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SRPEDD MUNICIPALITIES: POLITICAL BACKGROUND

City/Town	Incorporated	County	Type of Government
Acushnet	February 1860	Bristol	Town Meeting
Attleboro	June 1914	Bristol	Mayor-Council
Berkley	April 1735	Bristol	Representative
Carver	June 1790	Plymouth	Town Meeting
Dartmouth	June 1664	Bristol	Representative/Town Meeting
Dighton	May 1712	Bristol	Town Meeting
Fairhaven	February 1812	Bristol	Representative/Town Meeting
Fall River	April 1854	Bristol	Mayor-Council
Freetown	July 1683	Bristol	Town Meeting
Lakeville	May 1853	Plymouth	Town Meeting
Mansfield	August 1775	Bristol	Town Meeting
Marion	May 1852	Plymouth	Town Meeting
Mattapoisett	May 1857	Plymouth	Town Meeting
Middleboro	June 1669	Plymouth	Town Meeting
New Bedford	February 1787	Bristol	Mayor-Council
No. Attleborough	June 1887	Bristol	Representative/Town Meeting
Norton	June 1711	Bristol	Town Meeting
Plainville	April 1905	Norfolk	Town Meeting
Raynham	April 1731	Bristol	Town Meeting
Rehoboth	June 1645	Bristol	Town Meeting
Rochester	June 1686	Plymouth	Town Meeting
Seekonk	February 1812	Bristol	Representative/Town Meeting
Somerset	February 1790	Bristol	Town Meeting
Swansea	March 1668	Bristol	Representative
Taunton	May 1864	Bristol	Mayor-Council
Wareham	July 1739	Plymouth	Town Meeting
Westport	July 1787	Bristol	Town Meeting

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Commerce & Development; [City and Town Monographs: 1973-74](#).

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SRPEDD Region



TOPOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE: SRPEDD TOWNS/CITIES

City/Town	Elevation Topography	Average Temperatures	Annual Precipitation
Acushnet	Up to 100'; Tidal shoreline of 1.7 miles. Marshland.	31.7F Jan. 72.0 July	41.5"
Attleboro	Up to 100'; Gently rolling.	28.6F Jan. 71.5F July	43.9"
Berkley	Up to 130'; Generally flat.	28.5F Jan. 71.5F July	43.9"
Carver	Up to 100'; Flat to gently rolling, marshland.	30.9F Jan. 72.2F July	46.3"
Dartmouth	Up to 200'; Tidal shoreline of 45.7 miles, gently rolling.	31.7F Jan. 72.0F July	41.0"
Dighton	Approximately 48'; Gently rolling.	28.6F Jan. 71.5F July	43.9"
Fairhaven	Up to 80'; Tidal shoreline of 29.4 miles, level.	31.7F Jan. 72.0F July	41.0"
Fall River	Approximately 140'; Tidal shoreline of 10.2 miles, hilly.	29.7F Jan. 72.6F July	45.3"
Freetown	Up to 240'; Tidal shoreline of 11.4 miles, gradual slopes and hill, marshland.	29.7F Jan. 76.6F July	45.3"
Lakeville	Up to 200'; Gradual hills and water bodies, marshland.	28.6F Jan. 71.5F July	43.9"

TOPOGRAPHY (Cont.)		Average Temperatures	Annual Precipitation
City/Town	Elevation Topography		
New Bedford	Approximately 50'; Tidal shoreline of 11.4 miles. Generally flat.	31.7F Jan. 72.0F July	41.0"
No. Attleboro	Up to 300'; Rolling.	28.5F Jan. 71.5F July	45.5"
Norton	Up to 100'; Gently rolling.	28.6 Jan. 71.5F July	43.9"
Plainville	Up to 420'; Hilly.	28.6F Jan. 65.9F July	45.5"
Raynham	Up to 100'; Generally level.	28.6F Jan. 71.5F July	44.0"
Rehoboth	Up to 200'; Rolling.	28.6F Jan. 71.5F July	44.0"
Rochester	Up to 140'; Flat to hilly, marshland	29.0F Jan. 71.0F July	46.9"
Seekonk	Up to 100'; Generally level.	29.2F Jan. 72.1F July	42.1"
Somerset	Up to 180'; Tidal shoreline of 14.7 miles. Gradual slopes.	29.7F Jan. 72.6F July	45.9"
Swansea	Up to 140'; Tidal shoreline of 13.5 miles. Gently rolling. Marshland.	29.7F Jan. 72.6F July	45.8"
Taunton	Approximately 43'; Tidal shoreline of 21.8 miles.	28.6F Jan. 71.5F July	44.0"
Wareham	Up to 100'; Tidal shoreline of 57.3 miles. Generally level.	29.0F Jan. 71.0F July	46.8"
Westport	Approximately 7'; Tidal shoreline of 47.4 miles. Gradual hills. Marshland.	29.0F Jan. 71.0F July	46.8"

