Evaluation overview

- **Purpose:** develop comprehensive understanding of where HOPE VI residents, the Fairfax Gardens neighborhood, and the city currently stand, so that we may determine impact by comparing these findings to future findings

- **Activities:** secondary data analysis, mail surveys, door-to-door surveys, interviews

- **Output:** 60 page report

- **Next steps:** process evaluation, periodic updates to baseline data
Report Outline

HOPE VI residents
- Demographic & socioeconomic profile
- Civic engagement
- Children
- Resident needs
- Health
- Housing
- Neighborhood conditions
- Relocation

Fairfax Gardens neighborhood
- Demographic & socioeconomic profile
- Neighborhood conditions and perceptions
- Economic development
- Housing market
- Crime
- Community services and amenities
### Key findings – HOPE VI residents

- High proportion (>50%) of children means key opportunities for CSS

- College access/completion is attainable: 62% of adults have high school diplomas (versus 35% of Taunton residents), and 19% have completed some college

- Transportation is the most significant and widespread barrier to employment

- Mental health support is the most pressing health need

- Residents did not see their community as close-knit, and few are civically engaged

- Unemployment is the most significant quality of life issue; drug sales/use was the biggest threat to public safety
Employment

Head of household employment

- Employed full-time: 55.7%
- Employed part-time: 32.9%
- Not employed: 11.4%

Barriers to employment

- Childcare problems impeding ability to work: 15.0%
- Transportation problems: 25.0%
- Other: 20.0%
Reported medical conditions

- Sometimes suffer from extreme anxiety or fear
- Have arthritis
- Have high blood pressure
- Have diabetes
- Have asthma
- In need of immediate medical services
- Seeing a physician for pregnancy
- Currently pregnant
Neighborhood quality of life – HOPE VI resident perceptions

- Unemployment: 30% Big problem, 50% Some problem, 20% No problem
- Trash: 20% Big problem, 40% Some problem, 40% No problem
- Graffiti: 20% Big problem, 40% Some problem, 40% No problem
- Teen pregnancy: 20% Big problem, 60% Some problem, 20% No problem
- School quality: 10% Big problem, 30% Some problem, 60% No problem
Neighborhood safety – HOPE VI resident perceptions

- People selling drugs
- People using drugs
- Groups of people hanging out
- Shootings/violence
- People being attacked/robbed
- Gangs
- Police not coming when called
- Rape

- Big problem
- Some problem
- No problem
Key findings – Fairfax Gardens neighborhood

- Demographically and socioeconomically, the neighborhood around Fairfax Gardens closely resembles Taunton.
- Area residents consider their community to be more close-knit and supportive, as compared to HOPE VI residents.
- Again, unemployment and drugs are considered the most problematic conditions, but to a lesser extent than HOPE VI residents.
- Economic impacts of this project are most likely to be concentrated downtown, around Parcel 6A.
- As expected, the health of the housing market declined significantly over the past 5 years (with some neighborhoods more resilient than others).
- Crime at Fairfax Gardens changed dramatically in 2010; non-violent crime continued to decline, while violent crime returned to 2009 rates.
- Access to services and amenities is poor around Fairfax Gardens, but particularly high around Parcel 6A.
Neighborhood quality of life – area resident perceptions

- Unemployment
- Trash
- Teen pregnancy
- School quality
- Graffiti

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Housing market

Number of annual home sales

- 6133
- 6134
- 6138
- 6139
- 6140

2006: 394
2007: 365
2008: 343
2009: 314
2010: 24
## Services and amenities

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Miles to public services:
- Police station: 2.3 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.6 miles from Parcel 6A
- Fire station: 0.6 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.6 miles from Parcel 6A
- Hospital: 1.3 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.6 miles from Parcel 6A
- Post office: 1.3 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.4 miles from Parcel 6A
- School: 0.5 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.3 miles from Parcel 6A
- Library: 1.3 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.5 miles from Parcel 6A

Miles to amenities:
- Restaurant: 0.6 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.2 miles from Parcel 6A
- Coffee: 0.7 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.3 miles from Parcel 6A
- Groceries: 0.8 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.2 miles from Parcel 6A
- Pharmacy: 0.8 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.5 miles from Parcel 6A
- Park: 1.1 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.3 miles from Parcel 6A
- Bank: 0.6 miles from Fairfax Gardens, 0.3 miles from Parcel 6A
Questions?