



## **Community Contract Year 1 Strategies**

A unique feature of Mattapan's Resilient Communities/Resilient Families planning effort has been the vast concentration of residents and the continuity of their participation in Action Groups and Community Assemblies over the past two years. The Action Strategies below represent the culmination of thoughtful planning and feedback received from the broader Mattapan community at these forums, alongside analyses of nearly 700 responses to community surveys, findings from 88 one-on-one interviews with Mattapan residents and key stakeholders, wide and diverse participation in a strategic visioning session, and the active and consistent participation of select residents and stakeholders at bi-monthly Steering Committee meetings.

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### **COMMUNITY FABRIC ACTION GROUP – Action Strategy I - Weave and preserve the bonds of our community fabric**

- 1.2 Strengthen Mattapan United's Community Assembly as the space and place to convene the community
  - 1.3 Promote Mattapan pride through cultural and neighborhood events
  - 1.4 Strengthen public and media relations
  - 1.5 Develop a Youth Commission
  - 1.6 Create a welcoming and attractive neighborhood
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### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACTION GROUP – Action Strategy II - Invigorate and develop our business sector so it provides more varied services and products**

- 2.1 Strengthen and develop our organizational infrastructure by bolstering Mattapan Square Main Streets and generating the resources and public and political will to establish a Community Development Organization
  - 2.3 Research and study other neighborhoods that successfully attracted capital, resources, businesses and political will
  - 2.4 Strengthen already existing small businesses in Mattapan
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**HOUSING ACTION GROUP – Action Strategy III - Revitalize, preserve, and expand affordable housing**

- 3.1 Strengthen and develop infrastructure so that Mattapan has the organizational capacity to expand affordable housing, develop the business sector and advocate on behalf of home owners
  - 3.2 Provide affordable housing related education and services
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**SAFETY ACTION GROUP – Action Strategy IV - Provide a safe neighborhood for children, youth and adults to live, work and play in peace and security**

- 4.2 Provide a “Take Back the Streets” educational program to bolster residents’ skills and sense of personal and community safety
  - 4.3 Review, update, and disseminate City of Boston’s Neighborhood Emergency Plan for Mattapan
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**OPEN AND GREEN SPACES ACTION GROUP – Action Strategy V - Promote pride in our neighborhood by realizing its beauty through the full utilization and expansion of our open and green spaces**

- 5.1 Plant 200 street trees and/or front yard trees each year for at least the next five years
  - 5.2 Organize our community and do coalition/alliance building to advocate for and support efforts to improve and beautify Mattapan Square
  - 5.3 Organize community, create partnership and/or do coalition/alliance building to revitalize and increase the beauty, utilization and safety of our parks and playground
  - 5.4 Join broader alliance and coalition efforts to ensure completion of the Neponset and Fairmount Greenways and ensure the designs meet Mattapan residents’ recreational needs
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**JOBS ACTION GROUP – Action Strategy VI - Increase opportunities for well-paid jobs for youth and adults through the establishment of a workforce development center**

- 6.1 Strengthen the capacity of the Action for Boston Community Development Mattapan Family Service Center to establish a workforce development program that researches nontraditional careers/sectors of high growth and develop training programs to respond to the employment needs of both youth and seniors

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**HEALTH ACTION GROUP – Action Strategy VII - Improve the health and well-being of our residents and decrease the incidence of chronic diseases**

- 7.1 Strengthen the organizational capacity of the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition to promote, educate, and advocate for healthy food and active, healthy living
- 7.2 In alliance with the Mattapan Community Health Center, educate community about health risk factors, healthier food and living choices
- 7.3 In alliance with other community institutions, advocate for healthier food choices at supermarkets, convenient stores, restaurants, and food pantries
- 7.4 Promote and advocate for more farmer’s markets and community gardens
- 7.5 Develop and implement the “Adopt a School Grow a Garden’ Program
- 7.6 Engage families, youth and seniors in the organization of periodic events that promote fitness and a healthy life style