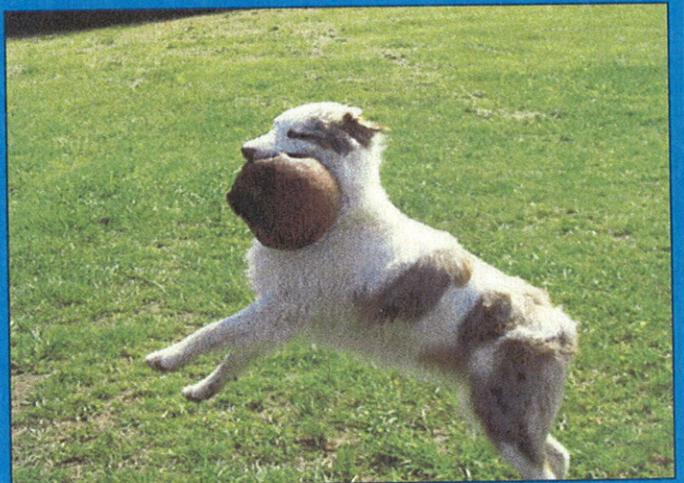
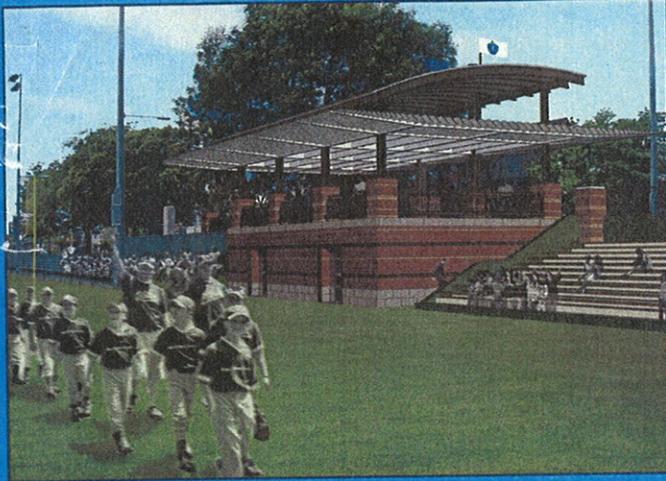


# ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

April 1, 2007– March 31, 2008



**City of Somerville, MA**  
**Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone**

**Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development**  
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Prepared on 2/08/07

# **CITY OF SOMERVILLE 2007 ACTION PLAN**

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

January 25, 2007

The Honorable Board of Aldermen  
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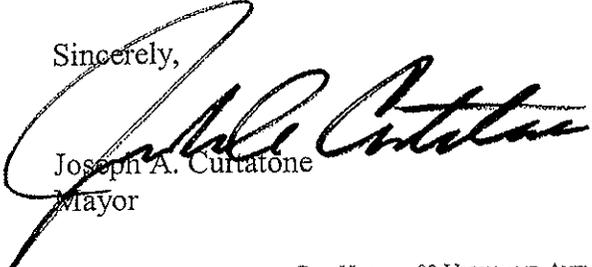
Dear Members of the Board of Aldermen,

I hereby submit for your approval the City's proposed One-Year Action Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment, and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Programs. The total budget under the City's mandated program year 2007 (4/1/07-3/31/08) is estimated at \$4,791,462 in new funding and program income. An additional \$5,860 of prior years funds is being reprogrammed to new projects and \$5,169,368 is being carried forward for existing projects for which we are also requesting approval.

The One Year Action Plan describes activities that the City will undertake in the areas of housing, public facility improvements, commercial and industrial improvements, community development, historic preservation and public service. The CDBG, HOME and ESG grant funds provide the City of Somerville with a tremendous opportunity to undertake activities which will provide substantial benefits to our citizens. The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development will administer funds will administer this grant.

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53A, which requires a vote of the Board of Aldermen for the expenditure of grants or gifts from the federal government and from a charitable foundation, private corporation, or an individual, or from the Commonwealth, a county or municipality or agency thereof, I request approval to expend these grant funds.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph A. Curtatone  
Mayor

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In Board of Aldermen

Mayor's Request

Requesting approval of SPCD's proposed  
1-Year Action Plan for the Federal HUD  
CDBG, HOME and ESG programs totaling  
\$4,791,462

Approved

*John J. Long*  
CITY CLERK

*[Signature]*  
APPROVED

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MAYOR

JAN 25 2007

In Board of Aldermen

FINANCE AIAA  
HOUSING + COMM. DEVELOPMENT

*John J. Long*  
CITY CLERK

The Committee on Finance  
recommends that this item be

- Not Approved
- Placed on File.
- Approved.  With Conditions:

*[Signature]*  
Chairman

# CITY OF SOMERVILLE 2007 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 fifth One Year Action Plan in that 2003-2008 cycle, which builds on the efforts undertaken in the prior four 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 \$9,966,690. 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 continues a balanced approach to meeting the needs within the City, with 33% of new entitlement and program income funds going towards housing projects, 23% earmarked for economic and community development projects, 13% earmarked for parks and recreation projects, another 12% going towards public service related grants, and the majority of the remainder going to support these projects either directly or indirectly. As the fifth and final year in the current 5 Year Consolidated Plan time period, next year the City will focus additional energy resources to achieve the goals set forth by the City in its 2003-2008 5 Year Consolidated Plan (please see Tab J for more information).

The budget set forth in this plan contains HUD's allocations determined on a formula basis for the City of Somerville for the upcoming year beginning April 1, 2007 (please see TAB C). The CDBG new entitlement, HOME new entitlement, and ESG new entitlement allocation represents level funding for next year as compared with the present year (CDBG: \$2,947,577, HOME: \$900,130, and ESG: \$125,755). The City of Somerville is encouraged to see that the reductions in funding for these important

programs experienced in each of the last few years has stopped, and we look forward to the possibility of future years funding to restore some of those recent reductions. For 2007-2008, the City has worked to prepare a budget whereby important parks and infrastructure projects can be realized within the environment of escalating construction costs. More than ever, 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 Union Square Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area will play a larger role in the City's economic and community development efforts in this upcoming year, and the City, through this document, is seeking approval to extend this NRSA into the next 5 Year Consolidated Plan time period (4/01/2008-3/31/2013). Please see Tab D for more information.

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 2007 the City plans to continue its work in this area.

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 E), a variety of maps of the City (see Tab G), including a map showing the location of specific proposed projects within the City (see Map #2 under Tab G), and the Citizen Participation Plan.

The City of Somerville's fifth 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 Program (Low/Moderate Income Areas):**

This year's Action Plan continues funding for the City's storefront improvement program (SIP) in the amount of \$75,000, which provides financial and technical assistance to businesses in low and moderate income areas for exterior/facade improvements. A new "signs, lights, & awnings" mini-program will be introduced for those businesses looking to upgrade only those components of their businesses. Up to \$40,000 in funding is available for a full façade renovation, and up to \$5,000 available for signs, lighting & awnings, with a business required to provide a match to the City's investment.

### **Storefront Improvement Program (Micro-Enterprise Assistance):**

In the coming year, the City will set aside an additional \$75,000 for storefront improvements that will be available to very small businesses City-wide (and not just in low/moderate income areas). Under HUD's micro-enterprise assistance eligibility category, the City will make these funds available for the same purposes and with the same conditions as the above mentioned existing SIP to businesses with 6 or fewer employees (one of whom must be the owner) and who also meets certain HUD income requirements. With the Storefront Improvements Program set up under these separate HUD eligibility categories (low/mod area benefit & micro-enterprise assistance), the City will be able to expand the reach of this program to more businesses throughout Somerville.

### **Small Business/Micro-enterprise Loan Program:**

The City intends to initiate financial support for a small business loan program to micro-enterprises within the City. Micro-enterprises are defined as businesses with 6 or fewer employees – one of whom must be the owner. Certain HUD income eligibility requirements also apply. By partnering with an outside financial institution, the City will set a target of providing financial assistance to up to 15 micro-enterprises in the coming year.

### **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.

### **Section 108 Loan Payments:**

The City currently has two HUD Section 108 loans outstanding for the purchase of properties in Boynton Yards. These loans were placed in 1988 and 1997, and presently have principal balances outstanding of \$560,000 and \$1,500,000 respectively. The amount of \$677,668 represents the scheduled principal and interest payments for the year 2007-2008 on those loans.

### **Union Square Main Streets:**

As part of the larger Union Square Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) goals and objectives, the current action plan continues a fourth year of support of the City's Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) partner in Union Square with \$75,000. CBDO activities will focus on neighborhood revitalization and economic development activities.

### **East Somerville Main Streets:**

As part of the larger East Somerville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) goals and objectives, the current action plan continues a second year of support of the City's Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) partner in East Somerville with \$75,000. 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 lighting 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 application for \$50,000 focused on arts and cultural economic development.

### **Wayfinding Kiosk (Union Square):**

This is a continuation of last year's project to design and construct a new wayfinding kiosk in Union Square with \$30,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. These funds would be carried forward from 2006-2007 to create a central and accessible location for directional and other information, with a focus on ADA accessibility.

### **East Broadway Streetscape:**

The Action Plan carries forward \$671K of previously budgeted funds 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. In addition, the City recently was awarded \$479,000 in funding through a state grant for the construction of pedestrian improvements along East Broadway from the Boston City line to the intersection of Mount Vernon and Lombardi. The entire length of these projects would be contained within the East Somerville NRSA.

### **ADA Streetscape Improvements:**

The City will implement a pilot program to make ADA improvements relating to sidewalks, curb-cuts, and signage & signals, and other pedestrian infrastructure City-wide. In consultation with DPW and the Somerville Disabilities Commission, CDBG funds of \$50,000 will be earmarked towards construction of these ADA improvements to sidewalks and related infrastructure.

## **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.

### **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 revised state grant of \$57,090 by carrying forward \$18K in Community Development Block Grant funds from a prior year, and by programming an additional \$5,000 in CDBG funds towards ADA features within this park.

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, benches and trees for a variety of residential user groups.

### **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 carrying-forward \$35,000 in CDBG entitlement funds to complete

this project. The City will use these funds to leverage another \$58,009 in state 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.

### **Kemp Nut Community Park:**

This park is being 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 \$439,245 of existing CDBG funds and \$25,000 in new entitlement funds. These funds will be leveraged with an existing 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.

### **Stone Place Park:**

Stone Place Park is a small pocket park located directly behind Union Square between Homer Square and Stone Place. Stone Place Park is in a great location abutting a neighborhood and a growing commercial area, and like Perry Park, this park also suffered from disrepair and is in need of extensive renovation. The City is carrying forward \$286,467 of CDBG funds to complete 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.

### **Harris Park Design:**

The City is carrying forward its allocation of \$55,000 CDBG funds to design Harris Park, which will be located in the East Somerville eligible area once site issues have been clarified.

### **111 South Street:**

The City is allocating \$55,000 of new CDBG entitlement funds for the design and construction of a new Off Leash Recreation Area. Among its features, this park will have amenities for residents to bring their dogs. This new park will be located in a CDBG eligible area of the City.

### **Cambridge Health Alliance Site Remediation:**

Under the national objective of spot blight removal, the City is earmarking \$40,000 of CDBG funds to assist with the remediation of this site adjacent to the Community Path off Central Street. This CDBG funding is a required match for an EPA grant application the City has submitted for an estimated \$200,000, which would also be for site remediation. The Cambridge Health Alliance is in the process of donating this site to the City, which will become part of the larger community path project presently underway.

### **North Street Playground:**

In 2007-2008, the City is allocating \$15,000 of CDBG funds for the design of the North Street playground, which receives intense use from the adjacent Somerville Housing Authority complex. With the new design, we will provide for a new play structure, fencing, safety surfacing, and tables & chairs for parents and daycare groups.

### **0 Washington Street Park:**

The City is allocating \$15,000 of new CDBG entitlement funds for the design of a new Off Leash Recreation Area. Among its features, this park will have amenities for residents to bring their dogs. This new park will be located in a CDBG eligible area of the City.

### **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 likely include an open café/plaza area on Washington Street, an active play area for children, a large rolling green lawn space, new tree plantings, and a jogging /circulation path. In addition, the park will have additional lighting for passive evening use.

### **Trum Field House:**

In 2004 the City began design efforts for a new field house at Trum Field. In addition to a viewing platform which would overlook the field, this new field house will include ADA accessible locker-rooms and bathrooms, and accessible ramps and other exterior features making the entire facility more accessible. The City intends to move forward to finalize design and to construct this new field house. In addition to a state grant of \$250,000, and various City sources of funds going into this multi-million dollar project, the City will carry-forward \$80,499 of CDBG funds for ADA related features of this new structure.

### **Groundwork Somerville:**

This program represents funding to landscape (and related efforts) in schools and other eligible public areas of the City. In program year 2007, the City plans to allocate \$10,000 in new entitlement CDBG funds toward this program.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

### **Union Square Historic District:**

CDBG grant funds of \$9,360 for the creation of a comprehensive Union Square Historic District. The City is also applying for a Massachusetts Historical Commission grant of \$14,040. This project will continue to increase residential property values and the commercial economic development potential of the Square by promoting property re-investment, attracting more tourist and consumer dollars, and further enhancing the historic streetscape of the whole district.

## **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, and \$500,000 in HOME funds for the Somerville Housing Authority Capen project, the City of Somerville is earmarking a total of \$1,982,592 in total funds towards this project in program year 2007.

### **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, and these funds are also being coordinated with the HUD Lead grants the City received in the fall of 2006. The City is earmarking \$625,000 in total CDBG and HOME funds for this program in program year 2007.

### **Down Payment Assistance/Closing Cost Assistance Program:**

In 2007-2008, the City will be re-introducing the Down Payment Assistance program with \$100,000 of HOME funds.

#### **Down-Payment Assistance Program 80 – Market-Rate Units**

Down-payment assistance of up to 15% of the acquisition cost of eligible properties can be made available to Somerville residents who are income-eligible first-time buyers purchasing market-rate homes in Somerville. The loan will be in the form of a 0% interest, deferred loan. At the time of a sale, the City will recapture a percentage of the appreciation value equal to the percentage of the original down-payment assistance loan.

#### **Closing Cost Assistance Program 80 – Subsidized or Inclusionary Housing Units**

Closing Cost assistance of up to \$5,000 can be made available to households who are income-eligible buyers of subsidized and inclusionary housing units in Somerville. The assistance will come in the form of a 0%, five-year forgivable loan. Eligible assistance amount will be based on a good faith estimate of actual closing costs. Borrowers must be approved to purchase subsidized or inclusionary housing units. Non-Somerville residents are eligible if they are approved to purchase a subsidized or inclusionary housing unit, but preference will be given to households who currently live or work in Somerville. Assistance is also available on resale of these properties.

### **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 97,500 in HOME funds towards this program in 2007.

### **HOME CHDO Operating:**

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 2007, the City is earmarking \$45,007 towards this.

### **HOME CHDO Set Aside:**

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). These funds can be used to acquire, demolish and create affordable housing units within the City of Somerville. Including carried-forward funds for the Gilman Street project (\$289,500 in HOME funds) and the St. Polycarps project (\$750,000 in HOME funds), the City has earmarked \$1,174,519 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 2007) 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 2006 thirty-two agencies and programs in the City were funded through this program – 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 2007.

## **EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS**

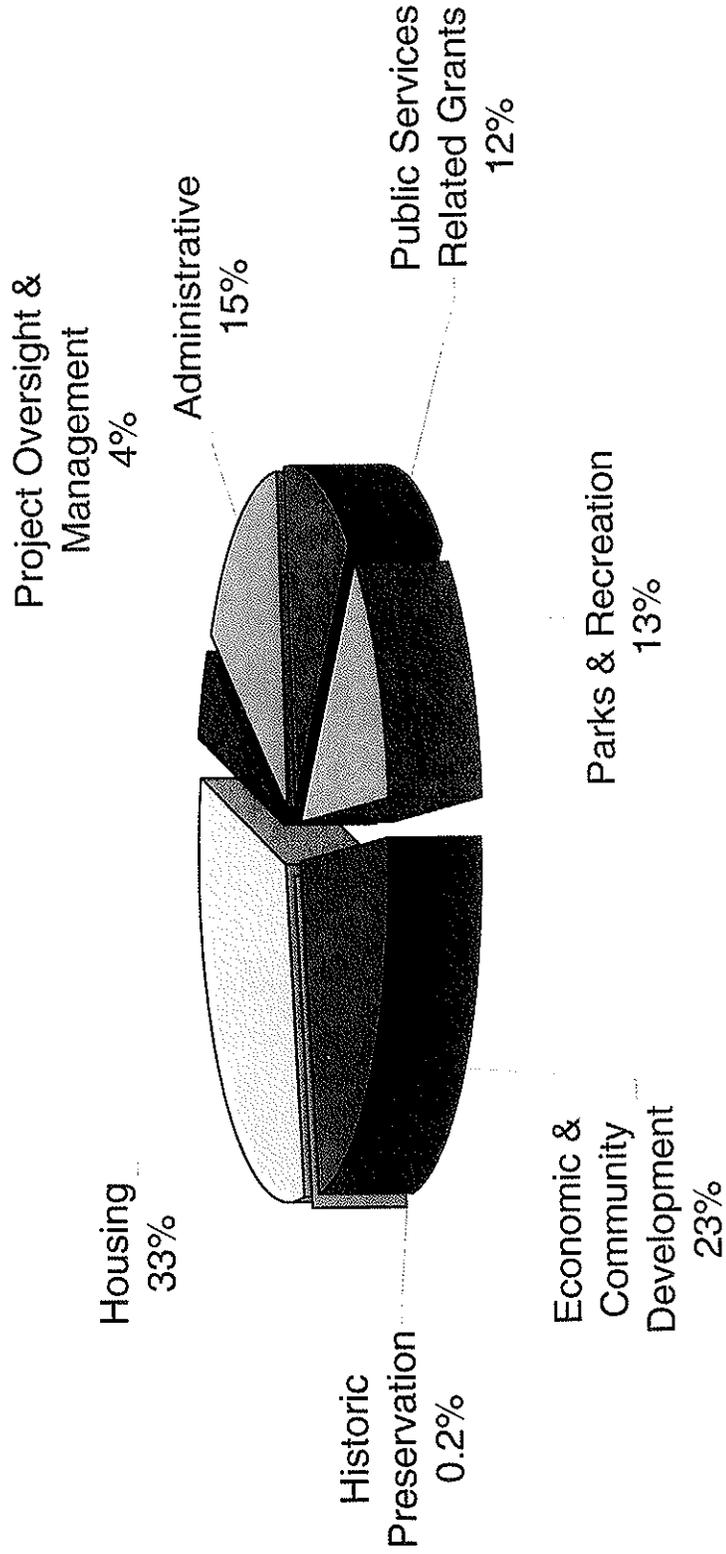
### **Emergency Shelter Grants:**

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 2007.