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MUNICIPALITY MEASUREMENTS

	Total Area (as of 1999)		Perimeter in Meters
	In Acres	In Sq. Miles	
ACUSHNET	12,058.52	18.84	30,712.33
ATTLEBORO	17,815.37	27.84	39,402.67
BERKLEY	10,560.66	16.50	35,543.90
CARVER	25,446.99	39.76	47,109.87
DARTMOUTH	39,637.54	61.93	112,304.72
DIGHTON	14,153.89	22.12	34,112.03
FAIRHAVEN	7,889.68	12.33	57,874.09
FALL RIVER	24,682.53	38.57	59,724.96
FREETOWN	22,664.27	35.41	63,302.59
LAKEVILLE	23,102.07	36.10	46,764.58
MANSFIELD	13,087.93	20.45	31,101.29
MARION	8,990.94	14.05	57,918.25
MATTAPOISETT	11,096.69	17.34	50,956.78
MIDDLEBOROUGH	46,187.40	72.17	71,623.77
NEWBEDFORD	12,845.22	20.07	48,376.92
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	12,418.36	19.40	32,091.50
NORTON	18,722.71	29.25	36,968.13
PLAINVILLE	7,341.11	11.47	23,801.33
RAYNHAM	13,279.22	20.75	39,473.92
REHOBOTH	30,316.83	47.37	48,067.36
ROCHESTER	23,110.82	36.11	43,406.32
SEEKONK	11,915.04	18.62	35,592.41
SOMERSET	5,142.55	8.04	33,894.08
SWANSEA	14,737.35	23.03	64,435.83
TAUNTON	30,964.37	48.38	71,168.94
WAREHAM	23,723.47	37.07	121,647.86
WESTPORT	32,853.17	51.33	141,026.33
SRPEDD	514,744.68	804.29	1,478,402.74

Sources: MacConnel & Mueller, MassGIS

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LAND USE BY CATEGORIES, 1951 – 2005

BY COMMUNITY (In Acres):

URBAN/DEVELOPED Land Use

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SRPEDD REGION LAND USE, 1951- 2005

URBAN/DEVELOPED (In Acres)

	1951	1971	1999	2005
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
Acushnet	1,101	1,392	2,905	2,775
Attleboro	3,594	5,565	8,072	7,840
Berkley	340	681	2,188	2,321
Carver	218	1,478	4,533	3,540
Dartmouth	3,005	4,640	9,727	8,438
Dighton	661	1,307	2,444	2,454
Fairhaven	2,035	2,257	3,114	3,084
Fall River	5,269	6,687	8,077	7,692
Freetown	513	1,768	3,967	3,392
Lakeville	248	1,650	4,798	3,660
Mansfield	1,205	2,242	5,836	5,063
Marion	820	1,379	2,345	1,755
Mattapoisett	722	1,508	2,400	2,072
Middleborough	1,349	4,436	8,295	6,910
New Bedford	6,169	7,013	8,331	7,783
North Attleborough	1,824	3,113	5,657	5,706
Norton	1,112	2,331	5,091	4,375
Plainville	437	1,146	2,676	2,099
Raynham	1,113	2,108	4,435	3,816
Rehoboth	639	2,367	5,955	5,093
Rochester	124	757	2,770	2,174
Seekonk	1,905	2,884	4,717	4,484
Somerset	1,321	2,766	3,221	3,324
Swansea	2,862	2,953	4,753	4,741
Taunton	5,453	6,119	11,639	9,909
Wareham	2,229	4,014	5,999	5,418
Westport	1,912	3,650	6,600	5,638
TOTAL	48,180	78,211	140,545	125,556

Note: Discrepancies in the data for each category of land use are due to methodological differences between survey years, such as definitions and data collection techniques.

Sources: (1) 1951 = MacConnell & Mueller, (2) 1971, 1999 = MacConnell & Mueller, MassGIS, (3) 2005 = MassGIS.

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SRPEDD REGION LAND USE, 1951- 2005

FOREST (In Acres)				
	1951	1971	1999	2005
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
Acushnet	7,800	7,280	6,685	5,643
Attleboro	9,450	8,518	7,478	5,945
Berkley	7,381	7,157	6,532	5,461
Carver	18,132	17,023	11,446	9,555
Dartmouth	25,815	22,852	22,359	17,856
Dighton	9,868	9,434	9,432	8,044
Fairhaven	3,060	2,768	2,754	2,260
Fall River	14,488	12,183	12,030	11,018
Freetown	18,276	16,549	15,358	12,873
Lakeville	14,920	14,096	11,433	9,943
Mansfield	9,056	8,698	6,084	5,743
Marion	6,731	6,085	5,506	4,235
Mattapoisett	8,160	7,870	7,507	5,806
Middleborough	34,146	32,151	27,390	21,275
New Bedford	5,221	4,034	3,691	2,320
North Attleborough	7,307	6,341	4,551	4,274
Norton	12,904	12,939	10,812	8,677
Plainville	5,048	4,647	3,514	3,649
Raynham	8,788	8,291	6,926	5,474
Rehoboth	20,948	20,819	19,124	14,845
Rochester	16,315	15,594	13,966	10,628
Seekonk	5,476	5,154	4,851	4,035
Somerset	1,362	848	813	873
Swansea	7,796	6,873	7,007	6,132
Taunton	17,359	17,349	14,754	13,346
Wareham	14,866	12,349	11,597	11,307
Westport	21,344	19,827	18,431	15,972
TOTAL	332,017	307,729	272,030	227,189

Note: Discrepancies in the data for each category of land use are due to methodological differences between survey years, such as definitions and data collection techniques.

