

2016

Major Accomplishments

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission



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Since 1962, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has been the designated regional planning body for the Pioneer Valley region, which encompasses 43 cities and towns in the Hampden and Hampshire county areas. PVPC is the primary agency responsible for increasing communication, cooperation, and coordination among all levels of government as well as the private business and civic sectors in order to benefit the Pioneer Valley region and to improve its residents' quality of life.

Although PVPC is a public sector agency, it is not a direct arm of the federal or state governments. Rather, it is a consortium of local governments that have banded together under the provisions of state law to address problems and opportunities that are regional in scope. As a result, PVPC's planning area is designated as a special district under the provisions of state enabling legislation.

PVPC is funded through modest annual assessments from its member communities, state and federal grant programs, fees for administering community development block grants, and matching funds.

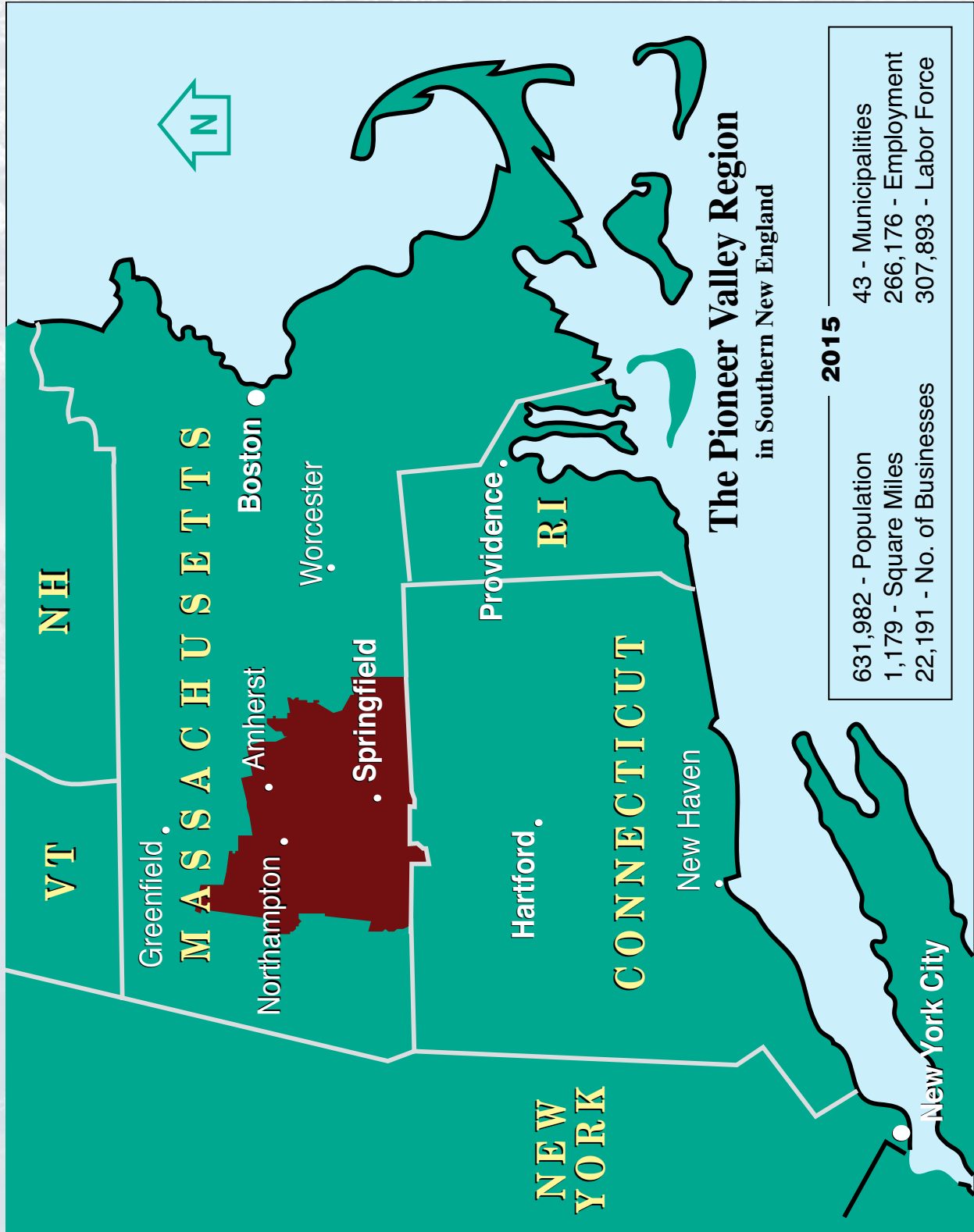
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Check the Record of the ^{TOP}Ten Resolves for 2016



1. Contribute to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's efforts to develop a five year, statewide Capital Investment Plan encompassing a broad array of transportation investments that are to be advanced during the 2016-2020 timeframe. Correspondingly, advocate for the inclusion of PVPC's recommended list of ten, major and regionally significant transportation improvements that would generate substantial, long term benefits for the Pioneer Valley and its residents.



2. Work in concert with multiple project partners to finalize and deliver a comprehensive, statewide Food System Plan to the Commonwealth, and more specifically to the Massachusetts Food Policy Council by January of 2016. In addition, continue to provide guidance, assistance and support required for the successful implementation of this new Massachusetts Food Systems Plan beginning in 2016.



3. Develop, refine and issue an updated version of the PVPC's highly popular Pioneer Valley Regional Trails Map that can capture the expanding network of hiking trails located throughout our region. Similarly, complete and release an updated version of the PVPC's Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan – a product being produced as a joint venture of the PVPC and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG).



4. Secure local endorsements from the communities of Chicopee, Springfield, South Hadley, Ludlow and Granby that, in effect, designate the PVPC to serve as the lead sponsor for a major overhaul and updating of Westover Air Reserve Base's Joint Land Use Study (JLUS); a task which the PVPC last successfully completed back in 2004.



5. Lend support to the Baker/Polito Administration's new "Community Compact" initiative and, where appropriate, apply the Commission's DLTA resources, knowledge and expertise to enable select PVPC member cities and towns to analyze and ideally put in place 1 to 3 municipal best practices which the state deems eligible for free technical assistance under the provisions of its "Community Compact" initiative.



6. Advocate in concert with the Administration, MassDOT, the Western Massachusetts legislative delegation and affected cities and towns to move forward with the recommendations emanating from the recently completed Northern New England Intercity Rail Initiative (NNEIRI) which calls for establishing a viable Inland Route intercity passenger rail corridor that would interconnect Boston-Worcester-Springfield-Hartford and New Haven and, eventually, would re-establish a passenger rail link into Montreal.



7. Maintain PVPC's leadership and support for the interstate New England Knowledge Corridor (NEKC) Partnership during 2016 and specifically focus PVPC efforts on lending support to: the launch of a trans Atlantic air service connecting between Bradley International Airport with Dublin; accelerated construction of Connecticut's proposed Hartford Line commuter rail service now slated to be operational in early 2018; continue operating the InternHere.com college student retention program; and, complete a major overhaul of the Knowledge Corridor's antiquated website.



8. Complete the third and final phase of a Pioneer Valley Regional bike share project implementation plan which initially will be anchored by the communities of Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton and Amherst as well as the University of Massachusetts Amherst including the preparation and submission of an application for federal and state funds that could launch a kickoff phase of this regional bike project during 2017.



9. Identify and recruit “lead implementers” from across the Pioneer Valley which are willing and able to coordinate in-region efforts to implement the Pioneer Valley’s recently updated version of Plan For Progress, the Pioneer Valley’s strategic economic plan. Correspondingly, strive to align these efforts with the Commonwealth’s soon to be released Opportunities for All policy document which presents the Baker/Polito Administration’s statewide economic/workforce development plan which aims to foster prosperity, vitality and sustainable growth throughout Massachusetts.



10. Work with both the Congressional delegation in Washington, as well as the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor to shape and advance legislative initiatives, at the federal and state levels, that support and benefit the Pioneer Valley and its residents. At the federal level, for example, support a five year reauthorization of our nation’s surface transportation law entitled “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST)” Act that was recently enacted by Congress. At the state level, key legislative priorities for 2016 include statewide zoning reforms, a comprehensive economic development package, potential reforms to Chapter 90 local road funds, legislation enabling regional ballot initiatives and the release of state bond funds for key infrastructure projects such as Connecticut River CSO clean-up projects.

Overview

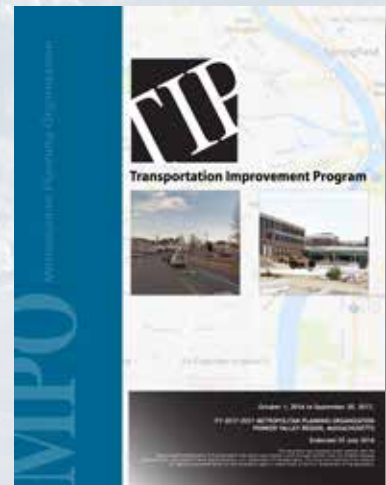
During 2016, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission undertook numerous projects and tasks on behalf of its 43 member communities and the region as a whole. As these work activities have significantly influenced our Valley's future economic prosperity, they have also protected its character and natural resources. These major accomplishments are highlighted in this report.

The commission continues to engage in work projects that are interdisciplinary and collaborative, drawing upon the contributions of staff across the spectrum of planning and related areas of expertise. Such projects are listed under the subject categories that most closely define them.



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Staff incorporated - Fix America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST act) requirements in the Development of the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Pioneer Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). During the development process, staff performed significant analysis to ensure that projects being funded in the TIP met both federal and state goals, including GreenDOT goals. PVPC staff worked in consultation with federal, state, and local cities and towns to update the status of all projects included on the TIP. All projects were prioritized using the current project evaluation criteria, and updated project information was added into the TIP as necessary. PVPC staff worked with the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) and MPO to release the document for public review and endorsement by the MPO. The TIP is a live document and was amended several times during the Federal Fiscal Year.