## Funding Sources

<b>Entitlement Grant (includes reallocated funds)</b>		
CDBG	\$2,947,577	
ESG	\$125,755	
HOME	\$900,130	
HOPWA	\$0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,973,462</b>
<b>Prior Years' Program Income NOT previously programmed or reported</b>		
CDBG	\$0	
ESG	\$0	
HOME	\$0	
HOPWA	\$0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>
<b>Reprogrammed Prior Years' Funds</b>		
CDBG	\$2,685,728	
ESG	\$0	
HOME	\$2,489,500	
HOPWA	\$0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,175,228</b>
<b>Total Estimated Program Income</b>		
CDBG Econ Development Reimbursement...	\$268,000	
CDBG Housing Rehab Revol Loan Fund	\$125,000	
HOME Housing Rehab Revol Loan Fund	\$125,000	
CDBG Special Projects Revol Loan	\$300,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$818,000</b>
<b>Section 108 Loan Guarantee Fund</b>		<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES</b>		<b>\$9,966,690</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>		<b>\$0</b>
<b>Submitted Proposed Projects Totals</b>		<b>\$9,966,690</b>
<b>Un-Submitted Proposed Projects Totals</b>		<b>\$0</b>

**City of Somerville  
2007 H.U.D. Action Plan  
New Entitlement Funds & Program Income  
CDBG, HOME, ESG**



CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PROGRAM YEAR 2007 (APRIL 1, 2007 - MARCH 31, 2008)  
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
2004	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	ELIGIBLE CDBG AREAS OF THE CITY	Funds for renovating storefronts and/or signs & awnings in CDBG eligible commercial districts. Provides 50% reimbursement of the cost of exterior renovations up to a maximum of \$40,000.	75,000	-	-	75,000
2007	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	CITY-WIDE	Funds for renovating storefronts and/or signs & awnings for microenterprises (6 or fewer employees, one of which is the owner) throughout the City.	75,000	-	-	75,000
2007	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	SMALL BUSINESS/MICROENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM	CITY-WIDE	Funds to assist with a small-business loan fund targeted to micro-enterprises as the first year of a three year program.	30,000	-	-	30,000
2005	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	UNION SQUARE FARMERS' MARKET	UNION SQUARE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Grant to non-profit to organize and manage Union Square Farmers' Market.	12,000	-	-	12,000
1999	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	SECTION 108 LOANS PAYMENTS	93 HIGHLAND AVE SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Interest and principal on the City's outstanding Section 108 Loan Balance.	677,668	-	-	677,668
2004	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	UNION SQUARE MAIN STREETS	UNION SQUARE NRSA	Support for Main Streets organization and initiatives in Union Square.	75,000	-	-	75,000
2006	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	EAST SOMERVILLE MAIN STREETS	EAST SOMERVILLE NRSA	Support for Main Streets organization and initiatives in East Somerville.	75,000	-	-	75,000
2005	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	ARTS UNION STREETSCAPE ELEMENTS	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	WAYFINDING KIOSK in UNION SQUARE	UNION SQUARE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	To design and install ADA-accessible wayfinding signage for Union Square.	30,000	-	-	30,000
2003	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	EAST BROADWAY STREETSCAPE PROJECT	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 \$671,246 and \$479,000 from a state T.O.D. grant.	671,246	-	-	671,246
2007	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	ADA STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	CITY-WIDE	For ADA improvements to sidewalks, curb cuts, and pedestrian signals & signage throughout the city.	50,000	-	-	50,000
<b>Total Economic &amp; Community Development Project Costs</b>					<b>1,820,914</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1,820,914</b>
								<b>18%</b>

CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PROGRAM YEAR 2007 (APRIL 1, 2007 - MARCH 31, 2008)  
PROPOSED PROJECTS  
CDBG, HOME, and EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAMS

Initial Year Funded	Project Name	Activity Name	Address	Descrip	Total CDBG	Total HOME	Total ES6	Total Program
2000	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
2007	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	DURRELL PARK CONSTRUCTION	BEACON STREET, SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Funds to address ADA aspects of this project. This is in addition to the \$18,193 remaining for construction and a revised matching state grant of \$57,090.	23,193	-	-	23,193
2005	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	30 ALLEN STREET CONSTRUCTION	30 ALLEN STREET, SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Design of pocket park in Union Square NRSA. Includes prior year CDBG funds of \$10,000, as well as a revised matching state grant of \$58,009.	35,000	-	-	35,000
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 \$159,245, \$280,000, as well as matching state grant of \$495,000.	464,245	-	-	464,245
2005	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	STONEPLACE PARK	UNION SQUARE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Construction costs related to existing park in CDBG eligible neighborhood. Includes prior year CDBG funds of \$286,467.	286,467	-	-	286,467
2006	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	HARRIS PARK	EAST SOMERVILLE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02145	Design of park in CDBG eligible area.	55,000	-	-	55,000
2007	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	111 SOUTH STREET	111 SOUTH STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02145	Design and Construction of Off Leash Recreation Area park in a CDBG eligible area.	55,000	-	-	55,000
2007	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE REMEDIATION	112 CENTRAL STREET	Remediation of the former Cambridge Health Alliance site in conjunction with a grant application for \$200K from the EPA.	40,000	-	-	40,000
2007	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	NORTH STREET PLAYGROUND	NORTH STREET	Design costs related to site improvements at existing park in CDBG eligible neighborhood.	15,000	-	-	15,000
2007	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	0 WASHINGTON STREET	0 WASHINGTON STREET	Design of Off Leash Recreation Area park in East Somerville NRSA.	15,000	-	-	15,000

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Initial Year Funded	Project Name	Activity Name	Address	Descrip	Total CDBG	Total HOME	Total ESG	Total Program
2004	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	PERRY PARK CONSTRUCTION	PERRY PARK	Completing Design and Construction costs related to existing park in CDBG eligible neighborhood.	895,078	-	-	895,078
2004	PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	TRUM FIELD HOUSE	BROADWAY, SOMERVILLE, MA 02144	ADA related design & construction costs associated with this building.	80,499	-	-	80,499
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
<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation Project Costs</b>					<b>2,049,482</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2,049,482</b>
					32%	0%	0%	21%

2007	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.	467,168	-	-	467,168
<b>Total Economic &amp; Community Development, Parks &amp; Recreation Project Management Costs</b>					<b>467,168</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>467,168</b>
					7%	0%	0%	5%

2007	HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES	UNION SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT	UNION SQUARE NRSA SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Establish a comprehensive historic district for the Union Square area. This to be matched with MHC grant request of \$14,040.	9,360	-	-	9,360
<b>Total Historic Preservation Project Costs</b>					<b>9,360</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>9,360</b>
					0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%

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 new HOME funds of \$232,592, and HOME funds of \$950,000 (VNA project) and \$500,000 (SHA Capen project) carried forward from prior years.	300,000	1,682,592	-	1,982,592
2007	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.	300,000	325,000	-	625,000
2007	HOUSING ACTIVITIES	DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Downpayment and closing cost assistance of up to 15% to income eligible Somerville residents.	-	100,000	-	100,000

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2005	HOUSING ACTIVITIES	HOUSING DIVISION PROJECT COSTS	50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Costs associated with project oversight of the Housing Division CDBG program.	328,589	-	-	328,589
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, Inn. For P.A.S.S. Program administered by Somerville Homeless Coalition.	-	97,500	-	97,500
2007	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
2005	HOUSING ACTIVITIES	HOME CHDO Set Aside	50 EVERGREEN STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Minimum of 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 \$289,500 (109 Gilman St Project) and \$750,000 (St. Polycarps) of HOME funds carried forward from prior year grants.	-	1,174,519	-	1,174,519
<b>Total Housing Project Costs</b>					<b>928,589</b>	<b>3,514,630</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,443,219</b>
					15%	100%	0%	45%

2007	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
2007	EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT	ES6 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	93 HIGHLAND AVE. SOMERVILLE, MA	A portion of the staff salaries associated with administering the ES6 Grant.	-	-	5,030	5,030
2007	EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT	ES6 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
<b>Total Public Service Related Grants</b>					<b>442,137</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,755</b>	<b>567,892</b>
					7%	0%	100%	6%

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2007	ADMIN & PLANNING	CDBG ADMIN	93 HIGHLAND AVE. SOMERVILLE, MA 02143	Staff salaries and overhead costs associated with administering the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs	608,655	-	-	608,655
<b>Total CDBG Administration</b>					<b>608,655</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>608,655</b>
					10%	0%	0%	10%
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 6,326,305</b>	<b>\$ 3,514,630</b>	<b>\$ 125,755</b>	<b>\$ 9,966,690</b>
					100%	100%	100%	100%



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

February 14, 2007

Mr. Robert L. Paquin, Director  
Community Planning and Development, HUD Regional Office  
Room 375, Boston Federal Office Building, 10 Causeway Street  
Boston, MA 02222-1092

Dear Mr. Paquin,

Submitted for your approval is a request to extend the City of Somerville's Union Square Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) for the time period covering the upcoming program year and into the City's next 5 Year Consolidated Plan (covering the time period April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2013).

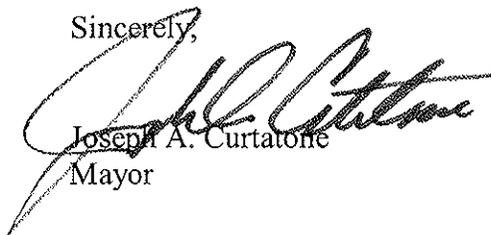
The City of Somerville's Union Square NRSA Plan submitted to HUD on March 15, 2002 amended the City's 5 Year Consolidated Plan. Since that time, the goals and objectives outlined in this NRSA Plan have guided the City in its revitalization efforts and much has been accomplished.

However, some of the most important milestones in the revitalization of Union Square still lie ahead. The City intends to continue reliance on the established NRSA's stated goals and objectives as we move into the next phases of the Union Square revitalization, and the increased flexibility this NRSA offers will be a critical tool in helping us achieve these objectives.

I would like to reiterate that the revitalization of Union Square is one of the major goals of my administration, and the extension of the Union Square NRSA is essential to achieving this goal.

Should you have any questions regarding this re-application for the City's Union Square NRSA, please contact Phil Ercolini, Deputy Executive Director of Strategic Planning & Community Development at 617-625-6600, extension 2516.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Curtatone  
Mayor



## **2007 Union Square NRSA Update**

### **I. Purpose:**

Union Square has historically been the commercial center in the City of Somerville, and is poised once again to play an increasingly important role in the growth and health of the City of Somerville. To assist in the revitalization of this area of Somerville, the City is requesting the federal Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) approval to extend the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) designation for the City's Union Square into the next 5 Year Consolidated Plan period, which begins April 1, 2008. The current Union Square NRSA has been an important tool in the City's revitalization efforts for Union Square, and this tool will be even more important as the City moves into future phases of revitalizing Union Square.

Included in this request is the following: 1) a map with the boundaries of the Union Square NRSA. The City is requesting that those boundaries remain as they have existed since 2002; and 2) data from the latest census (2000) which reveals that this NRSA remains an area with over 51% low and moderate income residents/households (the existing Union Square NRSA relied upon the 1990 census). What follows is a brief history of the Union Square NRSA, as well as the City's revitalization plans for Union Square.

### **II. Brief History**

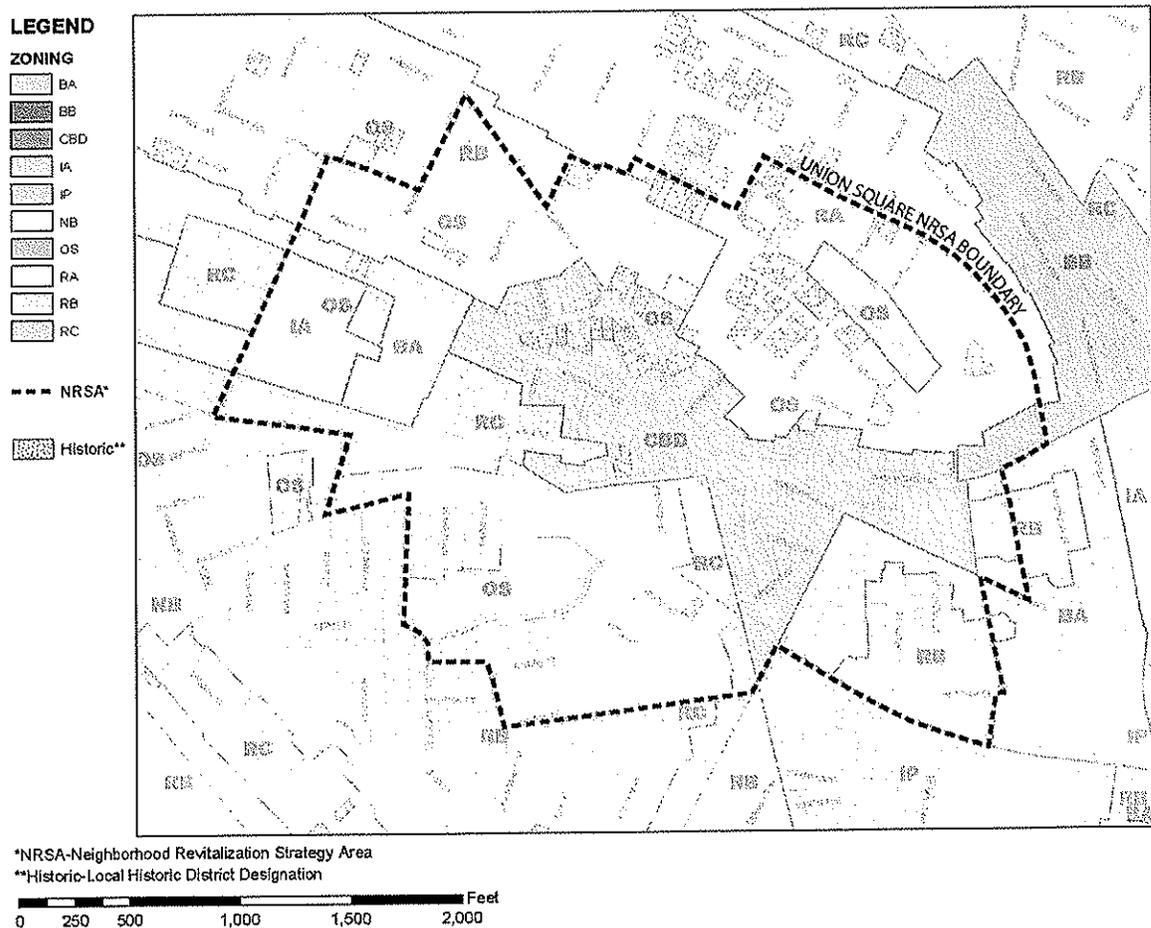
The history of Union Square is diverse and far-reaching, dating back to the US Revolutionary War period. The historic heart of the Square originally consisted of Miller's River surrounded by marsh. In 1813, the first major road was constructed over the marsh and named Somerville Avenue. Additional roads were created and the Square itself came into being when the intersection of three main streets (Somerville Avenue, Bow Street, and Washington Street) occurred. This junction became a gateway for goods into Boston by way of bridges and ferries and paved the way for subsequent growth in industries such as blacksmithing, brick production, and meatpacking. When the railroad started running through the area, Union Square as a commercial center was further reinforced. The establishment of a horse-drawn streetcar system in the 1850s, the institution of an electric streetcar system in the early 1900s, and the incorporation of trolley lines marked the Square as a transit node in the greater Boston area. The concentrated development of brick row houses, apartments and hotels strengthened the residential base, which with the erection of three-to-four-story commercial buildings, rendered the Square much denser at the turn of the century than it is today. The widespread use of automobiles in the 1950s and increased mobility for consumers triggered Union Square's decline as a vibrant commercial center. Presently, Union Square remains primarily a commercial square that shares features found in traditional neighborhood commercial centers in New England with most buildings now standing just one or two stories in height. A number of existing structures have been identified as architecturally and/or historically significant.

In the 2002 Union Square NRSA, the City of Somerville created a Union Square Study Area with boundaries that extended approximately a quarter mile (1/4 mile) from the center of the Square and covering 7.2 million square feet or .26 square miles. The Vietnam Memorial located

at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Washington Street was selected as Square's center point from which the NRSA boundaries radiated. The resulting geographical area served as the basis for the 2002 Union Square NRSA, the Union Square Master Plan and subsequent planning initiatives and studies related to Union Square. Map 1 identifies current Union Square NRSA boundaries, which we propose to maintain into the next 5 year Consolidated Plan for the City of Somerville.

The Union Square NRSA boundaries encompass Somerville's oldest commercial business district, outlying business corridors, and surrounding residential neighborhoods. The Square remains an area that is underserved by public and rapid transit yet experiences a high level of pass-through traffic from commuters en route to surrounding municipalities and/or looking to access Interstate Freeway 93 (I-93) and the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90). In addition, while the area has a diversity of non-residential uses including restaurant, food market, office, and retail stores, the Square is far from realizing its potential as a retail and commercial center that meets the needs of the City and its residents.

**Map 1. Boundaries of the Union Square NRSA**



### III. Goals and Objectives

We propose to maintain the goals and objectives stated in our 2002 Union Square NRSA, which is outlined below.

A. Develop a local economy that emphasizes the tax base, service, residential, shopping and employment needs of the community.

- Promote the creation of office space, research and development facilities, and other types of day time employment uses.
- Support the development of additional small scale retail uses that encourage pedestrian traffic.
- Maintain Union Square's focus as a restaurant destination.
- Encourage uses related to arts and entertainment in order to provide additional destinations within the Square and supplement the restaurant focus.
- Ensure that the City's permitting process and regulations are business- and resident-friendly while also ensuring that the Square's character is protected and that neighborhoods are preserved.

B. Strengthen and market Union Square's image.

- Determine the market potential for desirable uses within Union Square.
- Develop a comprehensive marketing package to recruit appropriate development and customers to the Square.
- Support the neighborhood role of the Union Square business area.
- Emphasize the historical significance of Union Square.
- Continue to encourage business-sponsored festivals and events.
- Involve the arts community in visual improvements.

C. Pursue urban design projects that create a unified square, are compatible on a pedestrian scale, define the area as a commercial center, and are aesthetically pleasing.

- Improve gateways to Union Square to convey to visitors that they have reached a specific place.
- Ensure that sidewalks and pedestrian pathways are sufficiently wide, well lit, clean, safe, comfortable and accessible by the disabled.
- Continue to encourage a variety of buildings and styles, but retain the consistency of buildings located at the edge of the sidewalk to define the street wall.
- Encourage the use of planters, street trees and other landscaping to soften the environment and provide color and shade.
- Utilize paving surfaces that make sidewalks and public areas more distinctive.
- Ensure maintenance and upkeep of public areas and storefronts.

D. Strengthen the role of public places and facilities.

- Improve the plaza area by adding more trees, flowers and other vegetation.
- Provide benches and public seating areas throughout the Square.

- Improve existing focal points and explore the potential for creating new focal points within the Square through the addition of public information kiosks, landscaping, monuments, or public art.
- Ensure that the Public Safety facilities are consistent with both the functional needs of the City and the character of the neighborhood.
- Develop a reuse plan for the former Bow Street Police Station.
- Work with the United States Post Office in Union Square to improve parking and traffic flow.
- Pursue strategies to improve accessibility between Union Square and City Hall.

E. Maintain an efficient and thorough system of transportation that balances public transportation, private and commercial vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians that is consistent with Union Square's image as a commercial center.

- Seek ways to reduce congestion in Union Square without jeopardizing the Square's role as an historic neighborhood commercial center.
- Balance the need to move traffic through the Square efficiently with the need to park and conduct business.
- Provide bike and pedestrian paths, and sidewalks in appropriate areas to create connections to destinations within Union Square and to surrounding areas.
- Define strategies to improve Union Square's street crossings, pedestrian systems and its sense of coherence.
- Work with state and regional planning and transportation agencies to develop a plan to meet regional transportation needs that are compatible with the goals for Union Square.
- Work with the MBTA to establish commuter rail stops to utilize the multiple lines that already pass through Union Square.
- Work with the MBTA to establish a subway stop via the Green Line and/or the proposed Urban Ring.
- Work with the MBTA to coordinate bus service within Union Square.

F. Develop a comprehensive parking management plan.

- Involve property owners, business operators, employees and customers in developing a parking plan.
- Pursue the possibility of building a parking garage.
- Provide flexible options for businesses and residential developments that may not be able to provide the required amount of off-street parking spaces due to site constraints.
- Provide long term maintenance of public parking areas, including parking fee collection, cleanliness, and safety of parking areas.
- Install directional signage directing motorists to designated parking areas.
- Encourage shared parking arrangements between businesses with complementary business hours and/or between businesses and residential developments.
- Ensure that the location of both public and private parking lots are compatible with adjacent building uses, do not break up the physical continuity of the streetscape, do not disrupt a pedestrian circulation corridor, and are compatible with traffic circulation patterns.

#### **IV. The City's Revitalization Plan in Union Square Since 2002**

The City of Somerville submitted the Union Square Five Year Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan (NRSA) in March 2002 as an amendment to the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan and in accordance with HUD regulations. Our request to extend the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) designation for the City's Union Square into the next 5 Year Consolidated Plan period comes in the form of this 2007 Union Square NRSA Update. This Update marks the next phase in the City's comprehensive plan for the area. The following includes an update of demographic information affecting the Square and various planning initiatives and developments that have been implemented since the completion of the Union Square NRSA in 2002.

