative portion of all these programs.

Moving on I want to show everybody a map of the City of Somerville and it has a number of interesting pieces of information on it. One is the areas that are highlighted in green are the low-moderate income areas of the City. Those are the areas that are eligible for the Block Grant funding and also we have specific projects that you can see named - for example Streetscape programs and Milk Row Cemetery program. Those are the site-specific projects that the City is anticipating for the upcoming year. There are other projects in the draft plan that don't show up as a specific name and the reason for that is those projects are not site specific. For example, Kemp Nut Park Reconstruction Project that is in a very specific area of the City. So here we can identify a specific site we put it on there to show everybody where these projects will be located. There are other projects for example, Storefront Improvements Program. That one, we won't exactly know where those projects will be located until local businesses come up to us and apply and we review the application to determine whether they meet our criteria or not. Those businesses could be down in Union Square, East Somerville on Broadway or other areas. So there are site-specific projects on this map but then don't forget there are also other moneys that the city will spend next year for some of the different projects in the draft plan. In the plan before you, there is a pie chart that shows roughly by major categories how the money is divided, as you can see housing related projects take up roughly 1/3 of the budget. Economic and community development taking up 1/5 of the budget. Parks and Open Space projects are taking up 13-14% of next years funding. One thing I want to point out to you is the Public Service Grants right now shows 13%. Just a quick note on that, which includes the block grant money and any other types of Home money. So for example the entire pot of money that this pie represents is both Block Grant money and Home money and smaller amount of Emergency Shelter Grant money. When you see the 13% of Public Service related grants that are showing up of 13% of the overall pie. The overall pie is measuring all of those pots of money not just block grant. So again just to remind people of the block grant money expected next year were allocating maximum amount under the HUD regulations. Here is an example of some of the projects that you

have listed in the hand out, this is a grouping of the Parks and Open Space projects you can see there are a variety of projects some are at various stages of completion. One is will be anticipated to start design next year and another one will be both, finishing up design and then going into construction and then there are a few also just construction. Let me point out to you for example the Allen Street garden project, the city would anticipate allocating \$40,000 of funds to that project and that's all block grant money for this instance. But wherever possible the city is trying to leverage the money they are receiving from HUD with other sources of funds that we can identify. For this case, Allen Street, the City has applied for and been awarded a grant of almost \$78,000 to help with that project and were trying to do as much as we can with these pots of money that we get from HUD. Moving on to show you, our Economic and Community Development projects there are a few projects that the city is expecting next year. One is a new one for us is, The Universal Way finding Keois. That project would be marked with Block Grant money and located in the Union Square area and would help us achieve a number of different goals. One is, to help with accessibility issues and also focuses efforts in the Union Square Area. The City has a special designation under HUD in order to focus a lot of attention and resources in that area. A number of these programs will be a continuation of programs that we have ongoing right now. For example the Arts Union Streetscape Project that's a project where the City has leveraged the expected \$50,000 for next year with a mass cultured commission grant for \$40,000 so we can get a total project a \$90,000 with the using of \$50,000 of Block Grant money. Again it's taking portion of the Block Grant and trying to match other sources of outside funds in order to make larger and more complete and better projects for the city. A large project I want to point out to you here for next year is the East Broadway Streetscape Project. This is a project in the East Somerville Area, another low-moderate income area of the city, which is a block grant eligible according to HUD for us to mark and allocate funds. But right now we have a think approximately \$785,000 both in moneys we have been carrying forward for this year plus a little bit of money for next year. We also applied for a state grant worth one million dollars, where are expecting to hear back in a few months on that but if we are fortunate enough to get that grant it will give us almost a million dollars of state money to add to this project and able to do a lot of improvement to the East Broadway Streetscape area which would include accessibility related issues. Does anybody have any questions about the Economic and Community Development?

My name is Greg Flynn and I just have a comment I just want to tell the city how appreciative of the fact that you are addressing accessibility issues in Union Square. I think that location is very important because people with disabilities tend to live in areas in low and moderate income.

Mark Friedman – Thank you. There was another hand raised?

On the Kiosk, that is for the buses and stuff?

Mark Friedman – A wayfinding Kiosk would involve information on public transit directional information.

When you build that will there be space enough for wheelchairs?

Jim Kostaras – It hasn't been designed yet so this is where we benefit from your input. It's a concept we are funding it now we have to design it and these are all good points that you are raising.

Mark Friedman - The next slide that we have up here represents assembly of some of the housing related projects proposed for next year. The city has a number of important projects in various stages of completion right now and we are expected to be completing a number of those in to the following year. One of the projects is the housing special projects, includes almost a million dollars of home funds, which are earmarked to the VNA projects. That's a project that will take place over a long period of time. In fact those funds are originally set up and allocated in the year were in now. That project is on going, still there and still keeping a portion of our funding available for that project as it moves forward. There are a couple of large projects on going. One of the projects is called HOME CHDO Projects. Within that category we have funding set aside for a couple projects, one of which you may have seen under construction presently which is 65 Temple Street. There is funding the City set aside and its HOME funds, which goes into the Temple Street project and again look for affordable housing aspects of that project. The City expects to continue housing rehabilitation, which helps local homeowners with smaller types of projects, related to rehabilitating their houses. It's a modest program but it helps keep affordable housing in the City and also an important project in the City as we move into next year.

