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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 2013 CEDS Annual Report provides 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.

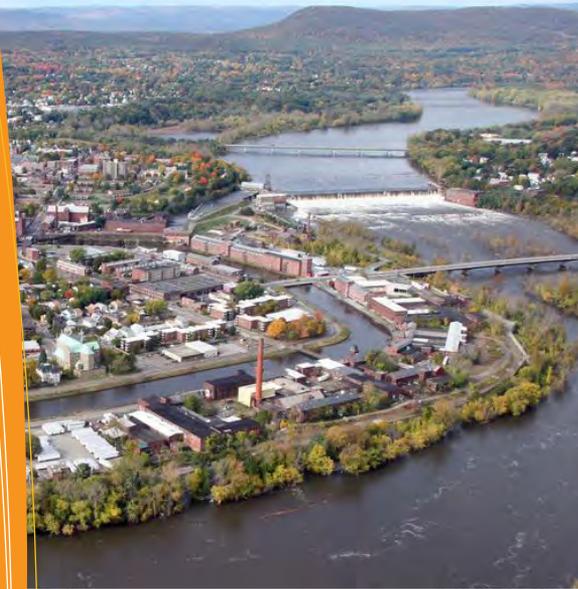


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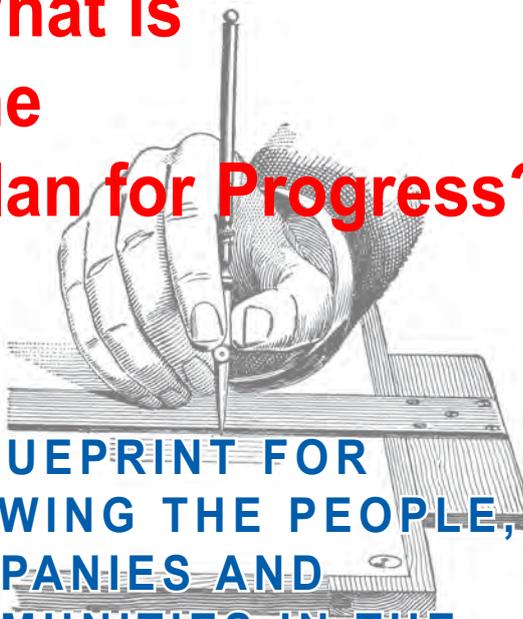
Holyoke Canals, the Connecticut River, and the Pioneer Valley

Report Card for the Region 2013

	2010	2011	Change	Result
Growth of Private Sector Payroll	\$9.0 billion	\$9.2 billion	+2.2%	
High School Dropout Rate	4.3%	4.8%	+12.0%	
Rate of Property and Violent Crime (Reported Per 100 Persons)	3.4	3.0	-11.8%	
	2011	2012	Change	Result
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	7.7%	-7.2%	
Median Sale Price of Single- Family Home	\$177,817	\$177,095	-0.4%	
MCAS Reading Test Proficiency	53.5%	54.6%	+2.0%	

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

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 15 economic strategies supported and advanced by an ever-expanding network of business, academic, civic, and other leaders from across the region.

Strategic Goals of the Plan for Progress

Strengthen and Expand
the region's economic base

Foster
means of regional competitiveness

Supply
the region with an educated, skilled and adequately
sized pool of workers

Foster
the region's business climate and prospects for
sustainable economic growth



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Connecticut River & the Pioneer Valley



Reconstruction of the Norwottuck Rail
Trail

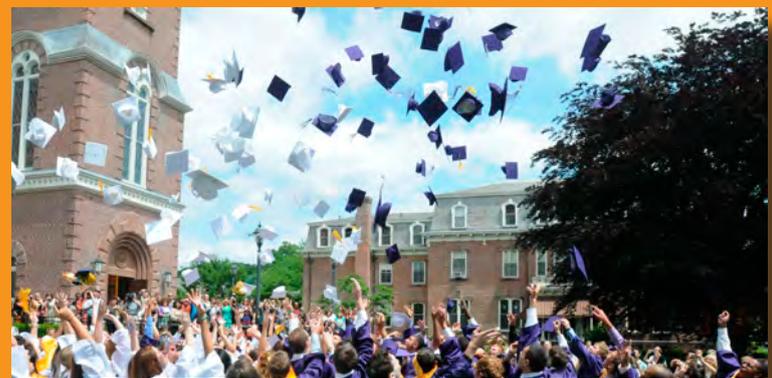


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Cathedral High School Graduation