##### Census Data

The demographic data presented in the 2002 Union Square NRSA were drawn from the 1990 Census and informed the City in determining the Union Square NRSA boundaries. The area covers six intersecting block groups that fan out radially from the center. Since the submission of the 2002 Union Square NRSA, data from the 2000 Census have been available and we have used portions of the data to provide an analysis of the area for the period between 1990 and 2000.

In applying 2000 Census block group data to the Union Square NRSA, we found that there are a few changes worth mentioning. First, the boundaries of two census block groups within the Union Square NRSA were changed between 1990 and 2000 such that an additional block group from the 2000 census is part of the Union Square NRSA. Please see Figures 1 and 2 below for clarification. Second, the number of HUD eligible moderate to low-income block groups within the Union Square NRSA increased from 3 in 1990 to 4 in 2000. Third and most importantly, a comparative analysis of the 1990 and 2000 Census data by block group reveals that the weighted average of the HUD eligible moderate-to-low-income population within the Union Square NRSA decreased from 55.7 % in 1990 to 52.5% in 2000, but still within the low-to-moderate income requirements set by HUD.

Figure 1. Map of Union Square NRSA in 1990

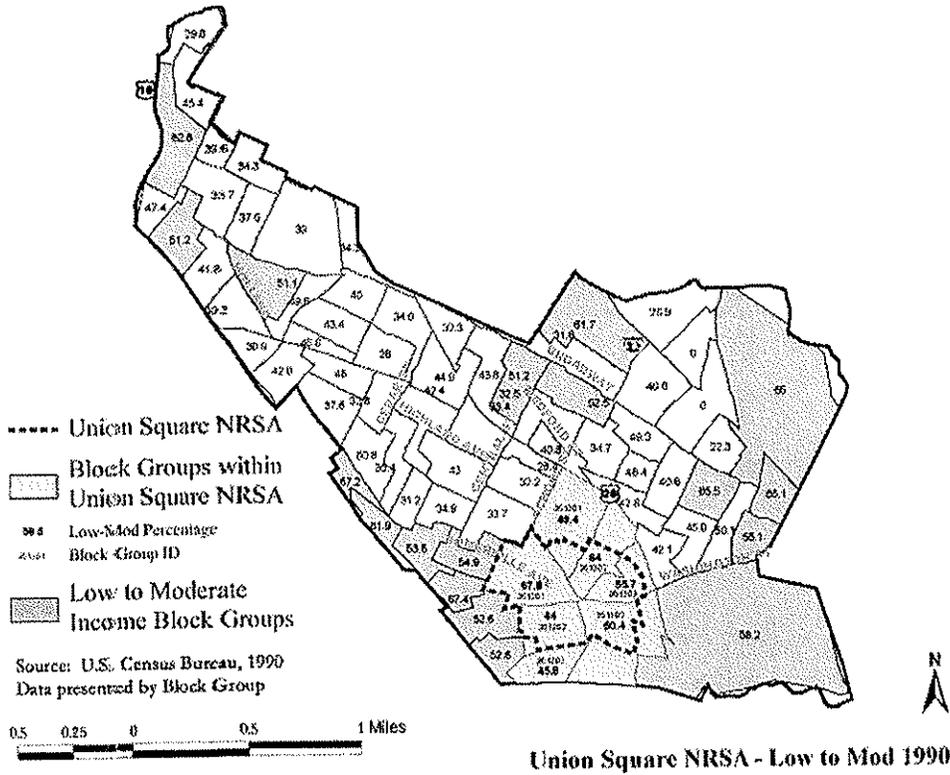
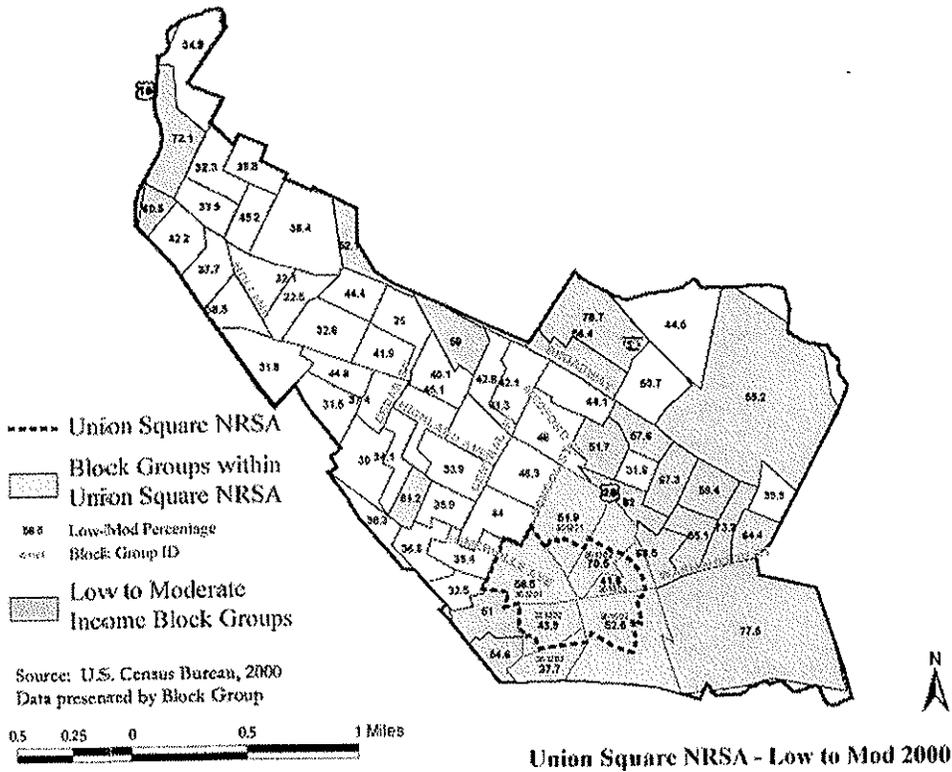


Figure 2. Map of Union Square NRSA in 2000



**Table 1. Demographics of Union Square NRSA in 1990****Source: US Census Bureau, 1990**

Census Block Group	Population within Block Group	Percentage of Population that is HUD eligible moderate-to-low income	HUD eligible moderate-to-low income Block Group	Population of Block group that is HUD eligible moderate-to-low income
250173512002	1142	44.0	No	502
250173515002	1332	50.4	No	671
250173513003	999	55.7	Yes	556
250173512001	1694	67.8	Yes	1149
250173513002	1506	64.0	Yes	964
250173513001	1932	49.4	No	954
<b>Total</b>	<b>8605</b>			<b>4796</b>

Weighted Avg (in %) of Population that is HUD eligible moderate-to-low-income.	55.7
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**Table 2. Demographics of Union Square NRSA in 2000****Source: US Census Bureau, 2000**

Census Block Group	Population within Block Group	Percentage of Population that is HUD eligible moderate-to-low income	HUD eligible moderate-to-low income by Block Group	Population of Block group that is HUD eligible moderate-to-low income
250173512003	1062	37.7	No	400
250173512002	1197	43.9	No	525
250173515002	1641	52.6	Yes	863
250173513003	871	41.6	No	362
250173512001	1720	58.5	Yes	1006
250173513002	1481	70.5	Yes	1044
250173513001	1984	51.9	Yes	1030
<b>Total</b>	<b>9956</b>			<b>5230</b>

Weighted Avg (in %) of Population that is HUD eligible moderate-to-low-income.	52.5
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### Union Square Master Plan (2003)

The intent of the 2002 NRSA was to serve as the first part of a comprehensive planning approach for the City. The Union Square Master Plan was completed in April of the following year. In this regard the 2002 Union Square NRSA was a catalyst for and served as Phase One of the Union Square Master Plan while the Master Plan itself was regarded as Phase Two.

The Master Plan, among its various goals, identified existing conditions, strengths, issues and opportunities affecting Union Square. The Plan examines barriers, such as transportation challenges and zoning, which have slowed revitalization of the area. In addition, the Plan provided an analysis of methods to promote economic development, including target development on specific parcels of land. The resulting recommendations outline the City's vision and general action plan for Union Square into 2012. The action plan is further reinforced by a phased approach that incorporates an implementation action table. In sum, the Union Square Master Plan represents a major step in breaking down the City's broad goals into an executable plan of action. At the time of this writing, the Union Square Master Plan is available electronically for review through the City's official website and at the following URL. [http://www.ci.somerville.ma.us/aud3.cfm?aud=res&cat=Union%20Sq.&instance\\_id=52](http://www.ci.somerville.ma.us/aud3.cfm?aud=res&cat=Union%20Sq.&instance_id=52).

### Union Square Zoning Amendment (2006-2007)

In the Union Square Master Plan, zoning is identified as a tool in revitalizing Union Square and encouraging economic development in the area. A zoning analysis of the area indicated that while the existing zoning is generally supportive of the type of new development desired in the area, the parking requirements and the number of dwelling units permitted per parcel were found to be highly restrictive for Union Square. In response to this finding, the City carried out an involved public process to propose a zoning amendment that would, not only address the aforementioned, but also encourage development in Union Square and promote artist housing and studio use across the City.

The public process included a number of neighborhood meetings over the proceeding two years and culminated in a Union Square Zoning Presentation on November 20, 2006 followed by a Union Square Zoning workshop held on December 4, 2006. At least 120 participants from the public attended each of the meetings. At the time of this writing, the City is awaiting final approval of the proposed zoning amendment from the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen. Until approval of the proposed amendment, a draft version of the amendment may be viewed electronically on the City's official website and at the following URL.

[http://www.ci.somerville.ma.us/aud3.cfm?aud=res&cat=Union%20Sq.&instance\\_id=53](http://www.ci.somerville.ma.us/aud3.cfm?aud=res&cat=Union%20Sq.&instance_id=53)

### DIF Feasibility Study (2006)

District Improvement Financing (DIF) enables municipalities to fund public works, infrastructure and development projects by allocating future, incremental tax revenues collected from a predefined district to pay project costs. A DIF feasibility study was completed in 2006, which evaluated infrastructure needs previously identified in the Union Square Master Plan and Transportation Study for Union Square. The feasibility study included several community meetings, as well as research with the assessor and treasury offices, investigating valuations of existing and future development. This evaluation revealed that Union Square might be a good candidate for this financing vehicle, depending on the completion of the MBTA Green Line extension and proposed zoning for high-density development. The City is continuing to pursue DIF implementation in Union Square.

### Green Line (2002-2007)

The City supports the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) evaluation in determining alternatives for extending transit service to Somerville. The extension would start at the Lechmere station near North Point in Cambridge, extend into West Medford, and include a dedicated spur to Union Square. The State has committed to a completion date of 2014. With the introduction of an MBTA green line station in Union Square, essentially connecting the City with Boston, the opportunities of establishing high-density transit-oriented development becomes a reality. The EOT and MBTA will begin environmental studies to evaluate corridor and station

locations this year. This process will require both a Draft and Final EIR and encompass continuous community involvement.

#### Municipal Property Review (2005-2007)

The Union Square Master Plan examines a number of challenges regarding both underutilized municipal property and insufficient space for existing municipal functions. In line with this finding, the Mayor charged a committee of community leaders and city staff to comprehensively examine and re-evaluate the use of publicly owned buildings and land. There are four municipal properties in Union Square, all of which were reviewed for compatibility with existing city uses or potential disposition by the City as a catalyst for economic development in the area. A Housing Study was completed in 2005 involving city staff, community focus groups and real estate/urban design consultants that, in parallel with the municipal property review committee, analyzed these sites in relation to the current real estate market. The Study proposes conceptual designs that would facilitate the development of a strong community in Union Square. Building on the recommendations of the Union Square Master Plan, the results of the Review include development of city sites with mixed-use and transit-oriented development and infrastructure improvements; and recommendations for several zoning amendments that would support of these changes.

#### **V. Conclusion**

Working from the existing Union Square NRSA, the City of Somerville is requesting HUD's approval to extend the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) designation for Union Square into the next 5 Year Consolidated Plan period, which begins April 1, 2008. With commitments from the MBTA to extend Green Line service to Somerville, and the State's commitment of over \$20 Million to reconstruct and improve Somerville Avenue, the City will be focusing increased energy and resources into the revitalization of this Union Square to build upon the commitments and progress already achieved.

**U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development  
CPD Consolidated Plan  
Listing of Proposed Projects**

Project ID/ Local ID	Project Title/Priority/ Objective/Description	HUD Matrix Code/Title/ Citation/Accomplishments	Funding Sources
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0006	Storefront Improvement Program  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.  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.	14E Rehab; Publicly or Privately- Owned Commercial/Industrial  570.202  3 Businesses	CDBG \$ 40,000 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0  Prior Funding \$ 35,000 CDBG TOTAL \$ 75,000  Total Other Funding \$ 0
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Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0098	Storefront Improvement Program	18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance	CDBG \$ 40,000
	Economic Development	570.201(o)	ESG \$ 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	HOME \$ 0
			HOPWA \$ 0
			Prior Funding
			CDBG \$ 35,000
			TOTAL \$ 75,000
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(2) - Low / Mod Limited Clientele  
 Subrecipient: Subrecipient Private 570.500(c)  
 Location(s): Community Wide

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0086	Small Business and Microenterprise Loan Program	18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance	CDBG \$ 30,000
	Economic Development	570.201(o)	ESG \$ 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.	15 Businesses	HOME \$ 0
			HOPWA \$ 0
			TOTAL \$ 30,000
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

Financial support to microenterprises and small businesses through the establishment of micro-enterprise loan program to eligible businesses City-wide.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0082	Farmers Market	18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance	CDBG \$ 12,000
	Other	570.201(o)	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.	1 Organizations	TOTAL \$ 12,000
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

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

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility:  
 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	\$ 677,668 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0  \$ 677,668  Total Other Funding \$ 0
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Interest and principal payments on the City's outstanding Section 108 Loan balance.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

495 Columbia St, Somerville, MA 02143

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0099	Union Square Main Streets	17D Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements	CDBG \$ 75,000
	Other	570.203(a)	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.	500 Businesses	TOTAL \$ 75,000
	Funds provided under grant agreement to assist CBDO in the Union Square NRSA district		Total Other Funding \$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

Union Square NRSA, Somerville, MA 02145

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0094	East Somerville Main Streets  Other	17D Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements  570.203(a)	CDBG ESG HOME HOPWA  \$ 75,000 \$ 0 \$ 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  \$ 75,000
		Total Other Funding	\$ 0

Funds provided under grant agreement to assist CBDO in the East Somerville NRSA district.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

East Somerville-NRSA, Somerville, MA 02145

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0080	ArtsUnion	03 Public Facilities and Improvements (General)	CDBG \$ 50,000 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.	500 Businesses	TOTAL \$ 50,000
			Other Funding \$ 50,000 MA Cultural Council \$ 50,000 Total Other Funding \$ 50,000

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

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0058	Union Square Universal Wayfinding Kiosk	03 Public Facilities and Improvements (General)	CDBG \$ 0
	Other	570.201(c)	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
			Prior Funding \$ 30,000
			CDBG \$ 30,000
			TOTAL \$ 30,000
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

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

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility:  
 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 \$ 0 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.	9000 People (General)	Prior Funding \$ 671,246 CDBG \$ 671,246
			TOTAL \$ 671,246
			Other Funding \$ 479,000 State - OCD \$ 479,000 Total Other Funding \$ 479,000

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

East Somerville NRSA, Somerville, MA 02145

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0100	ADA Streetscape Improvements	03L Sidewalks	CDBG \$ 50,000
	Infrastructure	570.201(c)	ESG \$ 0
		10 Public Facilities	HOME \$ 0
			HOPWA \$ 0
			TOTAL \$ 50,000
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

In an effort to increase jobs and the vitality of the community, the City will be concentrating physical improvements and infrastructure improvements in core commercial areas of Assembly Square, Inner Belt Park, Boynton Yards, East Somerville and within the major transportation corridors of McGrath Highway, Somerville Ave., Beacon St. and Broadway. These improvements will be in the form of improved public transportation, and roadways designed to accommodate a variety of transportation modes, pedestrian amendments and ADA improvements to sidewalks and street crossings.

ADA improvements to sidewalks, curbscuts, signals & signage, and other pedestrian related accessibility infrastructure.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(2) - Low / Mod Limited Clientele  
 Subrecipient: Local Government  
 Location(s): Community Wide

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0055	Street Tree Planting Program	03N Tree Planting	CDBG \$ 75,000
	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
			TOTAL \$ 75,000
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

Funding will provide for the planting of approximately 100 trees in CDBG eligible areas, city wide.

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

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

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0090	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.	03F Parks, Recreational Facilities  570.201(c)  1 Public Facilities	CDBG \$ 0 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0  Prior Funding \$ 23,193 CDBG \$ 23,193 TOTAL \$ 23,193
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Construction costs related to ADA site improvements at existing park. Total Other Funding \$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(2) - Low / Mod Limited Clientele  
 Subrecipient: Local Government  
 Location(s): Addresses

Beacon St., Somerville, MA 02143

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0097	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 \$ 0 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0  Prior Funding \$ 35,000 CDBG  TOTAL \$ 35,000  Total Other Funding \$ 0
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Construction of pocket park in Union Sq. - NRSA

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

Union Sq, NRSA, Somerville, MA 02143

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0087	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 \$ 25,000 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0  Prior Funding \$ 439,245 CDBG TOTAL \$ 464,245  Other Funding State Grant - EOE \$ 495,000 Total Other Funding \$ 495,000
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Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility:  
 Subrecipient: Local Government  
 Location(s): CT & BG's

CT: 351400 BG: 7 County: 25017

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0069	Stone Place Park Renovation - 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 \$ 286,467 CDBG TOTAL \$ 286,467
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Construction costs related to site improvements at existing park. Total Other Funding \$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0089	Harris Park - Design Services	03F Parks, Recreational Facilities	CDBG \$ 0
	Other	570.201(c)	ESG \$ 0
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			HOPWA \$ 0
			Prior Funding \$ 55,000
			CDBG \$ 55,000
			TOTAL \$ 55,000
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

Design of one park in East Somerville NRSA.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

East Somerville-NRSA, Somerville, MA 02145

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0102	111 South Street Park  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 \$ 55,000 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0  TOTAL \$ 55,000  Total Other Funding \$ 0
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Design and construction of an Off Leash Recreational Area park

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

111 South Street, Somerville, MA 02143

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0105	Cambridge Health Alliance Remediation  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 ESG HOME HOPWA  Prior Funding CDBG  TOTAL	\$ 34,140 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0  \$ 5,860 \$ 40,000
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Total Other Funding \$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility: 570.208(b)(2) - Slums / Blight Spot  
 Subrecipient: Local Government  
 Location(s): Addresses

112 Central Street, Somerville, MA 02143

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0103	North Street Playground  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 \$ 15,000 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0  TOTAL \$ 15,000  Total Other Funding \$ 0
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Design funds to renovate park adjacent to the Somerville Housing Authority complex on North Street

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility: 570.208(a)(2) - Low / Mod Limited Clientele  
 Subrecipient: Local Government  
 Location(s): Addresses

North Street, Somerville, MA 01245

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0104	0 Washington Street  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 \$ 15,000 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0  TOTAL \$ 15,000  Total Other Funding \$ 0
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Design of an Off Leash Recreational Area park within the East Somerville NRSA

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0088	Perry Park - Construction	03F Parks, Recreational Facilities	CDBG \$ 350,000
	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.	1 Public Facilities	HOME \$ 0
			HOPWA \$ 0
			Prior Funding
			CDBG \$ 545,078
			TOTAL \$ 895,078
	Construction costs related to site improvements at existing park.		Total Other Funding \$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility:  
 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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0064	Trum Field House	03F Parks, Recreational Facilities	CDBG \$0
	Public Facilities	570.201(c)	ESG \$0
			HOME \$0
			HOPWA \$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.

Prior Funding \$ 80,499  
 CDBG  
 TOTAL \$ 80,499

Funding for renovation of the field house restrooms and changing area, to make them safe and accessible in accordance with ADA standards. Match to State grant.

