Pioneer Valley Our Next Future

Pioneer Valley Region









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COST

In-House

Part of a Larger \$1.2 Million HUD Sustainable Communities Grant

FUNDING SOURCE

Grant

HUD Sustainable Communities

Description

This plan contains ideas and strategies to address eight key topics: Smart growth; climate action and clean energy; green infrastructure; housing; brownfields; food security; sustainable transportation; and the environment. The plan was adopted in October 2013. The overarching goal of the plan is to chart a course for a more vibrant, competitive, sustainable, and equitable region.

Opportunities

Funding through the HUD Sustainable Communities grant provided planners at PVPC to prepare detailed plans for topics that are cross-cutting and key to growth, but may oftentimes be marked as low-priority.

Challenges

As with many new-style plans, it took time, involvement, and coordination to complete this plan and work towards implementation.