Paul Mackey - I just want to do a quick overview. I do want to point out that the \$950,000 that we marked for the VNA, that project actually just leveraged a little over \$3.5 million in state funds as well as multi-million dollars in other commitments. That project is going to be excited not only for the City but all of the residents because it's going to be one of the most unique developments that we have ever done in the city. It's going to take all of those Somerville Housing Authority portions, old dilapidated units that they have for years, and it's going to be a combined project that is going to be something that nobody has ever seen and the affordably is remarkable the accessibility is going to 100% and it's going to have a service component that nobody has ever duplicated in the Country. With our \$950,000 even though it's a lot of money we are going to leverage a project that will ultimately be somewhere in the \$40-50 million range. That's the kind of thing this money can do to get a project that size going without it, it could not move forward at all. It's a requirement; nobody else can fund it if the City doesn't come up with the money. Were excited we are able to place in that money in last year and hold on to it, and now were using it and the project is a go and it has a green light and the closings with be happening in the next few months. The other money is their and the important parts of that of all our programs as well as our projects. We do mark in this case, \$550,000 of new money marked towards special projects that are similar to the VNA or the SCC project. They won't be identified right now but we need money, so when they are identified we are able to come in with some commitment that lets them move forward and seek out funds exactly what happened with the VNA last year. The Temple and Jacques Street project has accessibility. I know that 109 Gilman Street, we

were looking at that today. I haven't seen their specs but we will try to fund that project which is a rental project and rental projects above four have a requirement. We will be looking at that. Then just on a side note we have three private homeowners that are all doing backs, doorways, ramps. One case, a child, who was in a terrible accident the city really went over and by passing its own zoning or allowing the zoning to happen so they could build a whole edition with completely accessibly so this child could go in and out of the home. We're investing in the right ways, most of these things are on going but it's always great to have new projects.

With the VNA project will they accept section 8?

Paul Mackey – No. The VNA is not section 8 eligible but the whole next side, which is owned by the Housing Authority, is in fact dedicated to section 8 recipients. What they will be doing is changing from 60 units now to over 100. In those folks who are elderly and not needing assisted living will be living on one side but will be getting the services of the staff, nurses, restaurants and the social aspect, which is something that they don't have now. Their isolated and the part of the City is very difficult to be transported to and from so it will be exciting. Mark referred to demolition. We used block grant last year to do the demolition and without that we couldn't have proceeded forward to do anything. A huge amount of section 8 and lets hope an additional certificates are issued. We desperately need it from the state and the feds and they have been slow to respond.

Have you folks also applied for Fair Housing Commission Program?

Dana LeWinter – The Fair Housing Commission is funded. It's a city commission. My position is funded through CDBG and HOME and I am the staff person to that Commission. It's just getting up and running. It hasn't been really active. We are meeting in February and were going to start talking about what we can do to provide more services. That is something I can bring up to them when I get there.

Dana, would you like someone from the disability commission to work with you on helping with the procedures?

Dana LeWinter – We would love that. We are meeting on February 23. For the first meeting we are just going to get to know each other and move forward and then I will defiantly contact you.

Mark Friedman – Thank you Paul and Dana. We are just about at the end but last but not least we have the Public Service Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant projects for next year. The Public Service Grants the maximum 15% allocation under HUD guidelines represents \$442,000. I'm going to ask Penny Snyder to come up and give you a little more information about the Public Service Grants and the Emergency Shelter Grants. While Penny is coming up here, briefly the Emergency Shelter Grants is the one program that is level funded for us next year. Unfortunately is also the smallest financial component that we have so it would have been much more lucky if we would have been leveled funded on the Block Grant side but unfortunately the allocations that came out of

Washington, DC with this year budget we have to observe a 10% cut. Let me ask Penny to come up now and talk about more details concerning those two projects.

Penny Snyder - The One-Year Action Plan does not address any particular programs because the advisory committee is currently meeting to read those proposals and expect to be meeting in February and making our recommendations to the Mayor in March. Six proposals were received for the Emergency Shelter and they were in the categories of operations, homeless prevention, and essential services. The requests exceeded the amount that we have available by 25%. Thirty-seven agencies submitted Public Service proposals and these proposals are just a variety of services to adjust the needs of our low-income residents in Somerville. There are many worthwhile proposals but again they exceeded the amount by 17% so the advisory committee has a really big job to figure out how to address which agency will be funded and how much. We will be meeting weekly in February to make recommendations to the Mayor. Agencies receiving awards will need to submit detailed accomplishments to the various goals they will be serving and the number of persons they will be serving and they need to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and performance. With these dwindling resources agencies will need to demonstrate collaborative efforts and identify funding sources and submit proposals in order to reduce their dependence on CDBG funds because we seem to be getting these reductions every year from HUD. Like I said we will be meeting weekly and will be making recommendations to the Mayor and hopefully the award letters will be going out in March.

Mark Friedman - Thank you Penny. So just to let you know, process-wise we know the overall amount of funding we have available for these projects and we're right in the middle of the selection process to determine the allocations within each of those projects. The most important dates we are looking at in order to make final recommendations by March of 2006 in order to be ready to gear up for the new fiscal CDBG program year which starts April 1. With that I would like to open up the floor for people to ask questions or make comments about the new projects for next year. Would you please come up one at a time.

(Eileen Feldman - Somerville Commission on Disabilities) My main comment is that it's really wonderful we are going to have a place in Union Square where persons with disability will be able to come. For instance I know a person that is 15, in a wheelchair and deaf, who will be able to get there independently. The problem is he still can't get to the recreation center on Walnut Street to take classes and still can't go to Union Square print shop to get color copies of his artwork and can't have a piece of pizza in Union Square. I am just concerned and happy as well that we are collaborating with you in this beginning process. Also knowing that the CDBG funds is the most flexible program that I found in federal granting that will help support making the City accessible for people who are blind, in wheelchairs, and people who are deaf and these funds are specially the only federal funds that will alleviate Somerville fiscal burden to make all of the programs accessible and all the buildings in Somerville barrier free. I strongly recommend that money be leverage even this year. For instance, I hear there is going to be an ADA coordinator coming

to the City, is it possible that some of the funds in the administration and planning cap can be used to do a self-evaluation of some of the public buildings that service the public to make sure there is not only external access but internally access for people with disability? If the ADA coordinator is coming in the first thing he or she is going to do is accomplish title 2 mandates of the ADA law and so the first mandate is ADA coordinator and the second and third is creating signage and making sure there is a grievance procedure in place and fourth and five is having a City wide self-evaluation of all the public facilities to make sure they really are accessible. That also includes policies and communications. The last is to create a strategic transition plan so that the entire city can be accessible for people with disabilities, elderly, and even people with strollers so that the entire city is opened up so they don't have to go to one particular park. I really want to make sure that I out my concern and that's pretty much where our priority.

