



THE PROJECT:

The City of Boston is launching the Mattapan Economic Development Initiative (“MEDI”), a community based initiative that seeks to bring this energetic and diverse neighborhood to its fullest potential.

The goals of this intra-agency collaborative project are:

- *enhanced commercial districts,*
- *job creation* and
- *increased capital investment* for this neighborhood..

The MEDI City Team and Community Advisory Group will work with Mattapan’s residents, business and property owners, civic leaders and institutions to capitalize on existing success and to craft recommendations that set the stage for the MEDI’s Economic Action Agenda and the implementation of short-, mid-, and long-term projects to improve quality of life and economic conditions. In addition, members of the CAG will be involved with activities related to business development, youth/family empowerment, and community interaction.

Community Advisory Group:

The Community Advisory Group is comprised of representatives from a broad spectrum of the Mattapan community, veteran activists, business leaders, institutional heads, and young professionals. This group will help form recommendations for the Economic Action Agenda for reaching the goals of this project.

Paula Bonney-Haughton (Resident)
Real Estate Professional

Fr. William “Bill” Joy
Pastor, St. Angela’s Church

Eva Clarke
Consultant to Mattapan CDC
(former Executive Director)
Principal, Clarke Solutions

Gareth Kinkead(Resident)
Chair, Colorado Street Association

Dawn Greenidge (Resident)
Commercial Lines Underwriter, One Beacon
Board Member, Big Sisters of Boston

David Lopes (Resident)
Chief Officer, Habitat for Humanity
Chair, Mattapan Task Force

Verita Pitts (Resident)
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Delores Richardson (Resident.)
Retired Teacher

Russell Holmes (Chair) (Resident)
Financial Advisor, American Express
Chair, Gooddale Road Association
Mattapan Organizer, BOSTON SHINES 2004

Stuart “Stu” Rosenberg
Business Development Officer
Mattapan CDC

Lillie Searcy (Resident)
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MATTAPAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

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THE TEAM:

An interdisciplinary City Team has been formed, comprised of staff members with expertise in the various functions and services provided in Boston: economic development, housing, workforce development, planning, transportation, human services, policy development & research. This team along with Abt Associates, Inc. will collaborate to bring considerable staff resources to bear in guiding the creation and execution of the MEDI Economic Action Agenda

Boston Redevelopment Authority

Dana Whiteside (ECD) ~ Team Leader
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Jim Alberque (GIS/Mapping)
Kristen Keefe (EcD/Retail)
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Office of Human Services

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Consultant Team:

Abt Associates, Inc. (Scott Hebert, Principal) in collaboration with
ICON Architecture, (Steve Heikin)
Planners Collaborative, (Joe Brevard)
Guzman Architects ; (Jose Guzman) and
Dr. Dennis Derryck of New School University, NY

GOALS & PROCESS

To reach the goals of enhanced commercial districts, job creation and increased capital investment in Mattapan, an Economic Development Action Agenda will be created through the collaborative work of the Community Advisory Group, Consultant Team, City Team and incorporating residents, business and property owners, and institutions in the neighborhood.

Priorities for best practices and benefits to all stakeholders in the neighborhood will be generated through a series of public forums, charettes and workshops