

HOUSING THAT FITS: MEETING THE NEEDS OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Massachusetts Municipal Association

Annual Meeting

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RHSO – A regional collaboration that works

- Started by Town Managers and Administrators
- Crafted to bring value and be useful
- Innovative approach

Regional Housing Services Model



Member Towns receive administrative housing services for annual fee per Inter-Municipal Agreement, including:

- Monitoring
- Inventory Management
- Program
- Program Administration
- Local Support
- Regional efforts



Membership Fee covers all staffing, and administrative expenses, such as accounting, office support, mail, technology, etc

RHSO Personnel deliver services
Lead Community contracts and/or hires staff—contractors or employee

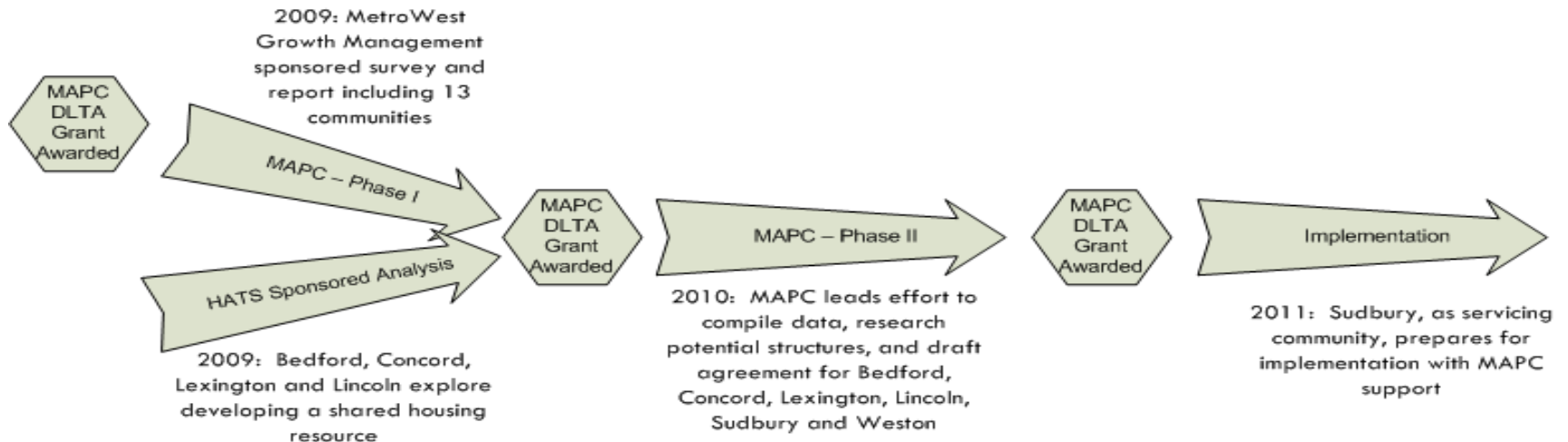
Lead Community (Town of Concord) delivers RHSO housing services through the Regional Housing Services Office and corresponding revolving fund, established at Town Meeting

RHSO Member Town Statistics					
	2010 Population	Housing Units	Restricted Units	SHI%	FY15 Membership Fees
Acton	21,924	8,475	551	6.50%	\$17,078
Bedford	12,595	5,322	902	16.95%	\$18,890
Burlington	24,498	9,627	993	10.31%	\$11,890
Concord	17,668	6,852	710	10.36%	\$30,131
Lexington	31,394	11,946	1329	11.13%	\$21,265
Sudbury	17,659	5,921	354	5.98%	\$33,215
Weston	11,261	3,952	142	3.59%	\$9,266
	136,999	52,095	4,981	9.56%	\$141,735