Mark Friedman – Thank you. Your comments are very important and very helpful to us. I just want to make a brief note the 10% cuts that the City is having to absorb this coming year represented about a ½ million dollars worth a reduced funding for next year. The public service grant program is capped percentage-wise by regulations so are the City's administrative funds they're also capped at a maximum amount of money. The city will also be absorbing a reduction in funding for next year, which makes things more challenging for us as well. One of the key things we look forward to for next year with the identification of the ADA coordinator to then move forward with not just the projects we have identified but other things you have just mentioned. We are really looking forward to those as well to help the City move forward. We're excited about next year even with the reduction of funding to see if we can make progress in those areas. More questions and comments?

I have one question, about those improvements of the parks how safe is it going to be for crime? Like these teenagers who hang out and deal drugs. And also for disability people in wheelchairs who want to sit in the parks so we don't have another incident in Somerville like we did before.

Jim Kostaras – I can tell you these parks have been designed or going to be designed are going to be very well lighted and designed to be accessible for everyone. The way I look at it, if you design beautiful parks that are well lighted that are areas where a lot of people live and built placed where the neighbors feel it's there, the concept of the eyes of the park. It gives the citizens ownership of the park. Usually those are safe parks and we're doing everything we can to design these parks so they will be places people can use. We think the more attractive the parks are for the neighborhood, the more people will be there, the safer it will be. There are no guarantees. We work closely with the police department but we expect these are going to be safe parks. I know in fact these parks have gone through a public process and I know people in the community have been involved helping design these parks. We brought in some outstanding landscape architects, some young talent so I am very excited. But we are doing everything we can do make the parks a safe place for everyone.

Hi. My name is Andrea Delaney. I am the Executive Director of Elizabeth Peabody House in Somerville. We have been in the city since the 50's. I have been the Director for five years. But with this opportunity to advocate again for the working families in Somerville. The application I have submitted are going to back up a scope of agencies services. Four sites in Somerville and Camp Gannet in Sharon. Our service range from infant to senior services and 90% of our population is low income. In our infant program, the program we submitted for this particular grant is located at the Mystic Housing Devolvement. After several years after working greatly and collaboratively with Authority we were delighted to open new space designed for the service we were providing having working for many years. Inadequate sort of less then functional space so when the opportunity to open this in the last calendar year was very exciting. Unfortunately dealing with different cuts from different directions with the primary funding source for our parents has been the Office of Child Services that state department was dismantled plan fully and replaced with the Department of Early Education and Care this July. The funding had been approved for vouchers to continue to be administrated two low income families who are income eligible to be so must be working. When the new department when operational it has delayed new vouchers which is essentially meant to significant decrease in funds to the new center and though we attempt to do all we can to operate on a sliding scale to those in need of financial support there is only so much any of us can do. So a couple of things I appreciate and learning and developing sensitivity to 70% increase in request over available funds knowing that we are all struggling together somehow but certainly for those families who are needing to just put together complicated child services together because they cant afford. We are one of three centers in the City and hope to remain one and there for some length of time and these funds are certainly quite significant in whatever amount is manageable for the Elizabeth Peabody House Infant Toddler Center.

Hi. My name is Reed Cochran I am the Executive Director of SCM Community Transportation. Like everyone else we are looking at this reduction of funding with a lot of fear about how it's going to affect us. I just want to say currently SCM is turning away one out of five request for rides and that over the past four years we have over delivered against our contract. We deliver about 25% more rides than were actually contracted to do and I think that is our role as a non-profit to find ways to continue to serve our citizens. One of the things we took really seriously in this year proposals is the need to reduce dependency on CDBG funds. This may not be the right topic for the one-year plan but it does seem like the need for transportation among seniors and disabled is truly blossoming across the Country. I read a study last week that says four out of five senior's fear being stranded in their homes because of the way we developed as a nation because we are suburbs more and more seniors are getting stranded in their homes and disabled persons cant go to coffee shops. That said I also done a lot of looking across the country and there is a lot of very innovative responses to the need for transportation. SCM's tasks over the next year is to stabilize the agency with the funding we have and also start looking at the way other communities are responding to this problem with volunteer programs donated vehicles, community business doing road scholarships for

disabled persons and seniors. I'm finding lots of really creative responses to this issue, however everybody here is aware in the short term SCM has a lot of issues that it needs to resolve, partially because we over deliver. So this year's funding we actually proposed either to do more with less money but its going to be the next two years its going to be really critical in order to create a platform where we can reduce our dependence on the funding all together.

In terms of leverage, why is it that we couldn't leverage that power to give out that money in a somewhat different way?

Jim Kostaras – Do you have any thoughts about how we might leverage the money?

Unfortunately, I don't have it here but Elieen Feldman authored this amazing document that when it all of the different areas that are being funded and need to be funded and suggested ways that by tweaking this and pulling that, tightening the screws without changing the nature of anything if the little adjustments were made one could get a lot more. I was thinking about storefronts and I really appreciate these downtown efforts and attractive looking storefronts are incredible. If the City has the way with all to evaluate applications for grants to beautify the front of the building why doesn't have the city have the way with all at the same time measure the doorway. If there is a step up, or flat ground and why isn't the city able to find out how wide the isles are? Does it serve everyone?

Jim Kostaras - Going forward with the City ADA coordinator in place soon. Would you and other people be willing to work with us? Fine-tuning things, in cost effective ways that will change some of the municipal goals that I you have suggested. All new construction it subjected with the building code. That all has to be declined. That's the law and that's just the way it is.

