



Madison Park Development Corporation: Since its inception in 1966 MPDC has worked to create and expand economic opportunities for low and moderate income residents of Roxbury. Founded by community activists who saved the neighborhood of Lower Roxbury by stopping urban renewal and the extension of the I-95 expressway, MPDC became one of the country's first community-based, resident-led organizations to develop affordable housing. During the decades that followed, MPDC became a model for resident participation in community and cultural economic development.

Mission Statement: Our mission today remains true to our history: to foster a vibrant, healthy Roxbury neighborhood that supports the well-being and advancement of the community.

Programs

Affordable Housing and Real Estate: MPDC has developed 1265 units of affordable rental and homeownership housing in Roxbury's Dudley Square, Lower Roxbury, Fort Hill, South End and Mattapan, providing homes for over 3200 people. MPDC also develops and maintains commercial properties in and around Dudley Square, including the historic Hibernian Hall, Tropical Foods International (Dudley Square's first supermarket in 35 years), and 2201 Washington Street which houses the well regarded hospitality workforce training nonprofit, BEST Corps. MPDC was designated a Green member organization by NeighborWorks America in 2015 and continues forward to meet its goals of reducing energy consumption and employing green and sustainable management and maintenance practices throughout its entire portfolio. Projects in development include the construction of a community center for the Lower Roxbury community; the modernization of the 131-unit Haynes House, the construction of additional affordable housing, Madison Melnea apartments, 76 units of rental housing, renovation of Madison Park Village III, renovation of the 132-unit Smith House for senior residents, the renovation of 2101 Washington Street for mixed-use, 32 units of rental housing, the construction of a retail/commercial building at Washington and Melnea Cass Blvd, the construction of 16 homeownership units at 2451 Washington Street, and redevelopment of the Whittier Street public housing community in partnership with the city of Boston and POAH as part of HUD's Choice Neighborhood Initiative.

Community Action: MPDC's community building and engagement department promotes grassroots leadership, youth development, public safety, civic engagement and health equity and wellness. Its organizing committee is comprised of resident leaders who provide advice and informal oversight to the Community Action team. The RoxVote Coalition is led by MPDC and provides voter education, voter mobilization and gets out the vote in Roxbury. MPDC trains and coordinates the work of 2-4 Block Captains who are part of our violence prevention/intervention program and trains and coordinates the work of 8 peer health leaders at several MPDC properties. During the year, 75 Roxbury young people find meaningful employment, develop job readiness skills and receive leadership training. Our Health Equity and Wellness initiative advocates for community involvement in neighborhood planning, supports two large resident-led community gardens (~80 beds and 180 gardeners), coordinates monthly grocery store tours, hosts monthly smoothie demonstrations and facilitates resident participation in weekly health and fitness programs. Our college scholarship program is an annual opportunity for Roxbury young people to secure affordable access to higher education. Regularly scheduled leadership trainings are provided to neighborhood grassroots leaders to ensure a community voice in neighborhood decisions.

Arts and Culture: Hibernian Hall is "Your Home for the Arts in the Heart of Boston". The historic building was constructed 104 years ago and served as an Irish social club, then as home to job training programs for Roxbury residents. In 2005 the beautiful performing space ("the ballroom") was restored by MPDC as a community arts center and performance space. Hibernian Hall now presents regularly scheduled high quality theater, dance and music for the benefit of Roxbury audiences and, Greater Boston audiences; ensuring affordable access to the arts for low income communities and supporting artists and arts ensembles of color to increase their visibility and expand audiences for their work. A successful and key program in its fourth year is the Hibernian Hall Visiting Playwright program which supports a local playwright annually to write and produce up to four original plays. It also takes the lead on key neighborhood arts and culture endeavors and was very instrumental in achieving designation of the Roxbury Cultural District by the Mass Cultural Council in May 2017. The Roxbury Cultural District is only the third such district designated by MCC in Boston. Hibernian Hall programs neighborhood performing arts annually and is a leader of the Roxbury Cultural Network, a consortium of Roxbury arts advocates.