



**Message from Neil McCullagh**  
**Executive Director of The American City Coalition - TACC**

I'd like to thank you for your interest in our work. With your support, we've been able to help communities in Boston and across the Northeast to develop neighborhood transformation plans and to strengthen strategies for residential services.

Our work with housing managers, housing authorities, and community-based organizations provides these groups with critical technical assistance and research support that helps stakeholders collaborate on breakthrough strategies.

With poverty in the United States escalating to a 50-year high and one in three inner-city families living in poverty, there has never been a more important time to implement transformative plans for urban neighborhoods. Please read our [Founder's Statement](#), in which Joseph E. Corcoran shares his vision for TACC and the importance of a holistic approach to neighborhood revitalization.

2013 was an important year for us. We expanded [our board](#) and entered into several productive new partnerships. In this update, we provide you with an overview of ongoing projects, partnerships, and positive outcomes for people we serve.

Thank you for being part of our neighborhood. I urge you to follow TACC on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) and to keep an eye out for updates like this one throughout the year. Please take a moment to follow the links below to our website to learn more about some of TACC's recent engagements.

Warm Regards,



Neil McCullagh

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## **From Our Community to Yours: An Update on TACC'S Work**

### **PARTNERING WITH THE URBAN INSTITUTE**

You may have seen the news that TACC is partnering with the Urban Institute on a six-month project to replicate the Urban Institute's HOST program in Pittsburgh. HOST is a dual generation program designed to help families break the cycle of poverty. Learn more [about the partnership](#).

### **STRENGTHENING BOSTON'S LOWER ROXBURY NEIGHBORHOOD**

TACC has done considerable research on the condition of housing in Lower Roxbury; review the resources section of our website to access our study, [Lower Roxbury: Unlocking Investment for this Choice Neighborhood](#). In the last year, TACC has worked to support the [Boston Housing Authority](#) with the development of a Transformation Plan for Lower Roxbury that will replace obsolete public housing with high-quality, mixed-income housing and drive new investment. Additionally, TACC is working with the citizen-led Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee to provide ongoing technical support with the intent of accelerating the [development of underutilized public property](#).

### **CHANGING THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT TO CREATE INNER-CITY JOBS**

TACC commissioned a study that promotes a plan to create four neighborhood revitalization districts along the Fairmount Indigo Line on the MBTA commuter rail. The study advances a business attraction and retention concept that forecasts the creation of 1,900 new jobs and 195 new or expanded businesses in Boston's neediest neighborhoods. Learn more about [neighborhood revitalization districts](#).

### **MENTORING FOR GIRLS STRENGTHENS MIXED-INCOME COMMUNITIES**

TACC identifies and builds partnerships that strengthen communities—household by household. TACC developed a partnership between the Harbor Point Community Task Force and Big Sister Association of Greater Boston that came together to launch a pilot program matching 25 girls to mentors. This community partnership brings together the needs of residents and property management with the expertise of Big Sister in a high-performing program getting [results](#).

### **BUILDING A PIPELINE OF COMMUNITY LEADERS**

Last summer, TACC hosted six paid internships in community-based organizations across the city of Boston. This year, we are doubling the size of the internship program! We pair college students with Boston-based nonprofit organizations for 12-week internships that allow college students to contribute to local neighborhood revitalization efforts and to earn

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beneficial, practical experience with great community organizations. [Hear more from Pat Regan](#), now a senior at Boston College and former TACC intern at Whittier Health Center.

### MEET OUR TEAM

Please take a moment to [meet our team](#)! We encourage you to be in touch to explore ideas and potential opportunities for collaboration.

For updates when you want them, be sure to check out our new and improved website at [www.tamcc.org](http://www.tamcc.org).



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