

2025-2029 HUD Consolidated Plan

SPRINGFIELD MASS

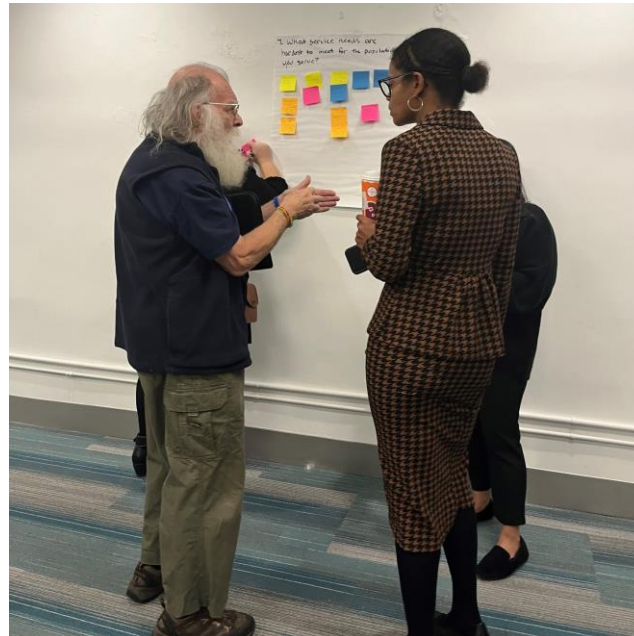
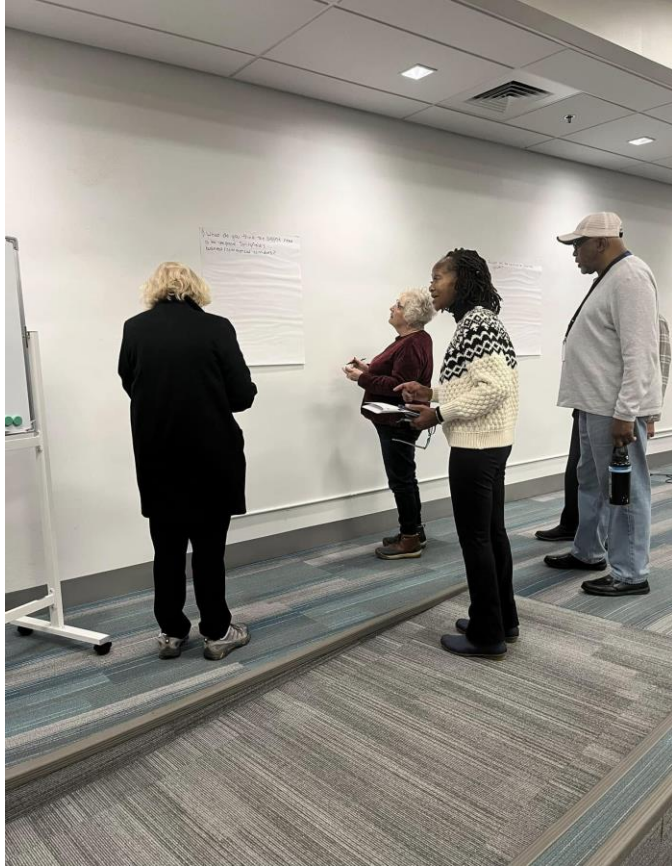
An aerial photograph of Springfield, Massachusetts, showing a bridge over the Connecticut River in the foreground. The city skyline is visible in the background, featuring several tall buildings, including a prominent glass skyscraper. The text "SPRINGFIELD MASS" is overlaid in large white letters across the middle of the image.

Consolidated Plan – What is it?

