

Developing a Vision for Stoughton

Monday, October 15, 2012
6 pm to 9 pm

Agenda

6:00 Social half-hour

- Join us for a light dinner
- Review "Community Snapshot"
- Logo contest winners to be announced

6:30 Master Plan Presentation

7:15 Small Group Discussions

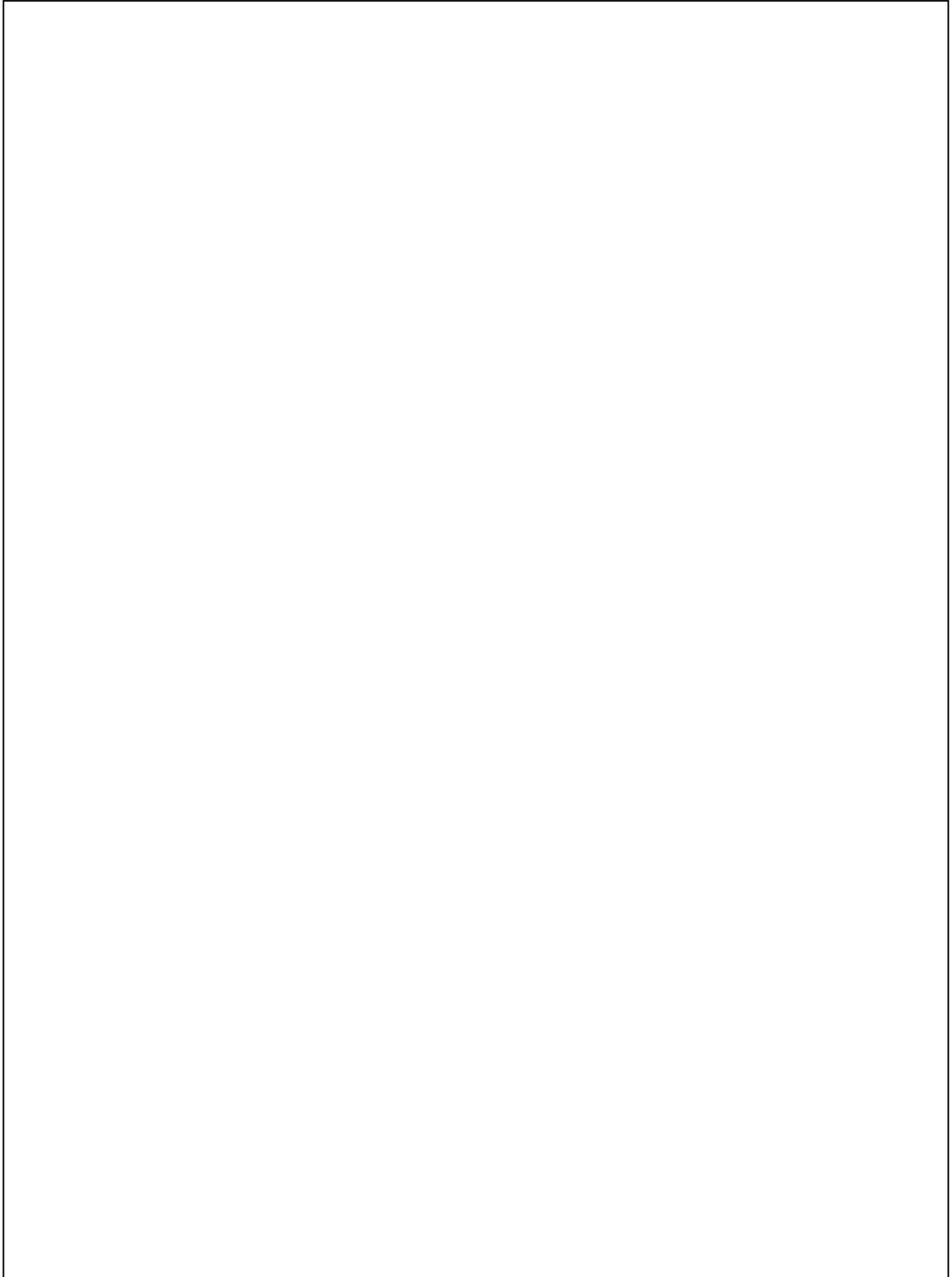
8:30 Report Back and Next Steps

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Join us again in January to review the Town's Vision Statement and list of Key Issues

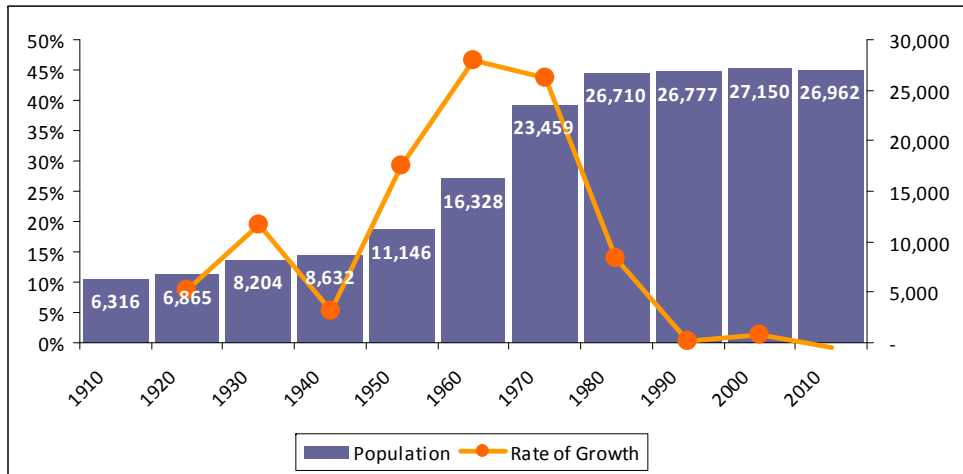
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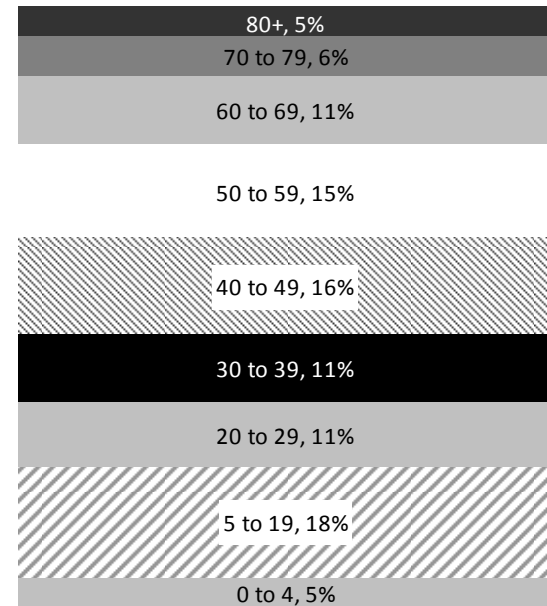
Population Profile

Population Growth in Stoughton, 1910-2010

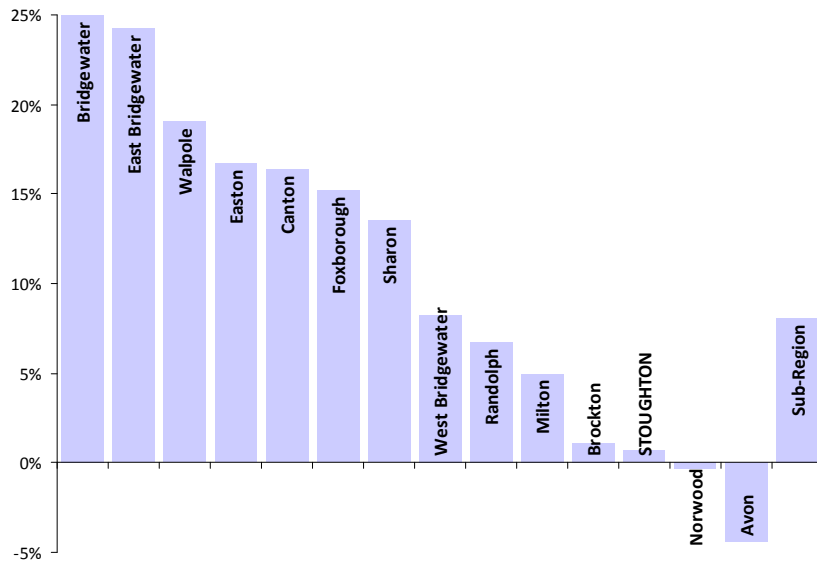


- Stoughton has seen a modest decrease in population (188) from 2000 to 2010, showing stability between 1990 to present.
- The population of Stoughton is aging. The median age rose from around 39 in 2000 to just under 43 in 2010.
- The median age of Stoughton residents is higher than the county-wide median (41), statewide median (39) and most of its neighboring communities with the exception of Avon and Sharon.

Portion of Total Population by Age Group



Regional Comparison, % Population Change 1990-2010



Population Profile

- Families with school age children makes up almost 28% of the resident population.
- Trends over the past decade include an increasing number of individuals living alone as well as families without children, and a growing number of households with seniors.
- Public school enrollment has declined from its high of nearly 4,200 students in 2000 to approximately 3,800 in 2012.

Household and Family Characteristics

- Stoughton has a slightly smaller average household size (2.6) than most of its neighbors.
- Stoughton also has less households with children under 18 and more households with seniors (over 65) than most of the comparison communities.