Total Other Funding \$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144

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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: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility:  
 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 \$ 448,028 ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 0 HOPWA \$ 0  Prior Funding \$ 19,140 CDBG  TOTAL \$ 467,168
	Project costs associated with activities carried out by the Community & Economic Development Divisions, including staff salaries, to manage project development and construction.	Total Other Funding	\$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0101	Union Square Historic District	16A Residential Historic Preservation	CDBG \$ 9,360 ESG \$ 0
	Other	570.202(d)	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.	1000 People (General)	TOTAL \$ 9,360
	Establish a comprehensive historic district for Union Square.		Total Other Funding \$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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 \$ 300,000
	Housing	570.202	ESG \$ 0 HOME \$ 232,592 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 \$ 1,450,000 HOME \$ 1,982,592 TOTAL \$ 0
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

These funds will go toward the creation of LMI housing units at various sites throughout the City.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0033	Housing Rehabilitation Program	14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential	CDBG \$ 175,000 ESG \$ 0
	Housing	570.202	HOME \$ 325,000 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 \$ 125,000 CDBG \$ 625,000 TOTAL \$ 0
	Funds to rehabilitate rental units occupied by and or affordable to tenants who are income eligible under HOME and/or CDBG regulations.		Total Other Funding \$ 0

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0075	Down Payment & Closing Cost Assistance	13 Direct Homeownership Assistance	CDBG \$ 0
	Housing	570.201(n)	ESG \$ 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 of rehabilitation, 200 new housing units in addition to 50 residents receiving down payment assistance.	5 Housing Units	HOME \$ 100,000 HOPWA \$ 0
		TOTAL	\$ 100,000
		Total Other Funding	\$ 0

Down payment and closing cost assistance of up to 15% of the acquisition cost of eligible properties through the City's Inclusionary Housing Program or on the open market to income eligible Somerville residents creating home ownership opportunities for people at or below 80% AMI.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0004	Housing Division Project Costs	14H Rehabilitation Administration	CDBG \$ 28,588
	Housing	570.202	ESG \$ 0
		29 Housing Units	HOME \$ 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.		HOPWA \$ 0
			Prior Funding
			CDBG \$ 300,000
			TOTAL \$ 328,588
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

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

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0053	Home Program Administration	14H Rehabilitation Administration	CDBG \$ 0 ESG \$ 0
	Planning & Administration	570.202	HOME \$ 90,013 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.	24 Housing Units	TOTAL \$ 90,013
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

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

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0034	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	05S Rental Housing Subsidies (tenant-based rental assistance)	CDBG \$ 0 ESG \$ 0
	Housing	570.204	HOME \$ 97,500 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.	45 Youth	TOTAL \$ 97,500
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

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: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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)  ESG HOME HOPWA  TOTAL  Total Other Funding	\$ 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: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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 of 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 \$ 1,039,500 HOME TOTAL \$ 1,174,519  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: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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
			Total Other Funding \$ 0

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.

Funds are available for competitive bid by agencies providing human and social services to low income residents

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0081	Emergency Shelter Grant Program Administration	21A General Program Administration	CDBG \$ 0
	Planning & Administration	570.206	ESG \$ 5,030
	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)	HOME \$ 0
			HOPWA \$ 0
			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: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? Yes Completion Date: 03/31/08

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: 04/01/07  
 Help those with HIV or AIDS? Yes Completion Date: 03/31/08

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

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0001	<p>Program Administration</p> <p>Planning &amp; Administration</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>21A General Program Administration</p> <p>570.206</p> <p>25000 People (General)</p>	<p>CDBG</p> <p>ESG</p> <p>HOME</p> <p>HOPWA</p> <p>TOTAL</p> <p>Total Other Funding</p>
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\$ 608,655	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 608,655	\$ 0
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Staff salaries and overhead costs associated with administering the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs.

Help the Homeless? No Start Date: 04/01/07

Help those with HIV or AIDS? No Completion Date: 03/31/08

Eligibility:

Subrecipient: Local Government

Location(s): N/A



# Fifth Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Fifth 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.

## Narrative Responses

### GENERAL

#### Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is required. Include the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan and an evaluation of past performance.

Program Year 5 Action Plan Executive Summary:

#### 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. Where appropriate, the jurisdiction should estimate the percentage of funds the jurisdiction plans to dedicate to target areas.

Response: Map # 2 under Tab G 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 G for more details. For year 5, the City is introducing two new City-wide programs (Storefront Improvements – microenterprise assistance and ADA Streetscape Improvements) which are going to benefit low/mod clientele over a larger section of the City. In terms of the number of projects we will have active next year – over 10% will be in the East Somerville NRSA, and over 15% will be in the Union Square NRSA. In total, over 26% of all projects for next year will be in one of the City's NRSA's.

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: The Year 5 Action Plan process began with a review of the City's 5 Year Consolidated Plan, and the goals & objectives contained therein. The City's two NRSA's (East Somerville and Union Square) are geographically of high importance, and have a notable portion of the 2007-2008 projects. 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. In addition, site-specific projects were evaluated within the parameters of their eligibility for federal HUD funding. Based upon the demographics of the City, most eligible site-specific projects tend to fall within (approximately) the eastern-third of the City's geographic area. Again, within that third of the City, the City's NRSA's represent a majority of that area.

The one of the challenges facing the City of Somerville with regards to HUD CDBG funds has been in serving the needs of low/moderate income persons who don't necessarily reside within the well-established one-third geographically eligible areas of the City. Economically in year 5, the City should also see notable progress in the redevelopment of Assembly Square - which falls geographically in the East Somerville NRSA. In year 5, the City is continuing to look at investing in the low/mod areas of the City. However, in year 5 we will also be expanding the reach of our economic and development projects to other areas of the City through use of the micro-enterprise category. Both the Storefront Improvements Program and the Small Business/Micro-Enterprise Loan Program will reach out City-wide. 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.

Parks and Recreational Facilities are assessed on a site-by-site basis. Of the thirteen projects in 2007-2008, one is adjacent to a low-income housing development (North Street Playground), one is being funded through CDBG for ADA improvements (Trum Field House), Two will be in low/mod income areas of the City but aren't yet identified by site (Groundworks Somerville and the Street Tree Planting Program), one is being funded through CDBG for Spot Blight site remediation (Cambridge Health Alliance site), and the rest fall within low/mod areas of the City.

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.

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 continues

to pursue and leverage other grant sources 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 usage and effectiveness of 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.

In 2007-2008, the City is reintroducing the Downpayment/Closing Cost Assistance Program to extend homeownership to more residents. The VNA project will greatly expand the number of units of affordable housing available to seniors in the community. And the CHDO projects (Gilman St and St Polycarps) will also expand affordable housing in Somerville.

**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 frozen budgets or 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.

4. Identify the federal, state, and local resources expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the plan. Federal resources should include Section 8 funds made available to the jurisdiction, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds expected to be available to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan.

Please see Tab C for information on other funding sources available to assist with these projects.

Section 8: The Somerville Housing Authority expects to receive \$11,908,692 of federal Section 8 assistance during the calendar year 2007.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credits: The Visiting Nurse Association development at the Capen School site expects to receive \$745,000 in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to assist in the development of their affordable Senior Assisted Living development. This building will provide affordable housing for 95 senior citizens.

McKinney-Vento: The Somerville Continuum of Care, comprised of a wide range of homeless providers in Somerville, annually receives roughly \$1,000,000 through the McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care application process. These funds are used by the Continuum to provide supportive

services and permanent housing for homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families.

In addition to those funds, the City has an estimated \$22 million dollar roadway reconstruction project scheduled to begin this spring along Somerville Avenue. Of those funds, an estimated \$19.5 million will be coming from the State, and an estimated \$2.5 million will be coming from the City. This project, while outside the scope of this Action Plan, falls within the scope of the City's 5 Year Consolidated Plan.-

Program Year 5 Action Plan General Questions response:

### **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 2007 One Year Action Plan was developed by:

- a. Following in the footsteps of our public hearing related to existing HUD projects held on November 28, 2006, the first major step in the 2007 One Year Action Plan development process was taken with the public hearing held on December 18, 2006. Public comments were taken during the 12/18/2006 meeting and during the planning period to date in order to identify needs within the City. Representatives from a range of public service agencies (see Public Hearing transcript under Tab H), interested citizens, members of City's Commission on Disabilities, and City staff participated in the public hearing and provided useful comments toward the development of this plan;
- b. From the December 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;
- c. 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;
- d. Meeting with various departments and administration officials to coordinate 2007 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 coming year for the City represents the time-period during which the City, through the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development, will coordinate and draft the City's next 5 Year Consolidated Plan. Extensive meetings, analysis and outreach will occur during this process.

Outreach and coordination will take place with the Mayor, the Somerville Housing Authority, the Somerville Commission on Disabilities, the City's CHDO (Somerville Community Corporation), local service agencies, other City Departments, other Cities and towns, the HUD regional office, the Main Streets organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, local residents, and many others.

On top of the required public hearings, the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development anticipates holding a minimum of 3-6 additional public meetings and forums to gather as much input as possible.

### **Citizen Participation**

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.

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

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

**Response:** A transcript of the comments from the first public hearing on 12/18/2007 are included under Tab H. Comments from the second public hearing 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 H.

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

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

\*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool

### **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 all are strengthening 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: The City has an established monitoring process. 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, and how the plan for the reduction of lead-based hazards is related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards.

Response: In the fall of 2006, the City received two new HUD Lead Hazard grants (Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant for \$1,572,670, and a Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant for \$1,911,849) which it will use over the next 3 years to continue its efforts to assist Somerville homeowners to address conditions of lead in their homes, and also to provide ducation, outreach, and worker training on these issues.

The City's existing Lead programs generally 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. Some highlights from last year's Lead Program appear in the chart below:

Lead Hazard Abatement Program	Provides 0% interest forgivable loans for owner-occupied properties and 0% deferred payment loans for investor-owned properties to assist in the abatement of lead hazardous materials.	o \$205,989 in Lead Hazard Abatement Grants
With Somerville's old housing stock, many properties still contain lead paint. According to Massachusetts Law, any unit or single family home with an occupant who is less than six years old must be de-lead. The program is designed to provide an incentive for property owners to comply with lead laws, create a safe living environment and to create or maintain affordable rental units.		
<b>2005-2006 Accomplishments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9 loans provided</li> <li>o 12 units abated</li> <li>o 12 low or moderate-income households assisted</li> <li>o 4 units in progress</li> </ul>		

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

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

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

<b>Program Year 2007 Goals and Objectives with Grant Funds (CDBG and HOME)</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>5 Year Goal</b>	<b>Year 5 Goal</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>117</b>

**Specific Housing Objectives**

Despite the weakening in the housing market, the City of Somerville is still experiencing historically high costs of homeownership. Not surprisingly, 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 continue 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 expand its Lead Hazard Abatement program and coordinate this closely with its 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.
- o The City will work with its designated Community Housing Development Organization, the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC), to develop affordable housing units at 109 Gilman Street, as well as the proposed mixed-use development of the former St. Polycarp's site and the Capen Court project.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o The City is re-introducing its down-payment assistance program in 2007-2008. 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.
- o 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 expiring units 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.

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.

In Tab C of the Year 5 Action Plan there is a narrative discussion of each project/program proposed related to Housing – including their individual funding sources, and in Tab E there is some additional information provided on each of these projects.

## **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 will continue to address 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, and for next year a Down Payment/Closing Costs Assistance program. 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.

2.

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.
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.

City 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.
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.

Response: Not Applicable

## HOMELESS

### Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

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

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

Last year, the City of Somerville's Continuum of Care was 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. This year we are hoping to receive approximately the same level of funding through the competitive award process.

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 provides 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 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: The City, through an RFP process awards its Emergency Shelter Grant funds to local outside organizations. No funds are granted to State or local government entities.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **Community Development**

\*Please also refer to the Community Development Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

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.
2. 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.

\*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.

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, extended into 2007-2008 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. The addition of a Small Business Micro Enterprise Loan Program is intended to inject resources more directly into the economic development of Somerville, and also the changes in scope to the Storefront Improvement Programs are intended to have the same effect.

<b>Economic Development Objectives</b>	<b>Actions/Activities</b>
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; Small Business/Micro-Enterprise Loan Program
2. Elimination of economic distress in CDBG eligible areas through building rehabilitation, acquisition, and construction	Storefront improvement projects; Union Square Main Streets; East Somerville Main Streets; Somerville Avenue Improvements; 33 Allen Street; 30 Allen St. (garden site);
3. Elimination of economic distress in CDBG eligible areas through land acquisition and disposition	Boynton Yards Phase I and II; Yard 21
4. Enhance and encourage commercial development and stabilization in CDBG eligible areas	Union Square Main Streets; East Somerville main Streets, East Broadway Improvements; Prospect/Webster Street Design; Storefront Improvement projects; Small Business Micro-Enterprise Loan Program
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>Actions/Activities</b>
5. Development of roadway improvements within core commercial areas of Assembly Sq., Inner Belt Park, Union Sq., Boynton Yards, and East Somerville	Assembly Sq. zoning; 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. zoning; Prospect/Webster Street Design; Somerville Avenue design; East Broadway Improvements. ADA Streetscape 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. Somerville Avenue is being funded from state and local resources.
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation and Other</b>	<b>Actions/Activities</b>
9. Reconstruct parks and playgrounds in eligible areas	Durrel Park; Allen Street Park; Kemp Nut Park; Perry Park; Stone Place Park; Harris Park, North Street Park, 111 South Street park, 0 Washington Street 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**

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 counseling
5.	Provide necessary transportation for medial 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.

	<b>development &amp; service-to-other skills</b>
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

### 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))**

\*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

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:

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: For 2007-2008, the City of Somerville has committed and/or spent 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 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.
7. **Describe** any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.
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.
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.

### **Other Narrative**

**Include** any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.

# City of Somerville 5 Year Consolidated Plan Objectives & Goals

**TABLE 1: PY05 Economic Development 5 Year Goals**

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Year 5 Goal
Increase employment opportunities for low/mod.-income residents	Jobs	500	325	325	175
Elimination of economic distress in eligible areas	Building Units	100	1	9	50
Elimination of economic distress in eligible areas	Parcels	15	5	5	1
Enhance and encourage commercial development and stabilization, especially of small and locally owned businesses in eligible areas	Businesses	30	33	33	0

**TABLE 2: PY05 Housing 5 Year Goals**

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Year 5 Goal
Maximize # of units created with funds available, and leverage additional non-city funding to restrict affordability for the longest term possible.	Housing Units	220	29	83	50
Provide housing for Somerville senior citizens	Housing Units	100	0	0	95
Provide housing for Somerville's chronically homeless population	Housing Units	9	0	3	3
Avoid concentrations of poverty in certain census tracts	Housing Units	200	60	138	30
To increase homeownership of low and moderate income individuals and families	Housing Units	50	9	18	12
Enable programmatic rehabilitation of low and moderate income homes	Housing Units	350	52	203	50

TABLE 3: PY05 Infrastructure 5 Year Goals

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Year 5 Goal
Development of roadway improvements within the core commercial areas of Assembly Square, Inner Belt Park, Union Square, Boynton Yards, and East Somerville	Linear Feet	10,000	0	3,124	5,000
Development of streetscape improvements and pedestrian amenities, including ADA, within the core commercial areas of Assembly Square, Inner Belt Park, Union Square, Boynton Yards, and East Somerville	Linear Feet	12,000	0	731	12,000
Development of roadway improvements within the major transportation corridors of McGrath Highway, Somerville Avenue, Beacon Street, and Broadway	Linear Feet	24,000	0	1,500	20,000
Development of streetscape improvements within the major transportation corridors of McGrath Highway, Somerville Avenue, Beacon Street, and Broadway	Linear Feet	16,000	0	1,000	10,000

TABLE 4: Public Facilities 5 Year Goals

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Year 5 Goal
Reconstruct parks and playgrounds in eligible areas	parks	20	1	7	10
Increase number of trees within the City	trees	950	106	330	150
Catalog and review historic properties	reports	3	0	1	1

TABLE 5: PY05 Public Services 5 Year Goals

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Year 5
Increase safety within the City through tenant security, domestic violence prevention, youth mediation, and tenant outreach	Clients	15,000	5,036	18,280	2,500

Provide service to City's homeless and HIV/AIDS population through care management, support services for persons on the street, eviction prevention assistance, and voicemail capabilities for housing and employment	Clients	700 - 1,000	494	1,613	500
Increase access to healthcare, and education for low income and public housing tenants, especially youth	Clients	4,000	1,000	4,127	1,000
Provide Services and resources for the City's immigrant population and assist non-governmental agencies to achieve the same.	Clients	2,500	1,137	4,576	2,500
Provide paratransit services for seniors and the disabled to enable better access to healthcare, recreational services, and to encourage self-sufficiency	Clients	2,400	341	905	2,400

**TABLE 5: PY08 Infrastructure 5 Year Goals**

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Projected Units - Year 4	Projected Units - Year 5	Total Units - 5 Years
Development of roadway improvements within the core commercial areas of Assembly Square, Inner Belt park, Union Square, Boynton Yards, and East Somerville	Linear Feet	10,000	0	3,124	0	0	3,124
Development of streetscape improvements and pedestrian amenities, including ADA, within the core commercial areas of Assembly Square, Inner Belt Park, Union Square, Boynton Yards, and East Somerville	Linear Feet	12,000	0	731	0	2,000	2,731
Development of roadway improvements within the major transportation corridors of McGrath Highway, Somerville Avenue, Beacon Street, and Broadway	Linear Feet	24,000	0	1,500	0	6,627	8,127
Development of streetscape improvements within the major transportation corridors of McGrath Highway, Somerville Avenue, Beacon Street, and Broadway	Linear Feet	16,000	0	1,000	0	6,627	7,627

**TABLE 2: PY08 Economic Development 5 Year G**

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Projected Units - Year 4	Projected Units - Year 5	Total Units - 5 Years
Increase employment opportunities for low/mod. Income residents	Jobs	500	325	325	0	0	325
Elimination of economic distress in eligible areas	Building Units	100	1	9	16	10	35
Elimination of economic distress in eligible areas	Parcels	15	5	5	0	1	6
Enhance and encourage commercial development and stabilization, especially of small and locally owned businesses in eligible areas	Businesses	30	33	33	6	14	53

**TABLE 5: PY08 Public Facilities 5 Year Goals**

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Projected Units - Year 4	Projected Units - Year 5	Total Units - 5 Years
Reconstruct parks and playgrounds in eligible areas	parks	20	1	7	0	9	16
Increase number of trees within the City	trees	950	106	490	163	163	816

**TABLE 7: PY08 Public Facilities 5 Year Goals**

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Projected Units - Year 4	Projected Units - Year 5	Total Units - 5 Years
Catalog and review historic properties	Reports	3	0	2	1	1	4

**TABLE 12: PY08 Public Services 5 Year Goals**

5 Year Goal	Performance Measure	Expected Units	Actual Units - Year 3	Actual Units - Years 1-3	Projected Units - Year 4	Projected Units - Year 5	Total Units - 5 Years
Increase safety within the City through tenant security, domestic violence prevention, youth mediation, and tenant outreach	Clients	15,000	5,036	18,280	348	300	18,928
Provide service to City's homeless and HIV/AIDS population through care management, support services for persons on the street, eviction prevention assistance, and voicemail capabilities for housing and employment	Clients	700 - 1,000	494	1,613	525	400	2,538
Increase access to healthcare, and education for low income and public housing tenants, especially youth	Clients	4,000	1,000	4,127	514	400	5,041
Provide Services and resources for the City's immigrant population and assist non-governmental agencies to achieve the same.	Clients	2,500	1,137	4,576	337	300	5,213
Provide paratransit services for seniors and the disabled to enable better access to healthcare, recreational services, and to encourage self-sufficiency	Clients	2,400	341	905	761	600	2,266

