# Downtown Lynn Today & A Vision for the Future

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

How land is used determines where people can live, work, and play. In Downtown Lynn, 54% of properties are residential, 30% are commercial, 13% tax-exempt, and 2% industrial. Tax-exempt properties include government-owned land and buildings, churches, schools, and non-profits. These property classes differ in important ways, including how much they are worth per square foot, when they were built, and who owns them.

At \$97 per square foot, residential properties are the most valuable. Commercial and taxexempt properties are both \$48 per square foot. Industrial properties are \$21 per square foot.

Residential properties are also the oldest. The average home in Dowtown Lynn was built in 1897. This is consistent with the low rate of home construction in Lynn over the last decade. Since 2000, Lynn has permitted fewer than one home per 1,000 residents annually.

The majority of properties in Downtown Lynn - 65% - are owned by Lynners. Another 29% are owned by Massachusetts residents. Less than 6% of Downtown property owners live outside of Massachusetts.

#### PROPERTY VALUE BUILDING AGE OWNER LOCATION LOCATIONS SQ FOOTAGE Commercial Buildings Buildings Industrial Residenti Building Vacant Land 0.0050 Out of State 750,000 Tax-Exempt Buildings State Lan 0.005 Out of State 100 Building Age (Years) 500,000 750,000 o \$100 \$ Dollars (\$) Per Square Foot

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### DOWNTOWN LYNN DATA WALK

On Saturday, April 13, MAPC staff, along with 13 community volunteers, conducted a parcel survey in Downtown Lynn. In three hours, four survey teams recorded data on 425 Downtown parcels, a 97% coverage rate. Survey questions addressed the condition and use of Downtown buildings and landscapes, availability and management of downtown parking, and even whether or not buildings have sprinkler systems installed.

This data will eventually be compiled on a searchable website, where it will be layered with demographic and economic data.

Surveys were conducted using LocalData, an application that allows surveys to be conducted directly on a smartphone or iPad. If you are interested in using LocalData for your own project, please contact Clay Martin at cmartin@mapc.org.