Staff coordinated monthly Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) meetings in order to enhance regional collaboration between municipalities. The JTC is a platform for transportation professionals to discuss issues and strategies for better executing their duties within their municipality and within the region. PVPC staff also coordinated monthly meetings for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to the JTC. Meeting presentations included updates on FHWA bicycle design guidance, complete streets, new travel demand tools, and traffic safety.

The transportation staff worked in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to finalize their joint review of the transportation planning process for the MPO. Transportation staff also worked with FHWA staff to develop a work plan to implement the recommendations that resulted from the certification review.

PVPC staff performed significant outreach to the MPO communities in order to identify elected officials interested in serving on the MPO. This effort consisted of a postcard mailing to gauge interest, polls of local elected officials in select MPO tiers, and a public hearing at the Palmer Library for the purpose of nominating and electing a new member and alternate member to represent the eastern tier municipalities.

Staff assisted communities in coordination of the regional involvement in the Massachusetts Complete Streets Program. The Complete Streets program recognizes the importance of projects that provide context-sensitive and support multimodal transportation options. PVPC staff worked closely to engage and inform municipalities of opportunities



to participate in this \$12.5 million program. All total, 40 of 43 PVPC communities completed the Complete Streets Training Program. Staff also wrote, revised and assisted in the development of policy statements and municipal ordinances.

As part of the Green House Gas (GHG) initiative tied to GreenDOT PVPC Staff analyzed all projects being considered for funding in the TIP. Additionally, projects being considered for congestion mitigation and air quality (CMAQ) funding received additional analysis to confirm the project would result in a net air quality improvement.

Transportation staff updated pavement distress data on all federal-aid eligible roadways in the communities of Agawam, Chicopee, Northampton and West Springfield. A priority listing of roadway maintenance and construction projects was developed based on the calculated benefit/cost ratio. Local Pavement Management System reports were finalized for the communities of Hadley, Holland, Palmer and Ware. A draft Local Pavement Management System Report was completed for the Town of Chester. Staff also forwarded information regarding the PVPC's Pavement Management Program to the Town of Agawam.

A total of 80 counts were performed as part of PVPC's annual traffic counting program. This data collection effort included 27 vehicle counts for the member communities, 42 vehicle counts requested by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and 11 peak hour turning movement counts. In 2016 PVPC staff employed new count technology to collect on-road counts of bicyclists in Northampton, Holyoke and Hatfield. Bicycle and pedestrian counts stations were identified and prioritized for the Agawam Riverwalk, Southwick Rail Trail, Mass Central Rail Trail, Norwottuck Rail Trail and Easthampton Manhan Rail Trail.



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The transportation section continued to serve as a member of the Working Group for the Interstate 91 (I-91) Viaduct Study. MassDOT initiated this study to identify existing issues and evaluate alternatives for I-91 from I-291 to the Connecticut State line. Staff attended all working group and public informational meetings, assisted in scenario planning, reviewed various improvement alternatives and provided assistance to the project consultant regarding future year forecasts of land use and socio economic data.

Staff worked in coordination with the City of Springfield and the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) to complete both a Project Needs Form (PNF) and Project Information Form (PIF) for the intersection of Cottage Street at Robbins Road. Improvements at this intersection will be vital to transit vehicles will have safe and efficient access to the new PVTA Operations and Maintenance facility. At the request of the Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), PVPC Staff performed an analysis to identify which municipalities have received: TIP funds, MassWorks Funds and Chapter 90 funds over the past 5 years. The ultimate goal of this analysis will be to assist the JTC in developing recommendations for the Commonwealth on how to make equitable adjustments to the Chapter 90 formula and improve transportation funding for local roadway maintenance.

A study was completed for the signalized intersection of Cherry Street and Homestead Avenue (Route 202) in Holyoke. Staff reviewed traffic volumes and transportation operations in order to assess the impact of the installation of a new exclusive right turn lane and recent MassDOT improvements at the intersection of Cherry Street with the I-91 Exit 16 on and off ramps.

The Draft Route 9 Safety and Livability Study focused on improving safety for all modes of transportation along the Route 9 corridor from Masonic Street to Market Street in the City of Northampton. It incorporated Livability and Complete Streets planning aspects for future transportation improvements and development along this roadway. It also reviewed recommendations by recent studies completed for the city. Existing safety conditions were analyzed to develop

recommendations that could help reduce crashes and improve livability in downtown Northampton. A number of comprehensive updates were made to improve the regional transportation model. The 2010 base year model was calibrated and adjustment factors were developed for future build years. Staff also reported on the 2010 base year model and the future build years 2020, 2030, 2040 results. This included a comparison of estimated vehicle miles traveled and traffic flow for each of the model years. The PV 2010 Model Running Steps report was revised to include new methodologies used in trip generation, trip distribution, and trip assignment based on guidance from MassDOT.

Actively participated in the Northeast Corridor (NEC) Future Project public process to examine long range alternatives to increase passenger and freight rail capacity from Washington DC to Boston. PVPC strongly advocated for evaluation of an alternative that serves the Hartford and Springfield corridor to leverage the significant federal and state investments that are already underway in the region. Wrote the draft scope of services for the Springfield Elder Affairs Department to assist with their procurement of a consultant to assess transportation needs of residents using the city's senior centers and facilities.

The PVPC participated in multiple roadway safety audits (RSAs) for intersection improvement projects in the communities of Agawam, Holyoke, West Springfield, and Springfield. RSAs identify factors that may contribute to safety problems and develop a series of recommendations to improve safety. The RSA is conducted as a "team" approach to provide insight from engineers, planners, emergency responders and local officials on the factors that contribute to crashes at a given location. Staff also participated in a series of six roadway safety audits conducted in the City of Springfield at multiple locations in the downtown area to identify and mitigate the traffic impacts of the of the MGM casino.

The PVPC updated the regional Top 100 High Crash Intersections report utilizing the crash data for the calendar years of 2011-2013. For the first time, a uniform analysis method was developed which utilized crash data for the entire region in geographic information system (GIS) format. In addition, a new section was included to identify the top non-motorized high crash clusters in the region. These clusters included the crashes between motor vehicles and non-motorists. This update helps member communities to identify areas with traffic safety issues and assess the impacts of completed safety improvement projects.



The MPO completed a FHWA review and consultation of the Title VI and Language Access Plan. In cooperation with FHWA, FTA, and MassDOT, the region completed an inventory of vital documents and identified language access issue. Working with our Federal and State partners a language translation plan was revised. The new translations of vital documents will assist the MPO's effort to include specialized populations in the regional planning process and further addressed the needs of limited-English-speaking, disabled, and elderly populations.

Coordinated the review and endorsement of the draft and final versions of the federal fiscal year 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. The UPWP identifies the transportation planning activities that will be undertaken by PVPC from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. The UPWP also identifies how the proposed planning activities align with current federal and state goals and initiatives.

Worked in cooperation with Massachusetts and Connecticut MPOs to develop a series of comment letters to the United States Department of Transportation on a proposed rule on Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform.



Staff produced bus ridership forecasts for PVTA's State Street Bus Rapid Transit Study, a major planning effort in partnership with MassDOT and the City of Springfield to establish the first high capacity "rail-like" bus service in the city. This is expected to serve 12 station hubs in the State Street/Boston Road corridor between Union Station in downtown and the Eastfield Mall.

Assisted PVTA with detailed planning and preparations for the transition of Springfield area bus operations and the PVTA Customer Service main office to Springfield Union Station in early 2017.

Developed a new, easy-to-read format for PVTA's printed bus schedules that features simplified graphics showing the destinations along each route.

Produced a new PVTA Bus Rider's Guide that consolidates all the information that riders need to know about fares, rules of the road, Customer Service, and more into a single document (in English and Spanish versions).



Updated the PVTA System Map to reflect the new Union Station multimodal hub and transportation connections in downtown Springfield, as well as other route changes and additions in the last three years.

Updated PVTA's Springfield Bus Stop Consolidation report and created a user-friendly online interactive map tool that the public can use to see which stops are proposed for consolidation and distances to the nearest replacement stop. This tool is now being used for outreach meetings with neighborhood associations throughout Springfield to demonstrate the safety benefits of reducing the locations where buses pull into and out of traffic. While 47% of low ridership bus stops are good candidates to be consolidated with high ridership stops, only 19% of riders will be affected—and will on average have to walk only an additional 2-3 minutes to reach their new stop.

Produced an Equity Analysis for PVTA's forthcoming Fast Break Card (smart card), an electronic "tap-and-go" fare payment system.

Produced an Equity Analysis for PVTA's pilot program with the City of Northampton in which the local Council on Aging and Senior Center will operate Senior Service paratransit van transportation for community residents with the financial support of PVTA.

Set up and staffed 10 public hearings that were required for proposed service changes and pilot programs.

Set up and staffed 12 paratransit van meetings and 4 bus rider forums to obtain rider feedback on these services.

Facilitated meetings of Cooley Dickinson Hospital and affiliated medical service providers, including an analysis of medical office locations and analysis of input received from medical office front line staff. As a final product, produced a transportation guide for staff intended to help them better assist their clients in finding transportation to and from medical appointments, one of the leading trip purposes for the region's van riders.

Conducted a customer satisfaction survey for PVTA's Northern System (Hampshire County), including surveying more than 1,100 bus riders, tabulating responses, analyzing the results and delivering a final report. The survey found that on average, 74% of bus riders were "Satisfied" or "Very Satisfied" with the fixed route bus service that PVTA provides; only 9% said they were "Dissatisfied" or "Very Dissatisfied."

Supported PVTA's request to the City of Northampton Parking and Transportation Commission to reconfigure bus stops for safer pedestrian operations at the Academy of Music stop in downtown, which is used by more than 600 bus riders on a typical weekday. PVPC obtained site measurements and prepared handouts, including a computer-generated visual study, to assist the commissioners in making their decision.

Participated in the monthly meetings of the Quabog Region Transportation Committee. Participated in the quarterly meetings of the Pioneer Valley Regional Coordinating Council, a body established in 2012 to facilitate intra-regional cooperation on projects to improve the availability of transportation in areas not well served by public transportation.

Developed new on time performance Excel analysis method using data from PVTA's AVL reporting system.

