

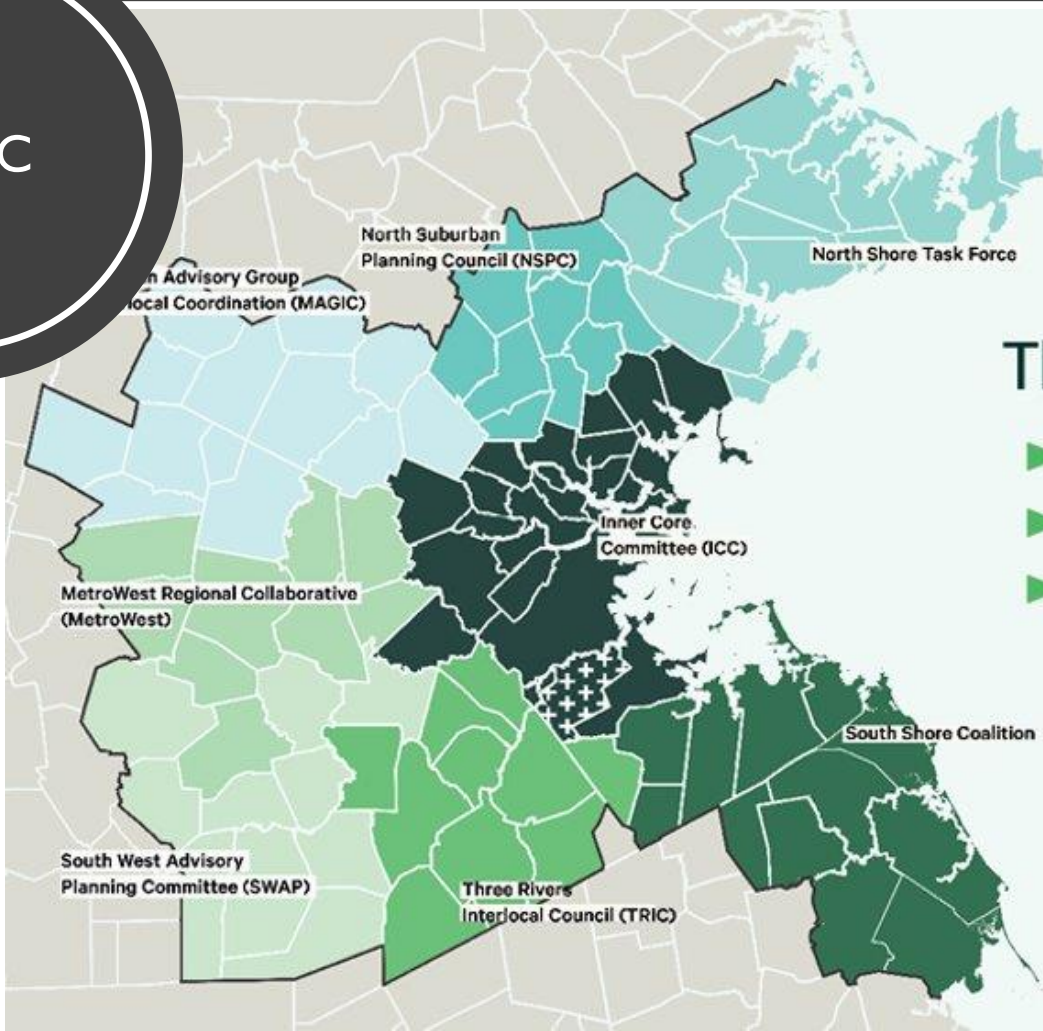
LOCAL AND REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

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MAPC



The MAPC Region

- ▶ 101 cities & towns
- ▶ 8 subregions
- ▶ 3.4 million residents

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. PRIORITIES AND SUCCESS

Municipal Public Health

- Increasing effectiveness of local public health through improvements in their capacity and capabilities through **shared public health services**

Climate and Environmental Health

- Growing the body of research on **municipal heat resilience**, and building evidence for effective strategies through community-driven projects

Food Systems

- Supporting strategic efforts to promote equitable food systems through **food planning technical assistance with nearly 30 MA communities**.
- Strategic and **equity-driven food policy** advocacy and successes

Social Determinants of Health (Building the Foundations of Healthy Communities)

- Guiding and evaluating how organizations and institutions **invest in transportation, housing, economic mobility and social networks** to change systems that generate health inequities

LOCAL AND REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH FOCUS

- We all deserve healthy environments and the opportunity to live in healthy environmental conditions.
- Local and shared public health staff provide the expertise and skills to make sure we build and maintain conditions that are healthy for people to live.
- We need to ensure that health departments have the **capacity and capabilities** to make sure the places we live, work and play are healthy and safe.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH FOCUS

Capacity

- *Staff and supporting resources to perform required and desired work*

Capability

- *Skills and expertise required to address public health issue or opportunity*

WORK EXAMPLES - CAPACITY

CITY OF SALEM

Primary focus:

- Strengths and challenges facing Salem's Health Department and opportunities for improvement; and
- How other comparable LHDs were structured and the experiences they have had with those structures.