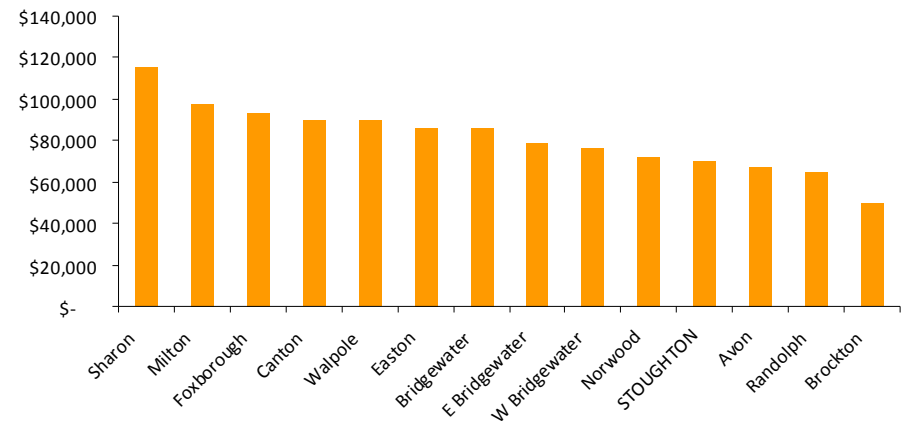
Household Composition, 2000-2010

Household or Family Type	2000	2010
Total Households	10,254	10,295
Households with individuals under 18 years	33.4%	31.3%
Households with individuals 65 years and over	27.1%	30.5%
Families with school age children	30.3%	27.9%
Two-parent families with school age children	23.6%	20.5%
Single parent families with school age children	6.7%	7.4%
Persons living alone	24.4%	25.6%
Seniors (over 65) living alone	9.9%	11.1%

Income

- Actual median household income rose from \$57,838 to \$69,945 between 2000 to 2010, representing a 20.9% increase.
- When adjusted for inflation, the 2000 household income is worth over \$75,000 in today's dollars, which would represent a decrease of 7.6%. Therefore, the increase in household income did not outpace inflation.
- More than 24% of households have incomes of less than \$35,000.
- The number of individuals living in poverty has increased from 4% to almost 8% since 2000.

Regional Comparison of Household Median Income, 2010

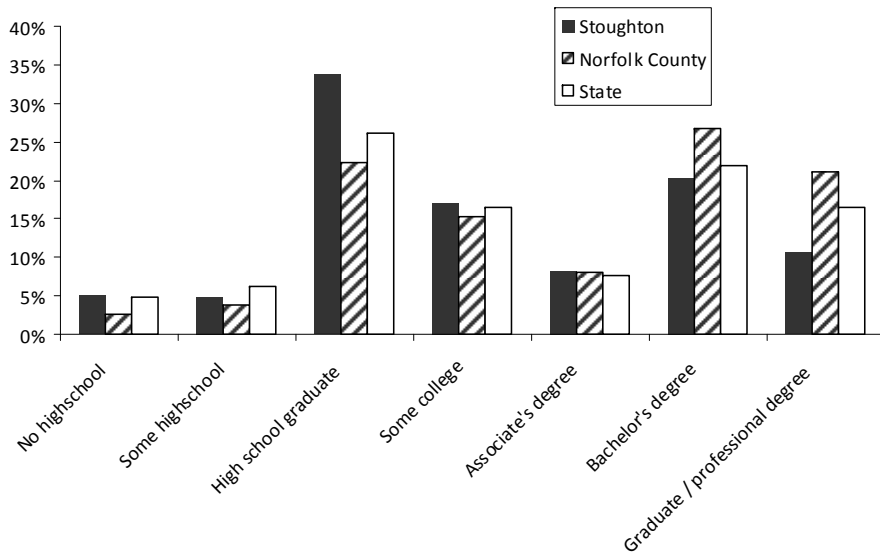


Population Profile

Education

- Stoughton's population is slightly less educated (in terms of educational attainment) than Norfolk County as a whole and as well as the statewide population.

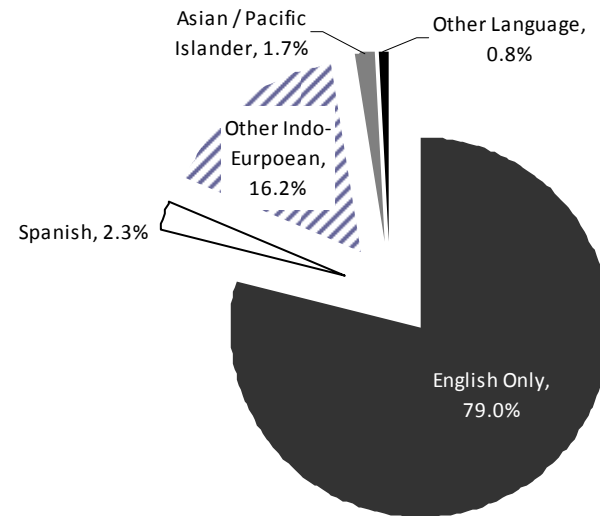
Level of Educational Attained for Population over 25



Diversity

- About 17% of Stoughton's population is estimated to be foreign-born.
- An estimated 21% of the total resident population over 5-years of age speaks a language other than English at home, and about 9% of those speak it less than "very well" (a US Census description).
- Approximately 21% of residents report their primary ancestry as Irish, 11% Italian, 9% Portuguese and Cape Verdean, and 4% Brazilian. Other primary ancestry reported included English, Russian, West Indian, Polish, German, and French Canadian.

Primary Languages Spoken at Home

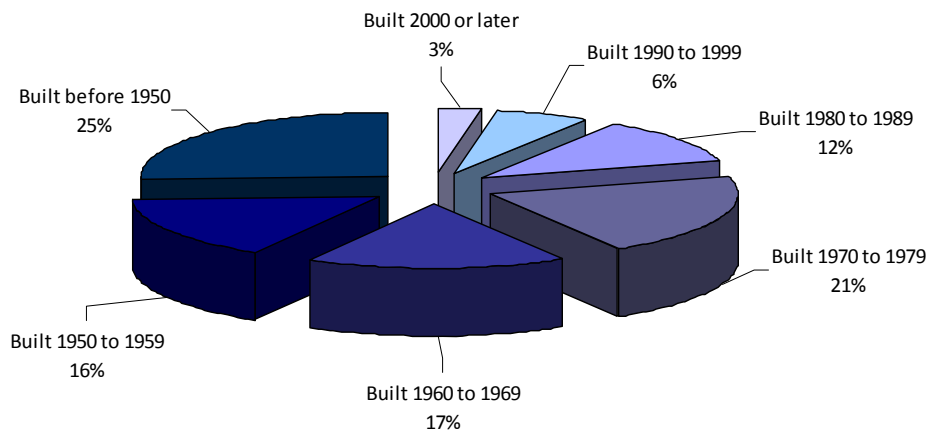


Housing

Growth

- Stoughton has a total of 10,787 housing units, a 2.9% increase since 2000.
- Housing growth is lower than most neighboring communities with the exception of Brockton (2.1%) and Avon (1.7%).
- The average growth rate for the region was 5.8%.
- While Stoughton has seen a limited increase in the number of housing in the last decade, a full 75% of its housing has been built since 1950.
- The largest period of housing growth was between 1950 and 1979 when total housing stock increased by an average of 18% a decade.

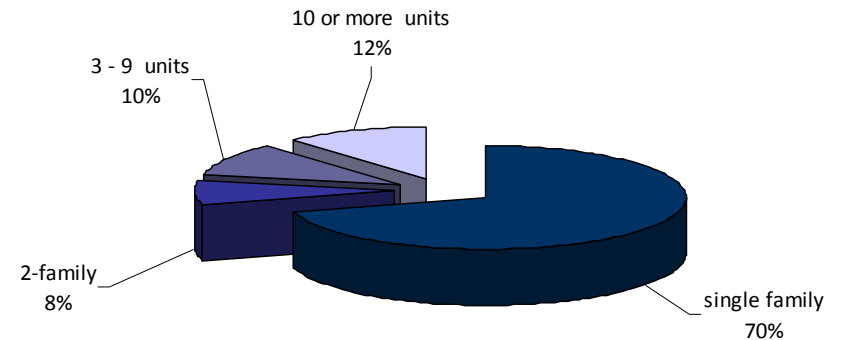
Figure 1: Housing Units - Year Built (Total Units 10,426)¹



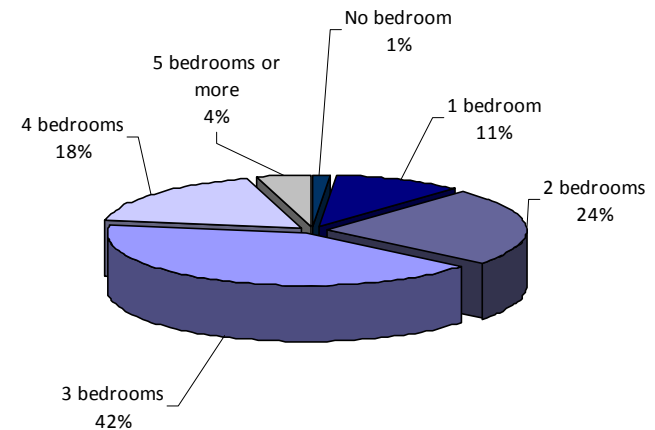
Diversity

- 75% of existing housing stock is single-family and 19% is condominiums.
- 40% of all multi-family structures have ten or more units.

