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Investing in the building blocks of healthy communities in Massachusetts



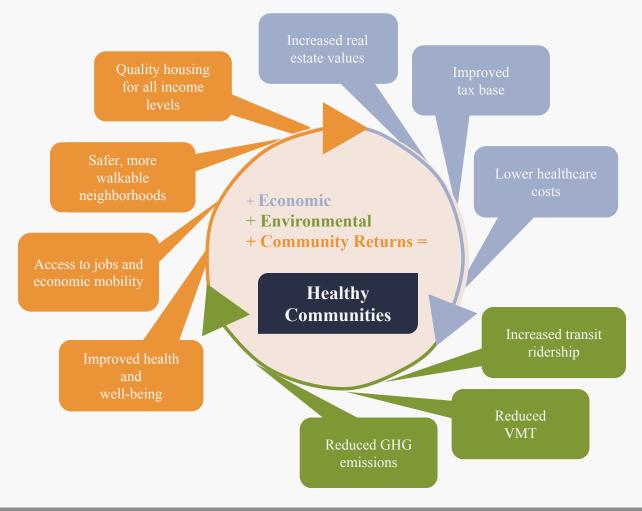


### **HNEF Mission**

- The Fund will invest in high-impact real estate projects that have potential to:
  - > Transform neighborhoods
  - > Strengthen community and environmental health
  - > Promote regional equity
  - > Provide attractive risk-adjusted returns for investors
- The Fund will provide patient capital for catalytic residential, commercial, and mixed-use projects with demonstrated community support.



# HNEF Impact: More than Financial Returns





### **Fund Sponsors**

- Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation (MHIC) and Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) bring a combined total of 36 years experience working in the New England real estate market.
- Deep knowledge of local neighborhoods, market dynamics, and developers allows the team to accurately pinpoint market opportunities.

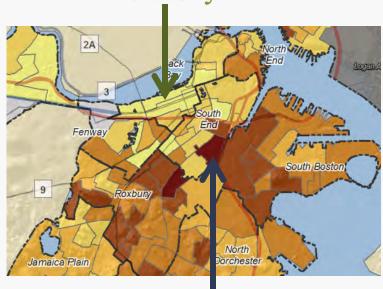


### Neighborhoods Matter for Health

- Health outcomes—including life expectancy—vary sharply by neighborhood.
- Between 2003 and 2007, life expectancy varied by as much as 33 years between census tracts in Boston.
- The census tract with the lowest life expectancy (in Roxbury, 58.9 years) is shorter than the life expectancy of Cambodia, Gambia, and Iraq.

Life Expectancy by Census Tract, Boston, 2003-2007

91.9 years



58.9 years

Source: Social Capital and Health Outcomes Technical Report, Center on Human Needs, Virginia Commonwealth University, September 2012.





### **HNEF Health Impact Assessment**

- The Mass. Dept. of Public Health sponsored a **Health Impact**Assessment (HIA) to examine the **potential health impacts**that could result from investments made by the Fund.
- The HIA examined twelve factors, called determinants, that can affect health outcomes and chronic conditions such as such as obesity, stress, mental health, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, injuries, and premature death.
- The study identified relevant health-related metrics, provided methodologies for how to model or predict future health impacts from land-use decisions, and offered specific recommendations to improve each health determinant.







#### Walkability / Active Transport

Create a more walkable environment, Increase access to destinations, and Improve State of Place score



#### Safety from Crime

Reduce crime by bringing well-lit mixedused developments and new commuters, residents, and employees to the area



#### Food Access

Increase the area's access to healthy affordable foods



#### **Air Quality**

Increase air pollution with the increased traffic



#### Safety from Traffic

Increase traffic by bringing more people into the area



#### Affordable Housing

Add new income-restricted affordable units



#### **Gentrification / Displacement**

Possible risk of displacement particularly with low-income or cost-burdened households



#### **Economic Opportunity**

Expand economic opportunity by creating temporary jobs and permanent new jobs in a transit-accessible location



#### **Green Housing**

Add new green housing units



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#### **Green Space**

Add trees, green and public space



#### Social Cohesion

Add space for social interactions



#### **Environmental Contamination**

Remediation and mitigation of opportunities for environmental exposures should be conducted to prevent future environmental exposures to residents, workers, and visitors, although proper remediation may actually decrease opportunities for exposure.

