

11.945 Springfield Studio

Assignment #1

Summary of Previous Work

Assigned: Tuesday Feb 3 Due: Tuesday Feb 24

The work of the Springfield Studio builds on extensive ongoing work by students and the Center for Reflective Community Practice (CRCP). In this first phase of the project--Inventory and Analysis--students will collect and analyze data to better understand existing physical and social conditions in the community, local visions and goals, existing activities and plans, and key future opportunities. A key piece of this work is addressed in this Assignment #1:

- reviewing existing data, regulations and studies
- reviewing work done to date by students and the CRCP

This review and summary of previous and ongoing work will supplement the physical and environmental surveying and mapping that will complete the Phase 1 inventory work.

Because of the extensive amount of information available about Springfield and the North End, each student will not be asked to read all previous reports, studies, and data. Instead, students will be assigned individual documents and will be asked to read and study these thoroughly and to prepare a short summary of key points. All of these documents can be found on Stellar in the “Materials” section under the topic, “North End Background Readings.” These summaries will be assembled into a reference document for the class. Summaries should be typed on 8-1/2 x 11 paper and should be no more than two pages long, except in extenuating circumstances. The following information should be provided for each summary:

- name of report or document
- date of preparation
- client or organization commissioning study/report
- organization/person who prepared the report
- goals for the study
- key findings and prioritization, if given
- key recommendations
- follow-up information on whether any actions have been taken on recommendations (you’ll have to get this through additional sources or phone calls...it probably won’t be in the report or document)
- name of student preparing summary

You will be expected to make a brief presentation of your summaries on Tuesday February 24th during the class session on “*Community Needs: Programming.*” Members of the client committee will attend the session and will offer feedback.

North End Background Reading List

Document Title	Student Name
North End Strategic Plan	All – highlight points of interest; Tara – full summary
North End Strategic Plan Appendix	All – highlight points of interest; Nell – full summary
North End Asthma Study	Mandy Ikert/Steven Lenard
Campus Committee Strategic Plan Notes	Nell Donaldson
Campus Committee Summer 03 Mtg Notes	Nell Donaldson
NEON Internal Strategic Plan	Diana Bernal/Elsie Achugbue
North End Telecom Plan	Chris Hodges
Historical Notes on Political Participation in the NE	Tara Kumar
List of North End Assets	Bea De La Torre
North End Assets, Springfield Trends Presentation	Bea De La Torre
North End Assets Course Summary	Erin Camarena
Asset Mapping Presentation	Erin Camarena