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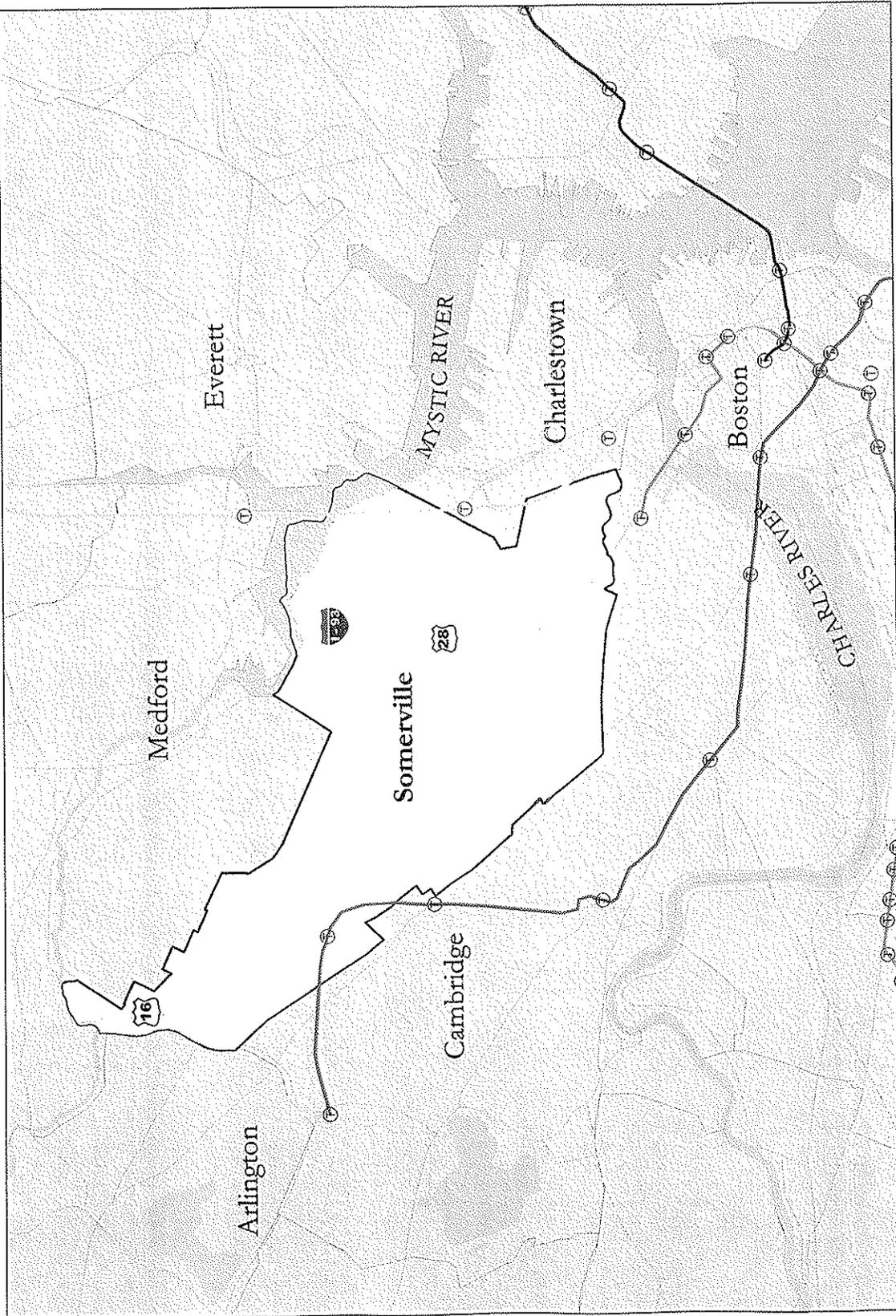
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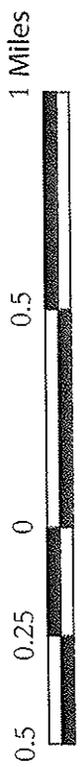


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**PROGRAM YEAR 2007  
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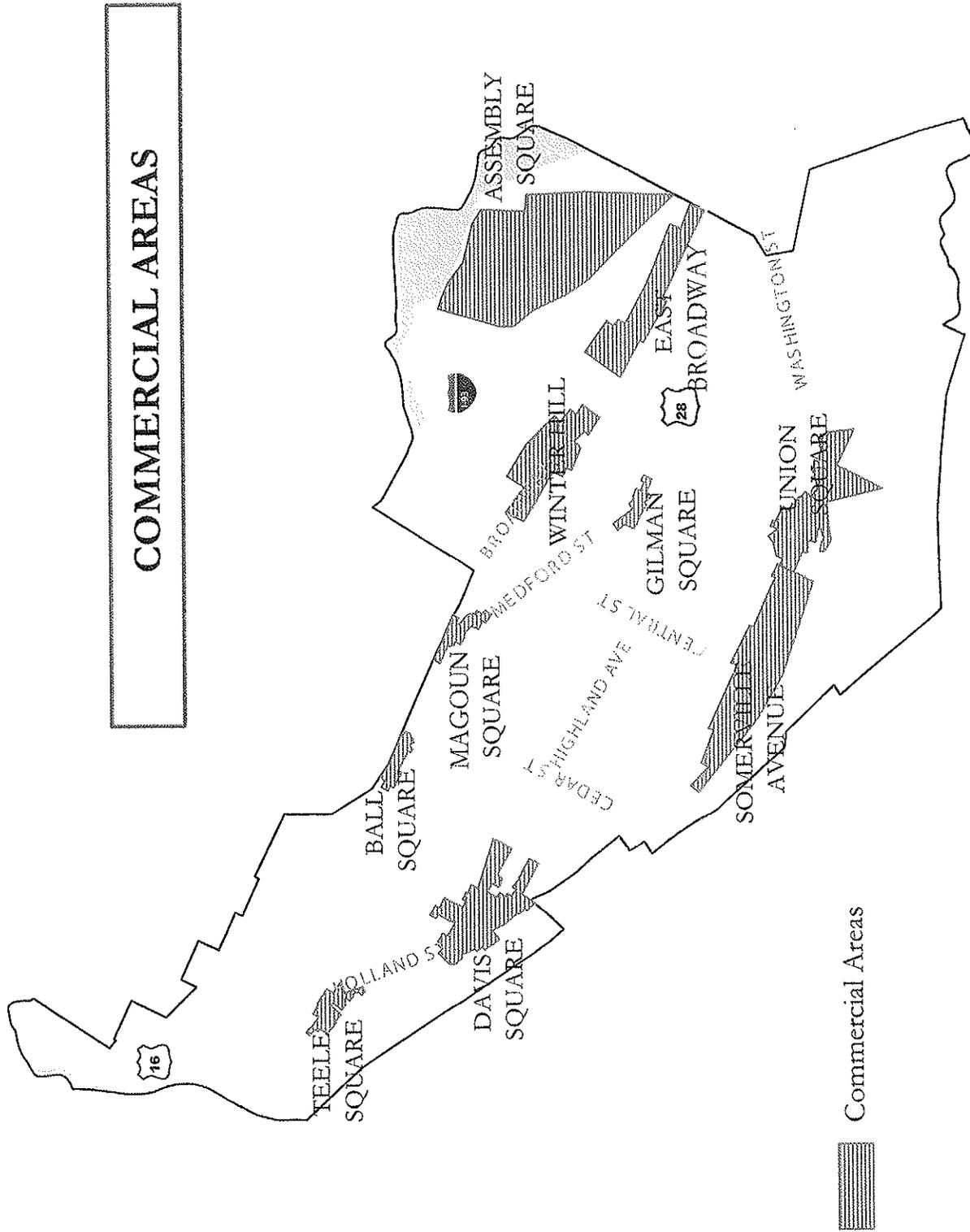
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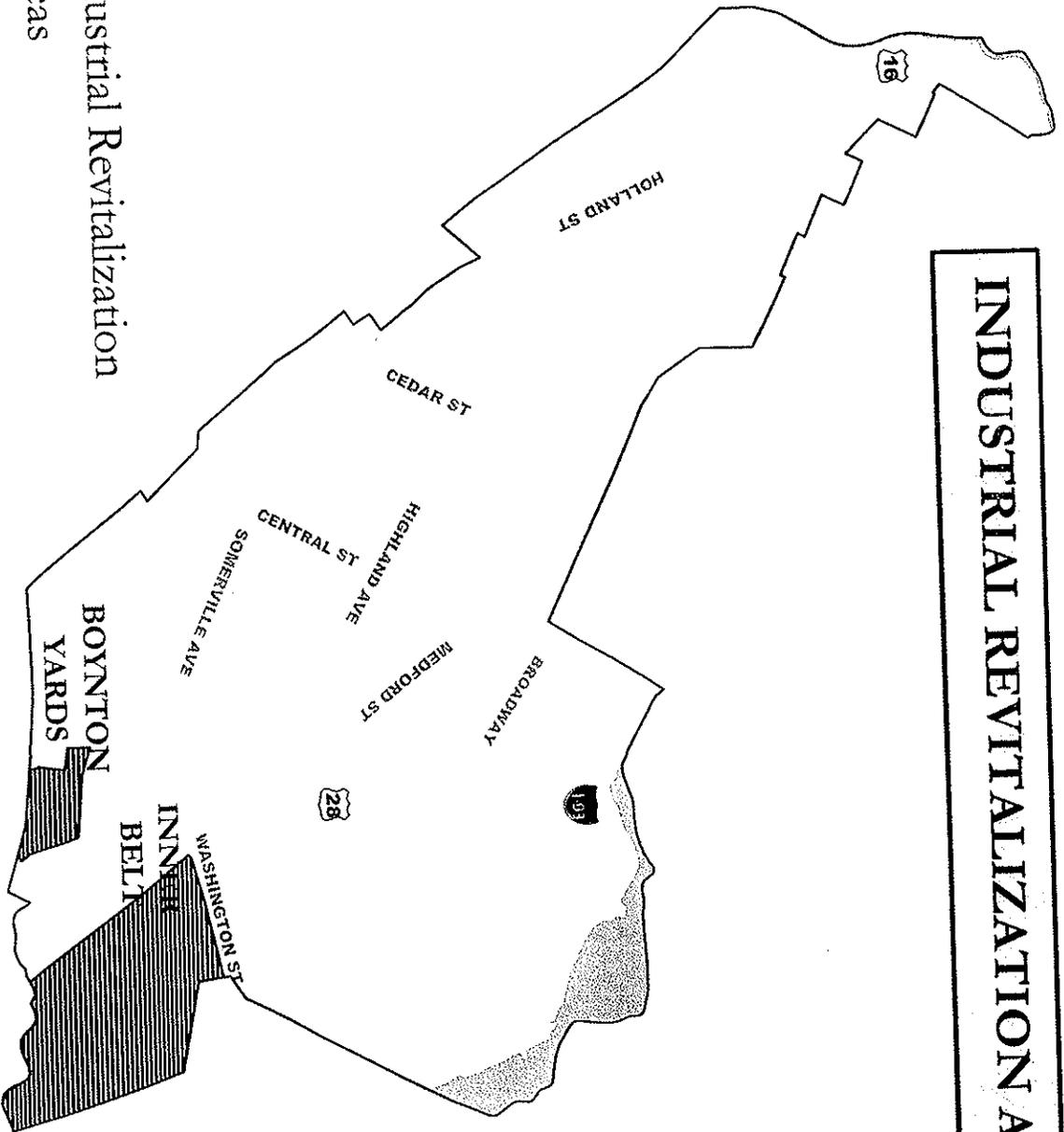
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# INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION AREAS



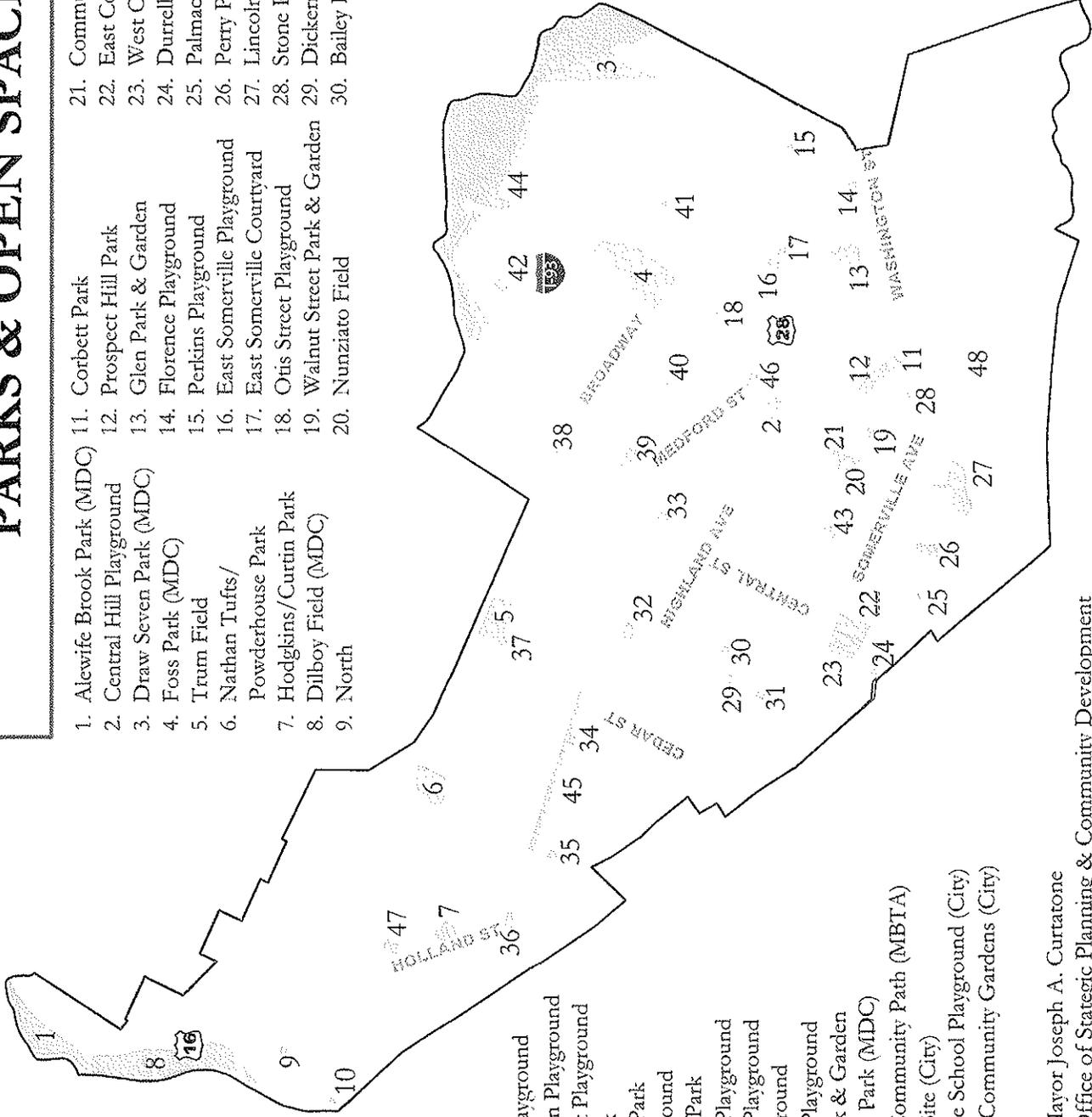
  
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# PARKS & OPEN SPACE

- 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. Dickerman Playground
- 30. Bailey Park



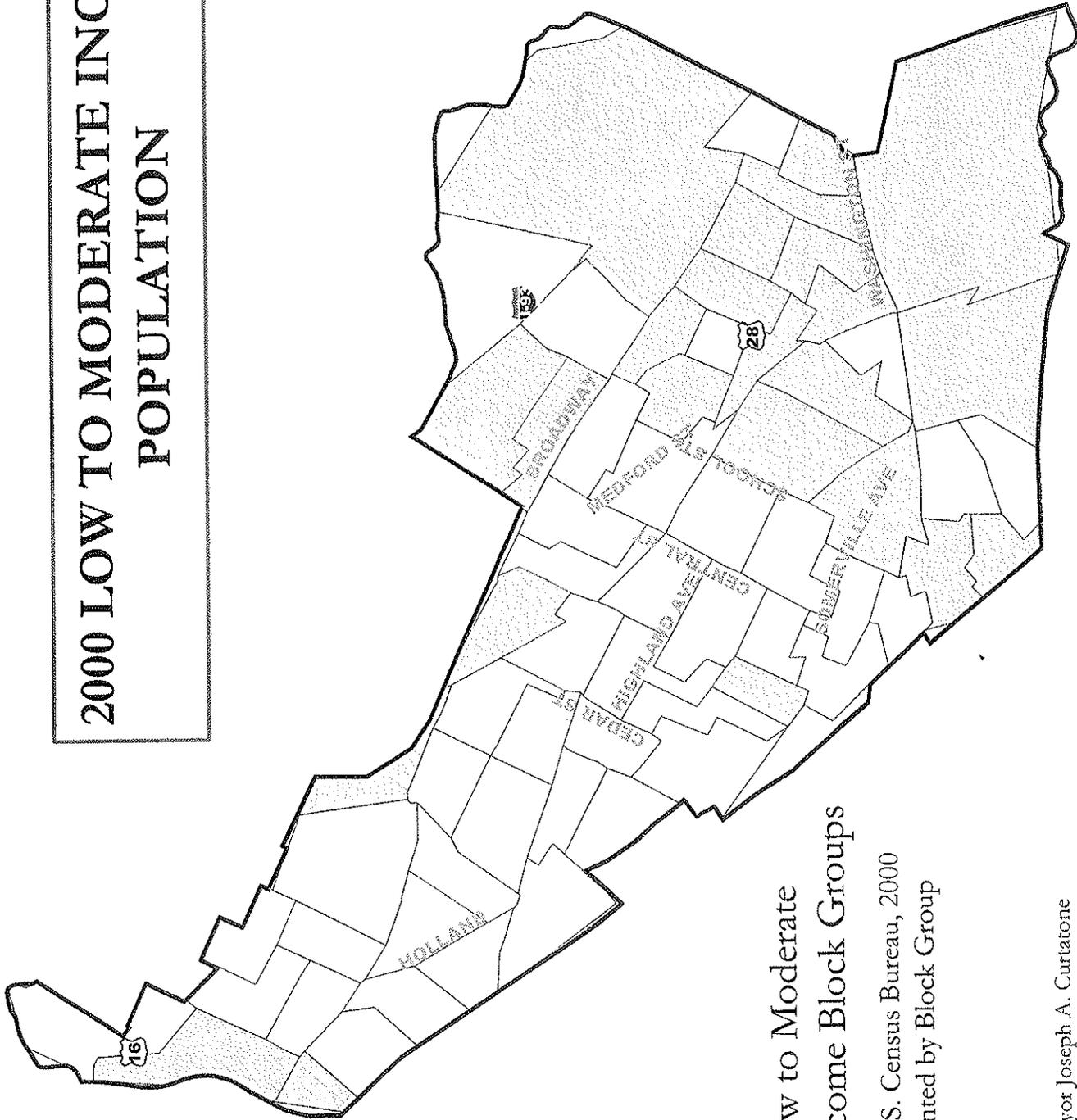
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- 35. Kenney Park
- 36. Seven Hills Park
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- 38. Paul Revere Park
- 39. Winter Hill Playground
- 40. Marshall St Playground
- 41. Harris Playground
- 42. Grimmons Playground
- 43. Osgood Park & Garden
- 44. Mystic River Park (MDC)
- 45. Somerville Community Path (MBTA)
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**2000 LOW TO MODERATE INCOME  
POPULATION**



