



# **SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, TAUNTON, MA**

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SRPEDD staff worked with their Executive Director to do an internal review of planning efforts as they relate to community development and social and environmental justice, to better achieve the organization's mission and to respond to the widespread social justice protests in 2020. This was a staff-led effort where representatives from all SRPEDD departments volunteered to meet on a regular basis to advance efforts and make recommendations to the management team. The main goals were to make concrete changes to be more proactive and effective under existing work programs while also expanding work into new types of projects and initiatives. The District's [Justice, Equity and Community Development webpage](#) allow community members to explore this work.

As a result, SRPEDD updated its Project Scoping guidelines to inform the public engagement process. The formal scoping process enables a well-documented and thorough assessment of data to identify vulnerable and significant populations and ultimately inform the public engagement practices used during the course of a project. SRPEDD also

produced more widely accessible recommendations on affordable housing production, produced its first two ADA Transition Plans (Lakeville and Plainville), and initiated a Regional Resilience Plan. The District hopes to expand activities into restorative justice practices that recognize and celebrate the land's history and differences, including more emphasis on arts and culture in the master planning process and economic development planning.

## Vision

*Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) is a regional planning agency made up of civically-minded planners with a variety of professional backgrounds. SRPEDD is guided by a common set of principles:*

- Balanced growth,*
- Equity and social justice,*
- Creation of wealth and opportunity for all of our region's community members,*
- Conservation of natural and cultural resources,*
- Community resilience, and*
- Safe, convenient, and accessible transportation for all types of users.*



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