- Document required by HUD
 - Citizen Input
 - Other Studies & Plans
 - Data Analysis
 - Priorities and Goals
- Approximately \$6 million annually
- Tied to 3 funding resources, CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA
- Five—Year Time Period
 - July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030

Public Input

- Public Hearing #1 – December, 2024
- Meetings with Community Stakeholders in December
- Surveys were available through December 31, 2024
 - 1100 Responses (English)
 - 91 Responses (Spanish)





Neighborhood Plans

- 12 of 17 Neighborhoods have been disproportionately impacted by COVID
- 1 is Ongoing (Forest Park)
- 3 are in Draft Form (Metro Center, North End, South End)
- 5 are through Phase 1 drafting (Bay Area, Maple High/Six Corners, McKnight, Old Hill, Upper Hill)



Currently the City is funding the follow affordable housing and/or homelessness prevention programs:

- Down payment Assistance for First Time Homebuyers
- Homeowner Repair Programs
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing
- Development of Affordable Rental Housing
- Development of Affordable Single-Family Homeownership Opportunities
- Repair and/or Replacement of heating systems
- Overnight and Emergency Shelter for Homeless
- Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance
- Street outreach to unsheltered individuals

If you could prioritize the top 3 programs or services listed above over the next five years, what would they be? Are there programs or services that you think are missing from this list?



What programs or services in Springfield do you think are successfully responding to homelessness?



Currently the City is funding the following public and community service programs:

- Park improvements
- Street and sidewalk improvements
- Clean up of vacant property and/or court ordered properties
- Graffiti removal
- Funding for non-profits to make improvements to their facilities
- Youth/afterschool, summer and childcare programming
- Elderly programming for senior center
- Food access and/or food pantry programming
- Substance abuse and/or recovery programming
- ESOL Programming
- Programming to house mothers with children that are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Mental health programming
- Funding for neighborhood council activities and programming
- Social/public service navigation
- Non-Profit COVID-19 Assistance
- COVID-19 Stabilization Programming for Neighborhood Councils and Communities

If you could prioritize the top 3 programs or services listed above over the next five years, what would they be? Are there programs or services that you think are missing from this list?

What quality of life neighborhood investments (public art, restaurants, locally owned retail, community center, etc.) do you and/or your neighbors use most frequently or see the most benefit from?



Are there additional physical neighborhood improvements (Parks, pedestrian trails, bike trails, etc.) that those your organization serves want to see in their neighborhood?





Over the past five years the City has funded the following economic development programming:

- Façade Improvements
- Business Assistance for equipment, interior build-out, payroll for expansion of staffing, web development
- Public mural programs
- Workforce Training programs
- Small and New Business COVID-19 Assistance

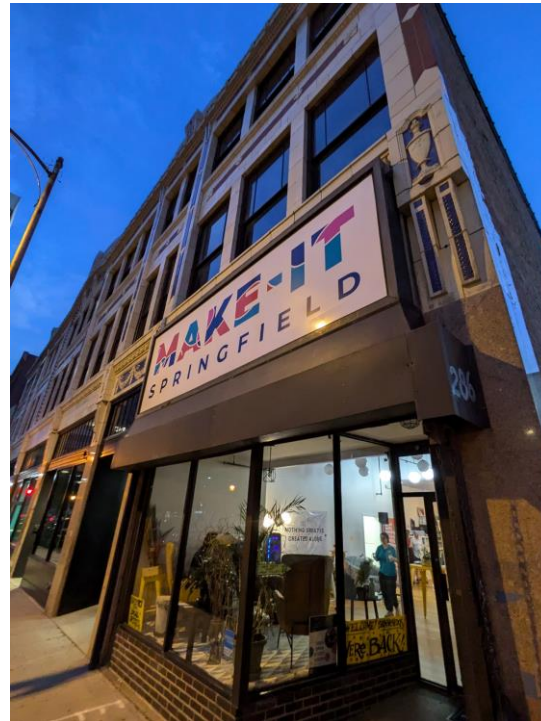
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What additional investments do you think would bring more foot-traffic and business to neighborhood business districts?



What additional programming or investments could the City prioritize to reduce storefront vacancy, particularly in neighborhood commercial corridors?



Public Comment

- Deadline: January 31, 2025
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