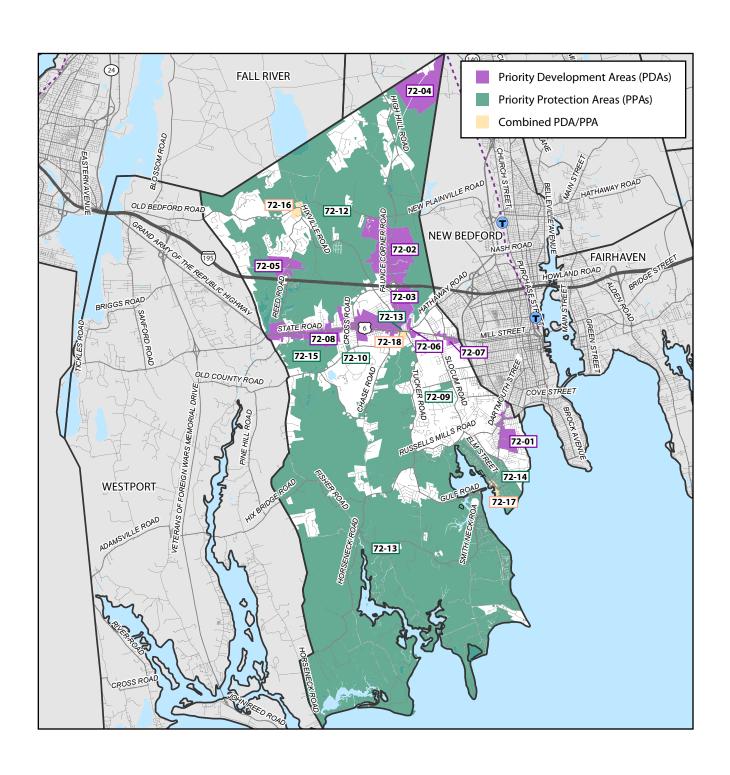
South Coast Rail Corridor Plan

Five-Year Update of Community Priority Areas Dartmouth



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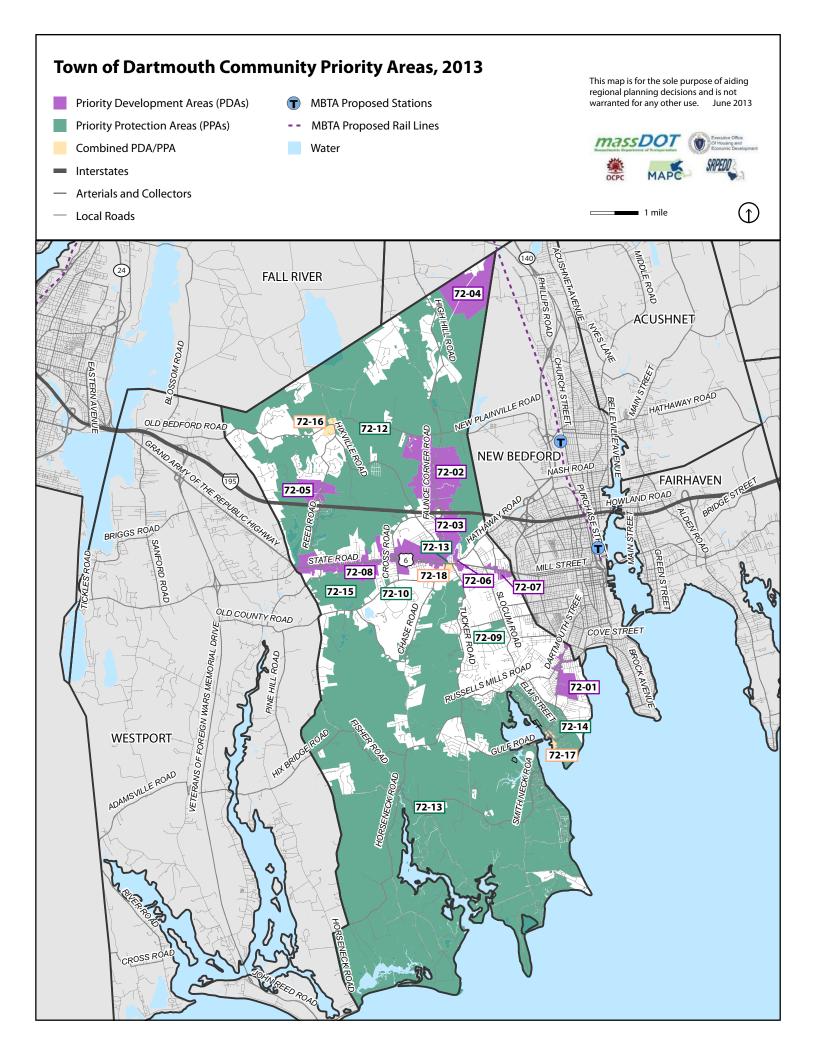
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2013 Dartmouth Community Priority Area List

