

A Plan to Connect and Compete...



2010

The Pioneer Valley Plan for Progress:
The Region's

**Comprehensive
Economic
Development
Strategy**



What is the CEDS?

AN ANNUAL UPDATE

The Pioneer Valley region was designated an “Economic Development District” by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration in 1999, and the CEDS Report is an annual update on the progress of the region towards its economic development goals.

The 2010 CEDS Annual Report will give the Pioneer Valley region’s leadership a current picture of the economic state of the region. It is a working document used by both the private and public sectors that analyzes current economic conditions and demographic data, provides a list of projects seeking federal funding, and measures progress via a set of performance indicators.

Report Card for the Region 2010

	2007	2008	Change	Result
Growth of Private Sector Payroll	8.9 billion	9.2 billion	+3.4%	
High School Dropout Rate	5.6%	4.9%	-0.7%	
Rate of Property and Violent Crime (Reported Per 100 Persons)	3.6%	3.5%	-2.8%	
	2008	2009	Change	Result
Median Sale Price of Single-Family Home	\$192,301	\$183,342	-4.7%	
MCAS Reading Test Proficiency	49.6%	52.4%	+2.8%	
Unemployment Rate	2009 Annual- 8.85%	January 2010- 11.36%	+2.51%	

For more information on these and other indicators, please go to: www.stateofthepioneer valley.org

14 Strategies

of the **Plan for
Progress**

Strategy 1

Attract, Retain, and Grow Existing Businesses
and Priority Clusters

Strategy 2

Promote Small Businesses and Generate
Flexible Risk Capital

Strategy 3

Advocate Efficient Regulatory Processes at all
Levels of Government

Strategy 4

Integrate Workforce Development
and Business Priorities

Strategy 5a

Advance and Enrich Early Education at State
and Regional Levels

Strategy 5b

Improve and Enrich K to 12 Education

Strategy 6

Support Higher Education and Retain
Graduates

Strategy 7

Recruit and Train a New Generation of
Regional Leaders

Strategy 8

Market our Region

Strategy 9

Revitalize the Connecticut River

Strategy 10

Enhance High-Tech and Conventional
Infrastructure

Strategy 11

Develop an Array of Housing Options

Strategy 12

Endorse a Regional Approach to Public Safety

Strategy 13

Champion Statewide Fiscal Equity

Strategy 14

Develop a Green Regional Economy

What is the Plan for Progress?

A BLUEPRINT FOR GROWING THE PEOPLE, COMPANIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE REGION

In 1994, PVPC led a coalition of partners from the region's public, private, and civic sectors to craft a blueprint for business growth and new job creation in the region: the 2004 Pioneer Valley Plan for Progress, a compilation of 14 economic strategies supported and advanced by an ever-expanding network of business, academic, civic, and other leaders from across the region.



Major Committed Projects of Regional Significance

Project	Key Implementer(s)	Public or Private?	Total Estimated Cost
Federal Transportation Stimulus Projects Including Highways and Transit	MassDOT & PVTA	Public	\$39.1 M
Route I-91 High Speed Fiber Backbone/ITS Project	MassDOT, MBI	Public/Private	\$38.5 M
Federal Rail Stimulus Grant to Rebuild the Conn. River N/S Rail Corridor	FRA, MassDOT & PanAm Rail	Public	\$70.0 M
Baystate Health Hospital of the Future Project	Baystate Health Systems, Inc.	Private	\$251.0 M
Westfield Great River Bridge Project	MassDOT	Public	\$59.8 M
WMECO/Northeast Utilities Agawam-West Springfield Circuit Separation Project	WMECO/NU	Private	\$22.0 M
Connecticut River CSO Clean-up Project (Total cost \$438 M over 20 years)	Cities of Springfield, Holyoke, Chicopee	Public	\$20.0 M Per Year
Springfield Data Center	Massachusetts EOA&F	Public	\$110 M
Chicopee Crossing Development Project	Colvest Group	Private	\$33.0 M
Holyoke High Performance Computing Center Project	Higher Education Consortium/EOH&EA	Public/Private	\$100.0 M
CSX Rail Freight Yard Modernization Project in West Springfield	CSX Railroad	Private	\$8.0 M
MBI/Federal Broadband Middle Mile Deployment Project	MBI	Public	\$71.6 M
I-91 Resurfacing and Bridge Preservation/Deck Repairs	MassDOT	Public	\$19.9 M
New Putnam Vocational Technical High School	MSBA/Springfield	Public	\$112.5 M
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Campus Construction Project	UMass Amherst	Public	\$375.0 M
Grand Total:			\$1.3 B

