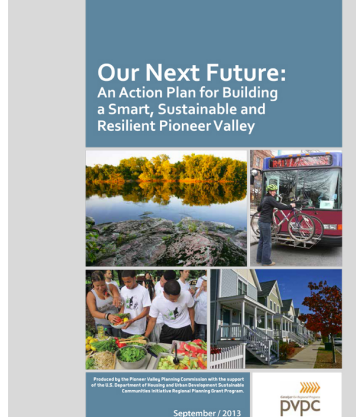




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Our Next Future An Action Plan Receives National Award



The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has been selected as the recipient of the 2015 Medium Metro General Achievement Award by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). PVPC received the award June 9 at NARC's 49th annual conference and exhibition in Raleigh, NC.

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Planning for Resilient Communities: Infrastructure Inventory

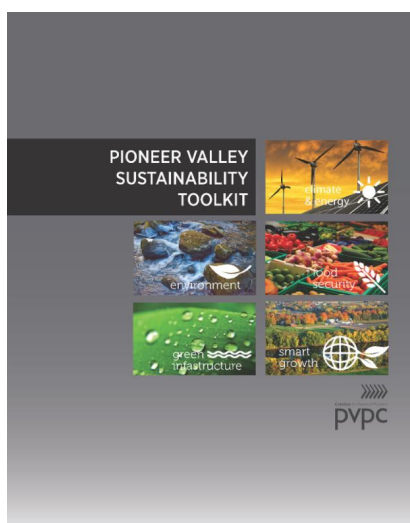
PVPC is continuing efforts to help communities be ready to withstand the impacts from heavy storms, flooding, extreme heat and other climate-related events with a new program to create an inventory of vulnerable transportation and water infrastructure in the region.

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PVPC Announces Release of New Pioneer Valley Sustainability Toolkit



The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has released a new Pioneer Valley Sustainability Toolkit with several goals in mind:

- To assist communities, by providing technical assistance and resources, to help them in adopting strategies to take action on climate change, promote use of clean energy sources, grow smarter, protect their environments, promote food security, and encourage use of green infrastructure.
- To promote the implementation of the region's key sustainability plan, *Our Next Future: An Action Plan for Building a Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Pioneer Valley*.
- To encourage sustainability in all aspects of life in

the Pioneer Valley region.

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2015 Plan for Progress is Here!

The new 2015 Plan for Progress was rolled out in early May in numerous venues, including print articles, online, and public television. The Plan calls for collaborative leadership to promote the region's talent development, business growth, sustainable infrastructure, and civic engagement.

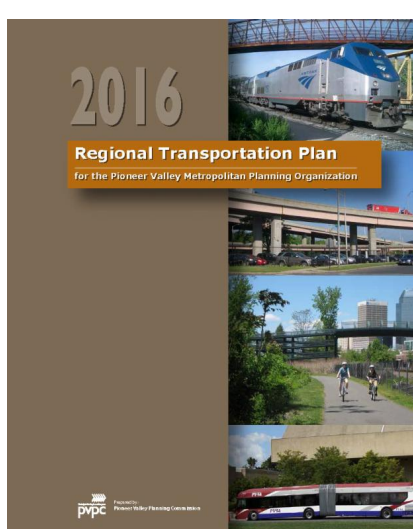
It builds on the region's many assets and accomplishments while simultaneously addressing the challenges, such as increasing the Pioneer Valley's supply of educated, skilled workers by six percent, or approximately 25,000 workers.

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2016 Update to Regional Transportation Plan Now Available



The draft version of the 2016 Update to the Regional Transportation Plan for the Pioneer Valley (RTP) is now available for public review and comment. The RTP outlines the direction of transportation planning and improvements for the Pioneer Valley through the year 2040.

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Regional Leadership Honored at PVPC's 53rd Annual Meeting

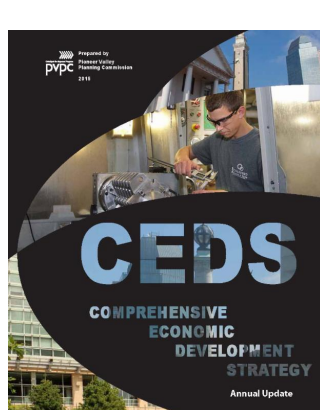
The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission honored three individuals for their contributions to the betterment of the region and the commonwealth at large at its 53rd Annual Meeting Thursday, June 11 at the Hadley Farms Meeting House in Hadley.

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2015 Pioneer Valley Region CEDS Report Available



The 2015 Annual Update of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is now available. The document is required by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to maintain the region's status as an Economic Development District and to document ongoing economic development initiatives.

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Bike Sharing is Advancing in the Pioneer Valley



The communities of Northampton, Amherst, Holyoke, and Springfield, along with the University of Massachusetts, are working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to advance a pilot scale bike sharing program in the Pioneer Valley. A regional Bike Share Advisory Committee has been formed and meets monthly to work on details for this project.

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