ID Number	Name	Туре	Acres
72-01	Bliss Corner	Development	169.29
72-02	Faunce Corner Road North	Development	798.47
72-03	Faunce Corner Road South	Development	199.19
72-04	New Bedford Business Park	Development	509.52
72-05	Reed Road Industrial Area	Development	161.72
72-06	Route 6 Central	Development	32.62
72-07	Route 6 East Gateway	Development	42.60
72-08	Route 6 West	Development	647.65
72-09	Allen Street and Slocum Road Farm	Protection	35.13
72-10	Old Westport Road Farm	Protection	13.64
72-11	Paskamansett River Park	Protection	0.82
72-12	Shingle Island River and Acushnet Cedar Swamp	Protection	8520.75
72-13	Slocum River, Smith Neck, and Apponagansett River	Protection	16947.08
72-14	South Dartmouth Historic Preservation	Protection	547.97
72-15	Town Wells	Protection	551.25
72-16	Hixville	Combined	51.84
72-17	Padanaram Village	Combined	25.58
72-18	Smith Mills	Combined	20.31



TOWN OF DARTMOUTH SOUTH COAST RAIL CORRIDOR PLAN PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT & PROTECTION AREAS FIVE-YEAR UPDATE

INTRODUCTION

This report presents the updated Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Protection Areas (PPAs) in the town of Dartmouth. This community-driven land use planning exercise first took place in 2008, when three Regional Planning Agencies, SRPEDD, MAPC, and OCPC, worked alongside local residents, business owners, officials, and organizations to designate the areas that were most important for development or preservation in each community. All thirty-one (31) South Coast Rail (SCR) Corridor communities participated in this project in 2008 and again in 2013.

In 2013, the three Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs) revisited these 31 communities to review and update the 2008 designations. Updates took into account new data that became available over the last five years as well as new municipal priorities. The "Five-Year Update" process was an opportunity to confirm choices made during the 2008 process, to revise previous designations, and to make new choices that acknowledged new conditions. During this review process, the SRPEDD website provided current information to the public, including a calendar of SCR Five-Year Update meetings and a resource library of relevant information sheets and maps.

What are Priority Development Areas (PDAs)?

Priority Development Areas (PDAs) are areas that are appropriate for increased development or redevelopment due to several factors including good transportation access, available infrastructure (primarily water and sewer), an absence of environmental constraints, and local support. PDAs can range in size from a single parcel to many acres. Potential development ranges from small-scale infill to large commercial, industrial, residential, or mixed-use projects. Town and village centers, Chapter 40R Districts, industrial parks, and proposed commuter rail station sites are typical examples of PDAs.

What are Priority Protection Areas (PPAs)?

Priority Protection Areas (PPAs) are areas that are important to protect due to the presence of significant natural or cultural resources, including endangered species habitats, areas critical to water supply, historic resources, scenic vistas, and farms. Like PDAs, the PPAs can vary greatly in size. Sites may be candidates for protection through acquisition or conservation restrictions.

What are Combined Priority Development and Priority Protection Areas (Combined Areas)?

In Combined Priority Development and Priority Protection Areas, communities welcome development; however, the development is expected to be sensitive to its site and the surrounding area. This may include development that complements the older structures within a historic district or low impact development that protects nearby water resources or biodiversity.

What do PDAs and PPAs do for my city or town?

A community's Priority Area designations can guide municipal decisions about zoning revisions, infrastructure investments, and conservation efforts. For example, some communities choose to incorporate these designations into their Master Plan. Also, municipalities are implementing these designations using technical assistance available through State funding programs such as the South Coast Rail Technical Assistance and District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA).

In addition, the Community Priority Areas serve as the foundation for developing Regional and State Priority Area designations. Lastly, through Executive Order 525 (see below), the Patrick Administration asked certain state agencies to consider priority areas when making funding commitments.

Regional and State Priority Areas

The Community Priority Areas are essential to the process of determining the Regional and State Priority Area Maps. Local designations determined to be of regional significance through a regional screening process, including public input received at regional public workshops, make up the Regional Priority Areas map. In turn, the Community and Regional Priority Areas are the basis for the State Priority Area Map.

Executive Order 525 (E.O. 525)

In fall 2010, Gov. Patrick issued Executive Order 525 (E.O. 525) providing for the implementation of the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan and Corridor Map (Corridor Plan) through state agency actions and investments. The Executive Order calls for state investments to be consistent with the Corridor Plan's recommendations to the maximum extent feasible. These state actions have the potential to leverage local and private investments in the priority areas. The Executive Order also directs state agencies to conduct a retrospective analysis to determine how consistent their actions and investments in the region have been with the Corridor Plan goals.

PRIORITY AREA REVIEW PROCESS

SRPEDD staff worked with cities and towns to review their Priority Areas identified in 2008. Amendments to Priority Areas included delineating more precise boundaries using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data. RPAs used interactive GIS maps to present over forty layers or information including, but not limited to, ortho photography, parcel lines, zoning districts, state program areas (such as Growth District Initiative and Chapter 40R sites), and designated resource areas (such as high-yield aquifers, Zone II aquifers, BioMap 2 Core Habitats, and rivers and streams with their associated wetlands). Communities also worked to clarify the stated purpose for each Priority Area.

The process included a series of three meetings:

#1: Introductory meeting: A Regional Planning Agency staff member visited with Boards of Selectmen and Mayors to reintroduce the land use planning process that took place in 2008 and the reasons for conducting the Five-Year Update of Priority Area designations.