Assisted PVTA in the roll-out of its first three all-electric buses and worked with UMass Amherst officials to prepare applications for grant funds to purchase two more all-electric buses that would based at UMass Transit and operate on the Campus Shuttle routes.

Prepared an initial assessment of transit-oriented development (TOD) opportunities in Palmer.

Served on the PVTA's Paratransit Appeals Committee, attended appeal hearings, reviewed application and appeal cases, managed discussions, participated in determinations, drafted response language, and mailed letters to appellants expressing the committee's determinations whether to deny or grant service.

PVPC Staff assisted PVTA on a bicycle parking rack initiative. Bicycle rack locations were identified and prioritized. Planning staff coordinated with local municipalities and provided specifications for the purchase of rack, GPS coordinates for rack locations, and installation instructions.

Supported development of a pilot program in which the municipal councils on aging in the towns of East Longmeadow, Hampden, and Longmeadow will work together to provide van transportation for residents age 60 and older, with financial support and donated vehicles from the PVTA.



Housing Rehabilitation & Development

Administered and implemented over \$1.5 million in Department of Housing and Community Development Community Development Fund housing rehabilitation and septic system improvements in the towns of Ware, Warren, Hardwick, Russell, Middlefield, Chester, Huntington, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Easthampton, Granby, South Hadley, Southwick, Granville, Easthampton, and Northampton.

Continued to serve as the Region 1 service provider under the Commonwealth's Home Modifications Loan Program for those with disabilities. Nearly \$500,000 was loaned to borrowers to allow them to remove private property architectural and other health barriers to their homes. To date, PVPC has lent over \$4.5 million to eligible and qualified borrowers under this program since 2005.

Provided construction monitor services to homeowners to all of Western Massachusetts under the CEDAC/MRC Home Modifications Loan Program.



Brownfields

Completed a regional brownfields site assessment program awarded by EPA in late 2012. Under the \$400,000 program, site assessment activities were initiated and/or completed at 12 sites in eight communities: Chicopee (two sites), Hadley, Holyoke, Middlefield, Northampton, Springfield (four sites), Ware, and Westfield.

Completed close-out of the PVPC's EPA-funded brownfields revolving loan fund after a 15-year performance period.

More information about PVPC's brownfields program is available at www.pvpc.org/brownfields.



Photo: City of Chicopee

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Domestic Violence Prevention

Ware/Hardwick—Implemented domestic violence prevention project and coordinated the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force. Major projects included; provision of direct services for victims including a weekly support group and individual advocacy services; implementation of a healthy relationship prevention campaign at Ware High School including classroom-based activities, student writing prompts, and a student-created public service ad campaign using student art and writing; professional development training for various professionals in the Ware region including Ware Public Schools staff on trauma and learning, in-home visitors on children who witness, and local mental health counselors on identifying and responding to domestic violence; collaboration with Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Health Center and Baystate Palmer Wing Hospital to improve screening and referrals for patients who have experienced domestic and sexual violence; production of a show for local TV on healthy dating; implementation of a new interfaith initiative to support those who work with abuse victims; coordination of regional agencies through monthly Task Force meetings; and ongoing implementation of a community education and outreach campaign through use of newspaper and a Second Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.

Russell/Middlefield/Huntington—Implemented domestic violence prevention project and coordinated the Southern Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force. Major projects included: support and expansion of local domestic violence advocacy services through a collaboration with Hilltown Community Health Centers; development and implementation of an interfaith initiative on domestic violence with local faith communities; support of a healthy relationship projects at Gateway High School including a social norms campaign; collaboration with and support for local and state police departments; professional development training for Gateway teachers, service coordination through monthly task force meetings, and community education and outreach through back-to-school nights, brochures and public service ads throughout the community, and use of local newspapers for letters to the editor, opinion pieces and public service ads.

Warren— Provided direct services for victims including a weekly support group and advocacy services, and included Warren in several Ware River Valley Task Force initiatives including improved procedures for reaching victims at Baystate Eastern Region health centers and hospitals, training for professionals that serve Warren victims, and inclusion of the Warren faith community in an interfaith initiative on domestic violence.

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Historic Preservation Planning

Finalized the process of obtaining state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credit certification applications for two former Catholic convents, a former Catholic school, and a former public school in Holyoke.

Began National Register nomination for the Carew Street Baptist Church, Springfield, as part of a state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credit project.

Began state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credit project for buildings on Maple Street in Springfield.

Began historic resource inventory projects in Sturbridge and West Springfield, aimed at surveying 100 properties in each community.

Conducted Section 106 reviews for Department of Housing and Community Development housing rehabilitation work in the towns of Agawam, East Longmeadow, Russell, Chester, Middlefield, Huntington, Easthampton, South Hadley, Northampton, Ware, Warren, Hardwick, Wales, Spencer, and North Brookfield.

Completed historic preservation plans for Holyoke and Worcester, and an endangered historic building casebook for Pittsfield.

Continued to meet with numerous historic commissions throughout the region to evaluate their preservation priorities, plan future preservation efforts, and offer technical assistance.

Provided Local Technical Assistance on historic preservation issues to the towns of Hadley and Holyoke.

Participated in the content committee for the statewide Historic Preservation Conference, to be held in 2017, and Preservation Massachusetts-sponsored Preservation Coalition.

Helped coordinate meeting of the Western Massachusetts Historical Commission Coalition, an organization which provides educational and networking opportunities for historic commission and historic district commission members. PVPC has partnered with BRPC, FRCOG, Preservation Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Historical Commission to continue this series into 2017.

Served as secretary and trustee of the Springfield Historic Preservation Trust Fund, an organization created through a Memorandum of Agreement between the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, MGM Springfield, and the Massachusetts Historical Commission, as part of the mitigation for the construction of the MGM casino project.



Photo: Historic Buildings of MA



Community Development

Facilitated over \$6.5 million in on-going and new public infrastructure, public facilities, housing rehabilitation, septic system repair, planning and design, and social/public services projects in the following communities:

Completed FFY13 - FFY14 Projects

Charlton—As part of the FFY13 Leicester Community Development Program, completion of the Leicester Town Hall design project and Charlton Town Hall barriers removal project.

East Longmeadow—As part of the FFY13 Agawam Community Development Program, completion of the East Longmeadow Housing Authority Quarry Hill Entry Security Improvements Project..

Easthampton—Completion of the housing rehabilitation program for eligible residents.

Hardwick—Completion of rehabilitation of housing units under the Ware River Valley Community Assistance Program and social service programs (domestic violence prevention, senior services).

Middlefield—As part of the Southern Hilltowns Community Assistance Program, completion of housing rehabilitation for eligible residents; domestic violence prevention planning, adult literacy, food pantry support, supplemental case management services, and other social service programs.

Russell—As part of the Southern Hilltowns Community Assistance Program, completion of housing rehabilitation for eligible residents; domestic violence prevention planning, adult literacy, food pantry support, supplemental case management services, and other social service programs. Completion of the \$1.0 million Massworks engineering and construction project on Carrington Road.

Spencer—Completion of the Spencer Housing Rehabilitation Program and completion of a slum and blight inventory.

Ware—Completion of rehabilitation of housing units under the Ware River Valley Community Assistance Program. an adult literacy program, family support services, and a domestic violence prevention program. Completion of a slum and blight inventory.

Warren—Completion of rehabilitation of housing units under the Ware River Valley Community Assistance Program and social service programs (adult literacy, domestic violence prevention, and family support services).

On-going FFY DR-13 and FFY15 Projects

Activity on two FFY2013 CDF DR-13 and six FFY2015 CDF projects were substantially worked on in 2016. This included nearly \$5.5 million of CDF Department of Housing and Community Development Community Development Block Grant Funds involving the municipalities of Russell, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Ware, Hardwick, Warren, North Brookfield, Brookfield, Wales, Brimfield, Holland, Granby, and South Hadley. Specific programs and work activities include:

FFY2013-DR—Town of Brimfield: Ongoing oversight of the \$236,500 program to provide direct assistance to Hollowbrook Farm, LLC. The funding will allow the owner to repair the barn, clean-up the fields and trails, and replace lost equipment necessary to operate the business. The project will also allow for rehabilitation of a housing unit to bring it into code compliance and put it back into use as housing. The equipment has been purchased and delivered. To date the required equipment has been purchased and delivered, clean-up completed, and a design-build company hired to design and conduct for the build-out of the residential unit.

FFY2013-DR—Town of Holland: Ongoing oversight of the \$157,075 program for improvements to Over The Top Road. The project involves the installation of a drainage system that will capture stormwater and safely discharge it into Hamilton Reservoir. The project includes new drainage pipe, several catch basins and drainage manholes, retainage wall, landscaping material, erosion control measures and other miscellaneous work. To date the work is substantially complete.

FFY2015 CDF—Town of Russell (Chester, Huntington, Middlefield): Ongoing oversight of \$922,009 for infrastructure improvements in Russell, the rehabilitation of approximately 3 units of housing, and social services (case management and support services, food pantry, adult education center, domestic violence prevention).

FFY2015 CDF—Town of Ware (Hardwick): Ongoing oversight of \$878,801 for an environmental hazards study at the former senior center site in Hardwick, the rehabilitation of approximately 16 units of housing, and social services (adult learning, health services, elder services, and domestic violence prevention).

FFY2015 CDF—Town of Warren (North Brookfield, Brookfield): Ongoing oversight of \$955,136 for a senior center planning and services project (Brookfield), a domestic violence prevention services program (Warren); public works improvements to Highland Street in Warren, engineering and design for North Common Street in North Brookfield and the rehabilitation of approximately 10 units of housing.

FFY2015 CDF—Town of Huntington: Ongoing oversight and substantial completion of the \$886,540 Maple Street and Pleasant Street infrastructure improvement projects.

FFY2015 CDF—Town of Wales (Holland, Brimfield): Ongoing oversight of \$571,547 for the rehabilitation of approximately 16 units of housing rehabilitation and social services (domestic violence prevention, food pantry).