Low to Moderate  
Income Block Groups

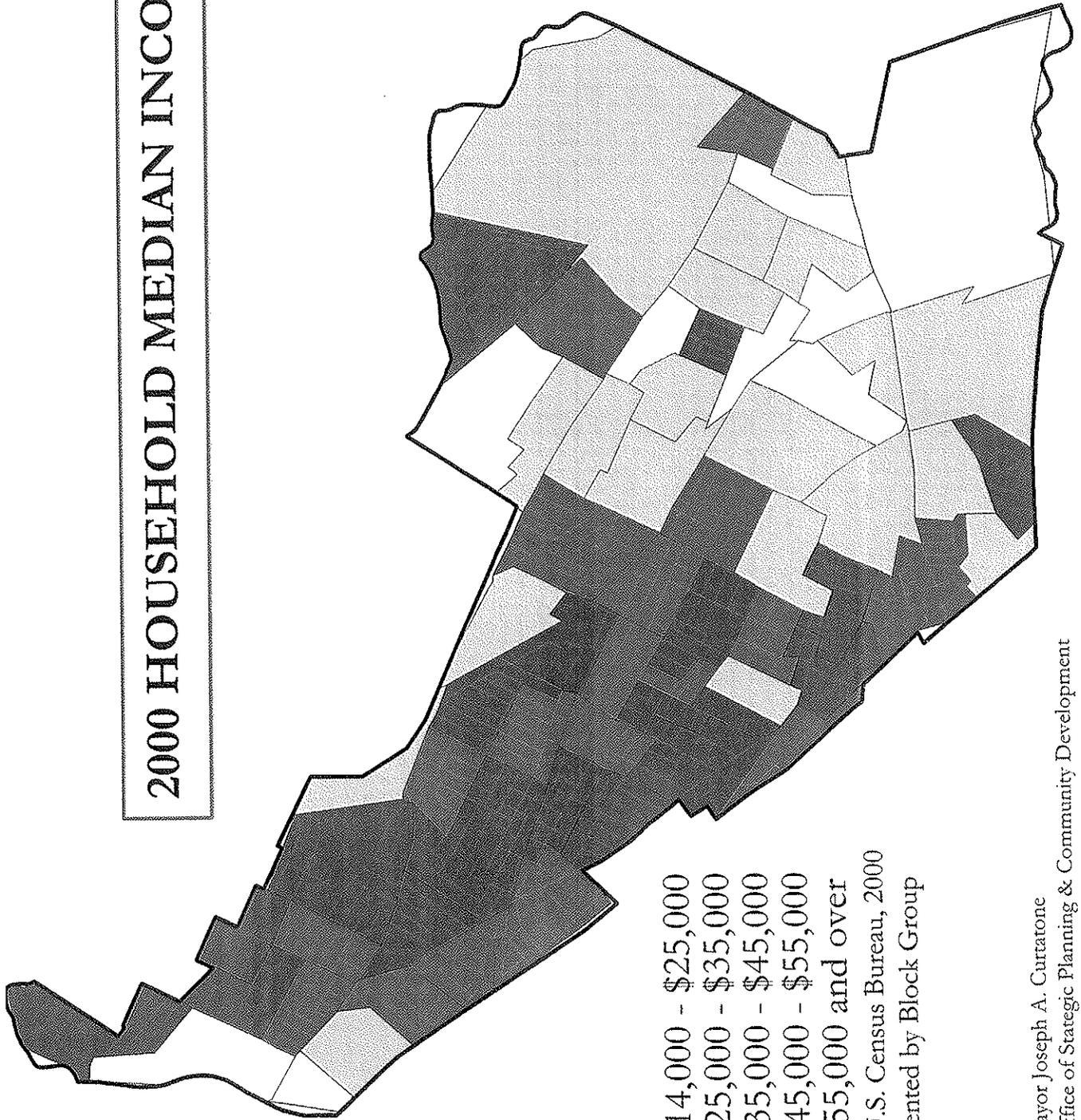
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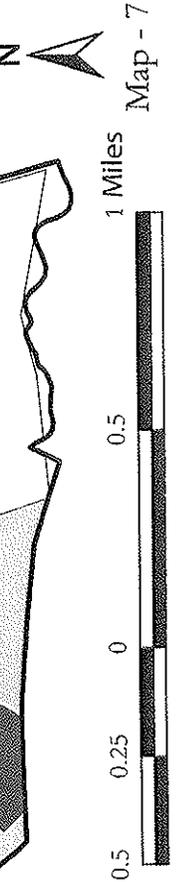
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2000 HOUSEHOLD MEDIAN INCOME



\$14,000 - \$25,000  
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\$55,000 and over

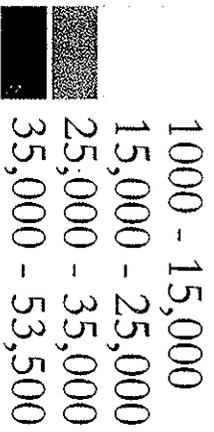
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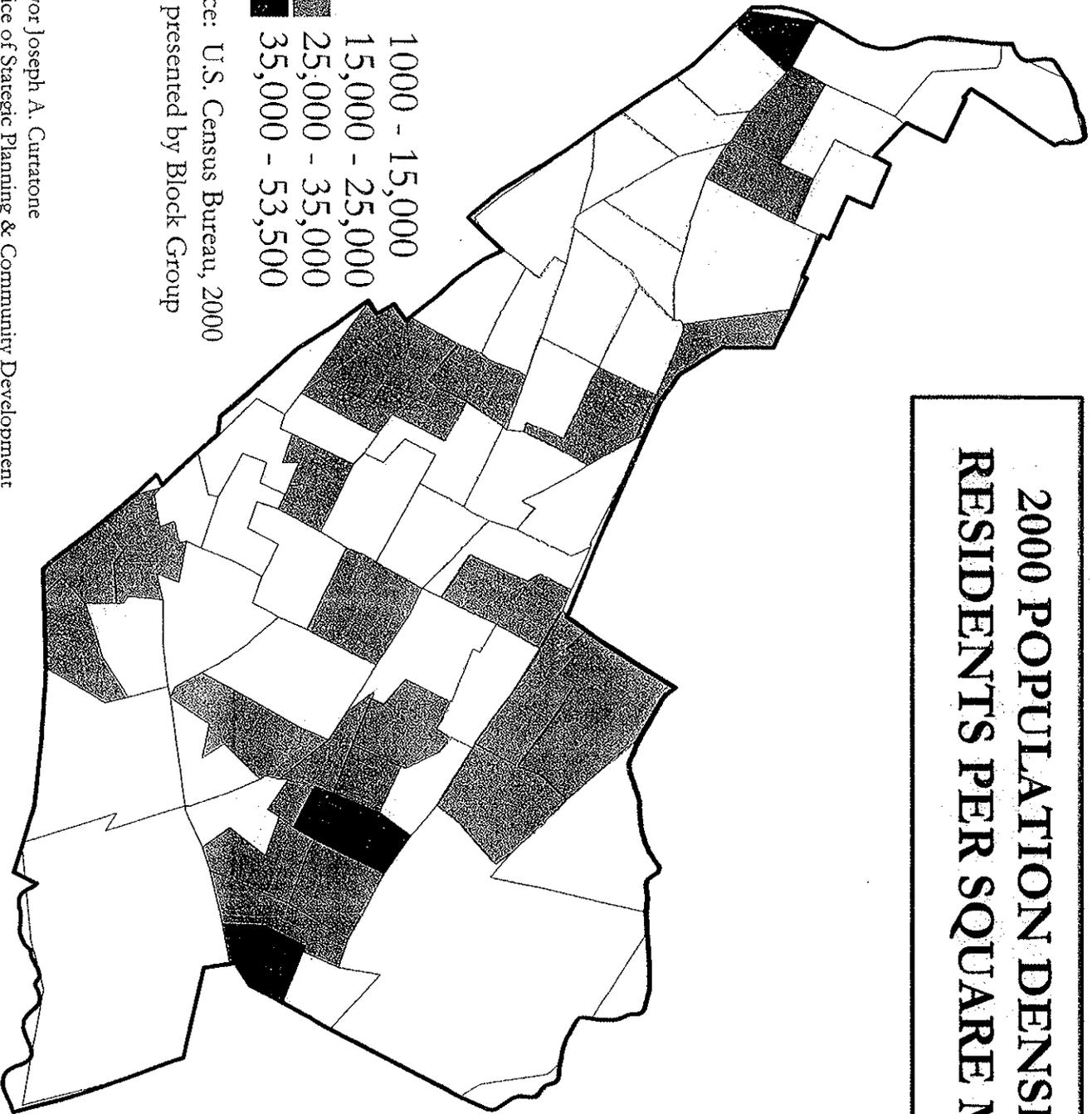
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## 2000 POPULATION DENSITY RESIDENTS PER SQUARE MILE



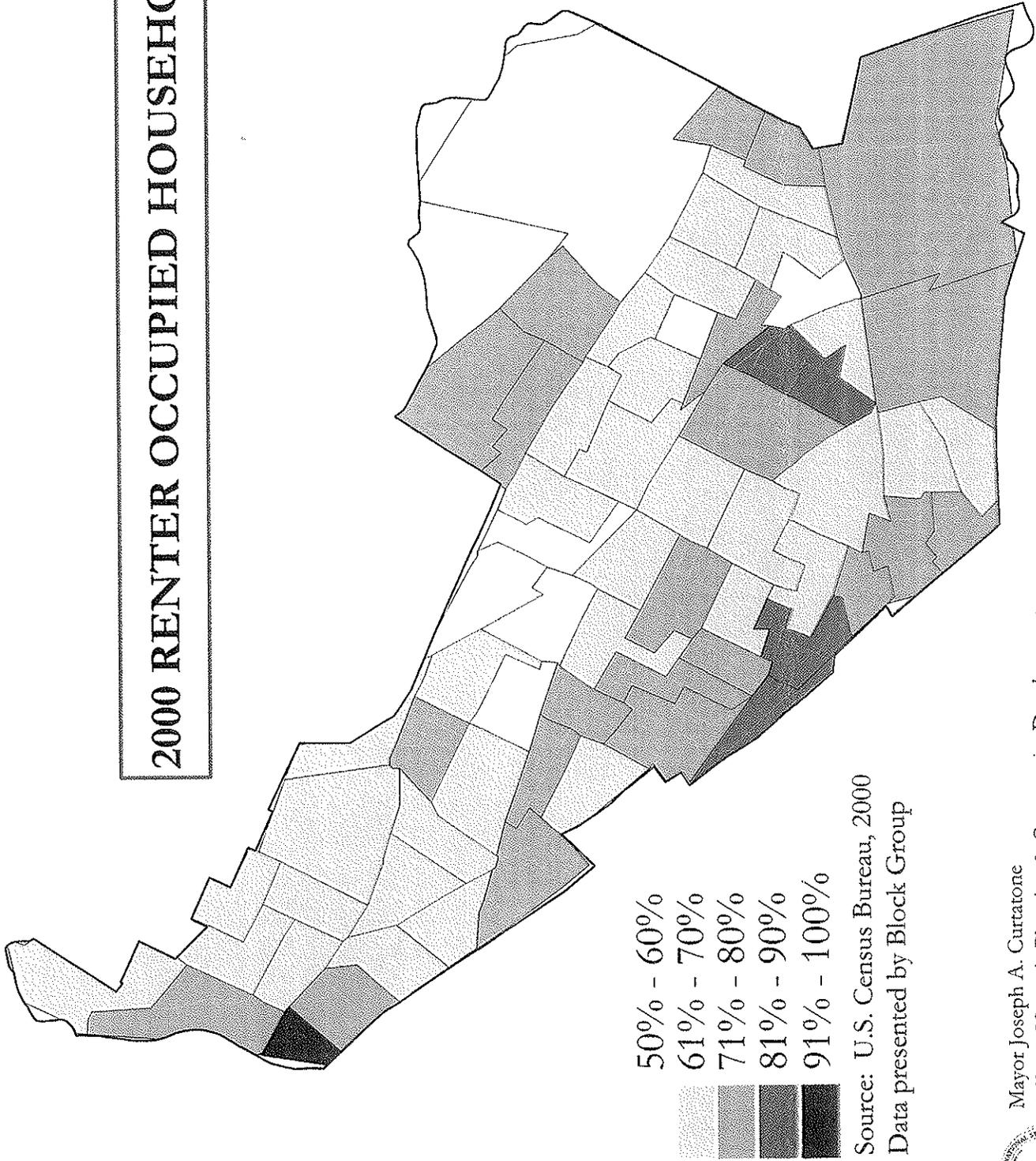
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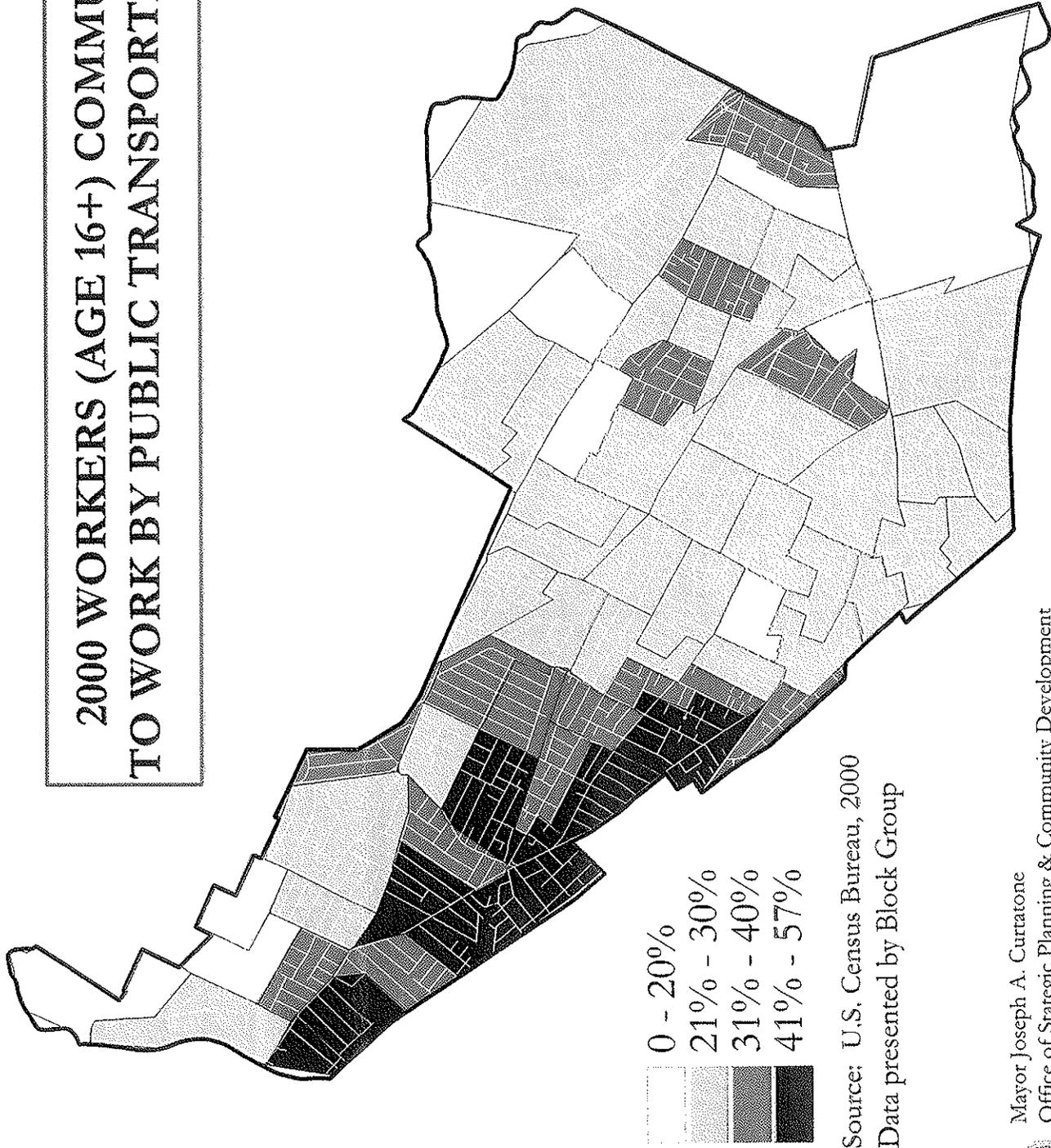


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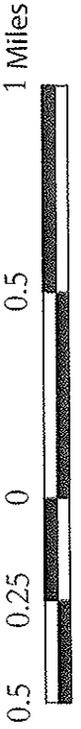


**2000 WORKERS (AGE 16+) COMMUTE  
TO WORK BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**



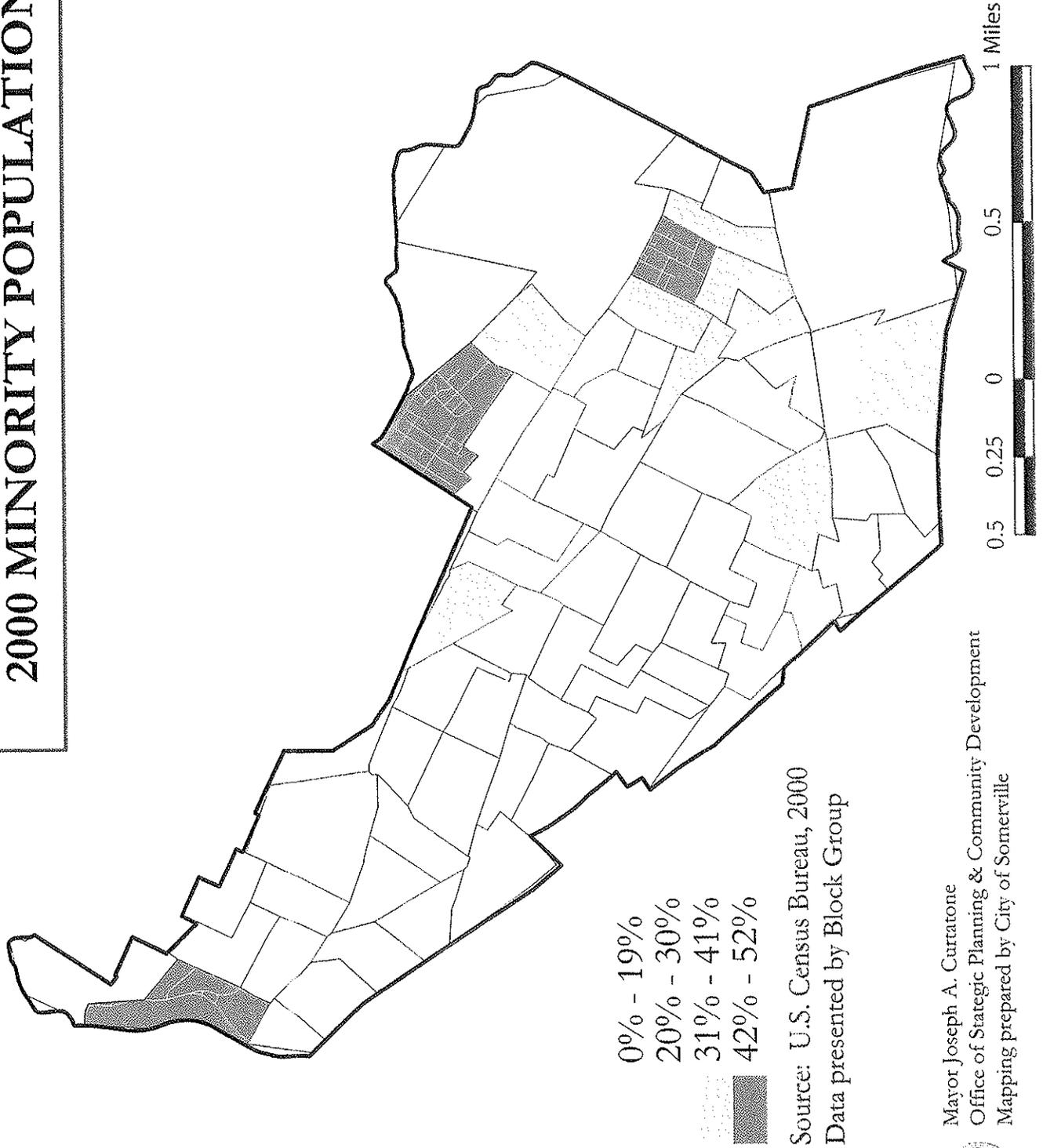
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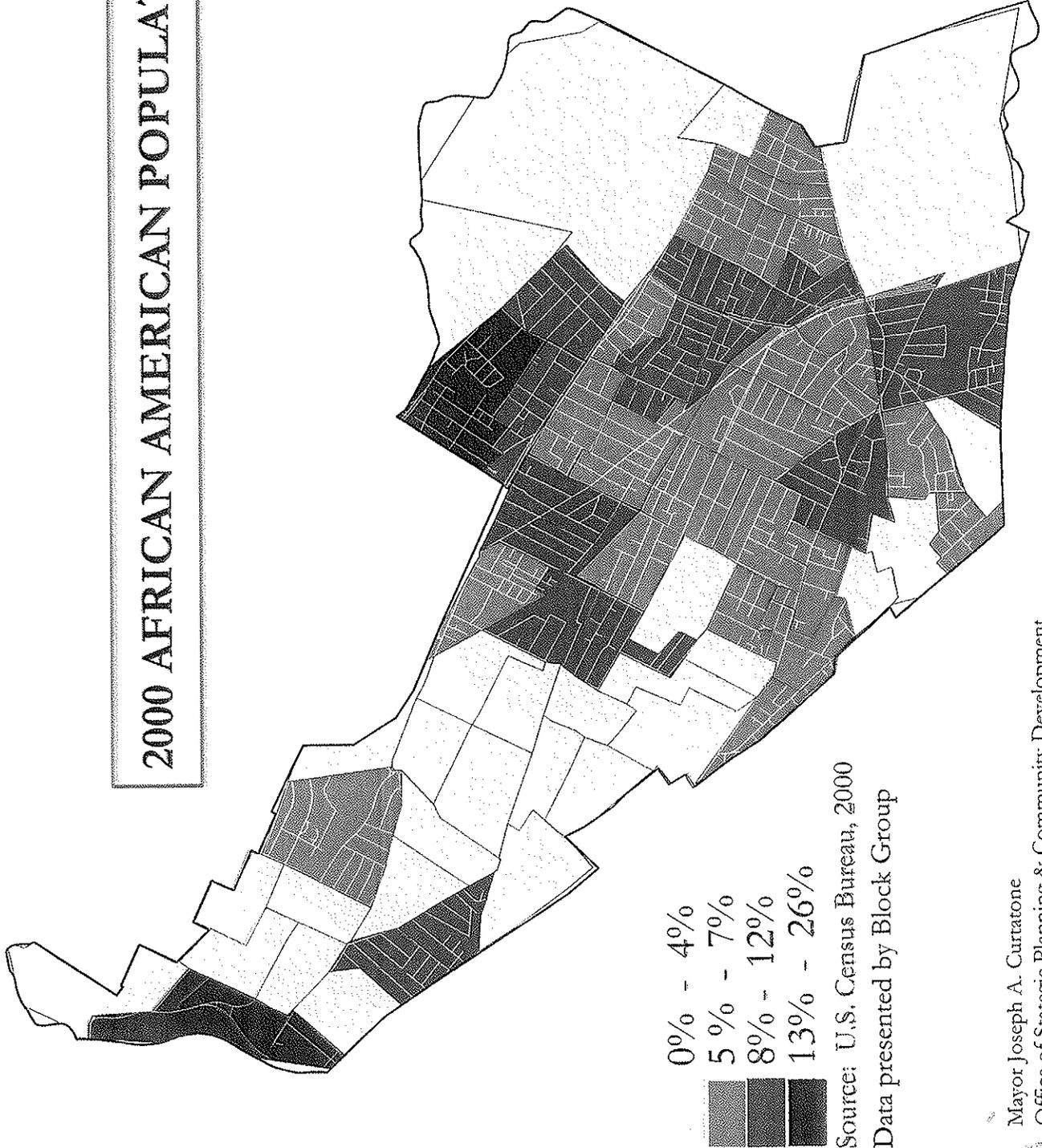
# 2000 MINORITY POPULATION



