

Appendix A: Organization descriptions for the Interagency Coordinating Team

Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development

The Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) creates and implements policy designed to improve neighborhoods and economic development throughout Massachusetts. The Office works with state agencies, local officials, non-profits and business leaders to move Massachusetts forward and maintain its global competitive edge.

<http://www.mass.gov/hed/>

Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) oversees six environmental and energy agencies that set a course toward a clean energy future, preserve land and open space, enforce pollution laws, review the environmental impact of major real estate and infrastructure developments, and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation at parks and beaches. A great deal of information on what the agencies of EEA do to steward our natural resources and create a cleaner, more beautiful Commonwealth can be found on the office's website.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/>

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

The MassDOT enabling legislation, An Act Modernizing the Transportation Systems of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2009), created a unified transportation department for the Commonwealth, merging existing transportation agencies and functions into a single authority with agency characteristics.

Although it functions as an agency of the Commonwealth with a Secretary and Chief Executive Officer appointed by, and directly responsible to, the Governor, MassDOT is governed by a five-member Board of Directors. MassDOT is composed of four operating divisions – the Highway Division, the Rail and Transit Division, the Aeronautics Division, and the Registry of Motor Vehicles Division – and the Office of Planning and Programming, comprised of the enterprise services of the department (e.g., General Counsel, Planning, Human Resources, Information Technology, Fiscal, etc.).

<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/>

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency serving the people who live and work in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. Our mission is to promote smart growth and regional collaboration. MAPC works toward sound municipal management, sustainable land use, protection of natural resources, efficient and affordable transportation, a diverse housing stock, public safety, economic development, an informed public, and equity and opportunity among people of all backgrounds. Our regional plan, MetroFuture, guides our work as we engage the public in responsible stewardship of our region's future.

<http://www.mapc.org/>

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) is the designated regional planning entity for the Central Massachusetts region, which includes the City of Worcester and the surrounding 39 communities. The ultimate goal of this agency is to improve the quality of life for those who work and live in the Central Massachusetts region.

<http://www.cmrpc.org/>

MetroWest Regional Collaborative

The MetroWest Regional Collaborative (Formerly MetroWest Growth Management Committee) is a coalition of MetroWest communities founded 25 years ago to promote inter-municipal cooperation, guide regional growth and address issues that transcend municipal borders. The MetroWest Regional Collaborative (MWRC) focuses on issues such as land use, transportation, municipal governance, mitigation of development impacts and coordination of regional services. MWRC also serves as a subregion of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

<http://mapc.org/mwrc>

495/MetroWest Partnership

The 495/MetroWest Partnership is a non-profit economic development advocacy organization serving thirty-three communities along I-495. Our mission is to address regional needs through public-private collaboration, while enhancing economic vitality and quality of life. We are the regional leader for creating an environment that prepares for and cultivates sustainable growth by coordinating, educating, and advocating for solutions to regional constraints and limited natural resources.

<http://www.495partnership.org/>

Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Our *Shaping the Future of Your Community* Program assists citizens and local leaders with sustainable development techniques.

<http://www.massaudubon.org/>