#2: Preliminary Meeting: SRPEDD staff facilitated a 2-3 hour working session with municipal staff and/or board and committee/commission members to review each priority area. Staff incorporated interactive GIS maps depicting various data layers (see Appendix) to inform discussions and decision-making. This preliminary process of updating the 2008 Priority Area designations had the following general guiding principles in mind:

- Incorporating changes in municipal priorities, needs, and desires
- Understanding updated state policies such as Executive Order 525
- Refining priority area boundaries to be exact and "rational" (coterminous with other map layers such as roadways, zoning boundaries, designated resource areas, etc.)
- Making clear and strategic statements about the stated purpose for and desired character of priority areas

For the few SRPEDD communities without town staff, SRPEDD did this preliminary review at a public meeting in the community; then, using the criteria outlined by meeting participants, SRPEDD made the remaining changes and returned revised maps and a narrative description of the revisions to the municipality for their review prior to the workshop with the general public. SRPEDD staff used the input from the preliminary meetings to generate a "before" and "after" map to present to the public for their feedback and input.

#3: Public Meeting Review: Each community held a public meeting, at which time RPAs and local meeting participants reviewed each community's priority areas and identified desired changes. Some communities incorporated this into a Board of Selectmen meeting, others

during a Planning Board meeting, and some communities held a public meeting held specifically for this purpose.

TOWN OF DARTMOUTH RESULTS

On December 17, 2012, SRPEDD staff met with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to re-introduce the Priority Area planning exercise. The BOS designated the Director of Development, Deborah Melino-Wender, as the contact person for this work. The preliminary municipal meeting was held on January 17, 2013 at SRPEDD. Participants reviewed the purpose and the boundaries of each 2008 Priority Area. In discussions, they clarified the purpose of each and adjusted the respective boundaries to coincide with the stated purpose.

The town of Dartmouth held a public meeting to seek input from town residents on the revisions recommended by the municipal representatives on May 20, 2013 at Dartmouth Town Hall. No revisions were requested for the priority areas. The consensus of the meeting attendees was that the 2013 Priority Area map depicts the boundaries of areas deemed to be priorities for development and for preservation. The result of this work is the 2013 Dartmouth Community Identified Priority Area Map, which can be found on page 2 of this document.

PRIORITY AREA ADJUSTMENTS

As stated above, the 2013 Priority Areas (PAs) are based upon the PA designations identified in 2008. Many of these PAs still represent municipal growth priorities today. In most cases, revisions made to the PAs simply transition them from the "general designations" of the 2008 process to more "exact designations" (both in terms of their boundaries and their stated purposes) using current Geographic Information Systems data and updated local input. In some cases, communities added new PAs or removed previous designations because (1) municipal priorities changed over time, (2) the purposes for designations were achieved or new ones arose, or (3) designations were incorporated into other PAs identified for the same purpose. The text below lists the updated 2013 PAs, identifies their stated purposes, describes their boundaries, and details changes from the 2008 Priority Areas.

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Bliss Corner [72-01]

Purpose: General business and mixed-use redevelopment and infill.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels either entirely or partially within the General Business and General Residence Zoning Districts.

Changes from 2008: Community representatives chose to change this priority designation from Combined PDA/PPA to PDA in order to emphasize redevelopment opportunities and "General business" was added to the purpose. The previous PA was a rounded area centered on the intersection of Cove Road and Dartmouth Street, roughly between Rockdale Avenue and Edgeworth Street.

Faunce Corner Road North [72-02]

Purpose: Industrial, medical, retail development.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels along Faunce Corner Road that are either entirely or partially within the Limited Industrial Zoning District, with the exception of one small parcel (0.46 acres) that is adjacent to the Limited Industrial District, but entirely within the Single Residence B Zoning District.

Changes from 2008: This was part of the larger 2008 North Faunce Corner / South Faunce Corner PDA. Community representatives altered boundaries to more clearly follow parcel lines and zoning districts.

Faunce Corner Road South [72-03]

Purpose: General business, office, and mixed-use redevelopment and infill.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels either entirely or partially within the General Business and Office Park Zoning Districts along Faunce Corner Road.

Changes from 2008: This was part of the larger 2008 North Faunce Corner / South Faunce Corner PDA. Community representatives altered boundaries to more clearly follow parcel lines and zoning districts.

New Bedford Business Park [72-04]

Purpose: Continued economic development in selected parcels within this successful business park.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels either entirely or partially within the General Industrial Zoning District, with the exception of one small parcel (1.1 acres) that is adjacent to the General Industrial District, but entirely within Single Residence B Zoning District.

Changes from 2008: Community representatives altered boundaries to follow specific parcel lines. The area was extended to the west and south.

Reed Road Industrial Area [72-05]

Purpose: Redevelopment of underutilized sites.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels within the Limited Industrial Zoning District.

Changes from 2008: Community representatives chose to change this priority designation from Combined PDA/PPA to PDA in order to emphasize redevelopment opportunities and clarified the purpose for redevelopment by removing "mixed-use and infill development". The area was expanded to encompass selected parcels.