But it's not the city is granting money to enterprises that are not ADA confined.

Jim Kostaras - Storefront improvement program, which money goes to local Somerville based small business owners in the community. They come out of the low and moderate income in the City. They have to match the money we put into it. We're not talking about Starbucks. Were talking about very locally community based, small business owners with very limited resources. Were trying to suck them in so they can improve their storefronts.

For who?

Jim Kostaras - I think they're doing it to make their stores more attractive and contribute to the economic locality in their communities. Their doing it so we can have a chance to eliminate some of the visual light we are talking about. Money is very limited, and the purposes are very limited. There seems to be a lot of intensity. Very basic stuff that they are able to afford to do. Were not talking Starbucks or Abercrombie and Fitch coming in to us to get the storefront improvement money. Were talking about someone

who is an immigrant who has a little store that wants to improve the storefront for not a lot of money and we supplement it.

So the \$40,000 for three businesses to improve their storefronts?

Mark Friedman - The funding for next year for that particular program it represents about 3% of the overall entitlement, about \$100,000 allocated for next year. The maximum amount that we can afford to allocate to these programs per business is \$40,000. If you do the math, if three applications came in to us and all wanted the maximum amount of money they would already exceed the amount for that program. And they have to come up with a matching amount of money to do this.

A suggestion to create an initiative to the business that improves itself to be accessible to some of the wheelchairs. For instance, offer that program to businesses that are going to accept the mandate of challenge from the ADA and actually become available for being 20% of Somerville is disabled. If you put in an application some kind of incentive so that business should check off that they read the architecture barriers so there trying to so one of those things. At least provide extra brail or website accessibility for disabled, or to provide employment for one disabled person. Provide a storefront that is visible so that anybody can walk into the store.

Jim Kostaras - I think that is a very good suggestion. That's why I asked Julie if you will be willing to work with us to start to think about things we might consider. We can certainly start by making applicants aware and maybe suggest ways as part of the work they do with the grant to do some of these suggestions.

We don't want to compete with Public Service agencies. They're very worthy to provide direct service to their constituents. We think that money is going to administrate to planning gap 20% of their grants.

Jim Kostaras - I am going to be very honest about the 20% administrative gap. We're not filling positions that are very vacant on our current staff. I can't overstate how limited we are in the 20% gap. I think were bumping up against the 20% in our coming budget. Frankly we would have to lay people off in order to find funds within the administrative gap in order to do what you are suggesting.

When talking about - is a monitoring ADA confine throughout the city using this funding.

Jim Kostaras - It's just not possible financially for us to do that with administrative planning gap without laying people off. That's why I would like you to help us and other sources of money.

Mark Friedman - Let me just make a couple of comments. We started out by discussing the term leverage. Paul mentioned the VNA project again that will let up a

significant accessibility aspect once that's completed. They city has marked a little less than one million dollars to contribute to that project and if you notice for the year coming yup we don't even get that amount of Home money for next year. But that project would not even be possible if it weren't for our small contribution. Our small contribution combined with other sources of funds will allow that project to move forward and to be completed. That's what we mean when we say leverage. Taking our smaller piece of funding that if were in isolation we couldn't do a project but work to find other sources of funding were we combine them all to do a project. So in terms of leverage and creativity as you can see as these sources of funds get tighter and tighter not only do we ask you to be more creative we also have to be more creative internal as well. What were trying to do is look for opportunities with the dollars were getting were we can serve many needs with that single dollar. A lot of these projects that we have will have accessibility components. Were looking to identify as many needs of accessibility needs, safety needs, economic needs and trying to find the most strategic projects we can that will bring the biggest benefit to the most amount of people. Were going to take all these comments and try to work and look for ways to serve as many needs as we can.

An issue between and in around transportation. I am familiar with SCM and the wonderful work you all do and walnut street, everyone does I talk to does have a transportation need and though we have City transportation it doesn't take care of needs we talk about here. I pick up at thirteen schools a day for after school and as the transportation reqs change we are being put into a transportation business. Some of the expertise exists in the community. If I'm leasing buses for eight weeks of camp and 20 grand a pop a season their must be a better way for me to get that money one year and say how do we make it last longer. My suggestion is that process can be facilitated.

Jim Kostaras – Human resources we have as long as we don't have to lay people off. There may be a way to begin to help collaborate. It's an interesting idea for us to see if we can pull people together representing the different agencies to focus on creative ideas on transportation that meet accessibility needs and all the other various needs as well. I don't want to sound discouraging we as a nation are going into a crisis. Last year Bush's administration wanted to shut down the CDBG program across the nation. Next year I am very concerned about the CDBG program. I think we and all of you have to really come together and work in a highly collaborative and creative way to achieve all the good things were trying to achieve. But don't rely on CDBG funding, which might not be there in the next 2-3 years. That is something our department will give some thought to and having a very specific objective might be good way to focus our efforts.

I think not only to we recognize the critical need right now but it's only going to get much worse.

I think we all need to work together to meet the goals and as long as were doing that I think we have the faith and the energy to keep going.

Mark Friedman – It's certainly very challenging for all of us to exist in a smaller pool of resources and so your feedback is more important now. When your resources start to shrink that's when every dollar counts and you start to see just where the needs are. It's challenging. Back in 2003 the City identified upwards about one billion dollars worth of needs from sidewalk improvements, public service, housing needs. We're trying to get a plan that meets the needs. The needs are tremendous. Your questions and comments are very important that's where we can fine-tune the resources. We have a deadline of February 15 to submit the plan to HUD so if you have questions or comments please feel free to get those to us.

Thank you everybody for coming out tonight.