### Neighborhood Health Determinants

Health Determinant	Health Outcomes
Walkability/Active Transport	Physical activity, mental health, chronic disease
Safety from Crime	Injury, physical activity, mental health, real and perceived safety
<b>Economic Opportunity</b>	Economic stability
Food Access	Nutrition, chronic disease
Safety from Traffic	Injury, air quality, real and perceived safety
Affordable Housing	Economic stability
Green Housing	Exposure to environmental contaminants, chronic disease
Green Space	Physical activity, mental health, air quality
Social Cohesion	Mental health
Displacement/Gentrification	Mental health, economic stability
Air Quality	Air quality
<b>Environmental Contamination</b>	Exposure to environmental contaminants

Source: Healthy Neighborhoods Equity Fund Health Impact Assessment: Metropolitan Area Planning Council, 2013



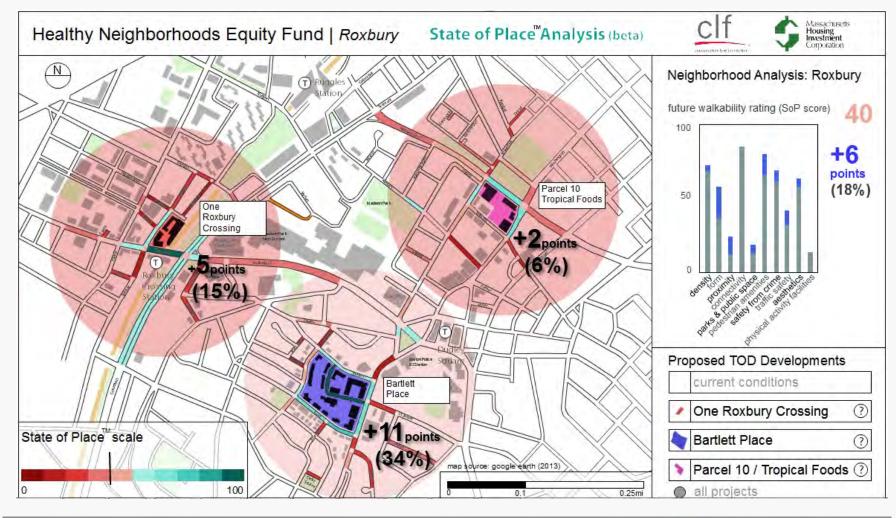


### HealthScore Rating System

- A project's HealthScore is a weighted average of the neighborhood score (25%) and project score (75%).
- Neighborhood criteria reflect the Fund's commitment to investing in communities that have demonstrated both the potential and the desire for growth, and where these investments will deliver the greatest benefits to health and well-being for the people who live there.
- **Project criteria** reflect the degree of impact on various pathways (identified through the HIA) that link TOD to health and health-related outcomes.

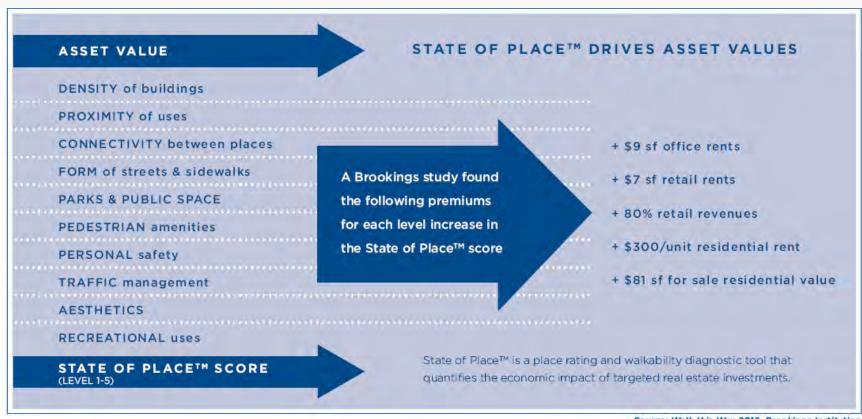


### The Change is Measurable





### Walkability = Market Value



Source: Walk this Way 2012, Brookings Institution





### **Conclusion**

- HNEF will provide capital for high-impact projects with demonstrated potential to:
  - drive neighborhood transformation
  - improve health outcomes
  - reduce the burden of health care costs
- HNEF is a nation-leading effort to use health metrics to support impact investing.



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