Route 6 Central [72-06]

Purpose: General business and mixed-use redevelopment and infill at the intersection of Route 6 and Hathaway Road.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected developed parcels at the intersection of Route 6 and Hathaway Road. The designated area contains OpenCape Broadband infrastructure.

Changes from 2008: In 2008, the northwest half of this PA was a part of the North Faunce Corner/South Faunce Corner PDA. Community representatives selected specific parcels, then separated and renamed this PA in order to more clearly describe its location.

Route 6 East Gateway [72-07]

Purpose: A mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly district.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels either entirely or partially within the General Business Zoning District. These boundaries also correspond to the area proposed for a Gateway Mixed-Use District. The designation contains OpenCape Broadband infrastructure.

Changes from 2008: Community representatives renamed this PA to more clearly describe its location and revised its purpose. They also altered boundaries to more clearly follow parcel lines of properties located within a proposed zoning district. The portion north of State Road was added.

Route 6 West [72-08]

Purpose: General business and mixed-use redevelopment and infill along the entirety of western Route 6.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels either entirely or partially within the General Business Zoning District. The designation contains a Chapter 40R Smart Growth District, an Economic Opportunity Area (EOA), and OpenCape Broadband infrastructure.

Changes from 2008: This area is a combination of the 2008 PA <u>Lincoln Park/Westport Mills</u>, a portion of the <u>North Faunce Corner / South Faunce Corner</u> PA, and the area in between along State Road.

PRIORITY PROTECTION AREAS

Allen Street and Slocum Road Farm [72-09]

Purpose: To preserve active agriculture and open space.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels at the intersection of Allen Street and Slocum Road containing active agricultural uses.

Changes from 2008: This is a new priority area in 2013.

Old Westport Road Farm [72-10]

Purpose: To preserve active agriculture and open space.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to a parcel north of UMass Dartmouth on Old Westport Road that contains active agricultural uses.

Changes from 2008: This is a new priority area in 2013.

Paskamansett River Park [72-11]

Purpose: To preserve public open space.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to a park/reclamation site on the Paskamansett River at the intersection of Route 6 and Faunce Corner Road.

Changes from 2008: This is a new priority area in 2013.

Shingle Island River and Acushnet Cedar Swamp [72-12]

Purpose: To preserve contiguous habitats, water resources, cultural sites, open space, and active agriculture associated with the Acushnet Cedar Swamp.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected, largely undeveloped parcels in north Dartmouth, the majority of which are north of I-195. Selected developed parcels are excluded from the PPA.

Changes from 2008: In 2008, this PA were separate Community representatives renamed this area in order to more clearly describe its location and refined its boundaries to more clearly follow parcel lines within designated resources areas including BioMap 2 Core Habitats and Critical Natural Landscapes, NHESP Vernal Pools, and High- and Medium Yield Aquifers. They then excluded selected developed parcels.

Slocum River, Smith Neck, and Apponagansett River [72-13]

Purpose: To preserve contiguous active farmland, NRCS SSURGO-Certified Soils of All-Prime and Statewide significance, BioMap 2 Core Habitats and Critical Natural landscapes, NHESP Vernal Pools, DEP Zone II Aquifers, and High- and Medium-Yield Aquifers.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to over 25 square miles of largely undeveloped parcels in South Dartmouth. Selected development parcels are excluded from the PPA designation.

Changes from 2008: Community representatives revised the boundaries to more clearly follow parcel lines and zoning districts while excluding developed parcels from the PPA. The purpose was revised to describe specific features to protect.

South Dartmouth Historic Preservation [72-14]

Purpose: Historic preservation of the small village.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels within the General Residence Zoning District in South Dartmouth, with the exception of two small parcels (totaling 1.07 acres) that are entirely within the Neighborhood Business Zoning District.

Changes from 2008: In 2008, this PA was named "Historic Preservation." Community representatives renamed this area in order to more clearly describe its purpose and location. They refined its boundaries to more clearly follow parcel lines and zoning districts.

Town Wells [72-15]

Purpose: To preserve public drinking water supplies and protect designated resource areas including DEP Zone II Aquifers, High- and Medium-Yield Aquifers, and Interim Wellhead Protection Areas.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected, largely undeveloped parcels in west Dartmouth between Route 6 to the north and Old Westport Road to the south.

Changes from 2008: Community representatives revised the purpose of this PPA to include designated resource areas and altered boundaries to more clearly follow parcel lines of selected undeveloped parcels.

COMBINED PRIORITY AREAS

Hixville [72-16]

Purpose: Limited development for small-scale retail and service, as appropriate, for this rural historic village.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels at the intersection of North Hixville Road and Old Fall River Road.

Changes from 2008: Community representatives altered boundaries from a circle to selected parcel lines.

Padanaram Village [72-17]

Purpose: Mixed-use redevelopment and infill; small-scale, low-impact development that respects the village character.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels along Elms Street and adjacent to Apponagansett Bay. Parcels are within the Village Business and General Residence Zoning Districts.

Changes from 2008: Community representatives altered boundaries to more clearly follow selected parcel lines.

Smith Mills [72-18]

Purpose: To retain the historic value of the area while acknowledging the need for future, context-sensitive redevelopment along Route 6. Community representatives renamed this priority area in order to clarify its purpose.