Contributed to additional capacity (staff), strengthened external relationships, and enhanced ability to engage in shared services

TOWN OF READING

Primary focus:

- Understand current activities, staffing, structure and municipal and community perspectives
- Develop potential paths forward to enhance LHD capabilities and capacities

Contributed to additional capacity (staff), advanced discussion of size of board, and approach for workforce development for staff

WORK EXAMPLES - CAPABILITY

NORTH SUFFOLK PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

The NSPHC is a joint effort of Revere, Chelsea and Winthrop public health challenges where joint effort can be more effective than individual work.

The NSPHC convene stakeholders – municipal, clinical, and community - in the three municipalities to select priority issues for cooperative focus, policy work, and impact.

Recent work includes local air pollution assessment, Community Health Needs Assessment, Shared Regional Epidemiologist, regional child immunization clinic, and care resource coordination.

TOWN OF RANDOLPH

Collaborated with the Health Department and Planning Department to develop a Community Wellness Plan.

The Community Wellness Plan uses information gathered from the CHNA and is a vehicle for implementing the community's vision for improved health.

Recent work includes organizational training for involved residents, new Community Wellness Planner, and youth-led community health initiative.

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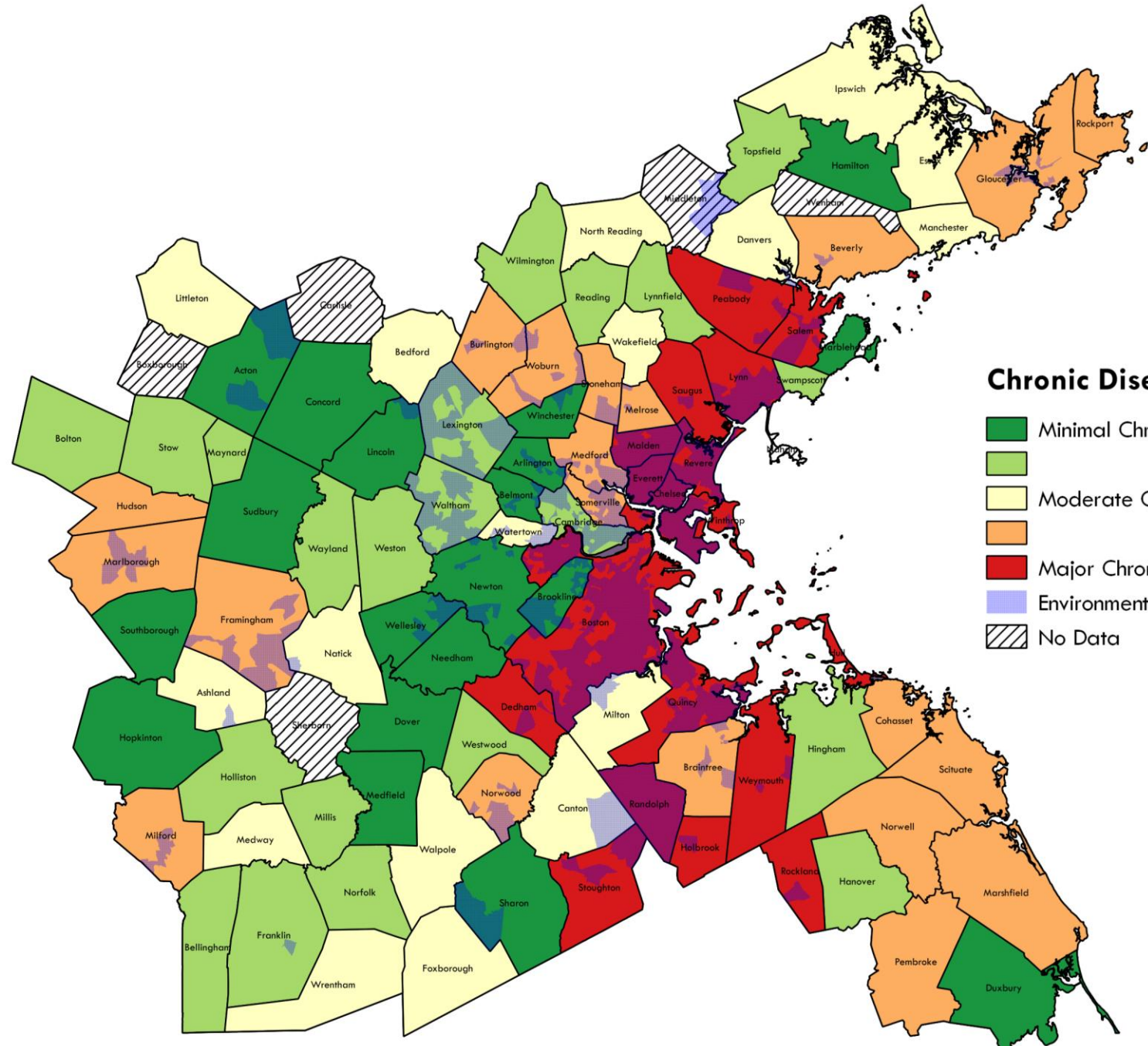
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Chronic Disease Index

- Minimal Chronic Disease Burden (Lowest Quintile)
- Moderate Chronic Disease Burden
- Major Chronic Disease Burden (Highest Quintile)
- Environmental Justice Communities
- No Data

HOW WE PARTNER WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH



- District Local Technical Assistance
- PMTA

- Federal
- State
- Philanthropic

THANK YOU

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