February 10, 2006

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RE: CITIZEN COMMENTS ON DRAFT, FY06 ACTION PLAN

Dear Director James Kostaras, CFO Mark Friedman, Community Development Director Ezra Glenn, Housing Director Paul Mackey, PSA Director Penny Snyder, Special Projects Director Dana LeWinter, and SPCD staff:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft, Action Plan FY06 Use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG grant monies, and have thoroughly enjoyed the two Citizen Participation meetings on November 9th and January 30.

I reviewed the Draft Plan in its entirety and also reviewed the CAPER 04/05 report, which includes reports updated to July 17, 2005. Previous to this, I also reviewed the Five- Year Comprehensive Plan, 2003-2008; and wrote a RECOMMENDATIONS FY06 CDBG Funds report, which the Disability Commission unanimously approved of, and which was submitted to your Office on December 15, 2005.

In this letter are contained comments related to the Wayfinding Kiosk (p.2); Housing Projects (p.3); Web and Communications Accessibility Improvements (p. 4); and questions seeking understanding of how the needs of the City's disabled community has been implemented into the Yearly Action Plans since the Five-year Comprehensive Plan was published in 2003 (pgs. 5, 6). I also include some thoughts regarding the Citizen participation process (pp 7,8). I earnestly hope that these ideas are beneficial.

[The Education Subcommittee (4 members) of the Disability Commission did review the Draft Action Plan together on January 27th. However, as the entire Disability Commission did not have a chance to meet and consensually agree on the ideas presented here, between the Citizen participation meeting of January 30th and the Feb. 10th deadline for these comments, this document, in general, simply represents one citizen's comments... with notes, where appropriate, representative of the Somerville Disability Commission's group comments.]

1. WAYFINDING KIOSK (Union Sq.):

I thank Mark Friedman and Ezra Glenn, who met with me on January 10, 2006 to review the Disability Commission's Recommendations for the FY06 Action Plan and to give me an update on which of those Recommendations would be drafted into this Action Plan. You have embraced the idea for a Universal Bus Kiosk, which the Commission Members suggested based upon the need for TTY and Braille signage throughout the City, combined with a need for height-appropriate signage and streetscape accessibility improvements for persons who are wheelchair-mobile. I see that this idea has been incorporated into the previous years' "Union Square Wayfinding" project, which appears, from the CAPER report Activity Summary Report (GPR) 4/04 - 3/05, to have \$17,945.00 balance as of March, 2005. An extra \$30,000 has been drafted into FY06 plan.

COMMENTS:

- a. This was discussed with the Commission at our January 17, 2006 monthly meeting. BRAVO! *The Commission heartily endorsed this step in designing and implementing a model for Communications assistive devices and accessibility improvements in Union Square, and thenceforth, in bus stop routes throughout Somerville. The Disabilities Commission looks forward to assisting your Office during 2006 in the design recommendations so that this place-finding Kiosk will be a model of universal, beautiful design and accomplish the goal of servicing persons with various communication and mobility impairments.*

- b. *Page 3 of the Draft document appears to state that there is currently a stand-alone bus shelter at the Union Square Plaza. I and others were puzzled, as a bus shelter is not currently found in this location.*

2. HOUSING PROJECTS (pages 6 & 7, Executive Summary, p. 3 & 4 of Summary J, and pp. 7 - 13, Narrative Responses) :

COMMENT: The Housing Special Project funds, the Housing Rehabilitation Project funds, and the City's CHDO program do not appear to specifically include strategies for assisting and/or providing incentives to landlords to adapt, modify, or improve their properties so as to include non-related individuals and non-related special needs families with physical & sensory impairments. Yet renters with disabilities, as well as families with at least one disabled member who rent, are ever at-risk for homelessness, or near-homelessness (i.e., being forced to accept a rental which would take more than 50% of that person/family's already-low and extremely-low income) due to the high percentage of condo-conversions, which force renters out of their tenancies and the subsequent difficulties finding affordable replacement housing within a short time period. I see that the City will work with Somerville Homeless Providers Group (p.9, Narrative) to develop housing solutions for chronically homeless, disabled populations, yet those who are imminently at-risk also include many non-homeless disabled residents. It is seen in the 2000 Census tract map that the majority of disabled residents 21-64 live within the Union Square NRSA area.

Question: *How are landlords who apply for rehab.loans encouraged to proactively provide accessibility features so as to increase the amount of affordable, accessible-modified housing stock throughout the City, and particularly in the NRSA areas?*

3. City IT & Communications Department Project Needs (see "Managing the Process", p.3, draft):

COMMENT: BRAVO for your excellent efforts to improve information access for persons with disabilities through enriched web content, as I see the Housing and Special Projects Team has done. *This is a sign of sincere commitment that your Team is responsible in thinking about the needs of the disabled persons within the City, and is soliciting and utilizing new information to help in servicing this constituent population.*

Next steps should include specific Somerville-based Housing opportunities for persons with disabilities; and, in collaboration with the City's IT and Communications Departments, the modification of these and other City-based webpages so that blind and visually-impaired users can access these pages and also access information related to the Citizen participation process in the coming year(s).

A Braille Printer should also be added to the City's resources for visually-impaired citizens, and to aid your and other City Offices to encourage the citizen participation of visually impaired constituents. Vendor suggestions for this have been forwarded to your Office, with the suggestion that the Main Library on Highland Avenue be enriched with this addition. This would cost approximately \$5,000, not including paper costs.

QUESTION: Are any of this year's Administrative and Planning funds earmarked for this and/or other accessible-formats planning?

4. In reviewing the Five-Year Comprehensive Plan, the CAPER Report, and this FY06 Action Plan Draft, one of my main focus areas was to understand how the City is introducing enhanced accessibility for persons with disabilities using these relatively flexible Federal monies. Taking as a starting point the needs of persons who are:

a. mobility-impaired; b. blind; and c. deaf, I wondered if there were easily achievable ways in which the City can create opportunities for such citizens to access programs, services, communication resources, and activities within the City. I kept asking, "Is there a clear opportunity for persons with such physical limitations to be involved equal to those who do not suffer from such limitations, using only a small percentage of these monies?"