Housing Types



Number of Bedrooms



- 25% of housing is rental

¹ American Community Survey, 2010

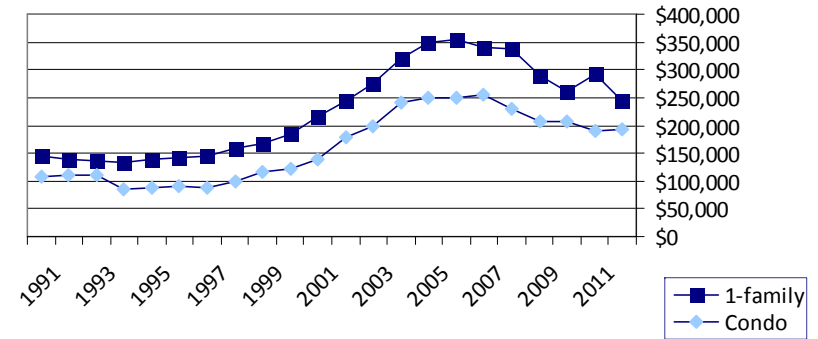
Housing

- The average percent of rental units for comparison communities is 19.2% with a range of 13.5% in Sharon to 44.2% in Brockton.

Rental Units as a Percent of Total

	2000	2010	% Change
Brockton	45.4%	44.2%	-2.6%
Norwood	42.8%	42.6%	-0.5%
Foxborough	28.1%	30.1%	7.1%
Randolph	27.7%	29.3%	5.8%
Canton	25.8%	26.2%	1.6%
Stoughton	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Bridgewater	25.4%	23.7%	-6.7%
Avon	23.5%	23.4%	-0.4%
Walpole	14.9%	17.7%	18.8%
Milton	15.9%	17.6%	10.7%
East Bridgewater	18.0%	16.8%	-6.7%
Easton	18.4%	16.2%	-12.0%
West Bridgewater	14.4%	14.5%	0.7%
Sharon	10.0%	13.5%	35.0%
Average	18.5%	19.2%	3.5%

Housing Prices



	2000	2005	2011	% change 2000 to 2011	% change 2005 to 2011
Brockton	\$142,900	\$275,000	153,850	7.7%	44.1%
Randolph	\$190,000	\$347,000	\$216,875	14.1%	37.5%
Bridgewater	\$229,900	\$385,000	\$262,500	14.2%	31.8%
Stoughton	\$215,000	\$353,750	\$243,750	13.4%	31.1%
Avon	\$178,250	\$328,000	\$226,750	27.2%	30.9%
East Bridgewater	\$190,000	\$322,000	\$238,750	25.7%	25.9%
West Bridgewater	\$200,500	\$350,000	\$264,000	31.7%	24.6%
Canton	\$312,500	\$508,000	\$405,000	29.6%	20.3%
Sharon	\$320,000	\$476,250	\$395,500	23.6%	17.0%
Easton	\$275,000	\$411,000	\$345,000	25.5%	16.1%
Norwood	\$235,500	\$405,000	\$344,950	46.5%	14.8%
Foxborough	\$257,500	\$399,450	\$350,000	35.9%	12.4%
Walpole	\$297,000	\$451,000	\$400,700	34.9%	11.2%
Milton	\$330,000	\$475,000	\$445,000	34.8%	6.3%
Average	\$251,211	\$411,532	\$317,605	26.6%	22.8%
State	\$215,000	\$359,500	\$286,000	33.0%	20.4%
Norfolk County	\$275,000	\$428,000	\$367,150	33.5%	14.2%

Housing Prices

- The median sale price for a single-family home in Stoughton in 2011 was \$243,750 (a 68% increase since 1990); and for a condo it was 192,500 (a 79% increase).
- The median sale price for a single family rose at a rate lower than most of its neighboring communities.
- Median sale price dropped by 31% from its peak in 2005 to 2011.
- Brockton, Randolph and Bridgewater saw median sale prices drop by a larger percent.

Housing

Cost of Housing

- Generally, housing is considered affordable if total costs (rent or mortgage plus utilities) are no more than 30% of a household's annual income.
- Stoughton's median monthly housing costs for mortgaged homeowners is \$2,008, non-mortgaged homeowners \$656, and renters \$1,095.²
- 45% of owners with mortgages, 30% of owners without mortgages, and 62% of renters in Stoughton spent 30% or more of household income on housing.

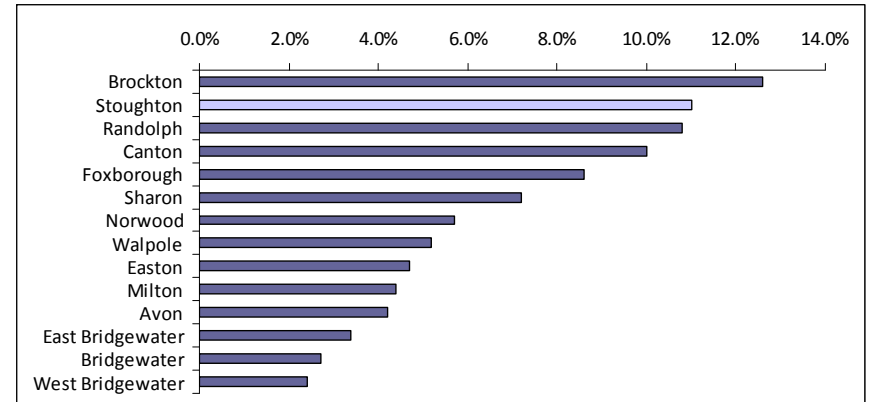
Percent of Households with Housing Costs More Than 30% of Annual Household Income

	with mortgage	without mortgage	pay rent
Brockton	55%	28%	57%
Randolph	51%	23%	57%
Stoughton	45%	30%	62%
Avon	41%	20%	59%
Canton	39%	27%	46%
East Bridgewater	38%	22%	33%
Norwood	37%	20%	37%
Walpole	37%	21%	46%
Easton	37%	27%	65%
West Bridgewater	35%	24%	28%
Milton	34%	24%	57%
Sharon	33%	23%	50%
Foxborough	32%	12%	32%
Bridgewater	31%	19%	41%

Affordable Housing

- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts encourages communities to set aside 10% of its total housing stock to meet the needs of low and moderate income residents (affordable housing).
- Not meeting 10% standard makes the town susceptible to a state override of local zoning if a developer chooses to create affordable housing through the Chapter 40B comprehensive permit process, which requires 25% of all units to be affordable.
- Stoughton has exceeded the 10% affordability standard with 11%.
- The average for all comparison communities is 6.6%.

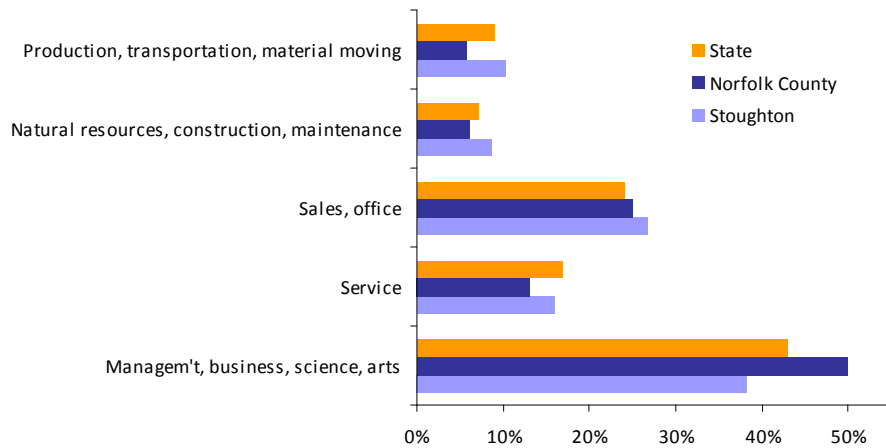
Percent of Households on Subsidized Housing Inventory



