



BOSTON REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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LIVABILITY RESOURCES

Useful resources related to livability, from specific tools to entire agencies and organizations, are listed below. Information on these resources may be found online.

Economic Development

- Choosing to Compete in the 21st Century Initiative
- MAPC: Economic Development Resources

Environment/Energy

- MAPC
 - Low-Impact Development Toolkit
 - WaterSmart Toolkit
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs: Green Communities
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - Climate Change
 - EnviroMapper

Housing

- Center for Neighborhood Technology: Housing and Transportation Affordability Index
- MAPC: Housing
- Massachusetts Department of Housing and Economic Development

Land Use and Urban Design

- Context-Sensitive Solutions: Case Studies
- MAPC: Mixed-Use Zoning Toolkit
- Project for Public Spaces

Parking

- MAPC: Parking Toolkit
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs: Smart Growth/Smart Energy Toolkit
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Parking Spaces/Community Places

Public Health

- Center for Disease Control
 - Injury
 - Physical Activity
 - Respiratory Health and Air Pollution
- Livable Streets Alliance
- Mass In Motion – Model Communities

Transit

- FTA and HUD's Better Coordination of Transportation and Housing Programs
- Northeastern University's Dukakis Center: Maintaining Diversity in America's Transit-Rich Neighborhoods: Tools for Equitable Neighborhood Change

Walking and Bicycling

- BicyclingInfo.org
- Bikes on the MBTA
- MAPC
 - Greater Boston Cycling and Walking Map
 - Snow Removal Policy Toolkit
- Massachusetts Bicycle Facilities Interactive Map
- MassBike: Resources
- MassRIDES – Safe Routes to School Program
- National Association of City Transportation Officials
- National Center for Bicycling and Walking
- Transportation for America: Dangerous by Design Report

- WalkBoston: Products and Publications
- WalkingInfo.org

Additional Initiatives

- Federal
 - HUD: Sustainable Communities Resource Center
 - U.S. Dept. of Transportation: Livability
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Smart Growth
- Statewide
 - GreenDOT
 - Global Warming Solutions Act
 - Healthy Transportation Compact
- Regional
 - Metro Boston Consortium for Sustainable Communities
- Local
 - Boston Complete Streets
 - Livable Streets Alliance