



Rebuilding the Urban Edge

In 1974, redlining, real estate speculation, and displacement of low- and moderate-income families were tearing at the fabric of Boston communities. Determined resident opposition succeeded in halting the extension of I-95 through the City, but the urban landscape sustained the scars of cleared land, with large tracts devoid of homes and businesses.

Market pressures and gentrification threatened the racial diversity and economic life that had evolved over generations. Boston community leaders came together and founded Urban Edge to rebuild and revitalize these damaged neighborhoods on the “urban edge.”

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A minority-controlled community development corporation (CDC) with a mission to help develop and sustain stable, healthy and diverse communities in Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, and surrounding neighborhoods.

Comprehensive Community Development

1 *We Build*

High quality, affordable housing for low and moderate income households is essential to our community, so we build and preserve affordable options for families, along with retail and community facilities for businesses and organizations.

2 *We Advise*

Hardworking families deserve a safe and stable place to call home. So we provide homeowner services, financial education, tax assistance, and student loan counseling.

3 *We Organize*

Passionate neighbors should have the chance to become leaders of community change. So we focus on leadership development, youth employment, and civic engagement initiatives.

Creating a Neighborhood of Choice

Urban Edge approaches community development as a member of the community. We work to create conditions in which residents can thrive, and help empower them to shape their community's future. Our ultimate goal is to foster diverse urban *neighborhoods of choice* populated by resilient families and sustained by dynamic webs of community relationships.

Making a Difference for Families

1,489 units of affordable rental and ownership housing for families developed and preserved

82,500 square feet of neighborhood-scale retail and community facilities generated

1,250 new homeowners created through our First-Time Homebuyer Workshops

900 families spared from losing their homes through our Foreclosure Prevention Counseling

691 individuals now more budget-savvy because of our Financial Fitness classes

87 youth enrolled in our Summer and After-School Youth Leadership Academy

187 student loan borrowers now in effective repayment solutions as a result of our Student Loan Borrower Repayment Counseling Program

There's Still More to Do

We are proud of our impact to date. But our work is not over. In the coming years, we need our entire community's support to:

- Complete the redevelopment of Jackson Square, one of the largest community-led revitalization initiatives in the nation;
- Improve educational outcomes for Egleston Square and Jackson Square residents; and
- Reduce our carbon footprint through sustainable renovation of our portfolio.