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2000 AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION



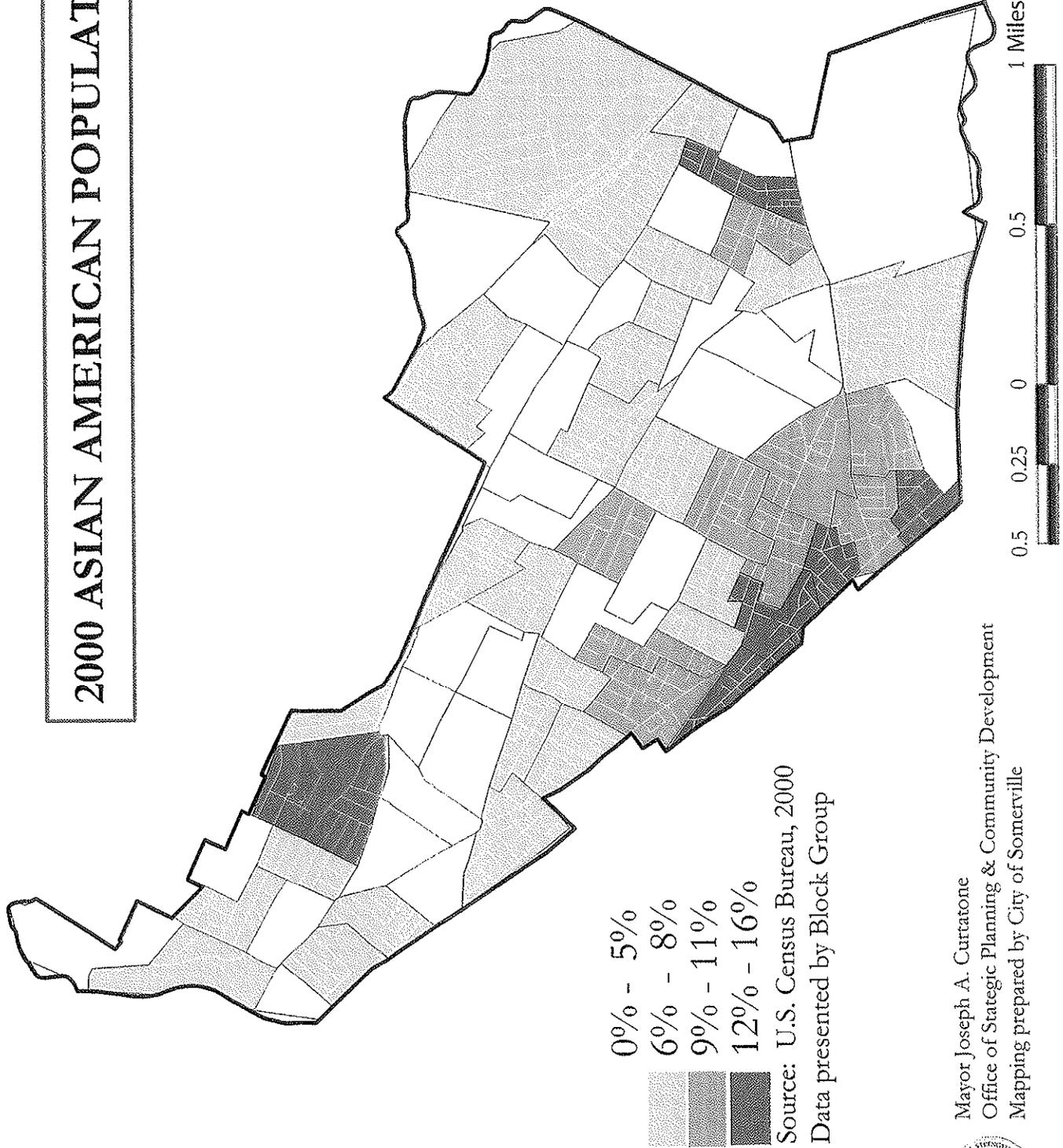
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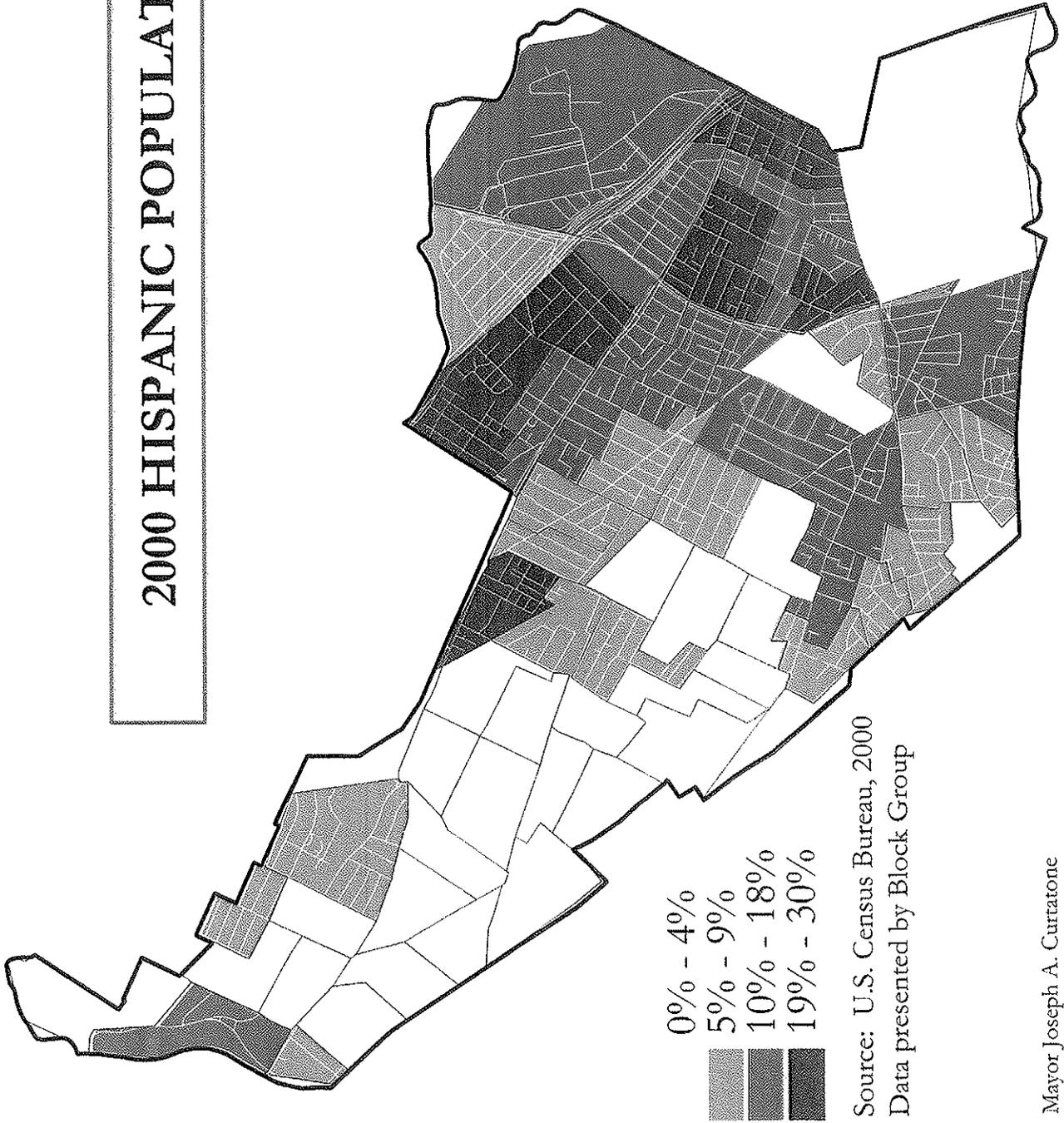
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2000 HISPANIC POPULATION



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# City of Somerville

## 2007 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 constitutes 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.

December 18, 2006  
Public Hearing  
One Year Action Planning

**Mark Friedman** – Welcome everybody, my name is Mark Friedman. I am from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD). I am the Director of Administration and Finance. One of the things that my office oversees is the process for building the City's One Year Action Plan budget. Many of you are familiar with that, so there probably won't be too many surprises tonight but I would just like to touch up on a few things for many of you who are not familiar with the process and with the funding the City receives from the federal government each year. Before I get started, I would like to make a couple introductions. With me tonight are Carlene Campbell and Penny Snyder. What we are intending to do tonight is to go through and touch upon a few issues, and then we would like to open it up for anybody who has questions and then finally open the meeting up for public comments. We will give you a brief overview of what we call CDBG, and some other HUD programs. Some examples of projects, key dates and milestones that you will be interested in. Then we will get to the public comment portion of the meeting.

The One Year Action Plan Budget, What is it? It's an annual budget plan describing how the City of Somerville will spend its CDBG Home and ESG funds. The One Year Action plan is guided in larger context by the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan. The Five Year Consolidated Plan is a very important document for the City. It's started back in 2003 and will run through 2008. The One Year Action Plan that we are going to develop a budget for which will start on April 1<sup>st</sup>. That will be the last of the five years of our consolidated plan. It will be a very important year for us to make sure we meet the goals that we set up back in 2003. The City's current One Year Action Plan just to give you an idea of an amount of funding that the City is currently receiving this program year. The current budgets that we are working with: the City received \$2.9 million in CDBG funds. The City received \$900,000 in Home Funds, and \$126,000 in ESG to fund the programs.

A couple notes about CDBG funding, there are books on regulations from the department of Housing and Urban Development describing ways you can and can't use this federal funds. Once you dig into it, we work closely with the Regional HUD Office in Boston. The block grant funding is a fairly flexible source of funding for the City. It's geared towards helping areas and people in the City that tend to be of low and moderate income. But it doesn't exclusively have to help that population. That is the way the City tries to program those funds. The City tries to look at certain geographic areas of the City, when trying to meet HUD's regulations. There are income limits, for example the current income limits to be considered moderate income, a family of four could be making \$66,000 a year and still be considered as moderate income under HUD regulations. Last year the City received a 10% cut in Block Grant funding, which translated into a cut over \$300,000 from the previous year. Funds that are vital for the City to fund things like the Public Service Grant Program. Most of you know the City is capped at the amount of money that we can program towards the public services at 15% per year so every time the

City and the communities throughout the country receive a cut in the Block Grant Funding it means we have to reduce the amount of funding we are allowed to make available to programs like the Public Service Grant. The Home funds last year were also reduced by 5% again it was a tough year last year. The ESG funding was basically level funded from the prior year.

One question that I'm getting asked quite a bit right now is, what's the expectation for next year in terms of funding? Officially we haven't heard from HUD yet on what the allocations will be. These funds come to the City through a formula driven process. My understanding is that it starts with how much in total money that congress wants to appropriate for the block grant program and however, much money that is gets filtered through a formula then, gets filled up by a lot of different criteria on how much money will be going to each state and community throughout the Country. What are the expectations for next year, we haven't heard officially right now we are proceeding with an assumption with level funding for next year. That is the expectation that we are proceeding under and as soon as we have any time of updates from HUD or Washington D.C we will try and spread the word in terms weather it will be worse then that or perhaps more optimistic than that. I will tell you that last spring Congress was looking to actually increasing the funding for the Block Grant program, which is an encouraging sign. The executive branch down in Washington D.C proposed another 20% cut to the Block Grant program. We haven't heard much on that, since the elections last month but again its still up in the air.

How can we spend Block Grant funding? The City has to meet what HUD calls national objectives. We look to benefit low to moderate-income areas. For example the City has right now a couple designated areas in the City which include: East Somerville and also Union Square. However, the City is not always tied to having to program money just in certain areas of the City. That national objective is called the limited clientele benefit. The Public Service Grant basically meets its national objective of limited clientele. For example SCM can serve the entire City. How can the money be spent? The City can use these funds to acquire property, improve public facilities, typically park reconstruction. Frequently the funding used to improve the parks comes from Block Grant Program. We can use it for rehabilitating property, special economic developing activities, planning and administration, and of course public services. Using no more than 15% of the City's annual entitlement grant for the Public Service Grant. I mentioned before that the City targets certain areas of the City to meet national objectives for HUD. Basically those areas are determined by census data. The census data points to areas of East Somerville and Union Square. The city programmed its current budget - and one third went to housing projects, a small amount to Historic preservation, one fifth to economic development, parks and recreation, and Public Service Grants. Basically we used the maximum amount of money that we could on a dollar basis for the Public Service Grant for this current year. Then we are allowed to use a portion of it for administration and other expenses.

Many of you may have picked up an RFP to apply for either the Public Service Program or the Emergency Shelter Grant Program. They cover a wide variety of different services

in the City from serving low income families, youth programs, transportation services for the elderly, services for Immigrants and non English speaking people. In terms of dates, RFP were available as of December 14th, 2006. We are requesting these proposals be completed by January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Decisions will be announced late February early March. We will be having a second public hearing, where we will present a draft copy of the One Year Action Plan before we develop a draft we are looking for your comments and suggestions. February 15<sup>th</sup> were looking to finalize and submit the One Year Action Plan to HUD. April 1<sup>st</sup> will be the beginning of our new program year.

**Penny Snyder-** The RFP's are available and it really is important that they are returned and completed prior to the cut off date which is 11:00 on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the RFP you can call to discuss what needs to be done. Sometimes there are votes from your board that they need to sign off that you are submitting this proposal. The RFP must be completed and delivered to SPCD. It is four copies so the entire community can read it and will get back to you in a timely fashion so you can plan your budget for the next year.

**Carlene-** Penny is on vacation right now so if any one has any questions feel free to contact me. Don't wait till January 12<sup>th</sup> to get any questions answered.

**Question:** I went on the State's website and it seemed like their was a change in what they were looking for money in specific area's of the neighborhood's that were considered low income?

**Penny Snyder-** Our Public Service RFP and ESG RFP has not changed from previous years. There is one form that is called the impact form that is a little cleaner this year and should be easier to complete. In that form you describe what took place last year.

**Mark Friedman-** Just a couple of quick notes before we go to the public comment portion of the meeting. If anyone would like to make public comments we ask you to come up here and speak loudly so everyone can hear. We are tape recording tonight's meeting for our files. If you don't want to make comments tonight we welcome written comments for the next two weeks.

**Mr. Ciampa:** I'm trying to find out, down at Assembly Mall they don't have a bus shelter and I have been after them and they haven't done anything yet. Plus some of these streets need curb cuts. I am very angry how they throw a little tar on it and then fall apart. Particularly Broadway.

**Mark Friedman –** The City has programmed \$685,000.00 of Block Grant funds for improvements to lower Broadway. The City was awaiting the results of a state grant to get additional money to try to make it a more comprehensive project. I believe the City just found out from the state and will be receiving something from the state and will be contributing towards streetscape improvements to lower Broadway. We are moving forward with that.

I work for Transition House and we provide services for Kent Street apartments. It's a low income community in Somerville and we are very grateful for Penny's support and CDBG and ESG support we have done some very good activities and plan to do some more next year. One little point, we have clients that are struggling to make their rent and they come to us and hoping their will be more funds to help people not being evicted from their house. They are all homeless or disabled and we ask for more funds to not lose their housing. Some of them are struggling with the cost of living going up. Then again we are very grateful. Thank you.

**Mike Libby** - Hi. My name is Mike Libby and I work for the Somerville Homeless Coalition. Under the ESG money we offer an adult shelter and a family shelter. Our adult shelter has 12 men and 4 females at any given time and our family shelter houses five families at any given time. Under community development block grant we are funded for our food pantry, which is Project Soup. Also funded partially for a subsidized housing program for the disabled called better homes. That we also have money to provided information to the communities basically acting as a human service agency within Somerville. We also organize volunteers to work in different agencies throughout the city as well as our own. We also have Home funds, under our PAST program (Prevention and stabilization Services) Prevent people from becoming homeless.

I am a member of the community, I have a young daughter who has a disability and I am interested in pedestrian safety. I feel that in the City there are tremendous amount of pedestrians as well: my concern is that not all drivers yield safety to pedestrians. My other issue that comes to my attention is support of recreation opportunities for adults and children with disabilities. These issues aren't addressed after school.

**Eileen Feldman**- I really just want to talk about public facility accessibility. Of course program accessibility. Just to put on record that the department of Justice is putting out a new title to technical assistance manual and they're doing it by chapter. Right now there are three chapters on the internet with tools for the cities to become more accessible. And I really want to drive on the point that an acknowledgeabled ADA coordinator in the City would really coordinate the City to become more accessible and to really put that program together.

**Kelly Ann Barnard**- I also would like to speak about the cut-outs on the streets. The safety for handicapped people getting to and from where they need to go. There are a lot of areas of the City that I can't travel to. I got this chair to have ability to go where I need to go and I cant. There is buildings in this City that aren't handicapped accessible. The sidewalks and tree roots made me fall several times with my chair. There is tress in the city that are blocking the sidewalks. There are some corners that don't have cut-outs. It's not safe. The City needs to be more aware of handicapped people.

