NEIGHBORHOOD DATA TO SUPPORT REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND EQUITY
What is MetroFuture?

A vision for the region we want, building on the region’s strengths and investing in our residents

65 goals, supported by hundreds of objectives, for Greater Boston in the year 2030

13 implementation strategies, with hundreds of specific recommendations, designed to help the region achieve its goals

A constituency of 5,000 “plan builders” who will work to accomplish the MetroFuture goals
What is “Equity”?

"Equity means all people have full and equal access to opportunities that enable them to attain their full potential."

- King County, Washington developed this definition.
Selected MetroFuture Equity Goals

#15: There will be less regional segregation as all municipalities increasingly reflect Metro Boston’s growing diversity.

#16: Low-income households will be able to find affordable, adequate, conveniently located housing.

#24: Residents in all communities and of all incomes will have access to affordable, healthy food.

#38: More minority and immigrant workers will have opportunities to advance on the career ladder, acquire assets, and build wealth.

All the MetroFuture goals are at [www.metrofuture.org](http://www.metrofuture.org)
Measuring Progress

**Goal #23:** All neighborhoods will have adequate access to safe and well-maintained parks, community gardens, and appropriate play spaces for children and youth.

**Objective:** No more than 20% of the region’s households will have limited access to open space (less than 50 acres per 1,000 people)

**Indicator:** Open space per capita
The State of Equity in Metro Boston:
Key Findings

For complete findings, visit
www.regionalindicators.org/equity
Demography is Destiny

Note: Ages are grouped in 10 year intervals, except for children aged 0-14 years old. The geography is the 164 cities and towns in the Metro Future Region. Source: Census 2010.

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Inequity Impacts Us All…

**Children**, as they try to grow up healthy, learn, and play

**Adults**, as they try to make a good living, build a home, and stay healthy

**Teens and Young Adults**, as they try to learn, stay safe and out of trouble, and establish independence

**Seniors**, as they try to remain active, retire comfortably, and stay connected
Segregation Among Children

Whites, 14 and Under as a Percentage of Total Population, 2010
- < ¼ of the regional average
- ¼ - ½
- ½ - 1 times
- 1 - 2 times
- > 2 times the regional average
Average = 10.9%

Minorities, 14 and Under as a Percentage of Total Population, 2010
- < ¼ of the regional average
- ¼ - ½
- ½ - 1 times
- 1-2 times
- >2 times the regional average
Average = 6.2%

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Low Birth Weight

Low Birth Weight by Race/Ethnicity and Education
MAPC 2003-2007, Singleton Births

- Less than high school and GED
- High school graduate
- Some post-secondary education
- College graduate

Black bars indicate 90% confidence interval.
Source: MassCHIP Massachusetts Department of Public Health 2003-2007

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### Inequity Impacts Children

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<td>A Black/African American woman with a college degree is more likely to have an underweight baby than a White woman with a high school education is.</td>
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<td><strong>Youth Asthma Hospitalization Rate</strong></td>
<td>Black/African American youth are hospitalized for asthma at over five times the rate of White youth.</td>
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<td><strong>Open Space per 1,000 Residents</strong></td>
<td>Inner Core communities and Regional Urban Centers have less open space in their neighborhoods (per capita) than do suburban communities.</td>
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<td><strong>Distance to the Nearest Open Space</strong></td>
<td>Much of the Inner Core, many Regional Urban Centers, and some Maturing Suburbs offer residents open space resources within walking or biking distance.</td>
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<td><strong>Attendance of High-Poverty Schools</strong></td>
<td>Nearly three quarters of Black/African American and Latino students attend high-poverty schools, while just over 10% of Whites do.</td>
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<td><strong>3rd Grade English Language Arts MCAS Scores</strong></td>
<td>A gap of nearly 40 percentage points separates White and Black/African American children in third grade reading proficiency rates.</td>
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Inequity Impacts Adults

Estimated Foreclosure Rate, January 2007 – June 2008
Percent of mortgages with foreclosure starts
- < 2%
- 3%
- 4%
- 5% - 7%
- > 8%

*These rates were estimated by HUD for the administration of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Rates are defined as the estimated number of foreclosure starts per 100 mortgages by census tract. Estimates were cross-checked against Equifax reports by HUD for validity.

Source: HUD

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State of Equity part 2 will consist of policy recommendations to “bend the trends” towards a more equitable region.

MAPC has completed an internal review of agency priorities, practices, and culture and is implementing changes.

Equity is increasingly informing agency work in other areas, particularly our implementation of MetroFuture.