



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

Thank you for your continued interest in our work. With inequality growing, the long-term trend toward increasing urbanization underscores the importance of work in our inner cities. Cities provide access to some of the key ingredients of economic mobility—transit, government services, education, and jobs. Cities are, in today’s terminology, the “killer app”

for fighting poverty and inequality in the United States.

TACC helps to deconcentrate poverty and increase economic opportunity in inner cities by providing urban planning and social services strategy support to housing managers, housing authorities, community-based organizations, and nonprofits in communities with high concentrations of poverty. Recently, I took some time to think about the complexity of neighborhood revitalization and TACC's approach of working with multiple organizations in a single neighborhood. I posted a few ideas on our new [blog](#); if you have a moment, I'd like to hear your thoughts.

If you believe that families are strengthened by access to jobs and good government services and that cities are made stronger by implementing policies that promote socioeconomic diversity and citizen engagement, then you will appreciate some of TACC's recent work.

If you have not done so already, I hope you will connect with us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), or [Twitter](#) and keep an eye out for updates like this one.

Warm Regards,



Neil McCullagh

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

OPPORTUNITY ROXBURY: RSMPOC LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

[Opportunity Roxbury](#) is a new website launched by the [Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee \(RSMPOC\)](#) to better ensure the community is informed of the committee's work and to encourage community and resident engagement. The site provides information about current and future development in Roxbury, committee meeting schedules and minutes, job opportunities, resources for the community, and a page to gather public input. Developed with technical assistance from TACC, multiple community-based organizations and residents can now stay updated on development in Roxbury. Please take a minute to visit the site and read about the launch in [The Bay State Banner](#).

WELCOMING NEW STAFF

TACC is pleased to welcome two new staff members to our team. [Zachary Nieder](#) joins us as the 2014 TACC Fellow. Zachary's research will focus on TACC's ongoing engagement along the [Fairmount Indigo Corridor](#), shaping an urban planning program in Mattapan Square and Readville that complements the city's strategy and advancing TACC's effort to establish neighborhood revitalization districts that promote business attraction and retention in the corridor. We also welcome [Erin O'Connell](#) as our new Associate for Administration.



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