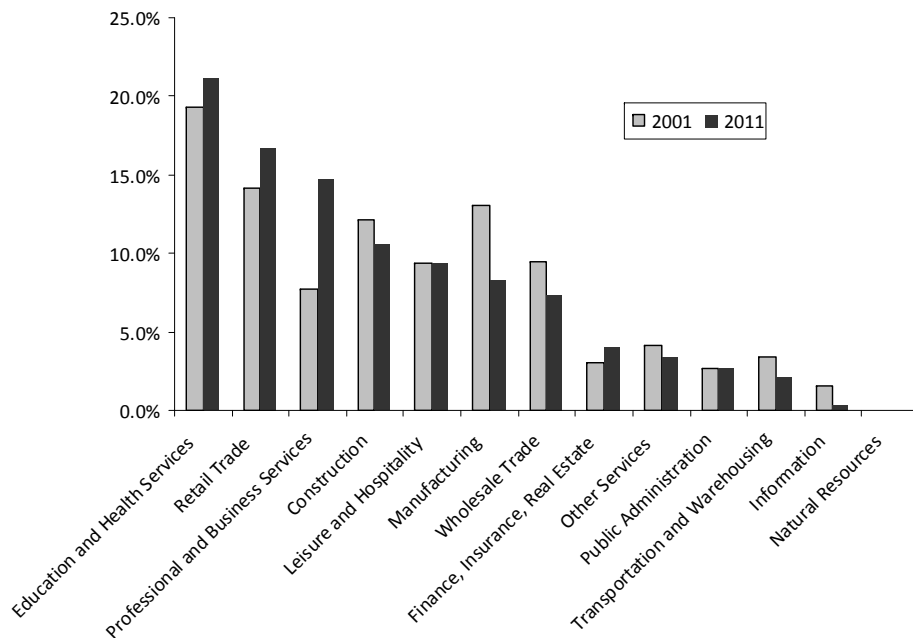
² American Community Survey

Economy

Occupations of Stoughton Residents, Norfolk County and State



Portion of total jobs in Stoughton by Industry Sector, 2001 and 2010



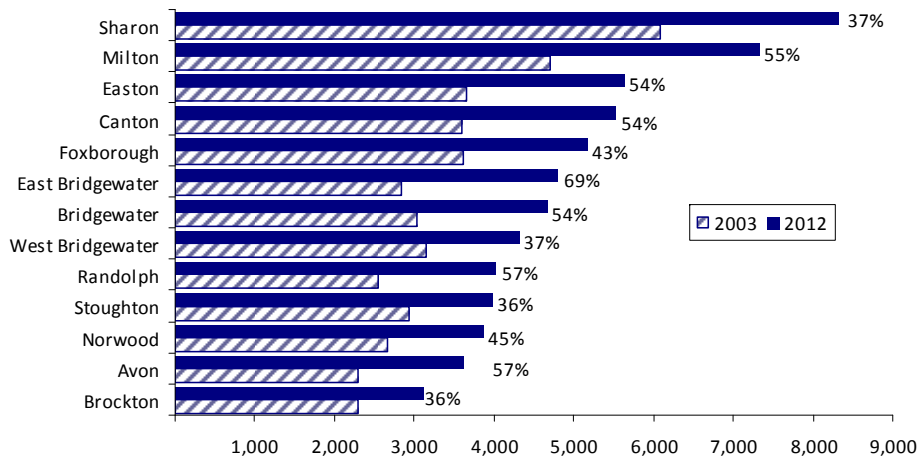
- Stoughton's unemployment rate has remained higher than the region over the past few decades, but slightly lower than the state-wide rate.
- The occupational profile of Stoughton residents approximately mirrors that of the state and the county with a large concentration of people in managerial, business, science and arts occupations.
- While manufacturing still plays a role in the local economy, the trend has continued to shift toward the services sectors.
- Overall, local employers provide about 12,700 jobs today.
- Over the past decade, the education and health services industries have been the leading local employers and currently provide about 22% of local jobs. The retail trade sector provides about 16% of local jobs. Employment in each of these sectors has remained fairly consistent over the past few decades.
- Stoughton has a somewhat broader tax base than Massachusetts cities and towns generally and less reliance on residential taxes than neighboring communities.

Stoughton's Property Tax Base, FY2012

Classification	Assessed Value	% of Total
Residential	\$2,344,859,588	78.3%
Commercial	\$388,589,578	13.0%
Industrial	\$153,965,335	5.1%
Personal Property*	\$105,396,750	3.5%
Total	\$2,992,811,251	

Economy

Area Average Single Family Tax Bills 2003 and 2012 (with percent increase)



- Stoughton’s average 2003 tax bill ranked in the mid-range for all Massachusetts communities as well as for the comparison region. By 2012, Stoughton’s average residential tax bill had increased slightly relative to the state, but dropped to the fourth lowest in the region.

Economic Growth Opportunities

Within the past decade town and regional studies have reviewed potential for economic growth in some key areas in Stoughton.

Stoughton Town Center

- Stoughton Center is served by an existing commuter rail station and has been identified for redevelopment opportunities that could capitalize on the transit access.

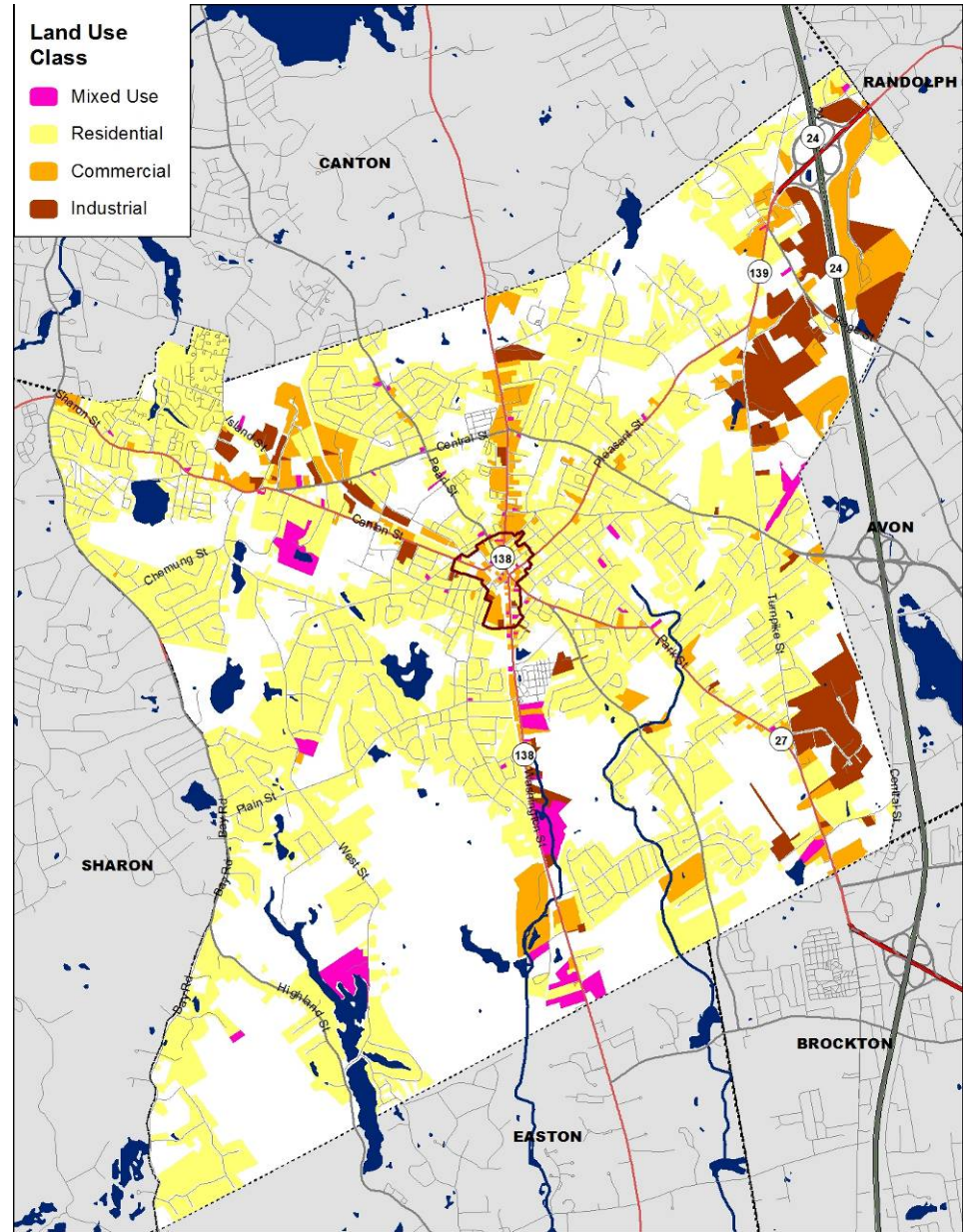
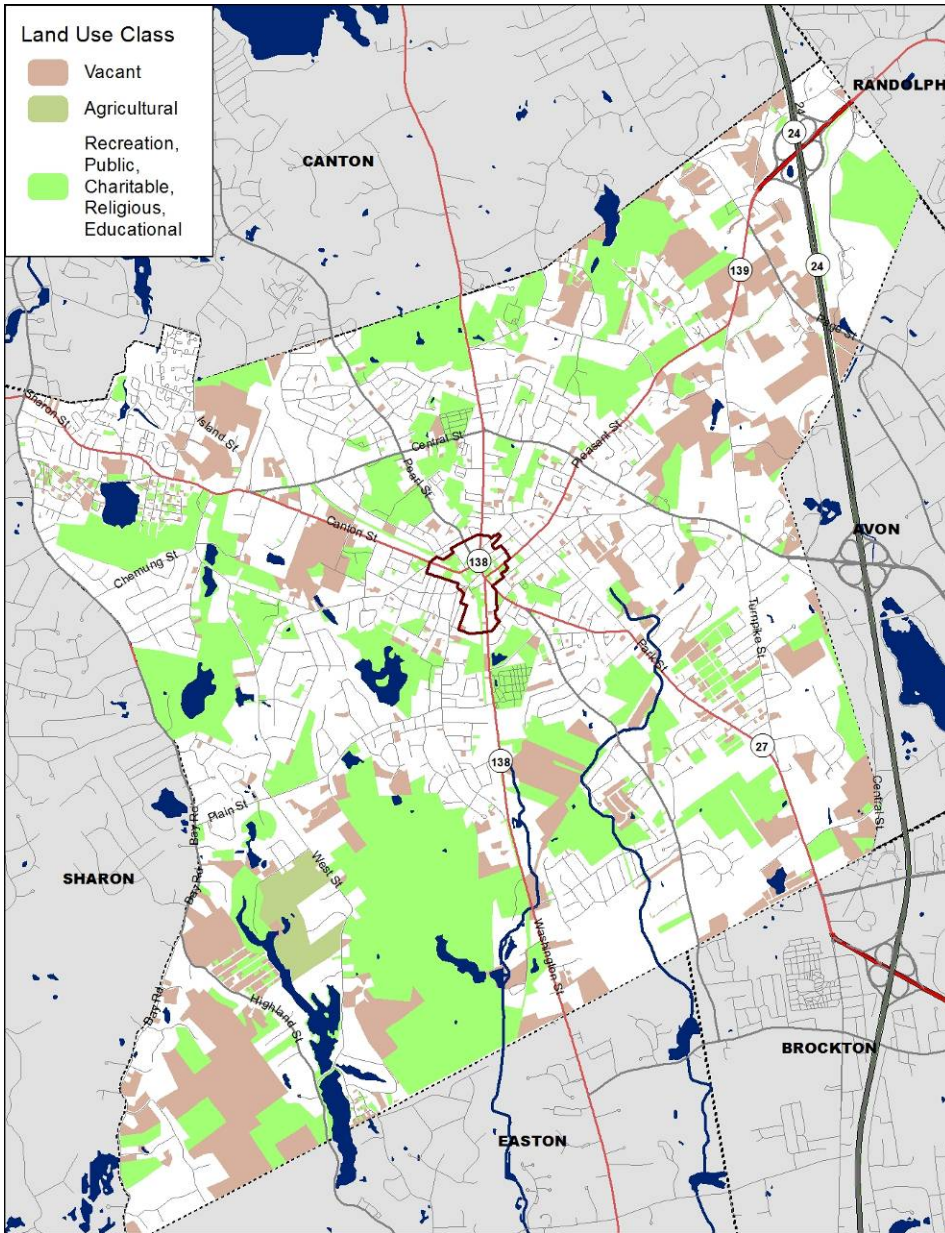
North Stoughton