FY2015 CDF—Town of South Hadley (Granby): Ongoing oversight of \$850,614 for the rehabilitation of approximately 20 units of housing, pavement and lighting improvements to Newton Manor (South Hadley Housing Authority), and social services (mobile food pantry).

New Awards and Programs (FFY16)

The PVPC applied for and received over \$4.0 million in FFY2016 CDF Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Development Block Grant Funds for the municipalities of Ware, Hardwick, Warren, Huntington, Chester, Middlefield, Southwick, and Granville. In addition, the cities of Easthampton and Northampton engaged the PVPC to manage their respective housing rehabilitation programs. Specific FFY16 programs and activities include:

Awards

FFY2016 CDF—Town of Huntington (Chester, Middlefield): \$753,226 for infrastructure improvements in Huntington, a senior center feasibility study in Chester, the rehabilitation of approximately 7 units of housing, and social services (case management and support services, food pantry, adult education, domestic violence prevention).

FFY2016 CDF—Town of Ware: \$800,000 for infrastructure improvements on Pleasant Street, an engineering design project on Bank and Spring Streets, and social services (domestic violence prevention).

FFY2016 CDF—Town of Warren (Hardwick, Ware): \$724,000 for an engineering design project on School Street in Warren, the rehabilitation of approximately 14 units of housing, and social services (adult education, domestic violence prevention, and community health services).

FFY2016 CDF—Town of Hardwick: \$796,836 for the Prospect Street and Broad Street infrastructure improvement project, municipal office building ABR design project, and social services (domestic violence prevention).

FFY2016 CDF—Town of Southwick (Granville): \$900,000 for infrastructure improvements to Veteran Street in Southwick, the rehabilitation of approximately 9 units of housing, and social services (mobile food pantry).

Programs

FFY2016 CDF—City of Northampton: Program oversight of the rehabilitation of approximately 4 to 5 units of housing with City CDBG funds.

FFY2016 CDF—City of Easthampton: Program oversight of the rehabilitation of approximately 6 units of housing (6 units with CPA funds and 3 units with CDBG funds).



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Responded to approximately 35 requests for information or data coming from the media, other government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector.

Continued to provide data management and strategy development support for the Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation's Reading Success by 4th Grade campaign focused on their work with the Results Based Scorecard. Supported Springfield-focused strategy teams in the areas of School Readiness, Summer Learning, and School Attendance, including conducting a third annual survey for summer learning within the City of Springfield as well as producing a Springfield Summer Program Guide for parents within the city.

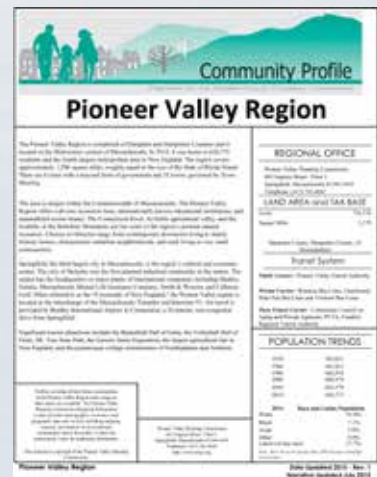
Completed annual updates for indicators in the regional data warehouse, which includes economic, social, health, transportation, and demographic information for municipalities, counties, and the region annually. Municipal profiles are now embedded within the PVPC website's Communities pages as well as provided as separate PDFs, which were updated with 2015 Census data (among other sources). These can be found at <http://www.pvpc.org/community-profiles>.

Continued maintenance of the Pioneer Valley Data Portal, an online website that allows public access to the PVPC regional database. Winner of the 2014 National Association of Development Organizations' 2014 Innovation Award, the site allows users to query the database, combining data from many sources into one excel spreadsheet or PDF for download.

Produced a report on commuting trends surrounding major employment centers within the Pioneer Valley. This data digest explores commute trends in the Pioneer Valley, including the distribution of jobs in relation to where the labor force lives, and how residents travel between work and home. The report can be found online at: <http://www.pvpc.org/content/commute-trends-major-employment-centers-pioneer-valley-region>

Completed work on a data digest focused on the K-12 education system in the Pioneer Valley, outlining academic trends across the region and within individual school districts. The report will be published and shared on www.pvpc.org in early 2017.

Continued to work with ROADS partners to manage and update the Pioneer Valley Data Portal, a shared database that allows all ROADS partners to make use of each others' data, creating consistency and efficiency across organizations. This constituted the sixth year of the Regional Organizations' Advanced Data Sharing (ROADS) partnership, a collaboration between key staff at the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, the Economic Development Council of



Western Massachusetts, and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. This year, work focused on developing a tool to allow for the development of online visual data dashboards that can be embedded within a variety of websites.

Completed a study on the economic impact that Westfield State University has on the local community and greater region.

Provided data and analysis for eight Community Health Needs Assessments for the Coalition of Western Massachusetts Hospitals.

Developed a new set of performance measures to align with the strategies of the updated Plan for Progress, the Pioneer Valley's regional economic development plan.

Continued to provide technical assistance and data support needs to all departments of PVPC, including tasks such as providing data and analysis for grant applications, housing, transportation, and master plans.



Photo: MassLive



Photo: Holyoke Public Schools



Photo: Reading Success by 4th Grade

C Communications & Public Engagement

The Communications and Public Engagement section - with an expanded focus intended to encompass the policy arena - continued to use communications and public engagement strategies and tools to keep Valley residents informed and involved in the work of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission within their member communities and across the region.

Media relations support was provided to a number of ongoing PVPC projects including ValleyBike Share, water quality monitoring in the Connecticut, Manhan and Chicopee Rivers, as well as Hazard Mitigation Planning throughout the applicable cities and towns in our planning region.

In addition to media relations, the staff also provided community and government relations support to the Hilltown Collaborative - a six-town effort to bring greater regionalization, efficiency and economic development to the southern Hilltowns - as well as the City of Northampton's Bike-Pedestrian Master Plan development and Re-Energize Democracy project.

Staff also lent a hand to many local endeavors such as Zero Waste-Amherst, Holyoke's Day Brook and Belchertown's Lake Arcadia Green Infrastructure projects, the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Visitor Center opening, Leadership Pioneer Valley and several other allied groups through direct media outreach and social media promotion.

Collaborating with the Commission's Economic Development and Information & Policy managers, the Communications and Public Engagement manager submitted an opinion piece to MassLive.com as local students returned to school this September outlining the economic importance of our Valley's educators as well as enumerating the PVPC's education-related work and partnerships.

Staff also sought to maintain a diversified means of communicating with the public - securing a regular monthly appearance on Palmer's AM1250 radio, as well as significantly expanding the use of social media.

A summer press conference featuring officials from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Hampden County Health Coalition briefing Valley residents on the risks of mosquito-borne illness and recommended preventative measures was also organized by the Section.



Photo: Leadership Pioneer Valley

The Communications and Public Affairs section continued to provide leadership and support to the many events organized and hosted by the PVPC throughout the year - including this year's Annual Meeting at Holyoke's Gateway City Arts and the New England Knowledge Corridor's Annual State of the Region and its first ever Fall Mayors Economic Development Conference.



Additionally, the Section led an effort to organize a regional panel discussion on transformative development in the Valley's urban core - partnering with MassINC, Common Capital, Hodge Economic Consulting and officials from Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke and Westfield.

The Communications and Public Engagement manager also successfully advocated for inclusion of District Local Technical Assistance funding in the FY 2017 state budget, supported Zoning Reform legislation, which was considered, revised and approved in the Senate, and is currently participating in a number of statewide advocacy efforts that includes collaborating with the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA), Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance and Transportation for Massachusetts.

Finally, in order to accurately reflect the full scope of the Section's work agenda, effective as of January 1st, the Executive Director is recommending it be renamed as "Public Affairs" subject to the Commission's anticipated concurrence

Economic Development

Completed a three-year disaster recovery and resilience project funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), including the following activities:

- Disbursed 10 small business loans totaling \$500,000 from a revolving loan fund administered in partnership with Common Capital. Also worked with Common Capital and the Business Growth Center at the STCC Technology Park to provide facilities and technical assistance to seven additional small businesses, helping them to grow and create 18 new jobs.
- Conducted outreach and prepared disaster resilience recommendations for communities, businesses and business assistance organizations in the Pioneer Valley region based on interviews and research conducted following natural disasters, fires, and other events challenging small businesses.
- Working with PVPC GIS staff, completed GIS Disaster Recovery Monitoring and Analysis Project with DevelopSpringfield and Common Capital. The new ArcGIS mapping tool displays projects initiated in the tornado recovery zone by these agencies and others, indicating status: completed, in process, or in the planning stages. The maps are interactive and can display a variety of information about each project.

Partnered with PVPC's Regional Information and Policy Center (RIPC) to conduct the 2016 Annual Update of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which provides the most recent economic data for the region and a listing of upcoming capital projects, as well as progress on the 10-year economic development plan. The report is available online at www.pvpc.org under "Core Plans".

Additionally, collaborated with RIPC to create new Plan for Progress Indicators.

Worked with public, private and civic sector partners to implement the Pioneer Valley Plan for Progress, with a focus this year on small business development, workforce training, and fostering the use of clean energy. Facilitated six Plan for Progress Coordinating Council meetings in a new forum style on these issues.

Facilitated City2City Pioneer Valley collaboration following 2015 trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Conducted participant debriefing and gap analysis of issues; prepared City2City Goal Statement; and initiated project working with Springfield College Office of Inclusion and Community Engagement to create a pathway for senior ALANA (African, Latino/a, Asian, and Native American) and Bi/Multiracial



students to connect with the local community by serving in an advisory capacity on non-profit boards and municipal committees. The project will be expanded to include other colleges. Obtained \$10,000 in grant funding thus far towards 2017-18 City2City program.

Secured annual planning grant from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) to provide logistical and technical support to the Pioneer Valley's EDA-designated Economic Development District, including a regular annual update of the CEDS, through June of 2017.

Provided no-cost technical assistance to local communities regarding their public works proposals to EDA and other funders. Reviewed and provided comments on MassWorks infrastructure grant applications to the state.