Boundaries: Boundaries correspond to selected parcels at the intersection of North Hixville Road and Old Fall River Road.

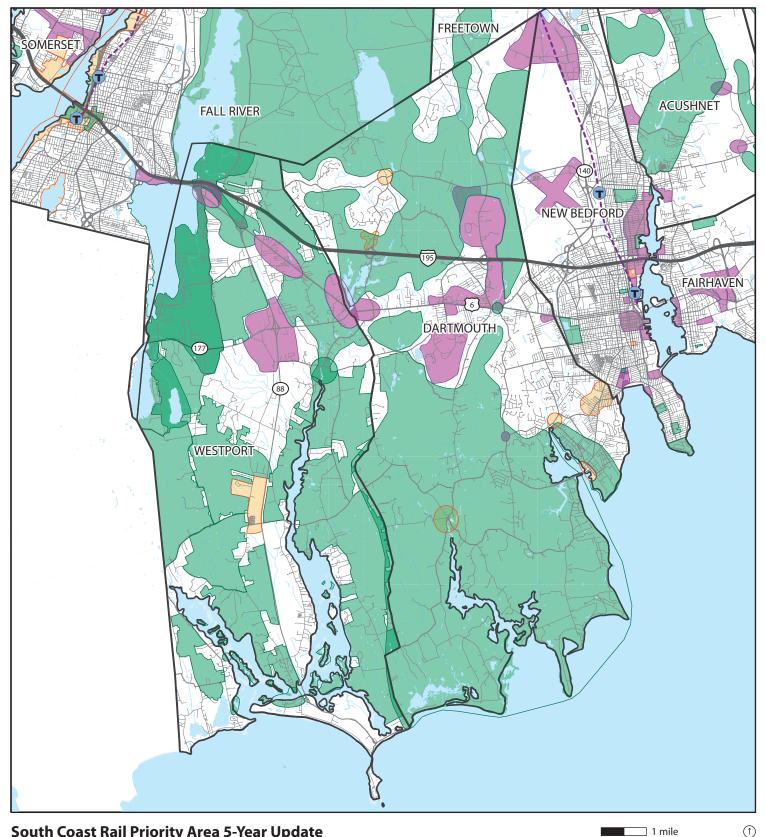
Changes from 2008: In 2008, this was a Priority Preservation Area named "Smith Mills Mixed-Use Preservation." It also overlapped the North Faunce Corner / South Faunce Corner PDA. Community representatives changed this area to a Combined PDA/PPA, simplified the name, and changed the boundaries from a circle to selected parcel lines.

DELETED PRIORITY AREAS

UMass Dartmouth PDA, Apponagansett Neighborhood Combined PDA/PPA, Russells Mills Combined PDA/PPA, CV Variety PDA: Community representatives chose to remove these PAs because they no longer represented town priorities.

SOUTH COAST RAIL CORRIDOR LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY PRIORITY AREA UPDATE COMMUNITY MEETINGS 06/30/2013

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Community	RPA	Introduction	Preliminary	Public		
Acushnet	SRPEDD	1/3/2013	3/26/2013	5/24/2013		
Attleboro	SRPEDD	1/15/2013	2/22/2013	5/30/2013		
Berkley	SRPEDD	12/5/2012	3/21/2013	5/9/2013		
Dartmouth	SRPEDD	12/17/2012	1/17/2013	5/20/2013		
Dighton	SRPEDD	12/12/2012	1/24/2013	5/29/2013		
Fairhaven	SRPEDD	12/27/2012	2/20/2013	5/20/2013		
Fall River	SRPEDD	12/10/2012	3/14/2013	5/9/2013		
Freetown	SRPEDD	12/17/2012	3/11/2013	5/21/2013		
Lakeville	SRPEDD	1/7/2013	3/6/2013	5/28/2013		
Mansfield	SRPEDD	1/16/2013	3/12/2013	5/15/2013		
Marion	SRPEDD	12/18/2012	3/12/2013	5/16/2013		
Mattapoisett	SRPEDD	12/11/2012	3/10/2013	5/20/2013		
Middleborough	SRPEDD	2/4/2013	3/20/2013	6/25/2013		
New Bedford	SRPEDD	1/7/2013	2/21/2013	5/13/2013		
North Attleborough	SRPEDD	12/6/2012	3/5/2013	5/16/2013		
Norton	SRPEDD	12/20/2012	3/5/2013	5/23/2013		
Raynham	SRPEDD	12/11/2012	3/19/2013	5/2/2013		
Rehoboth	SRPEDD	12/10/2012	2/28/2013	5/1/2013		
Rochester	SRPEDD	1/7/2013	3/28/2013	5/15/2013		
Seekonk	SRPEDD	12/19/2012	2/27/2013	5/14/2013		
Somerset	SRPEDD	1/9/2013	4/25/2013	5/23/2013		
Swansea	SRPEDD	1/8/2013	2/6/2013	5/30/2013		
Taunton	SRPEDD	1/30/2013	1/19/2013	5/29/2013		
Wareham	SRPEDD	1/15/2013	4/17/2013	6/10/2013		
Mostport	CDDEDD	12/3/2012	3/2/2013	6/4/2013		
Westport	SRPEDD		4/10/2013			