**Craig Fletcher** - My name is Craig Fletcher. I am a Somerville resident. I am actually wearing two hats tonight. I am Vice President of the Somerville disability commission and also the community relations coordinator for the Walnut Street Center. The Walnut Street Center provides services for adults with disability. I want to mention some issues. I

want to urge the City to work with the commission on behalf of people with disabilities in the City of Somerville. We all know that to improve the lives for people with disabilities we really have to go beyond the minimum requirements. I think that the City of Somerville could really have a huge impact on the thousands of people with disabilities and sort of had a plan to address those issues. I don't know if you know the city of Cambridge received an award for the most successful City in the Country and I think we could look to the City of Cambridge as a role model. I just want to make a quick statement for the Walnut Street Center; it provides services for people with disabilities. I just want to urge the City to provide the maximum amount of dollars to local human services in the City. The Walnut Street Center has been around for 36 years and we actually only received funds for the last 3 years and it's the CDBG funds that has had a huge impact on the Center with funding from CDBG we were able to open up a day program which serves 40 people with disabilities. We're able to start to health awareness program for obesity. A lot of the programs we do is to help people to take care of themselves.

**Reid Cochran** - My name is Reid Cochran. I am the Executive Director of SCM Community Transportation. We're 24 years old and we favor the CDBG funds. I want to urge the City to become more creative about our business model and the way that we are working. We are funded by CDBG in Somerville, Cambridge, and Medford and that funding has been relatively flat or declining for at least 5 years. Even if the administration changes and we get someone who is pro CDBG funding it's never going to reach the scale of the transportations needs that are arising in our community. I think SCM has been quite comfortable with receiving a certain amount of money each year and serving whoever calls who is a senior or a person with disability who needs a ride. The fact is that we decline 2 in 5 people that call us because of the funding. The fact is the expenses are getting higher and CDBG is never going to expand. The number of senior citizens are going to double what it is right now and were not prepared to meet that demand. What were doing it planning. If we stay with that chunk we will remain a very inflexible organization. So were looking at a lot of ways of trying to scale. Were looking at ways to be creative and ways to grow and we really want the City and others to demand that we free ourselves of this comfortable thinking and that we share the wealth with other agencies.

**Ellen Frith** - Hi my name is Ellen Frith. I am also with the disability commission. I want to talk about access. Also things like curb-cuts and crosswalks with no curb-cuts. Summer Street and Porter Square, Somerville Ave. Also the sidewalks are not cleared off. The parking lots that are not properly marked with handicapped spaces and not being enforced. There is a lack of handicapped spaces. Also the lack of enforcement in the City. We want to have Somerville to be kind to people with disabilities. It becomes a public safety issue. It would be helpful to get parking lots up to code.

I am from the Somerville disability commission and the Somerville Homeless Board. I have a question? The crosswalk on Highland and Davis Square that goes on College Ave that has a green light and people yell when you're trying to cross. Sometimes cars won't stop and people in wheelchairs have trouble getting across.

**Mark Friedman-** Thank you very much for coming out. If any one has any comments they would like to get in please feel free to pass them in within the next two weeks. We appreciate you coming out tonight and we will have more information about our 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for next's years budget.

One-Year Action Plan  
February 5, 2007  
Public Hearing

**Mark Friedman** – My name is Mark Friedman. I am the Director of Administration and Finance, with us tonight is Penny Snyder and Carlene Campbell. We are here tonight for the second public hearing for the One Year Action Plan for HUD program starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone has any questions or comments please let me know. I just want to give a brief overview of the Block Grant Program and to go through the larger sections of funding and talk about a couple of dates coming up. Just to give you a little background the One Year Action Plan takes affect April 1<sup>st</sup> and right now we have been in communication with HUD office. These are estimated numbers. We don't have a final budget but we hear they are getting pretty close. Right now we have been given the guidance that we could expect level funding from last year. We are roughly talking about the same resources. That's actually fairly good news. Last year we took a 10% cut in our block grant funds and the year before that we took a 5% cut. Right now were projecting \$2.95 million dollars of block grant entitlement grants. For those of you with Public Services Agencies that will mean the City again will be allocating maximum of 15% of that or \$442,000 to the Public Service. Home funds will be funded at \$900,000 next year those funds are administrated through our Housing Division and those resources go to target affordable housing. The ESG again will be level funded at \$126,000 and all these are the new entitlement monies coming in from the City. The block grant is a pretty flexible source of funding for the City to use. These funds are targeted to benefit low and moderate-income people in the Community. Just to give you an idea of current definitions of low and moderate-income thresholds. Right now a low-income family of four can earn up to \$50,000 a year and still fall under the low income eligibly. Moderate-income families can up to \$66,000 a year and for the Boston area they would be defined as low income. Some of the different ways these funds can be used to acquire property, Public facility improvements, site clearance, rehabilitation of affordable housing, special economic development activities, planning and administration. We are capped with the amount of money we can allocate to planning and administration and public services there is also a cap. This is a map of the City of Somerville and hopefully you have a copy of that. For the programs that the city is proposing that are a site specific and there are some projects that are citywide, we identified where they are in the City with little icons. The little green icons represent the parks projects, the yellow icons represent affordable housing projects, and the blue icons represent some of the economic development programs and projects. You will notice the red boundary that represents the Union Square Area. The city has designation for this area under HUD's guidelines called NARSA. It allows the City to have more flexibility to target funds in these areas. In the blue represents East Somerville NARSA. You will see most of the programs and projects that the City falls in the East Somerville or the Union Square area. Just to give an idea of how the funds are allocated among some broad categories of all the HUD funds that the city is expecting for next year which includes the Block Grant, Home Funds, and ESG funds. You will see 1/3 is going to affordable housing, there is an amount for Historic Preservation projects, 23% for economic and Community Development projects and programs, parks and recreation represent 13%, public service represent 12%.

Administration expenses we calculated 15% and then direct project oversight and management about 4%. Again just to clarify for the year coming up, of the new entitlement funds that are coming to the city, how they are broken down. You will see the maximum 15% is being targeted towards the public service related grants. There is 20% administration. A little bit of block grant entitlement funds for the housing programs, which are really targeted for both program income for budgeting purposes and also for the home funds. There is economic and community development funds at 42% and parks and recreation at 20%. Just to clarify going forward, the numbers that you see in these slides coming up, those represent all the monies right now. Any other questions? We will start with Parks and Open Space. Next year the City expects a busy year. We're proposing to continue our street tree planting program and follow through with construction on Durrell Park, 30 Allen Street garden, Kemp nut, Stone place park and those, are parks we have had a design going on for a number of years. The Harris Park was proposed in last's year budget. It has been delayed a little bit, right now its a vision for Harris Park that will be somewhere in the East Somerville area where the new stop & shop is. The city is proposing to carry forward the funding from this current year to next year and have it available for the design of that project. There is a proposal for a park down on 111 South Street, in the Boynton Yards area. The Cambridge Health Alliance site, off of Central Street, is a site the City is in negotiations with the Cambridge Health Alliance to donate the land to the City but there is some site for median that has to take place, and there is a \$200,000 federal EPA grant that's tied to a local matching amount of money that the local community has to come up with. It will be related to the community path. There are funds being proposed for the design of North Street playground. There is also a small amount of funds being proposed for the design for 0 Washington Street Park as well. Perry Park is one that has been on the City's radar screen for a number of years. There has been a design, community meetings, and construction hopefully going to be starting in the near future. The Trum Field house, a couple of years ago, the City set aside an amount of Block grant money to do ADA related improvements to that site. The city recently finalized funding for the rebuilding of the Trum field house. It's actually going to be a multi-million dollar project of which the City has that money set aside and will continue to have it there. Finally the City proposes to continue working with Groundwork Somerville just for local projects focusing on the landscaping typically in the East Somerville area. Any questions before we move off of parks?

*The Durrell School (un auditable)*

**Carlene Campbell** – Features meaning ADA requirements, types of parks?

Mark Friedman – Every park the City is designing is being built to meet the ADA requirements that are out there. One of the things that we are pointing out here is the Durrell project gets a little technical. Specially the eligibility for that, there is some additional features the City wants to put to that project to address some ADA related issues. We are pointing that out because there is a different eligibility criteria that we want to point out to HUD. It gets a little bit into the technical way that we make different

projects eligible for HUD funding. Durrell used to be in a low-mod census tract in the City, which it no longer is. In order to put new money into that project, it can't be done under low-mod areas. But we still target monies there for ADA improvements and that's what we are trying to point out in this case.

*Are all these improvements going to be extended to all the other parks?*

**Mark Friedman** – Each park is going through a community process.

**Carlene Campbell** – Are you looking for specially all parks ADA accessible or are you trying to establish then why do we have a tot-lot in one neighborhood and a teenage park in other.

*It sounds that it is more accessible then other parks.*

Carlene Campbell – Each Park is looked at on a individual basis. Since Joe has become Mayor we have renovated 6 parks so far. Each of them with full ADA state and federal requirements and high safety standards. I'm not saying every park is up to date, but as parks are being done we are renovating them to be top-notch places. Prospect Hill and Florence Park Street are done, Trum Field will be done. We are looking for ADA accessibility as new parks comeing up that's all being redone to make sure everything is at the highest standards they can be. If you are asking why in some parks we do tot-lot some basketball courts and some are more open space, it's because we get the community involved to see what type of park they want in there local community. But it really does go between community to community for the pocket park stuff. They do community outreach and input and they design the park around that. When the park is redesigned and redone all ADA requirements are met.

*For the Tree Program, I was just wondering what the accessibility to that program is?*

**Mark Friedman** – You can call my office or email and we will put you in touch with Ron O'Meara.

**Mark Friedman** – Moving on to some of our economic development programs. The City is proposing to continue its Storefront Improvement programs. Were actually redefining a couple different HUD categories. Were trying to expand the reach of that program to more areas of the City. Not just the low-moderate income areas, which again tend to be East Somerville but we are also trying to redefine a portion of those funds to be eligible under HUD's micro-enterprise assistance eligibility criteria. For any business in the City of Somerville which have 6 or more employees one of those employees being the owner and if the owner meets certain income eligibilities standards then the City can make the program available to them no matter where the business it.

*What are the income criteria for that?*

**Mark Friedman** – There are multiple of different ways that HUD encourages us to look at benefiting low-moderate people. Micro-enterprise assistance is one. Looking at targeting improvements in public facilities and parks, which is another way to target some of these funds to benefit people in low-moderate income areas of the City. Or people who aren't in those areas of the City but they can be identified and supported. Economic development is one area that HUD also encourages many different areas of trying to use these funds for accessibility improvements for economic development, and affordable housing also job creation. The City is proposing to continue funding of \$150,000 for next year for the Storefront Improvements Program also hoping to expand the reach of that program. Continue the Union Square farmers market. The City is proposing a new program next year called Small business micro-finance loan program, again this would be to assist in conjunction with a larger outside micro finance program or company to target small loans for small business in Somerville who aren't really served by the local banking community. Section 108 loan is just a continuation of some financial obligations that the City has. Somerville Main Streets programs, the City is proposing to continue those two, both for the Union Square Main Streets Program and for East Somerville Main Streets Program. The City will continue the Art's Union Streetscape program. The City is also proposing a new program, which we are calling ADA Streetscape Improvements. Those will be funds that will target sidewalks upgrades. These programs we are talking about tonight is not everything that the City is doing. This is just how the City is proposing these HUD funds that the City is going to be receiving next year. The City has the Somerville Ave project coming up, which is a \$22plus million dollar project that will be reaching from Union Square to Porter Square.

**Carlene Campbell** - For the ADA streetscape improvements we as a City haven't set up the protocol in the process yet. This actually started coming out of a conversation at our last community meeting. When people brought that concept up and started talking about it, you said I have four street that I want done, I don't have the actual protocol on how the City is going to use it yet. For the One Year Action Plan we have to turn this into HUD by February 15<sup>th</sup> for their approval. The funds aren't available till April 1<sup>st</sup>. So what you do is you have that chunk and have it held and then will get the next steps following.

**Mark Friedman** – The City is setting aside those funds and will work out the details as we go on. This point we want to start with having the resources. The last program there is the East Broadway Streetscape Program. The City has been working on this and the design for a couple of years now. There have been a few budgets set aside for this project. The City recently found out it has been awarded \$479,000 from the State to do some specific improvements in specific areas down towards Sullivan Square side. The City is looking to move forward with the \$671,000 dollars of block grant that the City has available and to turn to utilize in a smart way that the state is giving us. With those improvements they will be targeting pedestrian improvements, signaling issues, bicycle, crosswalks.

*I was wondering what you have for antipoverty?*

**Mark Friedman** – In terms of an antipoverty plan the City first looks to the Five Year Consolidated Plan to look at what the City has committed to a five-year period and we are looking at the various strategies from year to year to help make progress towards those goals. Antipoverty for example, job creation for low-moderate income people. The affordable housing, the micro-enterprise loan program, which the City is hoping job creation comes from that program as well. It will be the first of the three-year program. Where expanding credit to small business who don't have access to credit. We will create jobs for low-moderate income people in the City, which will tie into, antipoverty. There are multiple goals the City is looking at, antipoverty being one of them. We're trying to reconfigure the Store Front Improvement Program a little bit. The City is looking to try to retain the services of an architect under this program to help both on the business side and also other type of issues. We are still working on that right now. Housing program the City is recommending to continue the Housing Rehab Program, Tenant Based Rental Assistance program, to continue to assist Community Housing Development Org. and also set aside funds for Somerville Community Org. Under the HUD regulations we must set aside funds each year for them to continue forward with a couple of our larger projects. One is the VNA, which is the assisted living project and the 109 Gilman Street, which were hoping to move forward as well. The City is setting aside a maximum of 15% of Block Grant Funds for Public Service Grant. Last year we funded 32 programs for \$442,000 proposals went out on December 14th and came back January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Penny Snyder** – The proposals have been received. We got 32 proposals. There were 3 or 4 new proposals. The request exceeded the money that is available. They are all eligible requests so the community goes to a meeting and make recommendations to the Mayor. We anticipate meeting with the Mayor shortly after we have made our recommendations to him. The Mayor will make the final request and letters will be mailed out.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

My name is Jessica. I work for the Cambridge Health Alliance and I run the teen health advisory, which is an after school advisory group. We're here tonight to thank the City for the support of the teen health advisory. We have been able to accomplish a lot of things over the year and the past year we have expanded our number and really have done some wonderful programs for youth at the High School. We want to thank you and show our support for the Public Service Program.

My name is Carry Dancy. I am here representing East Somerville Main Streets and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the City for the grant of funds for our first year and were planning to have a really exciting first year. We hope to have good relation with the City and other community organizations.

My name is Eileen Feldman. I am just learning about the CDBG funds and they made the laws to make everywhere accessible but there are no funding to support those laws. I read through a bunch of years of federal transcripts. There are so many regulations involved its unbelievable. I was wondering who writes the plan and how much genuine chance do I have to speak for the people with disabilities. I see the words ADA are in the plan and happy about the streetscape. I'm just curious who writes the plan and what kinds of formula are used to budget the funds.

**Carlene Campbell** – Do you mean who writes the One Year Action Plan and the Five Year Plan?

**Eileen Feldman** – I would be very interested in hearing both because I know the Five Year is coming up and I know most of us would be involved in that huge and wonderful effort as well. It would be like putting a unified vision for the City until 2013. Who wrote this year plan and last year's plan?

**Carlene Campbell** - It was City staff and community input and community meetings tied into the Five Year Plan. The One-Year Action Plan has to reflect the five-year action plan. The One Year Action Plan is showing HUD how you're spending the funding to show your five-year goals. They tie into one another. We are in the process of getting ready for the five-year plan.

**Eileen Feldman** – My recommendation is to put in every single one of these features that would make the City of Somerville to be one step closer to being accessible to all sorts of people. People who are hearing impaired, don't even know about 311. That is a real strong recommendation to just become compliant about that but also start off by making an accessible place. If you could create a channel of communication. I also want to suggest implement a mapping project using GIS technology to create a map so people could go on the website and say is this street accessible to me today because I know Somerville Ave is being worked on. But in general I want to say thank you and great job.

I am Melissa. I am the Director of Advocacy for the Community Action Agency in Somerville, which is the antipoverty agency. I echo and support all of Eileen comments regarding disability. A large % of the very low and income people that we serve are disabled, which impacts their lives including working and getting around the City and a lot different ways. Shopping and things people need to do to stay alive. I think I have figured out the answer to the \$975, 500 dollars to tenet based rental assistance. I would like to see some funds released to do a rental assistance program for people who are not in that sort of setting for instance my clients. My main concern is that I'm practically concerned that these funds be used to benefit low-moderate income people. I'm not totally convinced that business improvements are going to improve the lives of low-moderate income people. I'm not sure that a dog park even in a low-moderate income area of the City will benefit the people that these funds are attended to benefit. Certainly I like living in the City and CDBG funds were used to improve my area which is Teele Square and we have very nice streetlights. Looking over this stuff, to keep this sort of thing in mind when submitting your plan. Thank you.

My name is Danielle Levine and I am the Director of Respond. We are domestic violence agency based in Somerville and we are extremely grateful to the City for the funding for running as our shelter.

My name is Maria. I am the caseworker at the Mass Alliance of Portuguese Speakers at the Cambridge office. We also receive CDBG funding to assist low-income Portuguese speaking clients. We provided a number of services, housing, food stamps, citizenship assistance, and applying for disability assistance. We also have senior centers so we also assist the seniors for certain benefits like Medicare. It's a variety of services that we provide and we want to thank the City for giving us the funding.

**Mark Friedman** – I think that concludes everything for tonight. If you have any comments or questions that you didn't get answered feel free to email and forward written comments as well.



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 a. Applicant Eighth b. Project Eighth

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b. Applicant	\$	<sup>00</sup>
c. State	\$	610,100 <sup>00</sup>
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e. Other	\$	150,000 <sup>00</sup>
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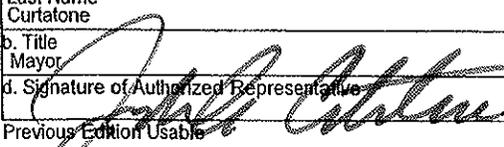
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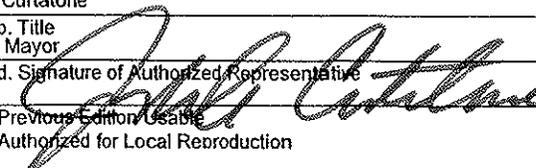
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<b>10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER:</b> TITLE (Name of Program): Emergency Shelter Grant 14-231		<b>11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:</b> Emergency Shelter Grant Project in the City of Somerville, MA		
<b>12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b> Somerville, MA				
<b>13. PROPOSED PROJECT</b> Start Date: 04/01/2007		<b>14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:</b> a. Applicant Eighth    b. Project Eighth		
Ending Date: 3/31/2008				
<b>15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:</b>		<b>16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?</b>		
a. Federal	\$	125,755	a. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON	
b. Applicant	\$		DATE:	
c. State	\$		b. No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372	
d. Local	\$		<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
e. Other	\$		<b>17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?</b>	
f. Program Income	\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
g. TOTAL	\$	125,755		
<b>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.</b>				
<b>a. Authorized Representative</b>				
Prefix Mr.	First Name Joseph		Middle Name A.	
Last Name Curtatone		Suffix		
b. Title Mayor	c. Telephone Number (give area code) 617 625 6600			e. Date Signed 2/14/2007
d. Signature of Authorized Representative				

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# 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.

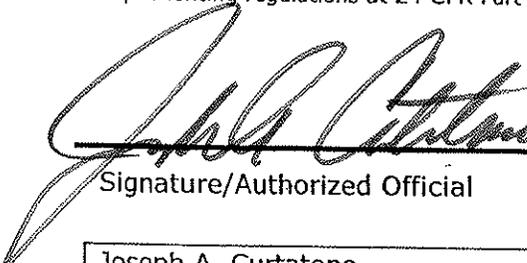
**Anti-Lobbying** -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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;

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**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**

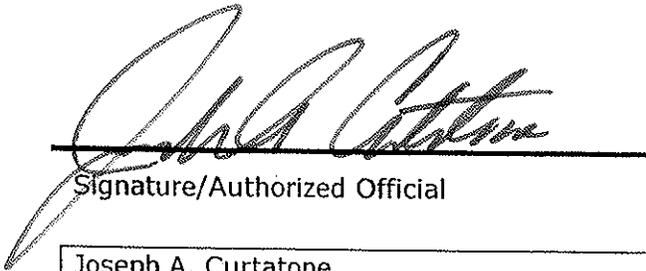
The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**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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<input type="checkbox"/> This certification does not apply.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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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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

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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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