- This area has existing commercial and industrial uses and good highway access. The Plan noted that expansion was limited by infrastructure capacity, particularly local roadway access.

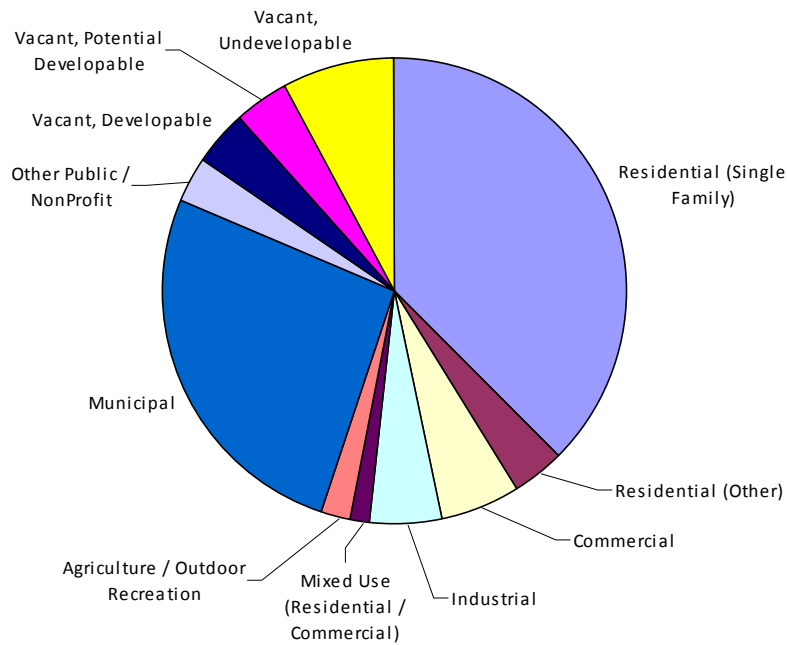
East Stoughton

- Campanelli Industrial Park has vacant and underutilized warehouse facilities. The Plan observed that the site is currently served by septic, and sewer is available just over the town line in Brockton. Redevelopment potential is supported by good highway access.

Land Use



Land Use



Land use in Stoughton is about:

- 41 % residential
- 29 % in municipal and other public or nonprofit use (includes some open and recreational space)
- 12 % commercial, industrial, or mixed use
- 18 % agricultural uses and vacant private land
- 8 % of land (730 acres) is listed by Assessor as “developable” or “potentially developable.” It is likely that some of these sites have development limitations.

Zoning

- Residential-Suburban A (RA)
- Residential-Suburban B (RB)
- Residential-Suburban C (RC)
- Residential-Urban (RU)
- Residential-Multifamily (R-M)
- Central Business District (CBD)
- General Business (GB)
- Neighborhood Business (NB)
- Highway Business (HB)
- Industrial District (I)
- Stoughton Center Mixed Use Overlay District (SMOUD)

Of Stoughton’s five residential zones, two allow multi-family housing:

- RU allows conversion of single family to up to four units
- RM allows multi-family including more than four

Stoughton has four business zones allowing general retail and commercial uses. In addition three allow housing:

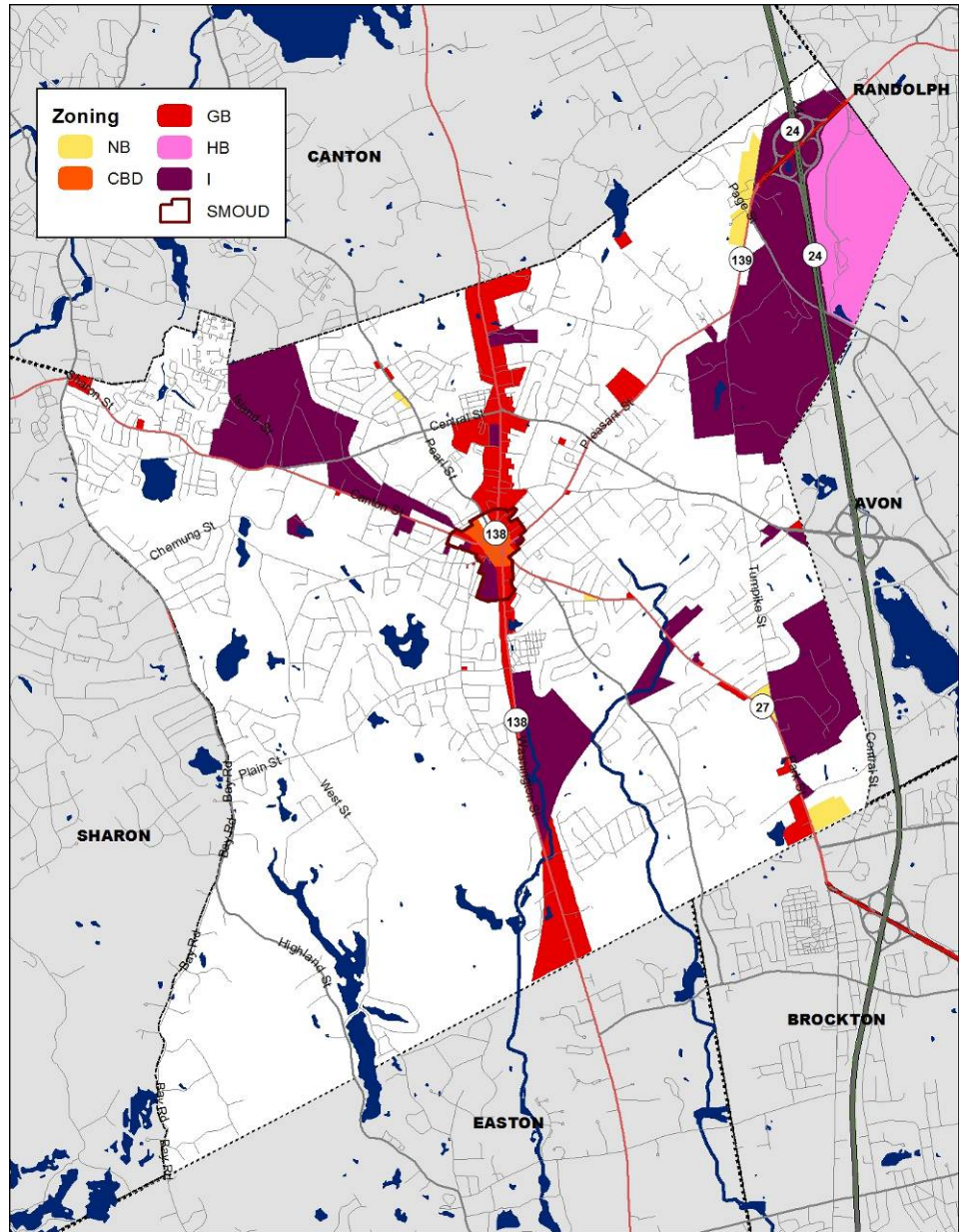
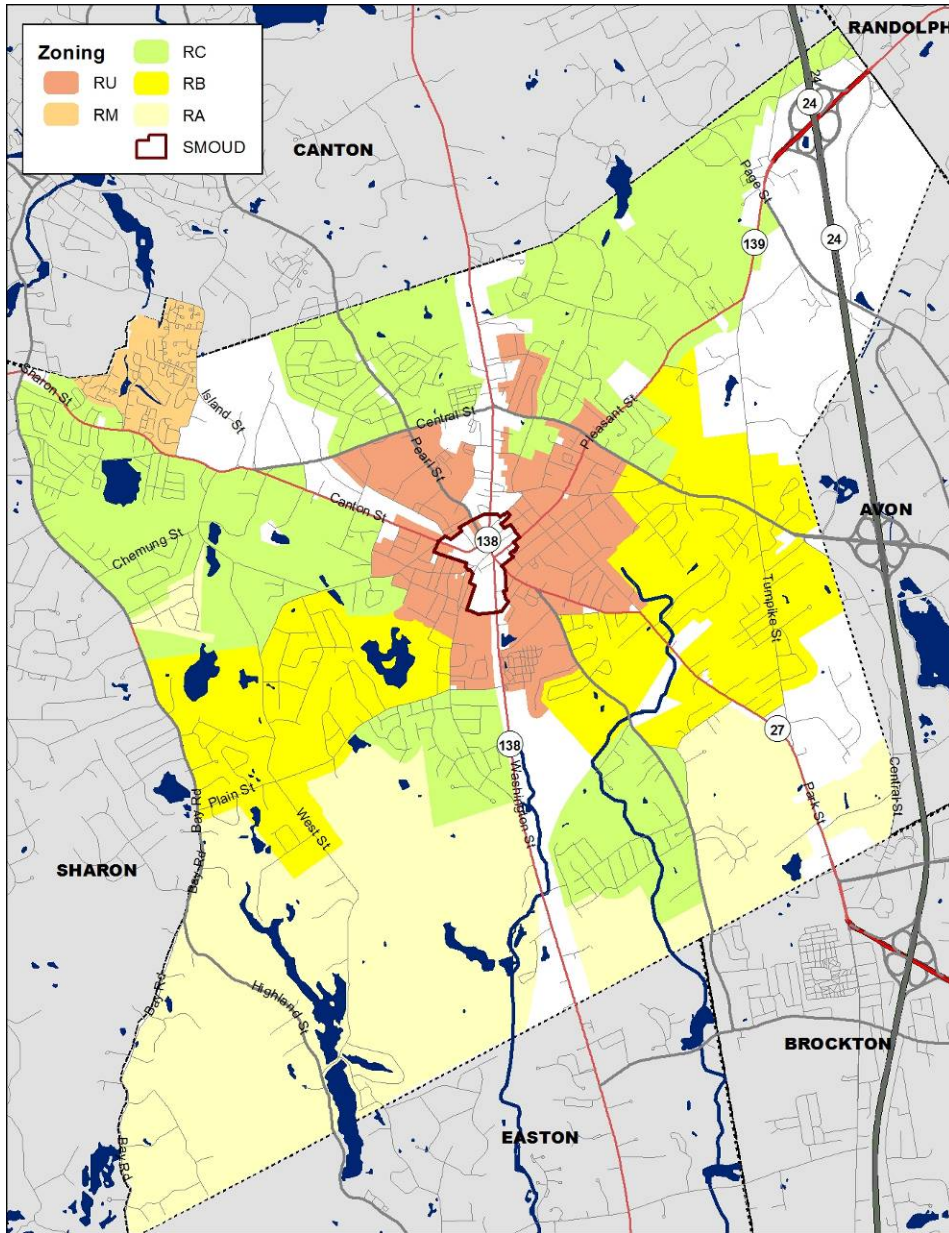
- Central Business District (CBD) allows multi-family
- General Business (GB) allows conversion to multi-family, elderly or congregate housing,
- Highway Business (HB) – conversion to multi-family dwellings