Sponsored and helped coordinate several economic development events for the region, including:

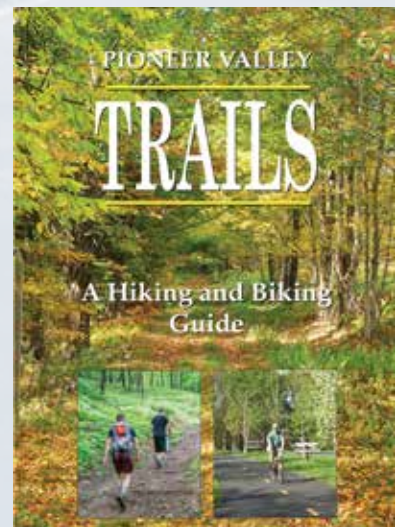
- Western Massachusetts Developers Conference
- New England Knowledge Corridor Partnership's State of the Region Conference, "The High Value Proposition of Higher Ed"
- A Pioneer Valley Panel on Gateway City Transformative Development - a partnership with MassInc, Common Capital and Hodge Economic Consulting
- New England Knowledge Corridor Partnership's Fall Mayors Economic Forum
- Partnering with PVPC's RIPC to create a Westfield State University economic impact analysis

Scenic Byway Planning, Greenways & Trails

With a locally based advisory group representing byway communities and local trail advocates, completed the Action Plan for the Highlands Footpath. The Highlands Footpath is a defined walking journey route that makes use of existing trails on public lands and old roads from October Mountain State Forest to DAR State Forest in Goshen. Also began transitioning the advisory group to a more formalized regional organization called the Highlands Footpath Collaborative to begin implementing key aspects of the Action Plan. PVPC will continue to facilitate this group for the near future. The team for this project also includes the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the Trustees of Reservations.

Completed and printed an update to the highly popular "Pioneer Valley Trails" regional trails map and hiking guide in preparation for printing and release of a second edition. Sold more than 3,000 copies of this guide, which illustrates and describes hiking and biking trails across the Pioneer Valley region. Established and expanded a new regional trails map website that contains more detailed trails information.

Completed development of detailed plans for recreational trails and river access at six sites along the Connecticut River Scenic Byway, including the River to Range Trail in South Hadley, a Hadley car-top boat access area, a trail on Mount Warner, the Red Rocks Trail, a new trailhead and trail re-route for the New England National Scenic Trail, and exhibits for a new Scenic Byway Waypoint Center at the Porter Phelps Huntington House Museum. Held a grand opening for the new Waypoint Center, with installed exhibits. Completed construction of the Hadley car-top boat access area, Mount Warner Trail and New England National Scenic Trail re-route.



Completed a newly updated Corridor Management Plan for the Connecticut River Scenic Byway, in conjunction with the CT River Byway Area Committee, including expanding the Byway to include Hatfield.

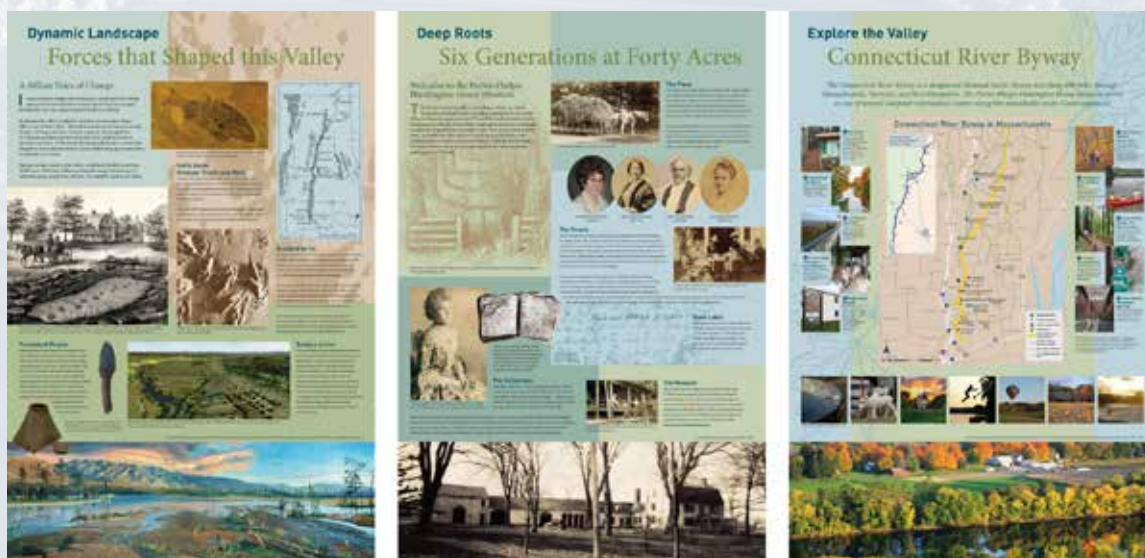
Advanced plans for the River to Range Trail. Assisted the Town of South Hadley in securing a Recreational Trails grant to construct Phase 1 of the trail. Prepared a Federal Lands Access Program grant for the River to Range Trail Phase 2, and several additional trails projects in Hadley and South Hadley.

Continued to provide services to municipalities and land trusts through the Pioneer Valley Compact for Conservation, including services on land protection and wetlands protection.

Completed preparation of a new South Hadley Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which identifies goals, needs and strategies for increasing bike and pedestrian access and opportunities townwide.

Completed a new regional Bike Linkages Plan, which identifies needed connections between existing and new off-road bike trails and on-road bike lanes to create a linked network across the region.

In 2016, PVPC in collaboration with Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway and the Lee Land Trust worked with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and Massachusetts DOT to secure additional construction funding for the Blanche Barlow Acres Recreational Access Project. In late November, PVPC released an invitation for bids for construction of the project that will include the demolition and removal of an abandoned and dilapidated house and the creation of a small parking area. This parking area will allow visitors safe access to hiking trails on Lee Land Trust property. A spring 2017 construction start is anticipated.

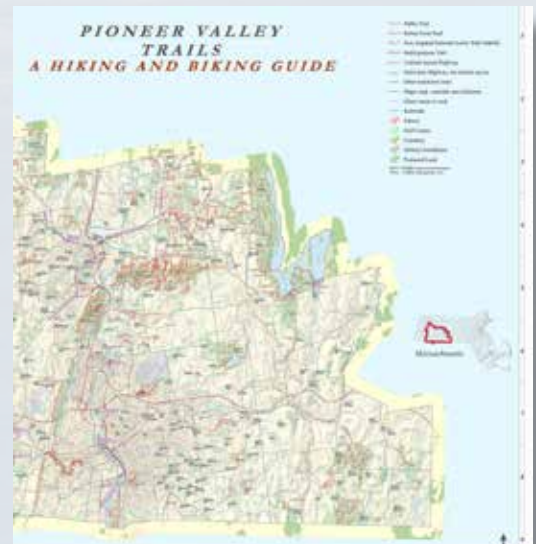


GIS Mapping & Graphics

Designed and published documents for several high-profile events in the region, including producing the logistical maps necessary for Springfield, Agawam, West Springfield, and various state agencies to host fallen Prince William County police officer and Pioneer Valley native Ashley Guindon's funeral procession, emergency preparedness planning maps for the Southwick National motocross event, as well as mapping the Easthampton microburst damage - allowing local officials to plan for debris removal and apply for disaster relief funding.

Worked with member communities to provide mapping, GIS, publication services and other graphic technical support, including:

- Assist Chester Assessor with online mapping.
- Assist Hatfield with GPS data collection and mapping historic boundary markers
- Holyoke Public Schools Early Childhood education mapping.
- Palmer trails mapping.
- Mapping for Russell MS4 Waiver request.
- Assist Southampton with greenway planning.
- Prepare maps for Southwick Police in preparation of national moto-cross event.
- Assist Springfield Public Schools with strategic planning grant mapping.
- Assist Springfield with land use data.
- Mapping for Westhampton MS4 Waiver request.
- Westover JLUS mapping
- West Springfield economic development mapping.
- Chesterfield road maintenance activity mapping.
- Assist Hilltown CDC with service area mapping.
- Assist Hilltown REPC with emergency planning/sensitive populations mapping for Blandford, Chester, Granville, Russell and Tolland.
- Assist Northern Hilltowns Consortium of COAs with emergency planning/response maps identifying senior citizens in the communities of Westhampton, Worthington, Chesterfield, Williamsburg, Goshen, Cummington, and Plainfield.



Continued several ongoing activities, including completion of several products for the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA).

Public Health, Emergency Preparedness & Natural Hazards Planning

Continued to serve as the administrative and fiscal agent for the 19 community member, Hampden County Health Coalition (HCHC), whose mission is “to serve the residents of Hampden County, MA by planning for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.” Members of the HCHC primarily consist of local health directors, agents and nurses as well as emergency management directors (EMDs). Coalition funding comes from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management (OPEM).

Continued to provide administrative and program oversight of the county-wide Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program that recruits and trains volunteers for response to public health emergencies. PVPC’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Planner continued to assist coalition communities better prepare for emergencies by ensuring the completion of MDPH grant deliverables as well as assisting with the development and updating of Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) plans. These plans ensure that communities are prepared to dispense Medical Counter Measures (MCMs) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) stockpile, in the event of an emergency. To test plans, the coalition will conduct a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional EDS tabletop exercise (TTX) and Full Scale Exercise (FSE) at the start of 2017 to ensure readiness. By working with other disciplines, it raises awareness around public health and their role during an emergency response.

Hampden County continues to be 100 percent in compliance with the state requirement for municipalities to report and monitor communicable diseases through the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN) system. This is a platform that enables healthcare organizations to share epidemiological data with each other.

In collaboration with the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (WRHSAC), worked with local emergency preparedness and response professionals and with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to aid in the development of a Family Reunification Plan, which addresses the needs of children in disasters by reunifying them with their families which is a gap in local, regional and state plans. Additionally PVPC has supported the development of a Debris Management Plan template which will provide the region with a comprehensive, accessible tool, to facilitate the plan development and an action guide to help municipal officials manage debris following an incident.

