

IX. ORGANIZATION & MANAGEMENT

BACKGROUND

On November 13, 1969, the Southeastern Regional Planning Commission was designated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District (EDD) under Title VI of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

The purpose of an Economic Development District is to foster successful economic development on a large scale by grouping together economically distressed and healthy areas--redevelopment areas and economic development centers or growth centers.

The District encompasses portions of three counties, twenty-seven municipalities and six redevelopment areas. The District's county membership includes: all of the communities in Bristol County with the exception of the Town of Easton; the towns of Carver, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Rochester and Wareham in Plymouth County; and Plainville in Norfolk County.

Four of the District's redevelopment areas--Bourne/Wareham/Rochester, New Bedford, Providence/Pawtucket, and Plymouth--were designated in 1974.

These redevelopment areas were designated on the basis of "substantial and/or persistent unemployment". Redevelopment area designation enables an area to be eligible for the whole range of programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act.

Redevelopment Areas were originally established on the basis of labor market area (LMA) information furnished by the Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training (DET), currently referred to the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD). Since designation, however, DET has changed the labor market area boundaries. For the purposes of manpower planning, DET has established Service Delivery Areas (SDA's). Much of the statistical information is now provided for these geographic divisions.

The District also has three designated economic development centers (EDC's)-the cities of Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton- additionally, each of these cities has redevelopment centers (RC's). These growth centers are the economic activity nuclei of their respective redevelopment areas. Redevelopment Centers are those, which are recognized as falling within a designated redevelopment area. Unlike economic development centers, there is no limit on the population of RC's, which may be in excess of 250,000 as of the last federal census.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

The Commission of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District serves as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee for the District. The committee sets policy and provides guidance on all matters relating to the economic development of the District. The Commission consists of up to 54 municipal representatives (Mayors, Selectmen, Planning Boards or their designees) and up to 6 at large members, representing low income and minority group interests.

The SRPEDD Regional Economic Strategy Committee (RESC) serves as the working committee on economic development matters, and is responsible for developing criteria and ranking economic development projects in the District. The committee also guides and assists the overall staff effort to prepare and implement the District's economic development program. The EDC has a broader membership than that of the Commission and consists of economic development practitioners, community group's interests, financial and business representation, college and university representatives and others. The RESC continues to expand by attracting new members and plays a significant role in regional economic development issues. Membership lists for both committees are included in this section.

APPROVAL OF CEDS

Resolution on the 2018 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (Update)

WHEREAS: the SRPEDD commission represents the chief elected officials and planning boards of the region's 27 cities and towns, including designated redevelopment areas; and

WHEREAS: the SRPEDD Commission is authorized "to prepare and, from time to time, revise both comprehensive regional plans and comprehensive economic development programs for the District" (Chapter 40B, Section 14.5); and

WHEREAS: the SRPEDD commission has reviewed the 2018 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Update, entitled "Growing the Economy of Southeastern Massachusetts":

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Commission of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District, acting on behalf of the cities and towns, and redevelopment areas in the District, approves the 2018 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Update, entitled "Growing the Economy of Southeastern Massachusetts," and authorizes staff to notify the U.S. Economic Development Administration of this approval.

SRPEDD COMMISSION MEMBERS: May 2018 - May 2019

CITY/TOWN	MEMBER	OCCUPATION	REPRESENTATION
Acushnet	Henry Young** Henry Young	Engineer	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Attleboro	Gary Ayrassian** Scott Jones	City Planner Real Estate Agent	Mayor's Appointee Planning Board
Berkley	Joseph L. Callahan* Steven Leary	Engineer Software Dev.	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Carver	Bruce Maki* Steven Cole**	Town Planner	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Dartmouth	Deborah Melino-Wender* Lorri-Ann Miller*	Devel. Officer	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Dighton	Peter Benvie* Donna Kulpa	Freelance Reporter	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Fairhaven	Bob Espindola Rene Fleurent, Jr.*		Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Fall River	Cathy Anne Viveiros Bill Roth**	City Adm. City Planner	Mayor's Appointee Planning Board
Freetown	David DeManche** David DeManche**	Town Adm	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Lakeville	Rita A. Garbitt** Barbara Mancovsky	Executive Secretary	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Mansfield	Daniel Austin Horowitz* Daniel Austin Horowitz*		Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Marion	Jonathan F. Henry* Eileen Marum*	Contractor	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Mattapoisett	Robert Burgmann		Board of Selectmen

	Janice Robbins		Planning Board
Middleborough	Leilani Dalpe Tracie Marzellie*		Board of Selectmen Planning Board
New Bedford	Jamie Ponte Kirsten Bryan Patrick J. Sullivan*** Corrin Williams	City Planner Dir. Comm. Dev.	Mayor's Appointee Planning Board Area At Large Area At Large
No. Attleborough	Joan Marchitto* Julie Boyce*	Self Employed	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Norton	Ralph Stefanelli Steven Hornsby**	Retired Consultant	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Plainville	Chris Yarworth** Chris Yarworth**	Engineer	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Raynham	Carol Sullivan* John Teixeira*	Real Estate	Bd. of Selectmen Planning Board
Rehoboth	Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr. William Costa, Sr.		Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Rochester	Susan Szyndlar*		Board of Selectmen
Seekonk	Steve D'Amico James Roach*		Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Somerset	Lloyd Mendes Richard Fenstermaker		Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Swansea	George Hovorka Steven S. Antinelli**	Retired Town Planner	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Taunton	Kevin Shea** Brian Carr* Mike Ferreira***	Economic/CD Dir Com Dev	Mayor's Appointee Planning Board Area At Large

Wareham	Alan Slavin* George Barrett	Retired	Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Westport	Steven J. Ouellette* James Whitin*	Plumber Business Owner	Board of Selectmen Planning Board

* Elected Official; ** Municipal Employee; *** At Large representing low income and minority group interests.

Total Commissioners – 52 including At Large representatives

OFFICERS

Deborah Melino-Wender, Chairman, Dartmouth
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 Joan Marchitto, Secretary, North Attleborough
 Joseph Callahan, Treasurer, Berkley
 George Hovorka, Assistant Treasurer, Swansea
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REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2018 – 2019

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