Map 1: Community Priority Area Designations, 2008-09

- • MBTA Proposed Rail Lines

Water Priority Development Areas (PDAs)

Municipal Boundaries Priority Protection Areas (PPAs)

Interstates Combined PDA/PPA

Arterials and Collectors

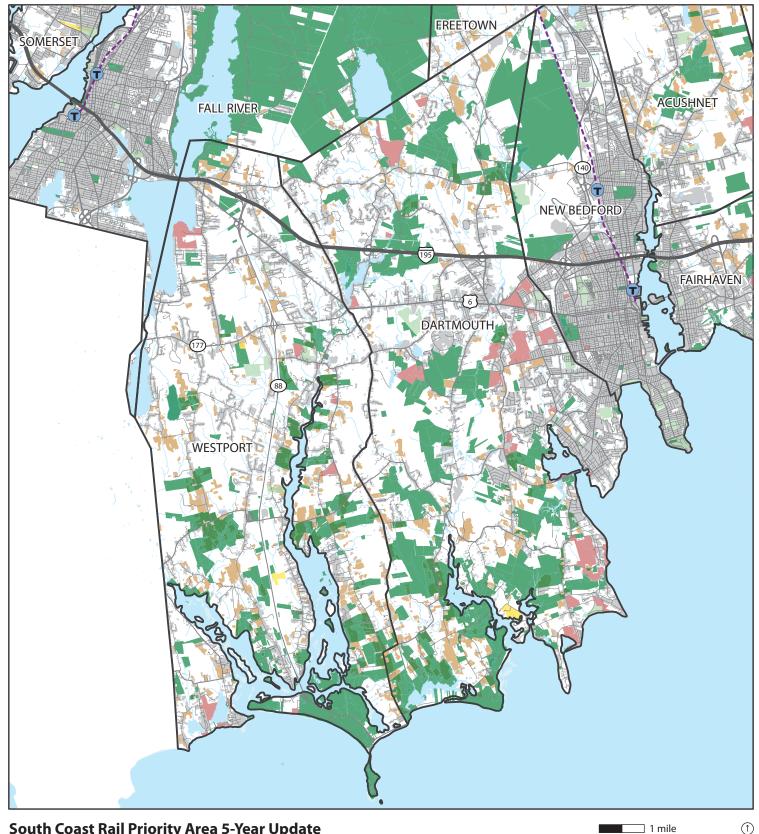
Local Roads

MBTA Proposed Stations

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Map 2: Open Space and Developed Land

Water

■ Municipal Boundaries

Interstates

— Arterials and Collectors

— Local Roads

MBTA Proposed Stations

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Developed Land

Open Space (Protected In Perpetuity)

Open Space (Limited Protection)

Open Space (Term-Limited or Unknown)

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Active Agriculture

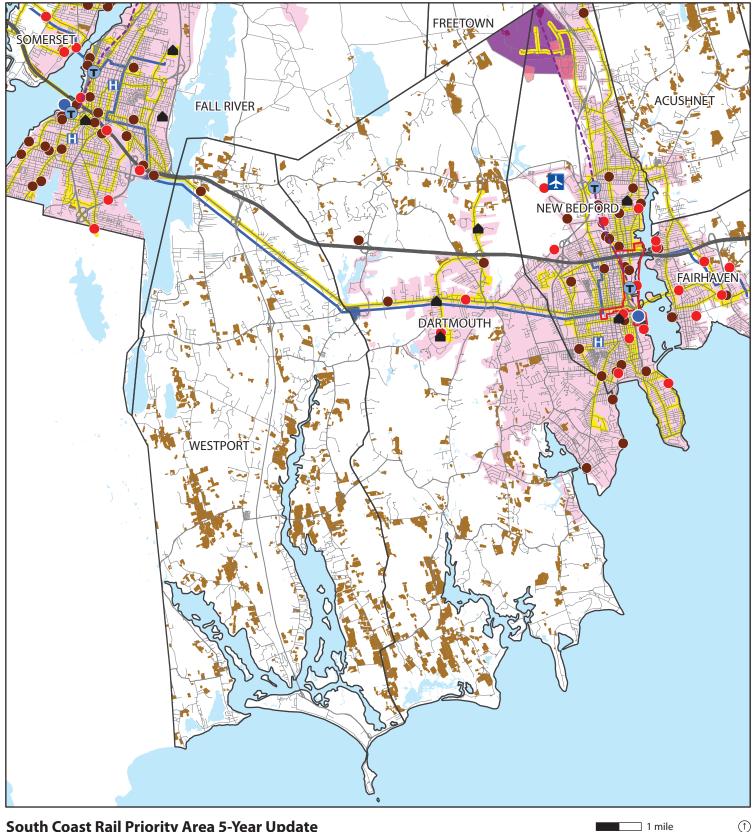
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Map 3: Economic Development and Infrastructure



■ Municipal Boundaries

- Interstates
- Arterials and Collectors
- Local Roads
- MBTA Proposed Stations
- • MBTA Proposed Rail Lines
- ▲ Colleges and Universities
- Hospitals
- ☐ EOHED Growth Districts Initiative
- EOHED Chapter 43D Districts
- EOHED Chapter 40R Districts
- Industrial Parks
- Economic Opportunity Areas (EOAs)
- Port
- MassDEP Activity and Use Limitation (AUL) Brownfield Sites
- SRTA/GATRA Fixed Bus Routes
- OpenCape Broadband
- Active Agriculture
 Sewer Service