Worked with 23 cities and towns to facilitate development of new and/or updates to existing Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, including plans for: Amherst, Belchertown, Chester, Pelham, East Longmeadow, Goshen, Huntington, Palmer, Williamsburg, Blandford, Chesterfield, Hadley, Hatfield, Holyoke, Monson, South Hadley, Ludlow, Southampton, Westhampton, Granby, Chicopee, Cummington, and Westfield.

Having an up to date local Hazard Mitigation plan makes our cities and towns eligible to apply for federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) funds for infrastructure improvements to make our communities more resilient.

E nvironmental & Water Quality

Worked with the governor's office, state and municipal officials, and state legislators and the Connecticut River Clean-up Committee to seek the release of \$10 million in state funds in the newly adopted environmental bond bill to support Connecticut River clean-up. Secured contracts of two fiscal years worth of funding, totaling \$1.5 million, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection for five different Connecticut River clean-up projects in Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke.

Worked with the Connecticut River Clean-up Committee to seek MassDOT assistance under the Impaired Waters Program to reduce or eliminate stormwater runoff from interstate highways to combined sewer overflow systems, and supported approval for several water quality improvement projects along I-91 and I-291.

Continued education and outreach about stormwater impacts in the 13 cities and towns that participate in the Connecticut River Stormwater Committee through a Soak up the Rain Pioneer Valley campaign. This campaign has involved continuing development of a website, production of lawn signs for rain gardens and porous paving, and several hands-on workshops where property owners learned how to design and build rain gardens. PVPC continues to facilitate meetings of the Connecticut River Stormwater Committee and is working to help communities meet forthcoming new federal permit requirements. This has included:

- Identifying an education and outreach program of messaging under the new permit
- Identifying regional and state-wide strategies for reducing costs of permit compliance, including collaborating on the procurement of services to develop an integrated program of stormwater mapping and data collection
- Preparing a code review checklist to update local stormwater, subdivision, zoning, and wetlands regulations and bylaws for permit compliance
- Participating in a statewide coalition of stormwater coalitions to identify and share in approaches that reduce the burden on municipalities of requirements within the forthcoming stormwater permit.



Worked with the Town of Westhampton to obtain an EPA waiver from the requirements of the forthcoming federal stormwater permit. Westhampton was to be one of six newly regulated communities in the region. Another waiver request for the Town of Russell is in process.

Continued to facilitate the Barnes Aquifer Protection Advisory Committee (BAPAC) and commented on 12 proposed development projects over the aquifer's Zone II recharge area. Of these projects,

2 were in Holyoke and 10 were in Westfield. Other work this year included gathering 14 studies on the Aquifer and posting them to the BAPAC website (a first step toward proposing a comprehensive Aquifer study), promoting information sharing among communities on Water Management Act permitting under the new Sustainable Water Management Initiative Standards, and supporting Kestrel Land Trust in work toward protecting 25 acres of land in Southamptton that is important to Easthampton water supply.

Worked with the Town of Belchertown to continue advancing improved water quality at Arcadia through the design of stormwater management facilities along Federal Street where storm flow typically moves directly from the road into the lake. These facilities will be constructed this coming Spring. The project is made possible with grant funding from MassDEP under the Section 319 program

Continued work on the Chicopee River in Ludlow, Chicopee, and Springfield to identify the degree to which urban stormwater is contributing to bacteria impairments on the Chicopee River and associated tributaries. PVPC and project partners from the Chicopee River Watershed Association organized volunteers to collect water samples from April through June. Following the regular round of sampling, the project then involved zeroing in on sources near those locations (on two tributaries) that demonstrated repeated counts of high bacteria. These locations will be further analyzed to determine where improved stormwater practices may help to address these high inputs. The project complements ongoing work to eliminate combined sewer overflows and also helps build capacity toward a revived watershed group for the Chicopee River. This project is supported with funding from a MassDEP 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning Grant.

Began work on a Mass DEP 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning award to conduct water quality monitoring and source tracking along the Manhan River in Easthampton and Southamptton. The Manhan is listed by the state as impaired for recreational purposes due to high E. coli levels. This project aims to identify potential non-point sources of contamination, such as land uses or stormwater runoff, and also to build citizen interest in the Manhan through the potential development of a watershed organization. The project completed its initial water quality testing during the summer and will resume with source tracking in spring 2017.

Initiated a project with the Town of Agawam to explore the possibility of a stormwater fee/utility to provide sustainable funding for the work in complying with new federal stormwater permit requirements and tending to priority problems in the storm system infrastructure. A consultant has been selected to help with the more technical aspects of this work and a wide cross section of the community will be engaged in this exploration over the coming year.

Organized and conducted the Connecticut River Water Quality Monitoring Program during the summer. Volunteers were recruited and trained to collect and deliver weekly water samples from eight recreational sites along the Connecticut River. Samples were tested for E. coli levels by a local laboratory, and results were then added to an interactive map on the connecticutrivers.us website in advance of summer weekends, when river usage is highest.

Sustainability, Clean Energy, & Climate Action

Initiated work on a Climate Resiliency Plan for the Pioneer Valley, including data collection and mapping, with a focus on identifying critical transportation, water and sewer infrastructure, vulnerabilities and strategies for reducing impacts.

Continued facilitating the annual Pioneer Valley Bay State Bike Week, nine days of events in May that encourage people to try bicycling as a means of transportation and to celebrate bicycle riding and commuting.

Launched work on the City of Springfield Climate Action Resilience Plan in collaboration with the City of Springfield, Arise for Social Justice and the Springfield Climate Justice Coalition.

Assisted five communities: Agawam, Blandford, Chicopee, Granville and Westfield with Green Communities certification, potentially bringing over \$1,000,000 to the region to advance energy efficiency work.

Provided technical assistance to ten certified Green Communities: Belchertown, Chesterfield, Granby, Hatfield, Holland, Longmeadow, Middlefield, Monson, West Springfield and Williamsburg, assisting with annual reporting to DOER, procurement to advance planned energy efficiency projects and/or grant writing for energy efficiency and /or renewable energy projects.



Built Environment & Urban Design-Health in All Policies

In collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, and Mass Municipal Association, PVPC wrote the second volume of the Healthy Community Design Toolkit, which focused on municipal strategies to increase access to healthy food (see: <http://www.pvpc.org/projects/food-access>). We gave several presentations to promote the new Toolkit, including a presentation to Mass in Motion coordinators across the state.

Completed a health impact assessment of proposed changes to South Hadley's subdivision regulations and recently adopted design guidelines for a smart growth zoning district. This work was funded by a grant from Massachusetts Association of Health Boards.

Collaborated with Healthy Hampshire and the Williamsburg Senior Center on an assessment and an action plan to make Williamsburg a more aging-friendly community. This work was funded by a grant from Massachusetts Association of Health Boards.

Conducted pedestrian and bicyclist counts in Springfield and Northampton as part of a groundbreaking effort to measure walking and biking activity in order to evaluate public health benefits from built environment changes. This work was supported by Department of Public Health.

Developed a Bicycle Network Plan for the City of Holyoke. The plan highlights key routes which, when improved, will provide a comprehensive low-stress bicycle network throughout the city. See: <http://www.pvpc.org/plans/holyoke-bike-network-plan>

Advanced work to promote healthy behavior and improve access to healthy food in West Springfield and Palmer as part of the Massachusetts Mass in Motion initiative.

Participated in the Built Environment Community of Practice of the Massachusetts Partnership for Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention

Assisted the City of Springfield to advance implementation of the Complete Streets plan, facilitating outreach to Neighborhood Councils, and City Councilors, conducting public outreach and information sessions, and advancing the related regulatory and policy work required.

Collaborated with the City of Northampton on their Walk/Bike Plan, securing additional funding from the Funder's Network for Smart Growth and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts to enhance outreach and engagement of marginalized populations in the City including a Recommendations report to re-energize democracy as well as capacity building sessions for emerging leaders in the City.

Actively advanced the work of the LiveWellSpringfield Coalition in Springfield to improve healthy behavior and access to healthy food collaborating to secure funding from the Transforming Community Initiative of Trinity Heath Systems.

Assisted the City of Northampton and the Healthy Hilltown initiative with Food Assessment work.



Master Planning & Zoning

Continued to provide technical assistance to communities to develop and implement smart growth strategies from Valley Vision, the region's land use plan. Provided targeted technical assistance to the towns of:

- Pelham - assisted the Planning Board in developing Low Impact Development Guidelines and a Stormwater Management Bylaw
- Plainfield - reviewed and provided comments on their proposed Solar Photovoltaic Zoning Bylaw.

Continued to coordinate meetings of the Valley Development Council, the implementation committee for Valley Vision. VDC speaker forums included:

- "Small Business Development/Assistance Programs offered by CDCs in the Valley" (Shiela Cuddy/Quaboag Valley CDC, Dave Christopolis/Hilltown CDC)
- "Zoning Reform Legislation" (Larry Field, Deputy Director, MA Smart Growth Alliance)
- "S119 (The Home Bill) and Other Legislative Initiatives that MAR is Involved With" (Justin Davidson, Massachusetts Association of Realtors)
- "Smart Growth Listening Session – Developing Strategies & Prioritizing Issues for Zoning Reform in 2017" (Larry Field, Deputy Executive Director, MA Smart Growth Alliance)

Continued work on PVPC's Planning Board Assistance program, which is designed to offer part-time "town planner" services for communities without professional planning staff on a fee-for-service basis, including:

- Easthampton - reviewed and evaluated the City's current manufacturing and industrial based zoning and permitting requirements and provided recommendations for streamlining the process and making it more competitive with neighboring communities.
- Hadley - worked with the Planning Board for the twelfth consecutive year to provide part-time town planner services under this program. Tasks completed included a developing a Definitions Section for the Zoning Bylaw, updating the town's Master Plan and providing technical assistance on general planning related matters.
- Southampton - worked with the Planning Board undertaking a comprehensive review of the Zoning Bylaw identifying areas of inconsistencies, gaps and deficiencies as well a reformatting and re-codification, and provided technical assistance on general planning-related matters.