Overall Timeline

Facilitated by MAPC

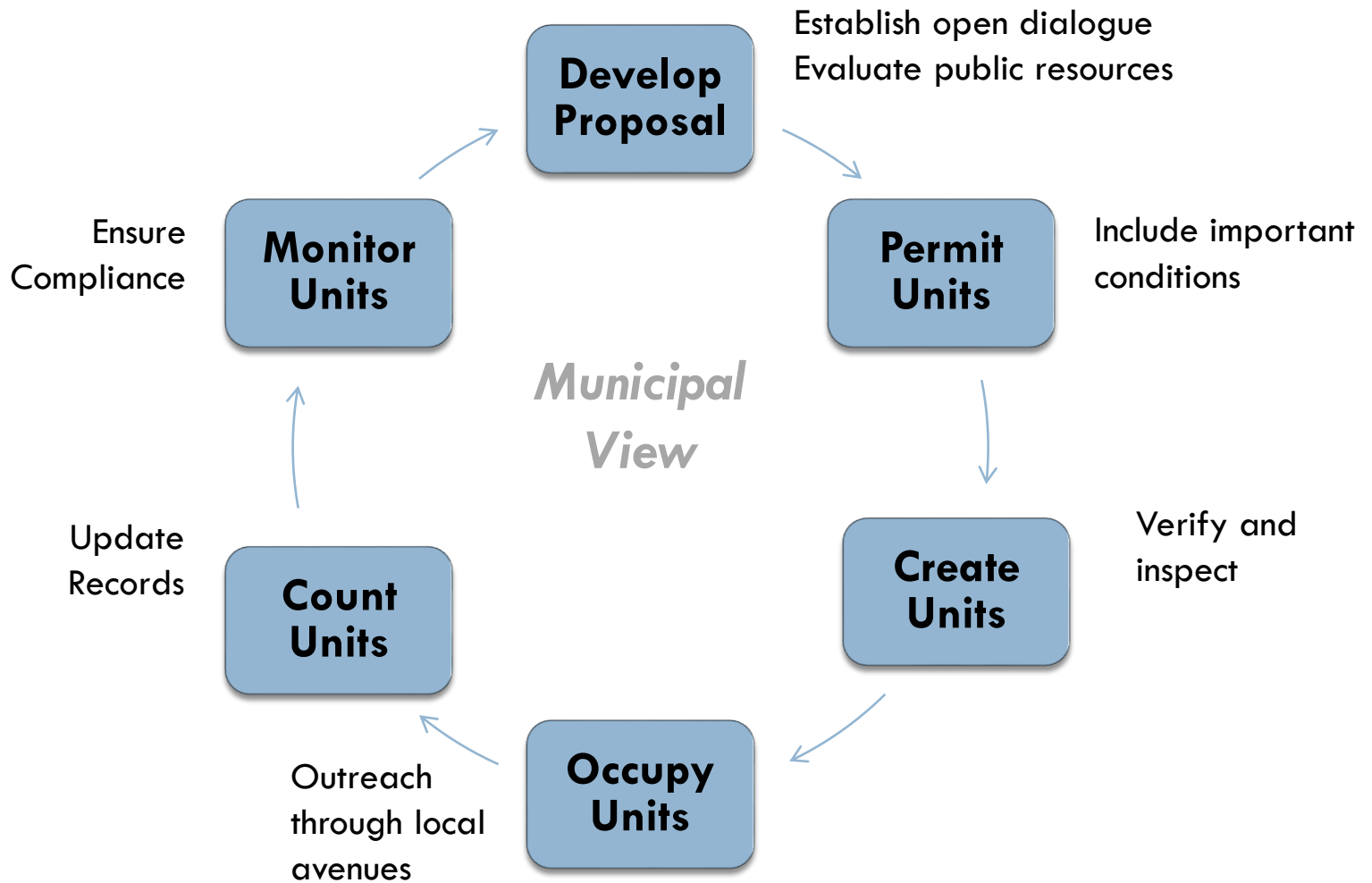
- Awarded **THREE** District Local Technical Assistance grants



Into 4th Year – Sustainable Model

- One community withdrew, Two communities added, Switched Lead Community, Staffing Changes