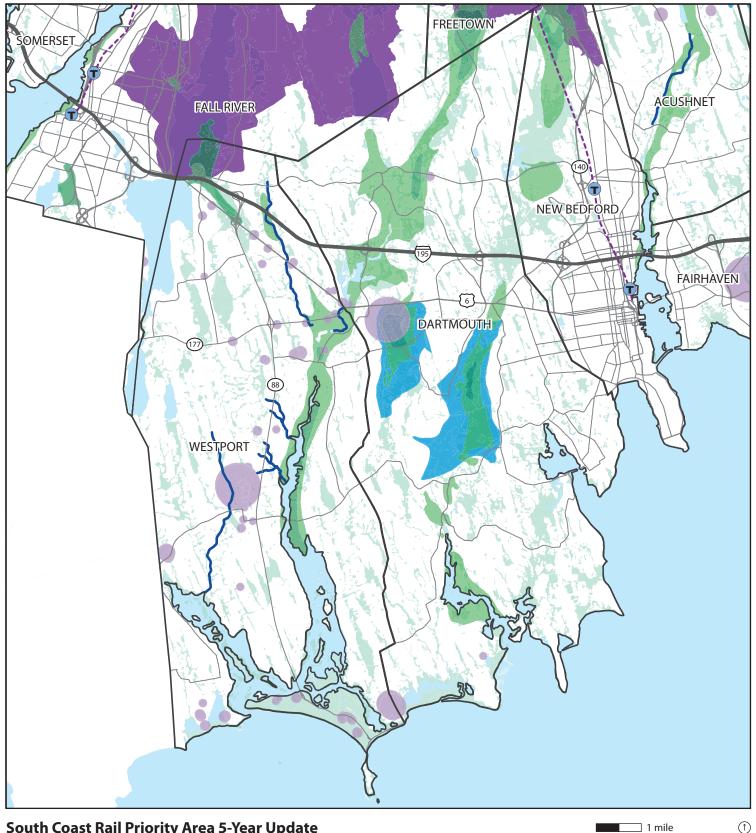
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Map 4: Water Resources

Water

■ Municipal Boundaries

Interstates

Arterials and Collectors

Local Roads

MBTA Proposed Stations

= • MBTA Proposed Rail Lines

DEP Approved Zone II Aquifers

High-Yield Aquifers

Medium-Yield Aquifers

Interim Wellhead Protection Areas (IWPAs)

DEP Outstanding Resource Waters -Public Watersupply Watershed

DEP Wetland Bodies

DF&G Coldwater Streams/Fisheries

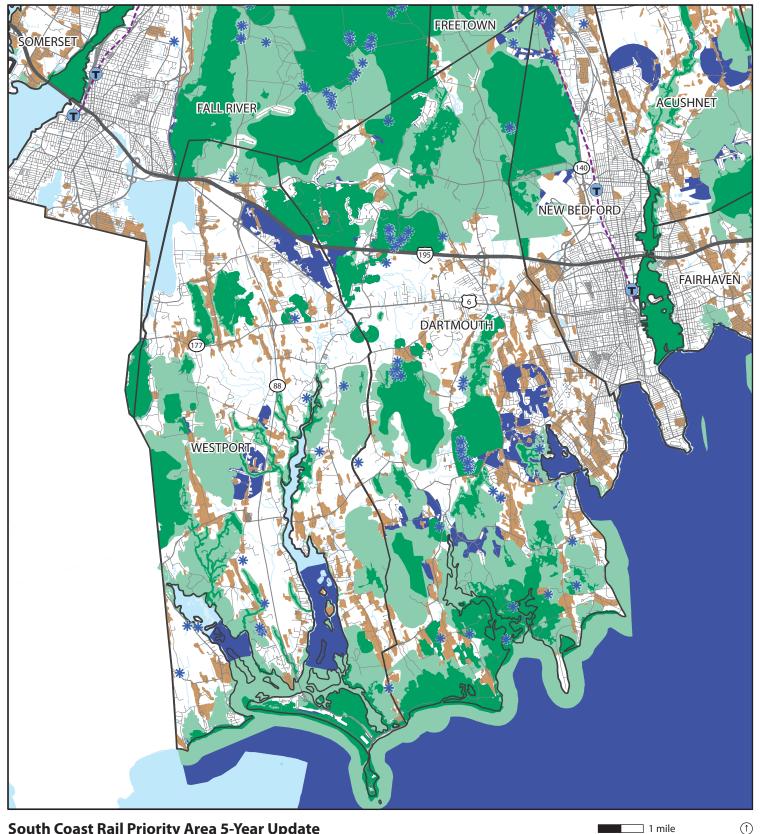
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Map 5: Natural Resources and Biodiversity

Water

■ Municipal Boundaries

Interstates

Arterials and Collectors

Local Roads

MBTA Proposed Stations

- • MBTA Proposed Rail Lines

* NHESP Certified Vernal Pool

All Areas Prime Farmland (NRCS SSURGO-Certified Soils)