- Granby - worked with the Granby Planning Board on reviewing and processing 6 Special Permit/ Site Plan Approval applications and two subdivision plan applications, reformatted the Zoning Bylaw to include recently adopted provisions, and provided technical assistance on general planning related matters.
- South Hadley - worked with the Planning Department on a study to identify parcels suitable for higher density residential development with design guidelines. In tandem with this, PVPC also completed the development of a Housing Production Plan for the Planning Board.
- Spencer - worked with the town of Spencer in providing professional technical assistance on general planning-related matters to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, serving as acting Town Planner.

Continued assisting the cities of Chicopee and Holyoke in administering the second year of their Distressed Properties Identification and Revitalization (DPIR) Program under the Attorney General's office. More than 100 REO properties were identified and inventoried for the two cities for action by their Distressed Property Committees. This program has been extended by the Attorney General's Office for an additional two years. Also see related efforts under District Local Technical Assistance.



District Local Technical Assistance: Municipal Shared Services Program

This program was developed in response to increasing community requests for assistance in identifying opportunities for efficiency and economy of scale, and to recent state program policies and resources encouraging and incentivizing municipalities and schools to pursue collaboration, partnerships, and shared service opportunities. PVPC member communities have expressed interest in shared service collaborations covering a range of shared municipal support service opportunities.

Since the inception of this program in 2012, projects of note include studies of school regionalization, shared emergency dispatch operations, regional sealers of weights and measures services, shared local public health services, shared conservation agent services, shared police personnel, regional municipal accounting services, as well as working with towns in a regional school district desiring opportunities for working more collaboratively on school budget and related matters. Throughout 2016, new projects were developed and are ongoing efforts within the region. These include:

- **Regional Municipal Accounting Services**— The Regional Municipal Accounting Program is a fee-for-service program administered by the PVPC who has taken on the task of procuring and managing a private accounting firm to handle the bookkeeping of interested towns at a fraction of the cost of hiring a full-time town employee. The program offers professional financial management services for the prudent and proper supervision of the financial affairs of towns. These services include warrant input, journal entries, reconciliation of cash and receivables, year-end closing entries, free cash certification, assistance with tax rate recapitulation, and Schedule A preparation. Through this program, participating municipalities can expect maintenance of accurate record keeping, timely report filing, and compliance with state and federal laws in the effort to help local governments enhance their municipal accounting functions and performance. Currently, the Town of Chesterfield is the only municipality participating in the program.
- **Valley Bike Share Advanced Feasibility and Implementation** — The communities of Northampton, Amherst, Holyoke, South Hadley and Springfield, along with the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, have been collaborating for the last 2 years to advance efforts that will bring a bike share system into the Pioneer Valley region, tentatively called 'Valley Bike Share'. PVPC has helped with an advanced feasibility analysis which has allowed the communities to identify an equipment model, a business and operation model, and detailed station location plans. An MOU between the participating entities has been crafted to establish the commitment of the partnership municipalities and institutions to move forward with a pilot scale bike share program by Summer of 2017. Federal and State funding resources have been sought after to secure capital costs for first-year launch of the system. PVPC is currently attempting to develop a pre-launch community outreach strategy, leverage sponsorship opportunities to offset operational costs for the municipalities, and is assisting with crafting a finalized Request for Proposals (RFP) for vendors to supply the necessary equipment and to operate the system.
- **Regional Roundtables**—PVPC has hosted three Regional Roundtable luncheons in 2016 that focus on pressing issues and other information that affect local governments across the Pioneer Valley region. The first roundtable, focusing on Municipal Finance and Accounting, was keynoted by Senior

Deputy Commissioner of the MA Division of Local Services (DLS) and a Municipal CPA firm currently working with the PVPC for Regional Municipal Accounting Services. Roundtable #2 highlighted the most recent changes to the Public Records Legislation. Attorney's who assisted with crafting the new law were the keynote speakers at the luncheon. The last roundtable was a briefing of new state priorities for Clean Energy Opportunities. The keynote speaker at this luncheon included representatives from the MA Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and consultants from an energy firm. The purpose of these roundtable events has been to give local leaders an opportunity to receive updates and information on these matters and engage them in a regional dialogue with their counterparts as to how these issues or opportunities can be solved together.

- **Hampden County Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)** - Hampden County Massachusetts has ranked last among Massachusetts' 14 counties with respect to health outcomes for the last six years according to the County Health Rankings and Road Map report produced each year by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with State Departments of Public Health. The PVPC organized a collaborative partnership between Partners for a Healthier Community (Western MA Public Health Institute), the Hampden County Health Coalition, as well as an informal collaborative made of elected representatives and stakeholders, to draft Massachusetts first-ever countywide health improvement plan (CHIP). Having available such a plan presents a strategic path forward to improve health outcomes of the 467,319 people living in the county's 23 cities and towns through a collaborative process. Together, partners drafted a CHIP that focuses on a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems on the basis of the results of a county health assessment recently completed by the Hospital Coalition as their mandated IRS requirement. It is envisioned for this plan to be used by health and other governmental, education, economic development and human service sectors, in collaboration with community partners to set priorities and coordinate and target resources in order to enhance health outcomes for Hampden County residents and to no longer be last.
- **MS4 Stormwater Permitting** - Under the recently issued final Massachusetts MS4 permit, there are some 26 regulated communities in the Pioneer Valley region. The permit has many new requirements related to mapping of the storm drain system as well as data collection and management, including use of data to define priority locations in the storm system infrastructure. This can be a rather costly undertaking for any community to seek compliance on its own. Therefore, the PVPC has been working with Agawam, Granby, Northampton, Longmeadow, Ludlow, South Hadley, Southwick, West Springfield, and Westfield to identify the best data collection and management system for meeting the new permit requirements and share the cost for such a system in the effort to reduce potential cost burden. An extensive RFI and RFP process has been completed and a vendor for an online-mobile integrated data collection and mapping application has been recently secured. PVPC is currently working on a regional compact for the shared service and vendor contract.
- **Hilltown Collaborative** - The Towns of Chester, Montgomery, Blandford, Russell, Huntington, and Middlefield (together recognized as the Hilltown Collaborative allowed to exist per the basis of an established MOU) have received Community Compact funding for Regional Services (administered by the MA Division of Local Services) and for Economic Development services (administered by MassDevelopment working with Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture). PVPC has been working with the Collaborative through its process with legitimizing as a group and to provide direct assistance to help facilitate Community Compact Cabinet efforts that look to promote good governance and advance economic development strategies within the 6 towns.
- **Building Commissioner Cooperative Analysis and Implementation Framework** - PVPC was engaged by the Town of Granby to develop a Building Commissioner Cooperative program and Implementation Framework. Community Compact Cabinet funds granted to Granby from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration & Finance, were issued to the PVPC to complete such an analysis as well as to assist with the development and its possible implementation of a Building Commissioner Cooperative in the attempt to achieve economies-of-scale and service efficiency. Three surrounding communities of Granby have been engaged and are working with the PVPC through the development of such a cooperative program.



District Local Technical Assistance

PVPC received District Local Technical Assistance funding in FY15 through the state Legislature, with support of the governor. This funding allowed PVPC to offer free technical assistance to all member municipalities in two categories: Sustainable Development and Municipal Partnerships.

Under the Sustainable Development program, PVPC provided local technical assistance to eleven projects or communities:

- **East Longmeadow Open Space and Recreation Plan** - Wrote new open space and recreation plan, including writing a complete environmental inventory and hosting a visioning session. This is the first plan the town has had in place since 2000.
- **Granby Master Plan** - Assisted the Planning Board in updating the Master Plan's Land Use Chapter
- **Hadley Master Plan** - Assisted the Planning Board in updating the town's Master Plan
- **Holland Zoning** - Undertook a comprehensive review of the town's zoning and development regulations to ensure compliance with sound planning practices and state law, and re-codification/reorganization of the town's Zoning Bylaw.
- **Ludlow Permitting** -
- **Northampton Permitting** - Assessed all city development permitting processes and developed flow chart to identify areas where permit review and sign-offs could be consolidated.
- **Pelham Village Center** - Drafted zoning to facilitate development of a new Village Center in West Pelham
- **Williamsburg Facilities Master Plan** - Worked with the Town to plan long-term Town facilities improvements. This project was augmented through a partnership with Healthy Hampshire and a technical assistance grant from USDA Rural Development/Smart Growth America
- **Regional Stormwater Committee** - Worked with 9 municipalities to explore strategies for integrating stormwater mapping with data collection as required under the forthcoming requirements of the new federal stormwater permit. This project entailed several roundtable discussions with consultants to better understand the potential approaches to integrating mapping and data collection and the potential cost savings to a regional procurement for such services. Participating communities agreed that the cost savings are worthwhile and a finalist consulting firm has now been identified to provide these services on a regional basis. Contracting for this work is expected to occur in early 2017.

G reen Infrastructure & Forestry

Advance work on an urban tree planting project to reduce stormwater and combined sewer overflows in Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke, which will result in nine green streets designs and over 2,000 urban trees planted. Completed green streets design plans for the "X" neighborhood in Springfield. Initiated green streets design plans for downtown Holyoke and Chicopee.

Assisted the City of Northampton in developing a municipal green streets and green infrastructure policy statement.

Constructed additional rain garden at the Renaissance School for Soak up the Rain in Springfield, helping to reduce pollution and flooding, protect water resources, and beautify neighborhoods. This pilot work for the Pioneer Valley is part of the Springfield Rain Gardens Program, a project with the Regenerative Design Group, and is funded by a settlement agreement reached by Clean Water Action, a non-profit citizens' group.



Initiated work on a green infrastructure plan for Day Brook in Holyoke. This project is funded through the EPA Urban Waters Small Grant Program, and involves identifying optimal sites for green infrastructure installation along Day Brook, an underground stream that runs through an urbanized area of Holyoke. Stormwater inputs into the Day Brook pipe contribute to CSO discharges into the Connecticut River. The project also involves a large public outreach component, including school stormwater education and public art.

Provided technical assistance for the Western Massachusetts Forest Legacy Area (FLA) designation application. The Western Massachusetts FLA was approved in September 2016.