COMMENT: Thus, at the Citizen participation meetings, I did speak to the need for the City to: add accessible signage; plan and undergo a Self-Evaluation process of Public Facilities, programs, policies, and communications; and, following the Self-Evaluation, create a Transition Plan to address the structural barriers to participation.

Insofar as certain City buildings are old and may not be reasonably adaptable to ADA-compliance and accessibility modifications, the necessary accommodation would then be to move the programs and services to facilities which are more appropriate for full and equal access for all citizen participants, regardless of mobility and sensory capacities. *These are not items which require large expenditures, but do require the commitment of the City and a dedicated ADA Coordinator's efforts.*

It is my understanding that your Office's response to this is that the City will be hiring an ADA Coordinator to facilitate these ADA administrative mandates. Still, I bring your attention to the appropriateness of specifically allocating some % CDBG funds in this FY06 Action Plan to prioritize a beginning ADA-Compliance and Barrier Removal Strategy, at least in the 2 NRSA locations. Otherwise, the new ADA-Coordinator has "no legs or teeth" to even begin to strategize and implement necessary ADA Title II mandates as regards bricks-and-mortar modifications in this FY06/07 year!

I am relatively new at this process and am eager to work with your Office to see if it is possible to achieve the beginnings of ADA-

Compliance Strategy within this year's Action Plan. Please forgive my ignorance and help me to work with you! I request that your Office review these three specific notes and questions to help me understand how the needs of the City's disabled persons have been incorporated into the community strategies:

1. In the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2003- 2008, Table 2B, Community needs has estimated these 3 relevant items

[Community needs includes Sub-Categories Anti-Crime Programs, Economic Development, Infrastructure, Planning & Administration, Public facilities, Public Services, and Senior Programs.]:

- a. Sub-category: Removal of Architectural barriers- Need level: Med; Units- 10; \$200,000 Estimated.
- b. Sub-category: Public facilities - Handicapped Centers (03B): need level: Low; Units: 5; Estimated \$: \$200,000.
- c. Sub-Category: Public Services - Handicapped Services (05B); Need Level: High; Units: 5; Estimated \$: \$200,000.

Question: Does that represent a total estimated allocation of \$600,000 funds towards Disability-related Community Needs for the Five-year period, 2003-2008?

2. In the CAPER Report, the IDIS-CO4PR23 Report NOTES:

- a. Removal of Architectural Barriers: [p. 2]: 0 activities & \$0 funds disbursed.
- b. Centers for the Disabled/Handicapped (03B) [p.1]: 0 activities/projects, and \$0 funds disbursed.
- c. Services for the Disabled (05B0) [p.2]: 0 activities/projects, and \$0 funds disbursed.

Question: Were any of the estimated costs of \$600,000 preserved for Disabled/Handicap Accessibility needs & improvements in the first year, 03/04; in the third year, 05/06; or planned as set asides for 07/08?

3. In addition, it is noted that the ADA improvement upgrades to Magoun Square Project was cancelled, resulting in a \$100,000 balance.

Question: Have the funds for the Magoun Square project been re-allocated towards ADA-accessibility improvements in any other areas of Somerville- and, specifically, the 2 NRSA areas?

5. Finally, I would like to make some suggestions regarding the Citizen participation process so that it creates avenues for more actual citizen representation, and more genuinely represents your Office's stated enthusiasm for collaborative planning:

a. Create a "Common-Interest Partnership" - a year-round, collaborative group of residents and public service agency staff to integrate with and help your Office and City policy-makers identify and problem-solve real, on-the-streets emerging and urgent community needs in target (NRSA) neighborhoods. Such a group, ideally of between 9 - 15 dedicated community members, would provide a more deliberative process, and offer your Office and other City policy-makers the chance to share information in detailed, non-aggressive discussions around the complex, interdependent issues at stake in neighborhood enhancement planning.

Such a group would be differentiated from the "public hearing" model in several ways. As was witnessed, although key stakeholders from Public Service Agencies attended both Citizen participation meetings, November 9, 2005 and January 30, 2006, there were actually few residents from the targeted neighborhoods present. Additionally, the well-meaning Citizen-Participation efforts operated on an aggressive time-schedule which did not empower citizens and key worker stakeholders in these neighborhoods the opportunity to bring forth community needs issues and proposed solutions in a timely manner; nor to address issues which these neighborhood cultures perceive as priorities and/or solveable via these Federal funding Objectives and monies. It appeared that we were, in the majority of project items, commenting on City CDBG plans which have largely been put into place (and the monies already staked out) 2 years ago.

I heartily recommend that some resources be earmarked to create a Citizen Participation Strategy (such as the above), so that your Office has an opportunity to evolve and host a more holistic Citizen-Oriented, deliberative planning collaborative effort which will support the enthusiasm generated by your Office and meeting participants for

solutions-oriented, empowering, community-wide strategizing and sustainable, proactive planning.

- b. If possible, plan one Citizen Participation Meeting at least 6 months before the Final Annual Plan is due; and allow at least 30 days (from the date the draft is available for public viewing) for citizen responses.
- c. Create and publish opportunities for citizens to become involved in year-round reviews and monitoring processes, as well as pre-construction planning, so that citizens with special skills and experiences can have the chance to offer the City their expertise on a variety of standard-setting project evaluations; and also to ensure that residents within NRSA area CDBG projects have the opportunity to comment upon and make relevant resident requests as pertains to the construction processes which will affect them in their neighborhoods.

Thank you very much for addressing my questions and comments. Disability Commission Members of previous years have told me that the Commission has not, up until this past year, addressed such questions with your Office. Therefore, I fully appreciate your ongoing patience and enthusiasm, and commend your Office in working with myself and with the Disabilities Commission's Recommendations Report in the last three months!