Stoughton Industrial Districts are in nine areas of town

Stoughton Center Mixed Use Overlay District goals:

- Cultural and architectural integrity
- Range and balance of residential and commercial uses
- Integrate design and synergies between activities
- Housing variety
- Vitality - day and evening
- Pedestrian-friendly / encourages transit use and bicycling
- Economic development consistent with design guidelines and sensitive to environmental impacts
- Building reuse and infill
- Innovative and sustainable building and site design

Zoning



Natural, Cultural and Recreational Resources

Natural Resources

- Ponds are the town's principal open water resource (about 234 acres).
- There are over 1,312 acres of wetlands in Stoughton, most are wooded or shrub swamp.
- Stoughton has two significant high yield aquifers and additional medium yield aquifers.
- Land held by the Town's Water Department is primarily for the purpose of protecting its aquifers and well head areas.
- The town has an estimated forest cover of over 4,129 acres, roughly 40% of its land.
- Estimated agriculture and grass lands cover about 200 acres.
- Rare and endangered animal species in Stoughton include Blanding's Turtle and Eastern Box Turtle.



Cultural Resources

- Three local organizations have primary responsibilities to preserve and promote Stoughton's cultural resources:
 - Stoughton Cultural Council
 - Stoughton Historical Commission
 - Stoughton Community Preservation Committee
- Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) lists 108 cultural resources in Stoughton that have been identified as historically or architecturally significant.
- Stoughton has two buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

Lucius Clapp Memorial



Stoughton Railroad Station



- Nine municipal buildings (current and past) are identified as cultural resources.

Building	Location	Built	Current Use
Stoughton Water Works*	1748 Central Street	1892	vacant, reuse desired
Stoughton Fire Station	30 Freeman Street	1927	Fire Station
1 st Stoughton Public Library	Morton Square	1854	residential
Lucius Clapp Memorial	6 Park Street	1903	Stoughton Historical Society
Kimball School	Park Avenue	1903	church activities
Stoughton Town Hall	10 Pearl Street	1881	Town Hall
Smith School	Plain Street	1871	residential
Park School	Weaver Street	1859	church activities
Stoughton Railroad Station**	33 Wyman Street	1888	vacant, for sale

Municipal Buildings included in Cultural Inventory

* Designated an American Water Landmark in 1987 by the American Water Works Association

**State-owned (MBTA)

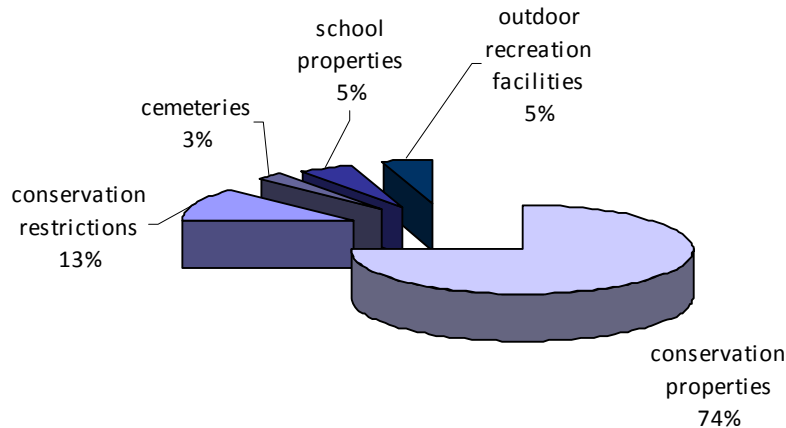
- 24 buildings/areas highlight Stoughton's industry and economy including taverns, mills, factories, retail and service companies.

Natural, Cultural and Recreational Resources

Open Space and Recreational Resources

- There are about 2,000 acres of protected open space in Stoughton (19% of town's total area).
- Partially or temporarily protected lands include School properties (214 acres), Chapter 61 lands (120 acres) and cemeteries (56 acres).

Fully and Partially Protected Open Space



- Areas of Conservation Interest as described in 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan include:
 - Ames Long Pond East (110 acres)
 - Benson Road (177 acres)
 - Britton's Pond (86 acres)
 - Memorial Lands (93 acres)
 - *Glen Echo Pond (97 acres) has been purchased
- Outdoor Recreational Facilities total 224 acres and include
 - 9 playgrounds
 - 17 baseball/softball fields
 - 8 soccer/football fields
 - 5 multi-purpose fields
 - 10 tennis courts
 - 10.5 basketball courts
- Stoughton Recreation Department is responsible for maintenance and programming of recreational facilities and includes 2 full-time year round employees and ten to thirty seasonal employees.