Assisted the Town of West Springfield with the development of their mandatory Community Preservation Plan, a municipal document that facilitates implementation of the Act in that municipality. Also assisted the Town in updating their Open Space and Recreation Plan.

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Photo: Southampton Greenway Committee



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TA Major Accomplishments 2016

Agawam - Assisted the town with advancing plans for redevelopment and re-branding of Walnut Street commercial area.

Amherst - Assisted town with Zero Waste planning and promotion. Assisted the town in seeking funds for a regional bike share project and in securing sponsorship.

Belchertown – Prepared a \$772,000 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for housing rehabilitation and social service assistance in Belchertown and Hadley.

Blandford - Discussions with Historical Commission regarding future inventory efforts

Brimfield - Successfully applied for MA Department of Energy Resources Municipal Technical Assistance Grants to seek Green Communities designation.

Chester - Prepared a \$745,956 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for infrastructure improvements.

Chesterfield - Assist Northern Hilltowns Consortium of COAs with emergency planning/response maps identifying senior citizens and road work inventory maps

Chicopee - Assisted City in finalizing their Landfill Closure report. Assisted the City in developing a regional strategy for nitrogen loading wastewater treatment and a grant application for funding this strategy.

Cummington - Assist Northern Hilltowns Consortium of COAs with emergency planning/response maps identifying senior citizens

East Longmeadow - Initiated work on a FY17 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development in conjunction with the town of Hampden.

Easthampton - Developed an RFP document for the communities to use in publicizing a bid for the design and engineering of a pedestrian bridge over the Manhan River between the Whittemore and Pomeroy Meadow Conservation Areas. The bridge is part of a Recreational Trails Grant project.

Goshen - Provided GIS data layer exports for town boundaries for use by their contractors in the development of a new emergency notification system

Granby - Successfully applied for MA Department of Energy Resources Municipal Technical Assistance Grants to seek Green Communities implementation funding.

Granville – Finalized the town’s Hazard Mitigation plan. Successfully prepared a \$900,000 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, and social services in Southwick and Granville.

Hadley - Assisted in advancing plans for developing new trails and a river access area for car-top boats, and a grant application for funding.

Hampden – Initiated work on a FY17 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development in conjunction with the town of East Longmeadow.

Hatfield - Successfully applied for MA Department of Energy Resources Municipal Technical Assistance Grants to seek Green Communities implementation funding.

Holland - Successfully applied for MA Department of Energy Resources Municipal Technical Assistance Grants to seek Green Communities implementation funding.

Holyoke - Assisted the town in seeking funds for a regional bike share project and in securing sponsorship. Review historic inventory forms completed by UMass students, and discuss inventory form process

Huntington – Successfully prepared a \$753,226 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, and social services in Huntington, Chester, and Middlefield.

Longmeadow – Finalized town’s Hazard Mitigation plan. Assisted the Town with a survey about Long-Range Planning

Ludlow - Transportation staff provided technical assistance to the town to update transportation evaluation criteria for their TIP project to reconstruct Center Street (Route 21).

Middlefield - Assisted the Planning Board on finalizing proposed Village Center Zoning Bylaw. Successfully prepared a \$753,226 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, and social services in Huntington, Chester, and Middlefield.

Monson - Successfully applied for MA Department of Energy Resources Municipal Technical Assistance Grants to seek Green Communities implementation funding.

Montgomery - Provided support services to Montgomery town officials and designees as part of the six-town Hilltown Collaborative

Northampton - Shared results of Regulatory Analyses to assist with the health based regulatory assessment for “Healthy Hilltowns”

Palmer - Provided assistance to the town on the Complete Streets Program and provided draft language for a Complete Streets Policy Statement.

Pelham - Reviewed proposed changes to Home Occupation bylaw. The bylaw was subsequently adopted at Town Meeting.

Plainfield - Assisted the town with a Green Communities designation.

Russell - Initiated work on a FY17 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

South Hadley - Provided assistance in advancing plans for the town's new River to Range Trail, including preparing a successful grant application for a Recreational Trails Act grant, and a Federal Lands Access Program grant. Assisted the town in seeking funds for a regional bike share project.

Southampton - Developed an RFP document for the communities to use in publicizing a bid for the design and engineering of a pedestrian bridge over the Manhan River between the Whittemore and Pomeroy Meadow Conservation Areas. The bridge is part of a Recreational Trails Grant project.

Southwick - Conducted a review of Planning Board's proposed Mixed Use Bylaw. Finalized towns' Hazard Mitigation plan. Successfully prepared a \$900,000 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, and social services in Southwick and Granville.

Springfield - Assisted the Sewer and Water Commission in developing a regional strategy for nitrogen loading wastewater treatment and a grant application for funding this strategy. Series of presentations to the Springfield Historical Commission on roles and responsibilities, demolition delay, and design guidelines.

Tolland - Critical Infrastructure & Sensitive Populations Emergency Response mapping

Wales - Successfully applied for MA Department of Energy Resources Municipal Technical Assistance Grants to seek Green Communities designation.

Ware - Reviewed the draft Ware Master Plan for consistency with Regional and State land use strategies and policies. Successfully prepared a \$800,000 Community Development Fund application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for infrastructure improvements, and social services.

West Springfield - Provided information on Transfer of Development Rights zoning to the town planner.

Westfield - Successfully applied for MA Department of Energy Resources Municipal Technical Assistance Grants to seek Green Communities designation.

Westhampton - Provided technical assistance to the Planning Board on regulating and permitting solar photovoltaic facilities. Prepared MS4 permit waiver request, submitted for review and support by MassDEP, and then provided submission to EPA for formal request. Waiver obtained.

Wilbraham - Conducted 3 automatic traffic counts. Reviewed the Environmental Notification Form for 1 proposed project. Reviewed the Notice of Project Change for 1 proposed project.

Williamsburg - Prepared an application for a Mass Downtown's Initiative grant to fund a market study for the Town's village centers.

Worthington - Assist Northern Hilltowns Consortium of COAs with emergency planning/response maps identifying senior citizens

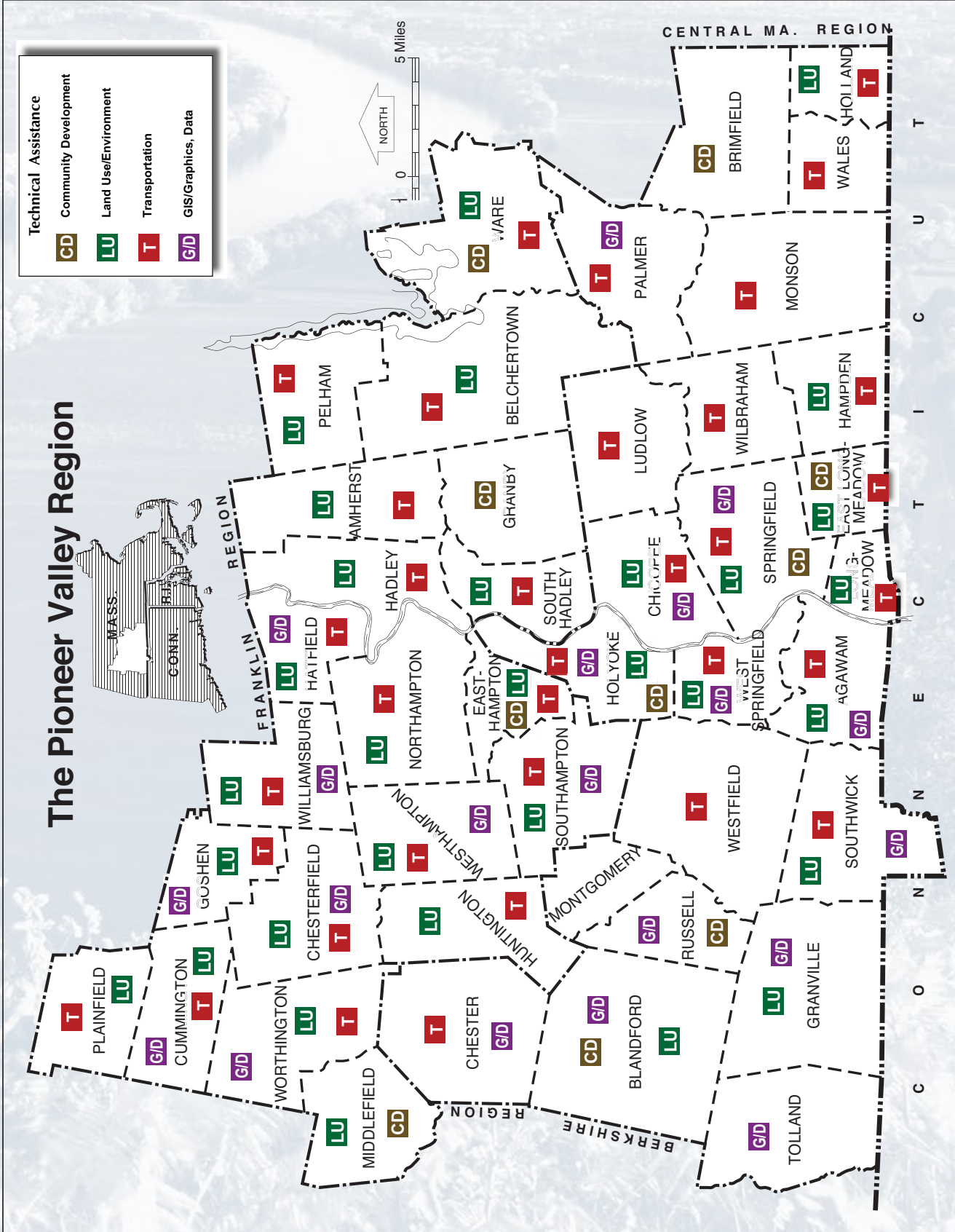
Regional - Developed list of environmental impacts analysis that FERC should require of the environmental review process for the Kinder Morgan pipeline, in coordination with the pipeline advisory group hosted by FRCOG. Supported Healthy Hampshire's assessment of potential changes to plans, policies and regulations in Hilltowns to support active living and healthy eating.

PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION COMMISSIONERS AND ALTERNATES

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