Special Projects Seeking EDA Funding

\$65M

Springfield

Union Station Intermodal Transportation Facility

Renovation of Union Station as a Rail/Bus Passenger Terminal Accompanied by Office/Retail Space

\$100M

Holyoke

Green High Performance Computing Center

Infrastructure

\$38M

Northampton

Three County Fairground Redevelopment

Redevelopment

\$300M

Ludlow

Ludlow Mills Redevelopment

Redevelopment/Infrastructure

\$160M

Chicopee

Uniroyal Facemate Redevelopment

Brownfield Redevelopment



Northampton Fairgrounds



Ludlow Mills

The Pioneer Valley Region

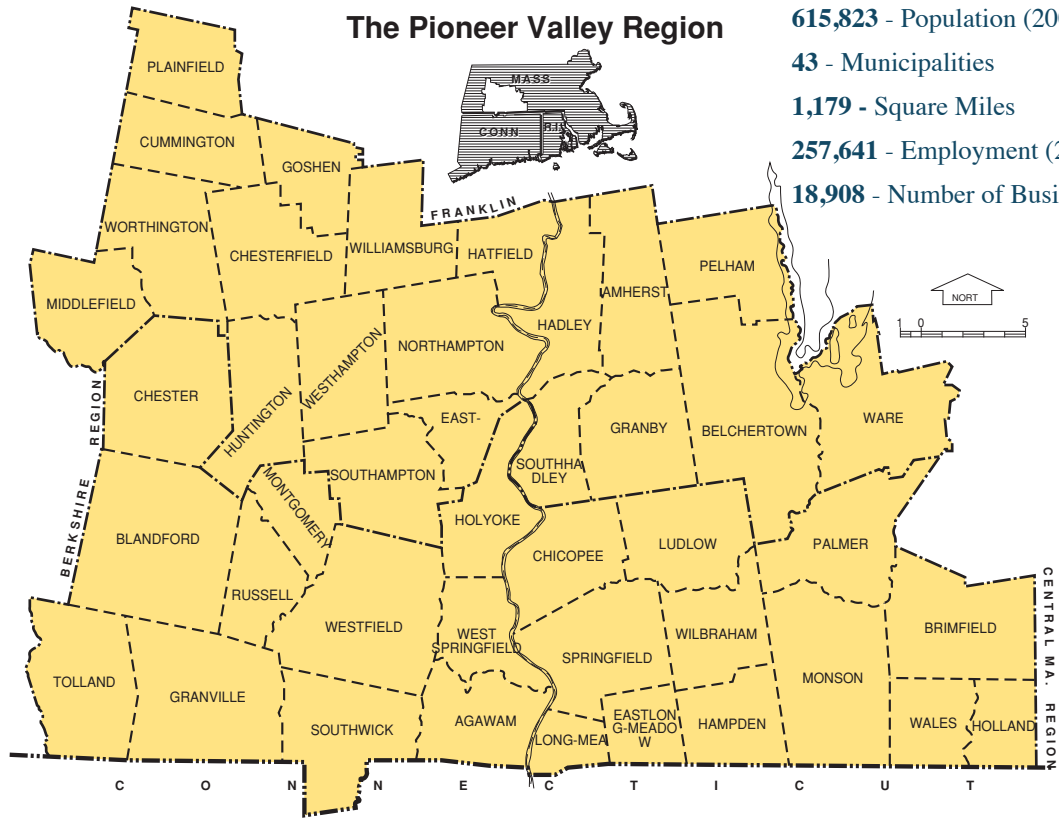
615,823 - Population (2008)

43 - Municipalities

1,179 - Square Miles

257,641 - Employment (2008)

18,908 - Number of Businesses (2008)



For more information:

The Plan for Progress can be viewed in its entirety at:

http://www.pvpc.org/resources/ecdev/pfp_report.pdf

A complete and expanded version of the information presented here is available at

www.pvpc.org/ceds.

- 4th largest metropolitan area in New England
- Springfield - third largest city in Massachusetts
- Natural beauty, cultural amenities, and historical character



Catalyst for Regional Progress

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