NHESP Priority Habitats

BioMap2 Core Habitat

BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscapes

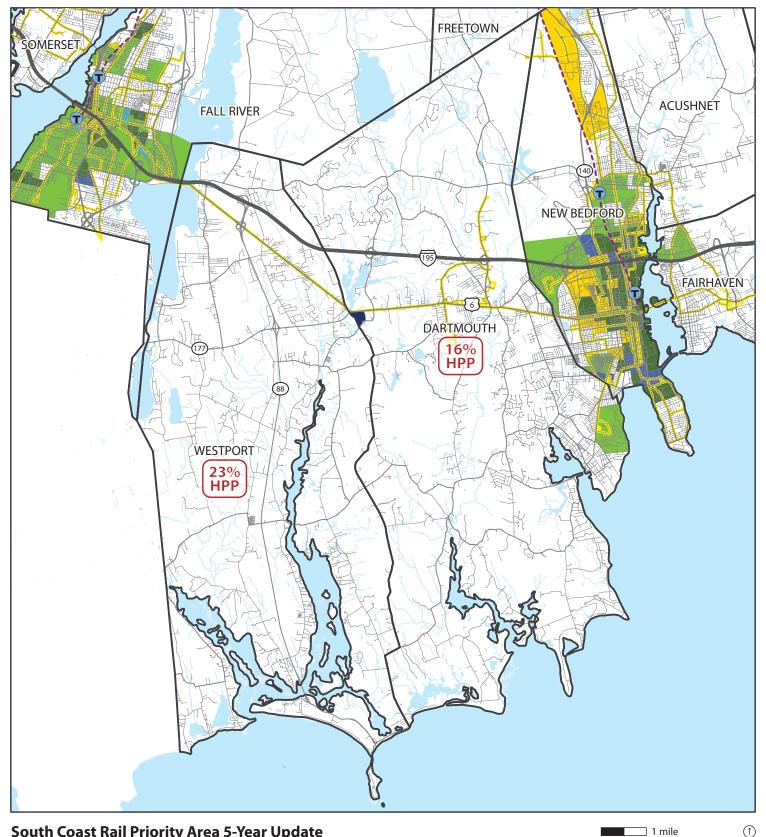
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Map 6: Housing and Environmental Justice (EJ)

- Water
- Municipal Boundaries
- Interstates
- Arterials and Collectors
- **Local Roads**
- MBTA Proposed Stations
- = MBTA Proposed Rail Lines
- EOEEA 2010 EJ Block Group (Minority)
- EOEEA 2010 EJ Block Group (Income)
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- EOHED Chapter 40R Districts
- SRTA/GATRA Fixed Bus Routes
- **HPP** Current Housing Production Plan

Percent of a community's total housing units that 35% are affordable to households with incomes $\leq 80\%$ the area median income (AMI). Note: 35% of all housing units in the South Coast Rail region are affordable to these households.

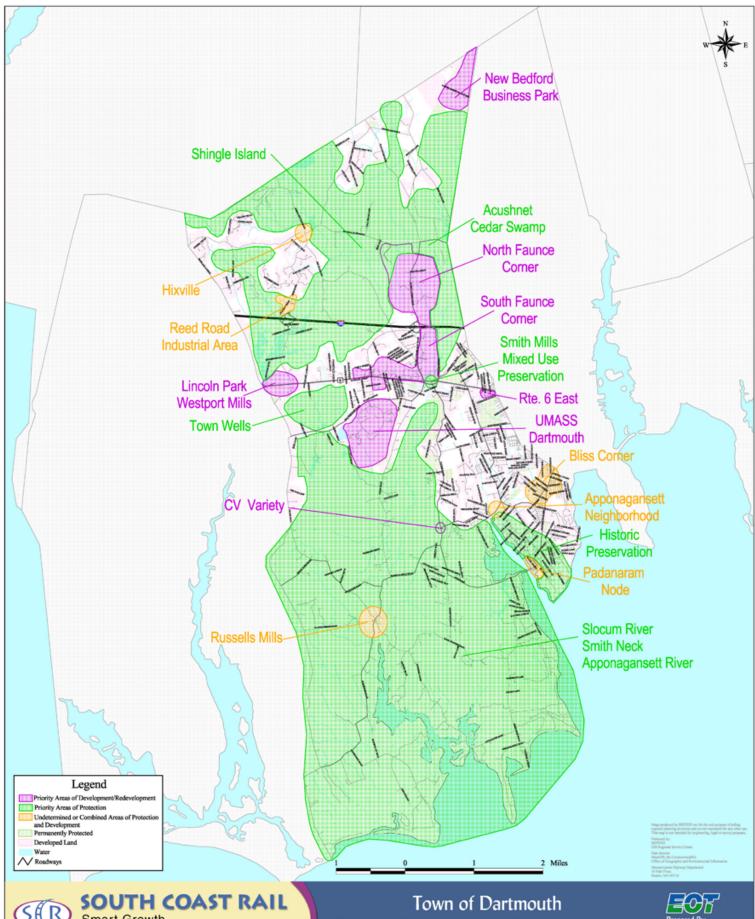
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Priority Development & Protection Areas

