

**LEADERSHIP SOUTHCOAST ACADEMY
TEAM PROJECTS
Class of 2005**

1) New Bedford ACTS: A Community Together Succeeds

Members: Lee Blake, Rev. David Lima, John Vasconcellos, Joe DeMedeiros, Maureen Sylvia Armstrong

This team is creating an organized response to the violence in the city of New Bedford. It looks at both the root causes of the violence and offers suggestions that can start to turn the tide. The response involves facilitating a community-wide discussion of city leaders in the grassroots, government, business, and non-profit organizations.

2) Mentoring Program for Middle School Students

Members: Steve Ozug, Christina Rudd, Debbie McLaughlin, Joan Medeiros, Lisa Sughrue, Sue Labus

This team hopes to combat the high dropout rate in the city of Fall River through the establishment of a coalition of collaborating organizations in Fall River. It establishes a mentoring initiative in one of the public schools in Fall River. Partners are being solicited from BCC and UMass Dartmouth. The Community Development-REC agency has agreed to be a partner as well.

3) Leading Positive Change to the Economic Environment of Fall River and New Bedford

Members: Ken Fiola, Larry Couto, Anthony Cordeiro, John Miller, Pat Barry, Scott Costa

Changing the negative perception of safety and the economic environment by the SouthCoast population is this group's goal. It is this team's opinion that negative perception limits the economic achievement and potential for growth.

4) Economic Development Team – Artistic Recycling Technologies

Members: Bob Canuel, Mike Murray, Cyn Spence, George Saulnier, Mary Harrington

This team hopes to create an economic development program that engages at-risk youth. The youth would work with a team of local artisans to create everything from simple marketable products to major works of art out of recyclable construction, renovation, demolition and household material.

5) Community Preservation Team

Members: Laurie Bullard, Will Saltonstall, Matt Morrissey

This team is developing a data-driven feasibility study toward the establishment of Community Preservation Act (CPA) in one of the first urban centers in Massachusetts. The project will provide the opportunity to generate much needed dialogue about low income housing; dealing with the glut of tax title properties on the city's roles; and green redevelopment.