Housing Life Cycle – Through the Municipal Lens



Results – Housing Created



Bedford
Habitat For
Humanity:
8 units of
Town
supported
housing



The
Coolidge
at Sudbury:
64
affordable
senior
housing,
assisted by
the Town

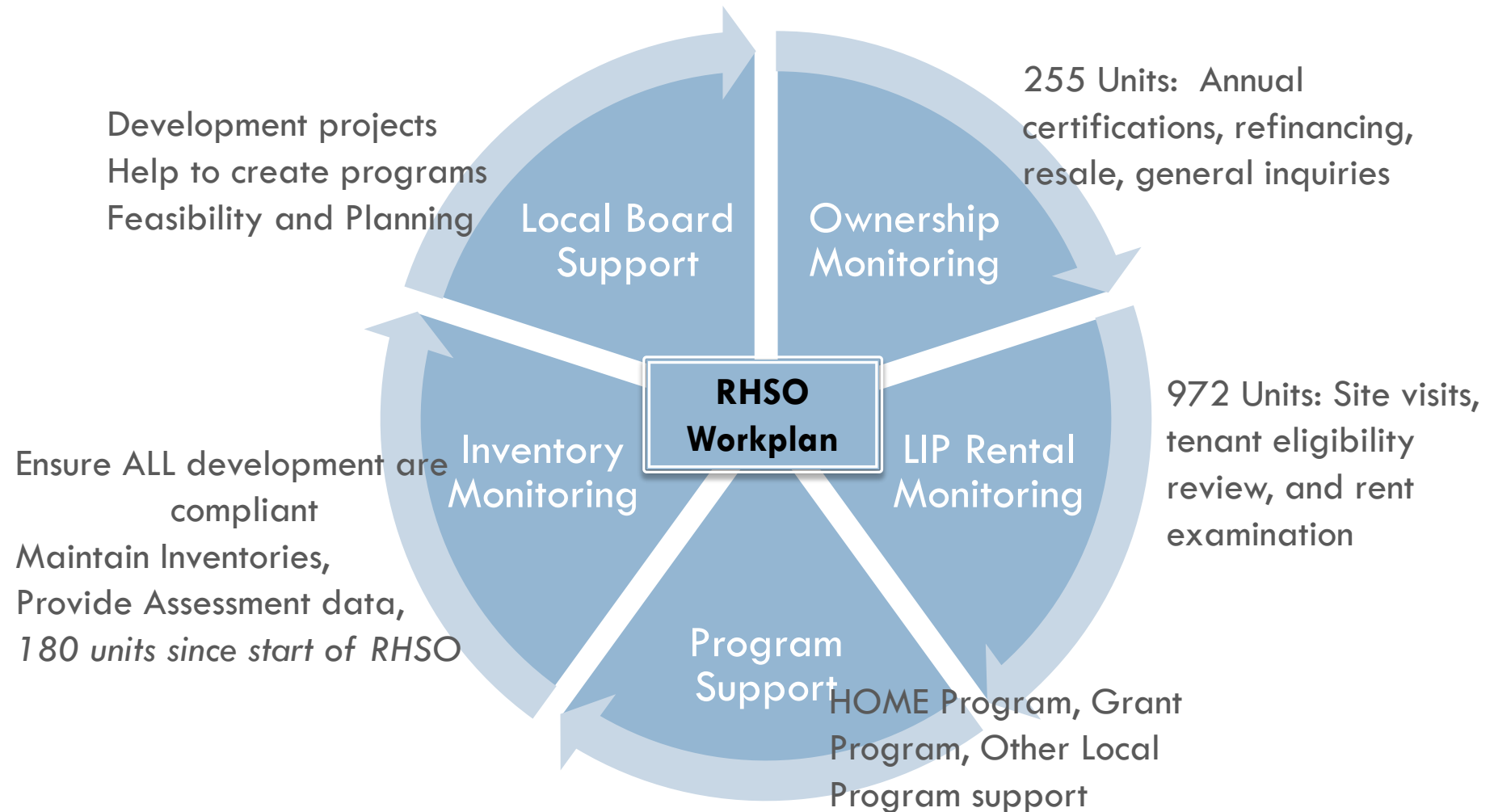


Concord
Lalli
Woods:
8 units
mixed
income
(low and
mod)

LexHAB
Scattered
Site
Program:
64 units
funded
through
Town
Meeting



Results – Proactive Management



Helping
Municipalities
**Plan,
Permit,
Monitor and
Maintain**
their
affordable
housing stock

Regional Housing Model

Proactive Compliance Monitoring

- Preserve Units
- Maintain Housing Inventory
- Resolve Compliance Issues

Resource Efficiency

- Leverage Existing Resources
- Access to Technical Expertise
- Regional Renters and Buyers

Regional Approach

- Common Solutions for Common Challenges
- Housing through the Municipal Lens
- Increase Services Through Scalability