

Table 2: Community Data Analysis

DATA CATEGORY	INDICATOR	ANALYSIS	CONTACT INFORMATION   DATA SOURCE
<b>Vacant/abandoned properties</b>	Number of uninhabited, un-tended properties; uncut grass, broken windows or trash piled up; calls from neighbors to police or building department.	Change from previous year; percentage of units in neighborhood and citywide; map to see if there are patterns; check against tax lien records.	Building and inspectional services departments; tax collector
<b>Median sales prices and number of sales</b>	Number of sales and sales price.	Sales price change from previous year; look at trends and map where sales have occurred. Are these homeowners? Check for homeowner tax exemption filings.	<a href="#">Banker &amp; Tradesman</a> ; <a href="#">Warren Group</a> ; <a href="#">MetroBoston Data Common</a>
<b>Foreclosure petitions</b>	Number of filings for foreclosures.	Set up a tracking system to follow trends and location. Look for patterns of investors or real estate trusts. Identify key lenders or servicers.	<a href="#">Warren Group</a> ; <a href="#">MetroBoston Data Common</a> ; <a href="#">CHAPA's Foreclosed Properties Database</a>
<b>Foreclosures</b>	Actual number of foreclosures.	Change from previous year.	<a href="#">Warren Group</a> ; <a href="#">MetroBoston Data Common</a> ; <a href="#">CHAPA's Foreclosed Properties Database</a>
<b>Building and sanitary code violations</b>	Number and types of citations.	Change in severity and number of citations from previous year.	
<b>Tax arrears and liens</b>	Number of properties in tax arrears.	Are these homeowners or investors? Develop aging report; work with banks to ensure that they are paying taxes on foreclosed properties.	Tax Collector
<b>Police Department activity</b>	Volume and type of police activity.	Change in volume and nature of problems from previous year.	Police Department
<b>Fire Department activity</b>	Number and type of fire calls.	Change in volume and nature of problems from previous year.	Fire Department
<b>Water shut off notices</b>	Number of notices as compared to previous five years.	Are notices concentrated in particular neighborhoods?	Water Department
<b>Vacancies</b>	Number of vacancies as compared to previous five years.	Are vacancies concentrated in certain type of housing and neighborhoods?	U.S. Postal Service



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