Municipally-Owned Protected Open Space

Property	Acres	Use
Managed by Stoughton Conservation Commission		
Almon Fredericks	3.5	pedestrian
Ames Pond Area	185.0	hunting, fishing, swimming, sailing, skating
Capen Reynolds Farm	28.0	education, passive recreation, hiking
Cedar Swamp (Summer Gardens)	92.0	conservation only
Chemung Hill Area	27.7	hiking
D Forbes Estate	15.0	conservation only
Dogwood Estates (Shiretown Parcel)	14.3	passive recreation, hiking
Glen Echo Lake	97.2	passive recreation, hiking, swimming
Libby Farm	80.0	passive recreation, hiking
North Stoughton Area	31.4	conservation only
Reynolds Estate	48.4	passive recreation, hiking
Stonehill College Gift (Cedar Swamp)	39.9	conservation only
Stoughton Conservation Memorial Lands (Bird Street Conservation Area)	675.0	passive recreation, hiking, swimming, playground
Tanglewood Area	7.2	conservation only
T L Edwards Estate	12.9	conservation only
Wood Pond	62.2	conservation only
Managed by Canton Conservation Commission		
Canton Conservation Lands	40.0	passive recreation
Managed by Stoughton Water Department		
Ames Long Pond Watershed	43.2	watershed and well protection
Dry Pond/Guerney Well Area	13.6	Watershed and well protection
Muddy and Town Pond	204.7	watershed
Pinewood Lake Watershed	50.9	Watershed and well protection
Managed by Stoughton DPW Forestry and Veterans Department		
Faxon Memorial Park	1.0	passive recreation

*Does not include active recreation lands: playgrounds, parks, fields

Transportation & Circulation

Roadway System

- Total Miles: 123.43
- 42.23 Miles (34%) are eligible for federal aid
- 16 traffic signals
- 3 flashing beacons
- Estimated 30,000 vehicles enter Stoughton Square daily
- 19,148 Average Daily Trips (ADT) for Washington Street (Route 138) at Canton Town Line
 - 0.5% decrease in volume from 2005
- Rate of annual growth has slowed slightly (-.2%)

Traffic Congestion

- Most Congested Routes
 - Stoughton Square – including Porter Street to School Street, and Pearl Street to School Street
 - Washington Street (Route 138) – Stoughton Square to Canton Town Line
 - Central Street – Washington Street to Cobb's Corner
 - Pearl Street – Central Street to Canton Town Line

Pedestrian / Bicycle Facilities

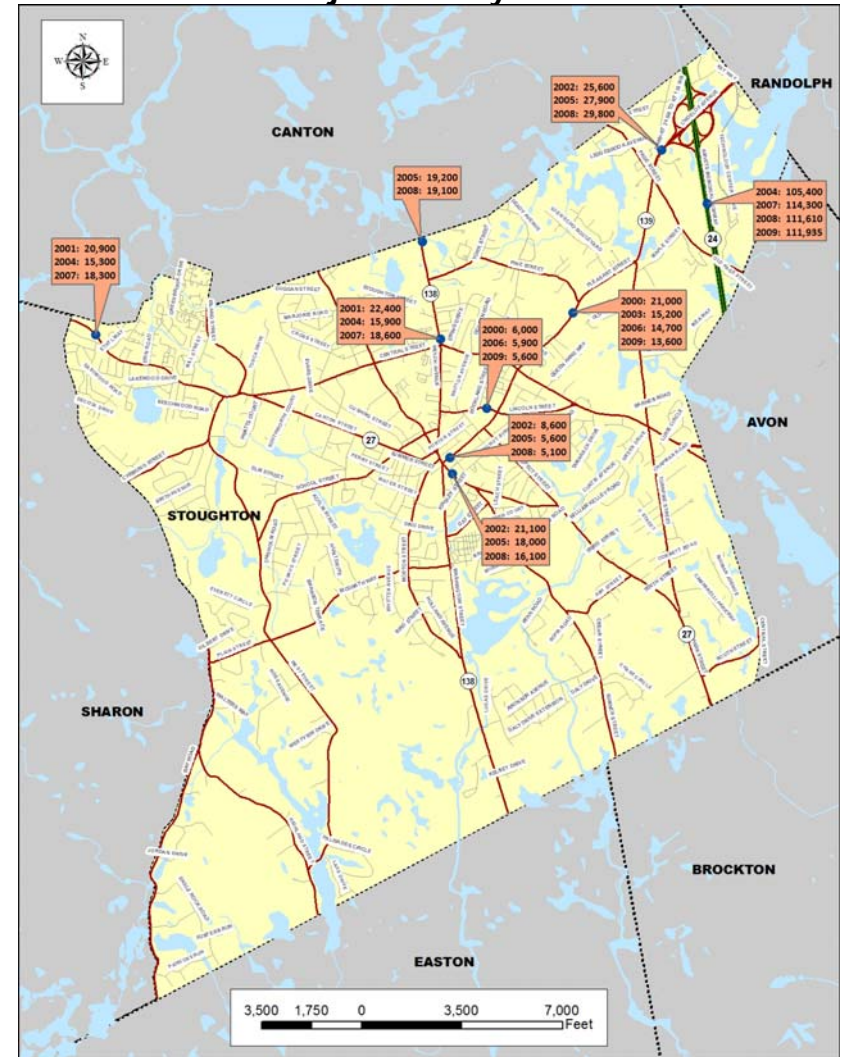
- Crosswalks / sidewalks / multi-use trails
- OCPC study (2011) found significant lack of adequate pedestrian/bicycle accommodations
- High frequency of accidents
- Safe Routes to School Program (Gibbons, Dawe, South and West Schools)

Transit

- MBTA Stoughton Station serves about 800 peak period users/day
- Brockton Area Transit (BAT) provides 15 fixed bus routes to six communities
- Stoughton Council on Aging vans serve seniors and disabled for low fee

- Public School Buses provided for students k-6 beyond 2 miles of school (fee required if within 2 miles)

Traffic volume on major roadways



Transportation & Circulation

Parking

- Recent study found Stoughton Center has highest unmet parking demand
 - 1,900 spaces available
 - 2,400 spaces needed



Existing Off-Street Parking Lots

Commuting

- 82.9% of Stoughton residents drive alone to work
- Percent of residents carpooling or using public transportation has decreased since 1990

Top Commuting Destinations for Stoughton Residents

	Commute Destination	2006-08	2000	% Increase
1.	Stoughton	27%	19%	+8%
2.	Boston	19%	19%	-
3.	Brockton	7%	6%	+1%
4.	Canton	6%	9%	-2%
5.	Norwood	5%	3%	+2%
6.	Randolph	4%	3%	+1%
7.	Quincy	3%	4%	-1%
8.	Braintree	3%	2%	+1%
9.	Taunton	3%	1%	+2%
10.	Newton	2%	2%	-

Means of Transportation to Work

Mean of Transportation	2000 (%)	2006-08 (%)
Drove alone	78.0%	82.9%
Carpooled	8.5%	6.2%
Public transportation	9.0%	4.7%
Walked	1.6%	2.0%
Other means	0.5%	1.2%
Worked at home	2.4%	2.8%

Transportation & Circulation

Safety

- 2,427 crashes between 2006 and 2008
- Washington Street (Route 138) at Central Street is currently ranked #16 on the state's Top 200 Top Crash Locations
- During the 2006 to 2008 time period Stoughton experienced 34 crashes involving pedestrians and 19 crashes involving bicycles

High Crash Locations 2007 – 2009

Intersection	Total Crashes	Fatal Injuries	Non-Fatal Injuries
Washington Street (Route 138) at Central Street	87	0	21
Canton Street (Route 27) at School Street	33	1	21
Plain Street at West Street	13	0	21
Lindelof Avenue (Route 139) at Technology Center Drive	23	0	17
School Street at Pearl Street	41	0	13
Washington Street (Route 138) at York Street	28	0	14
Pleasant Street (Route 1390 at Lincoln Street	23	0	14
Central Street at Pearl Street	36	0	11
Turnpike Street (Route 139) at Page Street	30	0	12

Community Services and Facilities

Governance, Finance and Operations

- Town Meeting Form of Government
 - 21 representatives from each of the eight Stoughton voting precincts
 - Town Manger is the Town's Chief Executive Officer, responsible for day-to-day operations
 - Board of Selectman -5 member elected board responsible for health, safety and welfare of town.
- Municipal staff includes 263 full time and 75 part time employees within 15 town departments (in addition to school)
- Approximately ## volunteers sit on various boards and committees

Department/Position	Responsibility
Accounting: 3 person team	Oversees financial operation of all departments
Town Collector/Treasurer	Oversees cash management (income and payments) including Trust Funds, employee group benefit programs, and debt management.
Finance Committee: Standing committee of Town Meeting (17 members)	Recommends annual fiscal year budget and all articles that require appropriation to Town Meeting. Ensures sound fiscal policy, strong financial management and pro-active fiscal planning
Assessing: Director and 3 staff	Handles data collection and analysis. Evaluates properties and updates records. Assists with processing personal exemptions, property abatements, and vehicle excise payments. Helps maintain on-line property record database.
Town Clerk: Assisted by three staff	Official keeper of record. Organizes and oversees election process. Conducts annual town census. Administers the oath of offices. Issues licenses, certifications, and permits, and Submits bylaws to the Attorney General for approval.

Public Safety

- Stoughton Police Department has 56 employees including 49 uniformed officers.
- The Police Department responded to 23,189 calls for service in 2011 (an average of over 63 calls a day).
- Arrests and citations were down 6% in 2011 compared to 2010.
- The Police Department is focused on (and near to) gaining State Accreditation a recognition that only 45 Department in the State have obtained to date.
- Animal Control estimates a 60% increase in wildlife calls from the past year (an average of three calls a day).



- The Stoughton Fire Department has 54 employees including 44 fire fighters.
- The Fire Department responded to 5,491 calls for assistance in 2011 (an average of 15 a day) including 25 building fires.
- Over half of Fire Department calls are for Emergency Medical Services.
- 2,200 patients were transported by ambulance in 2011.