Committed Projects of Regional Significance

Project	Key Implementer(s)	Public or Private?	Total Estimated Cost
U.S. Tsubaki Power Transmission Expansion (Holyoke)	U.S. Tsubaki	Private	\$6.3 M
Commonwealth Honors College, UMass/Amherst	UMass/Amherst	Public	\$186.5 M
UMass/Amherst Life Science Research Centers	UMass/Amherst, MA Life Sciences Center	Public	\$95.0 M
Senior Housing at Ludlow Mills	Winn Development/ Westmass	Private	\$20.0 M
Latino Food Distributors – New Headquarters in Springfield	Latino Food Distributors, 90 Meat Outlet	Private	\$4.1 M
Christopher Heights of Northampton – Affordable Assisted Living Community	Grantham Group	Private	\$13.4 M
Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute – Center of Innovation for Health Informatics and Technology	UMass/Amherst, Baystate Medical Center, MA Life Sciences Center	Public	\$5.5 M
Federal Rail Administration Grant to Rebuild the Conn. River N/S Rail Corridor	FRA, MassDOT & PanAm Rail	Public	\$73.0 M
Westfield State University Housing in Downtown Westfield	OPAL Real Estate Group	Private	\$5.0 M
Union Station Regional Intermodal Transportation Center – Phase I & II	City of Springfield, MassDOT, and FTA	Public	\$83.0 M
New 430 Megawatt Natural Gas-Fired Electric Generation Plant in Westfield	Pioneer Valley Energy Center	Private	\$400.0 M
Center for Life Sciences at Holyoke Community College (HCC)	HCC, MA Life Sciences Center	Public	\$3.8 M
Chicopee Senior Center	City of Chicopee, Friends of the Chicopee Senior Center	Public/Private	\$8.0 M
Mass Mutual Expansion in Springfield	MassMutual Financial Group	Private	\$59.4 M
New Emergency Room at Baystate Medical Center	Baystate Health Systems	Private	\$45.0 M
Reconstruction of Norwottuck Rail Trail	MA Dept of Conservation and Recreation, MassDOT	Public	\$4.4 M
New Longmeadow High School	Town of Longmeadow, MA School Bldg Authority	Public	\$78.4 M
Grand Total:			\$1.1 B

Economic Projects and Activities of Regional Significance



Six Flags New England, Agawam



**Northampton / I-91
Professional Center**



**Caring Health Center Expansion,
Springfield**



**Gulfstream Jet Maintenance
Facility, Westfield**



Monson Farmers' Market



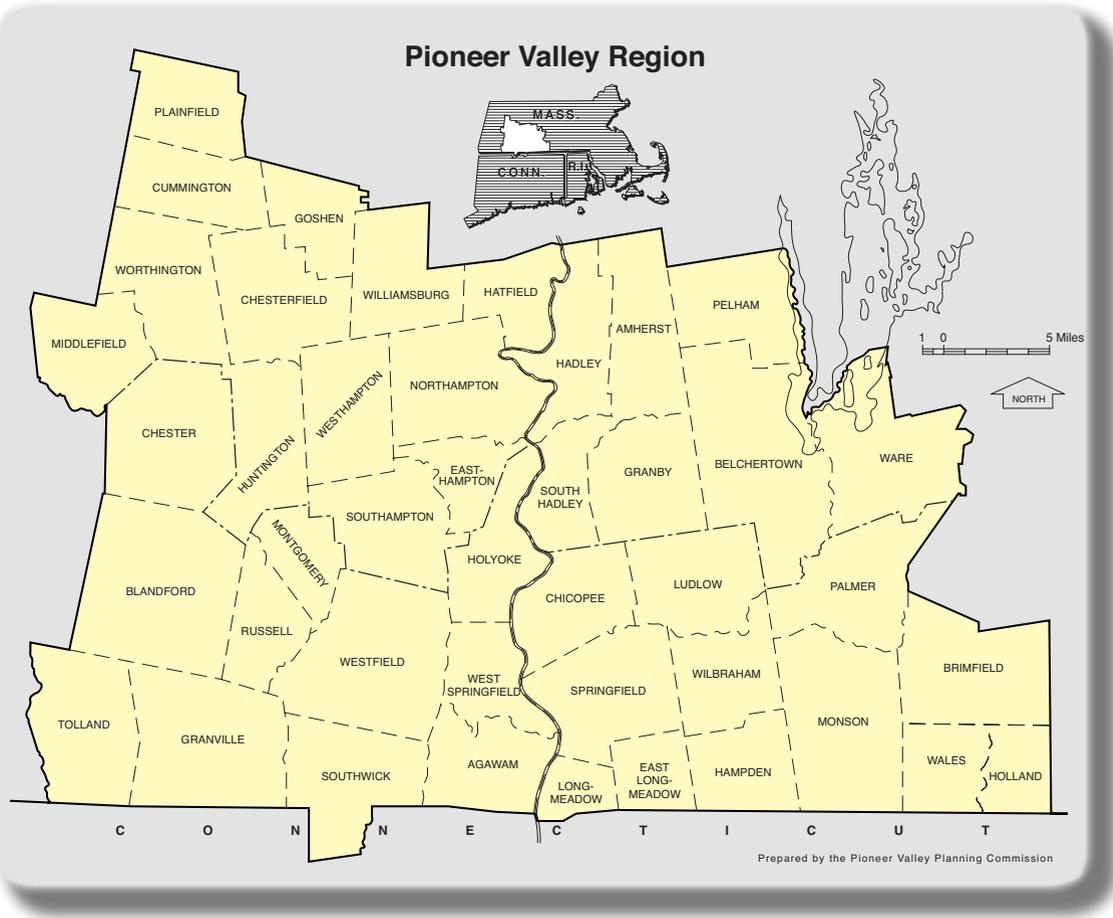
**Commonwealth Honors College
at UMass, Amherst**



**Davitt Bridge Reconstruction,
Chicopee**



**Baystate Health "Hospital of the Future,"
Springfield**



The Region's Vital Statistics:

7th Largest Metropolitan Area in New England

Public and Private Higher Education Institutions	13
Labor Force (2012)	308,077
Employment (2012)	285,529
Population (2012)	625,718
Municipalities	43
Square Miles	1,179
Number of Businesses (2011)	20,092



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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 under "Core Plans".