In addition, it appears that your excellent staff does not, largely, represent the persons who wrote the original Five-year Comprehensive Plan; therefore, any issues regarding lack of access appear to have been inherited by the present administration, and are not to be construed as a belief in, or representative of, a lack of your Office's good faith efforts to fulfill the mandates of the ADA.

The Commission did not have the time to review this letter, so it only represents my citizen comments. However, we did have telephone discussions, and it is clear that the Commission Members share my enthusiasm in working with your Office now, and in years to come.

I look forward to reading the Final Action Plan when it becomes available!

Very Sincerely,
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ATTACHMENT ONE (A)

2000 CENSUS TRACT MAP OF SOMERVILLE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 21- 65



02143 5-Digit ZCTA, 021 3-Digit ZCTA by Block Group
 TM-P046. Percent of Persons 21 to 64 Years With a Disability: 2000
 Universe: Civilian noninstitutionalized population 21 to 64 years
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H2, and H3. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, definitions, and count corrections see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/lexdata/notes/exp33.htm>.

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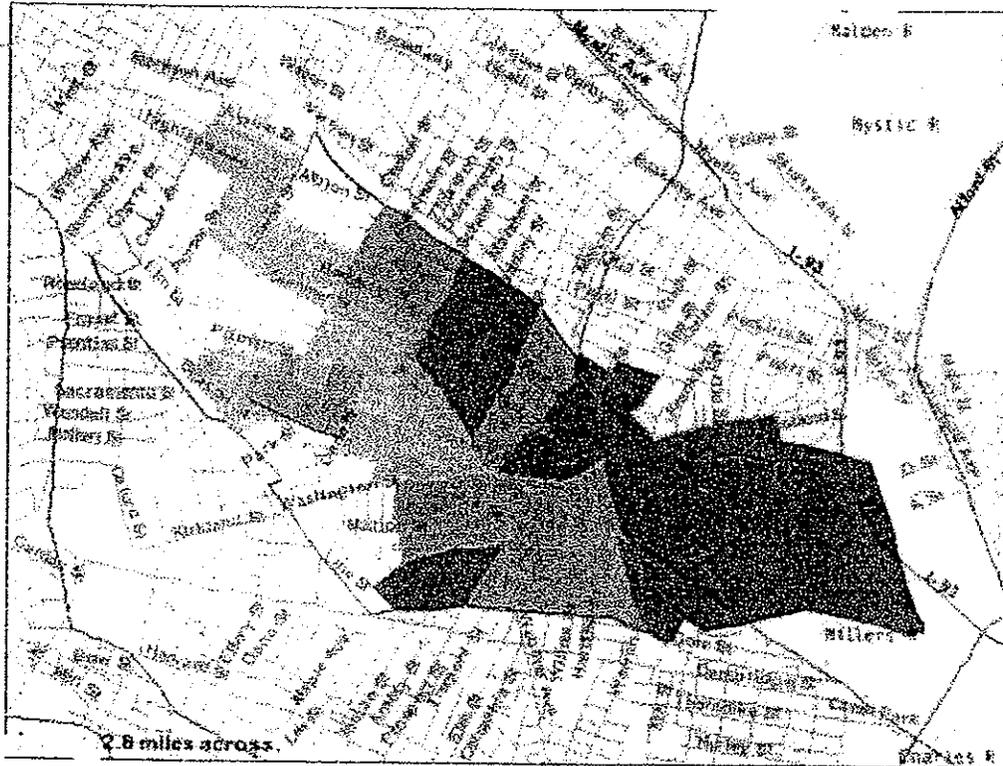
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Features

- Major Road
- Street
- Stream/Waterbody
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrix P42

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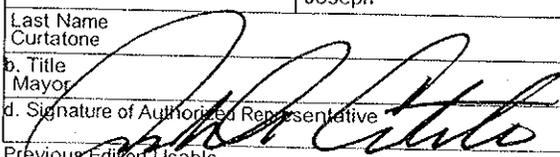
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| 8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) (See back of form for description of letters.) Other (specify) | | 7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (See back of form for Application Types) C. - Municipal Other (specify) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: TITLE (Name of Program): Emergency Shelter Grant 14-231 | | 9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: US Department of HUD - CPD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Somerville, MA | | 11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: Emergency Shelter Grant Project in the City of Somerville, MA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: 04/01/2006 Ending Date: 3/31/2007 | | 14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant Eighth b. Project Eighth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15. ESTIMATED FUNDING: <table border="1"> <tr><td>a. Federal</td><td>\$</td><td>125,755</td><td>00</td></tr> <tr><td>b. Applicant</td><td>\$</td><td></td><td>00</td></tr> <tr><td>c. State</td><td>\$</td><td></td><td>00</td></tr> <tr><td>d. Local</td><td>\$</td><td></td><td>00</td></tr> <tr><td>e. Other</td><td>\$</td><td></td><td>00</td></tr> <tr><td>f. Program Income</td><td>\$</td><td></td><td>00</td></tr> <tr><td>g. TOTAL</td><td>\$</td><td>125,755</td><td>00</td></tr> </table> | | a. Federal | \$ | 125,755 | 00 | b. Applicant | \$ | | 00 | c. State | \$ | | 00 | d. Local | \$ | | 00 | e. Other | \$ | | 00 | f. Program Income | \$ | | 00 | g. TOTAL | \$ | 125,755 | 00 | 16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS? a. Yes. <input type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON DATE: b. No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372 <input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW | |
| a. Federal | \$ | 125,755 | 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b. Applicant | \$ | | 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| g. TOTAL | \$ | 125,755 | 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED. | | 17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Authorized Representative | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prefix Mr. | First Name Joseph | Middle Name A. | Suffix | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Last Name Curtatone | | c. Telephone Number (give area code) 617 625 6600 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b. Title Mayor | | e. Date Signed 2/14/2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d. Signature of Authorized Representative  | | Previous Edition Usable Authorized for Local Reproduction | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



CPMP Non-State Grantee Certifications

Many elements of this document may be completed electronically, however a signature must be manually applied and the document must be submitted in paper form to the Field Office.

NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted --
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

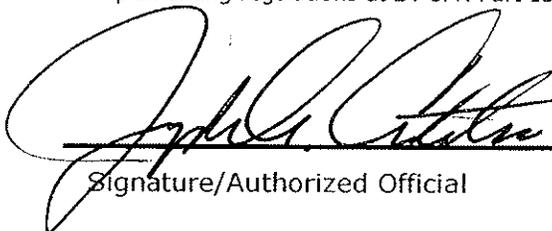
Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

8. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
9. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
10. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

11. **Maximum Feasible Priority** - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
12. **Overall Benefit** - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2004, 2005, 2006, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
13. **Special Assessments** - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

14. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
15. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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Specific HOME Certifications

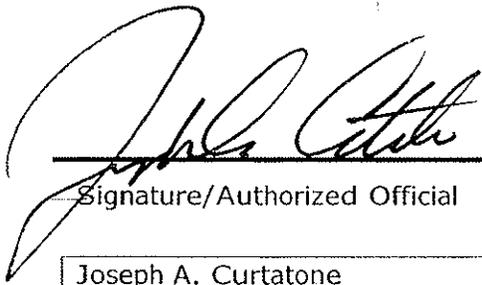
The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;



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- This certification does not apply.
 This certification is applicable.

ESG Certifications

I, Joseph A. Curtatone, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Somerville, certify that the local government will ensure the provision of the matching supplemental funds required by the regulation at 24 *CFR* 576.51. I have attached to this certification a description of the sources and amounts of such supplemental funds.

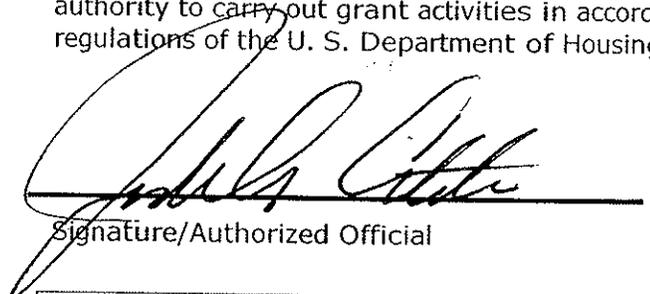
I further certify that the local government will comply with:

1. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.53 concerning the continued use of buildings for which Emergency Shelter Grants are used for rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; or when funds are used solely for operating costs or essential services.
2. The building standards requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.55.
3. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56, concerning assurances on services and other assistance to the homeless.
4. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57, other appropriate provisions of 24 *CFR* Part 576, and other applicable federal laws concerning nondiscrimination and equal opportunity.
5. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.59(b) concerning the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
6. The requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.59 concerning minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of a project assisted with these funds.
7. The requirements of 24 *CFR* Part 24 concerning the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.
8. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56(a) and 576.65(b) that grantees develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted with ESG funds and that the address or location of any family violence shelter project will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter.
9. The requirement that recipients involve themselves, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, homeless individuals and families in policymaking, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of these facilities as provided by 24 *CFR* 76.56.
10. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57(e) dealing with the provisions of, and regulations and procedures applicable with respect to the environmental review

responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related authorities as specified in 24 *CFR* Part 58.

11. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.21(a)(4) providing that the funding of homeless prevention activities for families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services will meet the requirements that: (A) the inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income; (B) the assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of the services to the family; (C) there must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time; and (D) the assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other source.
12. The new requirement of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 *USC* 11362) to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. I further understand that state and local governments are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and that ESG funds are not to be used to assist such persons in place of state and local resources.
13. HUD's standards for participation in a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the collection and reporting of client-level information.

I further certify that the submission of a completed and approved Consolidated Plan with its certifications, which act as the application for an Emergency Shelter Grant, is authorized under state and/or local law, and that the local government possesses legal authority to carry out grant activities in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

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| City Hall Annex | Evergreen Rd. | Somerville | Middlesex | MA | 02143 |

7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules: "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15); "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of *nolo contendere*) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes; "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance; "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including:
 - a. All "direct charge" employees;
 - b. all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and
 - c. temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement;

consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Note that by signing these certifications, certain documents must be completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

1. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
2. Citizen Participation Plan
3. Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan



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January 16, 2006

The Honorable Joseph A. Curtatone
Mayor of Somerville
93 Highland Ave.
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Mayor Curtatone:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 budget has been enacted and signed by the President. This letter provides your FY 2006 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnerships; the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI); Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA); and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG). These programs provide funding for housing, community and economic development, and assistance for special populations across the country.

HUD's budget is included in the FY 2006 Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (P.L. 109-115). Funding amounts in this bill were subsequently impacted by the FY 2006 Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act (P.L. 109-148), which dictated an across-the-board Government-wide rescission of one percent. According to the law, the Department is required to reduce each program contained in all funding bills by that amount. CPD's formula programs are not exempt from this cut. The FY 2006 allocations below have already been reduced to reflect this requirement. Also, the amounts include reallocated funds in the CDBG and HOME programs. The allocations reflect the level of funding available for these programs in your community.

The following amounts represent your FY 2006 allocation(s):

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| Community Development Block Grant | \$2,947,577 |
| HOME Investment Partnerships | \$900,130 |
| American Dream Downpayment Initiative | \$0 |
| Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS | \$0 |
| Emergency Shelter Grants | \$125,755 |

HUD continues to emphasize the importance of effective performance measurement in all of our programs. Last year HUD participated with national public interest groups in a joint working group, and developed a framework for a performance measurement framework for CPD formula programs. This framework was proposed for comment in a June 10, 2005 Federal