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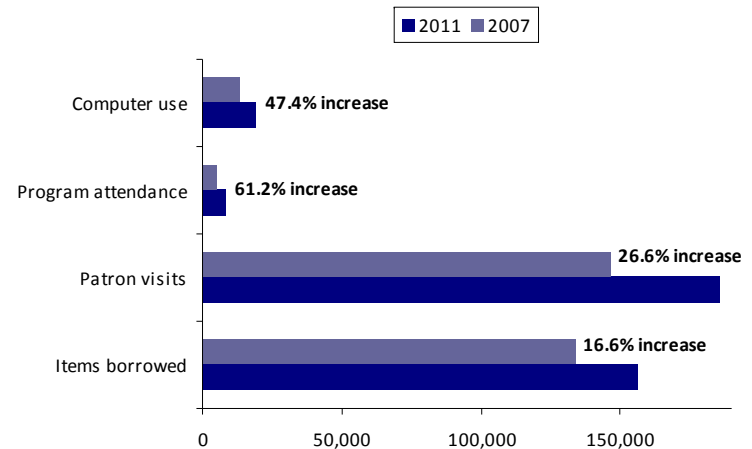
Land Use Development

Department/Position	Responsibility
Engineering Department: Health Agent, GIS services, Town Planner Town Engineer and support staff	Prepares / maintains plan and map records including utility plans, constructions plans and specifications. Assists the Conservation Commission and Planning Board with plan review. Assists in compliance with state stormwater regulations. Maintains the Geographic Information System Performs field surveys to determine locations of all water and sewer services, inspects connections and issues sewer connections permits.
Building and Zoning Department: Commissioner and 4 staff	Oversees construction, alteration, repair and demolition. Serves as the zoning enforcement office. Handles inspections and processes building , gas, plumbing, and electrical permits
Board of Health: 5-member board Staffed by Health Agent / Town Sanitarian	Oversees public safety and health emergency preparedness, Enforces health and sanitation laws and housing code Issues permits and licenses for certain businesses Investigates public health nuisance issues
Zoning Board of Appeals: 5 regular and 5 alternate members.	Hears petitions for variances, special permits, and persons appealing decisions of the Building Commissioner or Planning Board.
Planning Board: 5 members Staffed by Town Planner	Administers zoning bylaw and subdivision control law Reviews site plans for commercial, industrial and multi-family development Recommends land use planning policies and strategies
Conservation Commission 7 member appointed board staffed by Conservation Agent	Protects the town's natural resources, most specifically water resources Manages 1300 acres for conservation purposes

Public Education and Culture

- The Stoughton public school system currently serves 3,819 K-12 students in addition to its extended education programs.
- Enrollment has declined by about 9% since reaching just over 4,100 in 2000.
- Schools include five elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and an early childhood education center
- Stoughton continues to retain its neighborhood schools and average class size (at 17.8) remains below the state-wide average (19.2).
- The high school dropout rate is just over 1% (below the state-wide average of just under 3%).
- Stoughton offers alternative and adult education including diploma programs, enrichment and college courses.
- The Stoughton Library has a collection of over 100,000 items and

Increase in Demand for Library Services¹



- The library's outreach and community services include a specialized delivery to homebound patrons, a student homework center, and an adult literacy program.

¹ Town Annual Report, 2011

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- The Library's Adult Literacy program offers free tutor training and in-service workshops to match adult student learners with volunteer tutors. As of 2011, there were 60 matched tutor/student pairs, with 100 on the waiting list.
- Stoughton Media Access Corporation (SMAC) is a non-profit organization that provides Stoughton residents greater access to municipal governance and opportunities to create locally controlled programming.
- SMAC receives funding primarily from local cable providers (% of revenue from local subscribers).

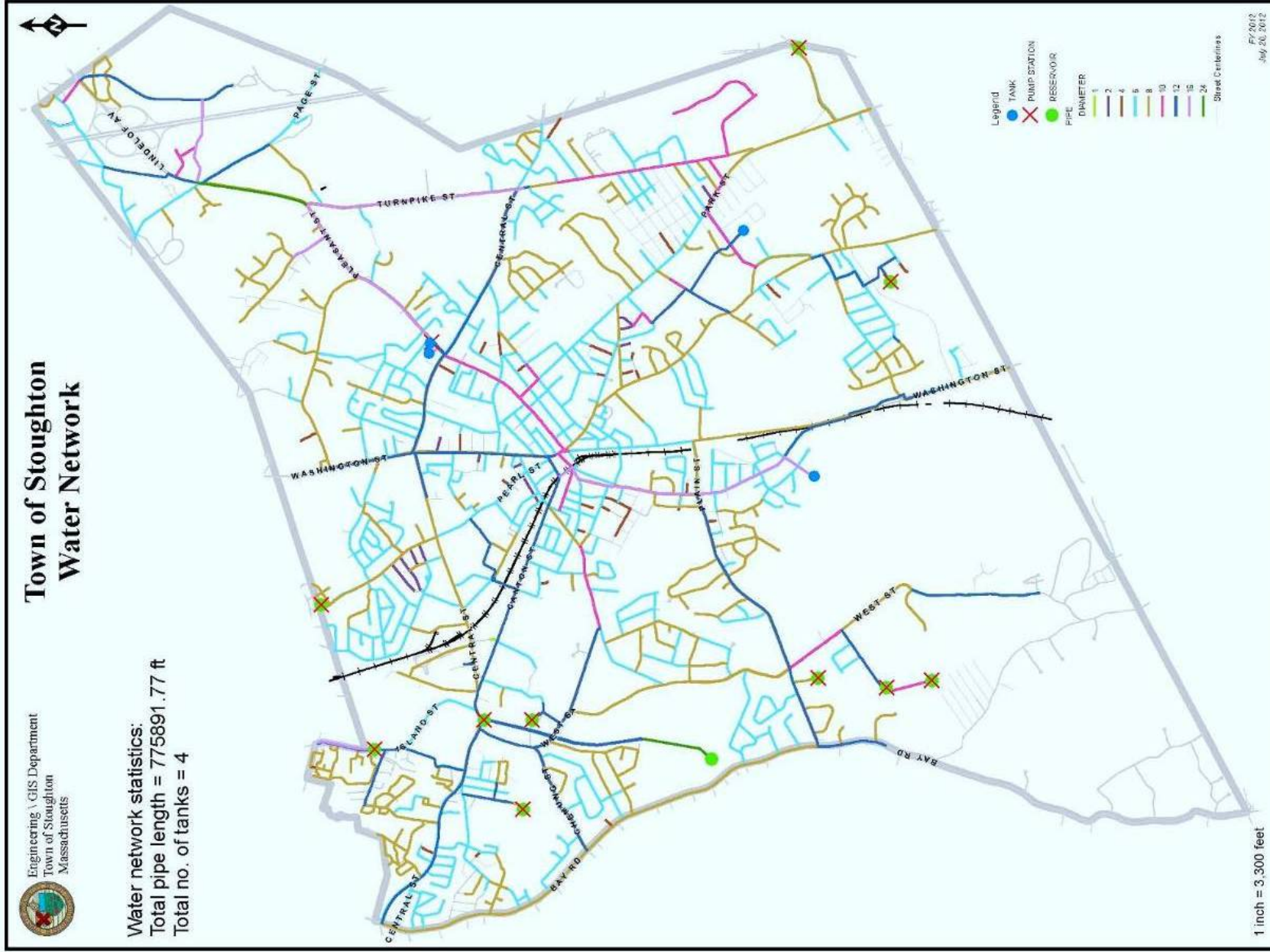
Public Works

- The Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for the management and maintenance of town infrastructure including:
 - more than 100 miles of paved roadways,
 - parks and squares mowing,
 - cleaning and repairing of storm drains and other stormwater control facilities,
 - water treatment and distribution,
 - wastewater collection services,
 - equipment and building maintenance,
 - forestry and
 - sanitation.
- In 2011, DPW removed 8,612.24 tons of trash and 3,441 tons of recyclables.
- The DPW operates with a staff of 52 full time employees
- DPW distributes water to a population of approximately 26,600 and maintains approximately 8,800 water service accounts.
- The town owns and maintains 109 miles of sewer mains, 2,693 manholes, 15 pump stations, about 5,800 service connections, and a metered discharge connection to the MWRA sewer system.
- The town's stormwater collection system consists of 2,989 catch basins or inlets, 1800 manholes and 200 outfalls.

Public Services

Agency	Responsibility
Council on Aging Director and 14 staff Overseen by appointed 9-member Board	Serves seniors 60 and residents of any age with a disability. Provides low cost transportation services. Provides 60-80 low cost meals daily Connect seniors with needed services. Offers classes, social events, educational workshops and outings.
Youth Commission: Shares director with COA, and 4 staff Overseen by appointed 7-member Board	Provides support and outreach to youth and their families to promote healthy living and mutual respect. Offers free professional mental health counseling. Provides classes to improve family communication, stress management, and family functioning. Implements substance abuse prevention programs.
Public Health/ Visiting Nurse Association	Provides health services to individuals within the town and neighboring communities including screening, clinics, immunization shots, and care for homebound individuals In 2011, the VNA provided home visits to 215 patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,655 skilled nursing • 997 physical therapy • 433 occupational therapy • 106 speech therapy • 9 medical social work • 1,978 home health aid
Veterans Services: Veterans Agent and 1 staff	Provides aid and benefit assistance to veterans and their families Maintains veterans' graves and memorials and conducts ceremonies at Holidays and town events

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