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SRPEDD REGION LAND USE, 1951- 2005

WETLAND (In Acres)

	1951	1971	1999	2005
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
Acushnet	437	569	450	2,179
Attleboro	1,392	981	990	2,681
Berkley	672	838	330	1,697
Carver	2,596	2,982	2,641	10,095
Dartmouth	2,200	4,110	1,985	8,232
Dighton	588	606	295	2,299
Fairhaven	907	928	698	1,638
Fall River	3,096	3,541	4,013	2,010
Freetown	1,176	1,774	1,331	4,632
Lakeville	4,560	4,513	4,661	3,956
Mansfield	444	343	361	1,857
Marion	610	775	597	2,579
Mattapoisett	705	663	460	2,656
Middleborough	2,992	3,190	3,808	12,938
New Bedford	375	576	345	2,107
North Attleborough	624	455	416	947
Norton	1,424	1,140	1,320	3,871
Plainville	376	382	426	537
Raynham	524	444	503	2,960
Rehoboth	1,384	949	772	6,319
Rochester	2,174	2,366	2,197	7,071
Seekonk	692	439	403	1,780
Somerset	1,156	1,350	302	281
Swansea	439	848	598	2,062
Taunton	1,351	1,541	1,816	4,949
Wareham	2,478	3,538	2,474	5,235
Westport	5,820	5,906	2,109	4,662
TOTAL	41,192	45,747	36,299	102,230

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SRPEDD REGION LAND USE, 1951- 2005

AGRICULTURAL/OPEN (In Acres)

	1951	1971	1999	2005
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
Acushnet	2,877	2,666	2,018	1,282
Attleboro	3,432	2,131	1,276	1,191
Berkley	2,409	1,960	1,511	1,100
Carver	6,558	5,911	6,826	891
Dartmouth	9,017	7,196	5,567	5,038
Dighton	3,135	2,660	1,983	1,452
Fairhaven	1,909	1,767	1,324	1,108
Fall River	1,597	1,588	563	1,423
Freetown	2,507	1,866	2,008	1,300
Lakeville	3,164	2,110	2,210	1,335
Mansfield	2,233	1,419	808	885
Marion	944	544	543	367
Mattapoisett	1,549	866	730	462
Middleborough	7,931	6,232	6,694	3,389
New Bedford	1,012	591	479	1,471
North Attleborough	2,831	2,317	1,794	1,334
Norton	3,131	1,843	1,501	1,013
Plainville	1,564	960	725	726
Raynham	2,693	1,913	1,415	1,108
Rehoboth	7,522	5,470	4,465	3,518
Rochester	4,449	4,248	4,178	1,660
Seekonk	4,016	2,956	1,944	1,541
Somerset	2,341	1,049	807	674
Swansea	3,498	3,470	2,379	1,633
Taunton	5,423	4,078	2,754	2,426
Wareham	4,172	3,260	3,653	779
Westport	7,960	7,031	5,713	4,443
TOTAL	99,874	78,102	65,870	43,549

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CITY/TOWN PLANNERS (Updated: December, 2011)

Community/Planner's Name	Address	Telephone
Acushnet/Henry Young	122 Main Street Acushnet, MA 02743	(508) 998-0203
Attleboro/Gary Ayrassian	City Hall-- 77 Park Street Attleboro, MA 02703	(508) 223-2222
Carver/Jack Hunter	Town Hall-- 108 Main St. Carver, MA 02330	(508) 866-3400
Dartmouth/Donald Perry	Town Hall--400 Slocum Road North Dartmouth, MA 02747	(508) 910-1800
Fairhaven/William Roth Jr.	Town Hall--40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719	(508) 979-4023
Freetown/Laurie Muncy	P.O. Box 438 Assonet, MA 02702	(508) 644-2201 Ext. 9
Fall River/ Elizabeth Dennehy	City Hall--One Govt Center Fall River, MA 02722	(508) 324-2560
Mansfield/Shawn Burke	Town Hall--6 Park Row Mansfield, MA 02048	(508) 261-7363
Middleborough/Ruth Geoffroy	Town Hall-- 10 Nickerson Ave. Middleborough, MA 02346	(508) 946-2425
New Bedford/David Kennedy	City Hall--133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740	(508) 979-1499
N. Attleborough/Mary Burgess	Town Hall--43 S.Washington St. North Attleborough, MA 02760	(508) 699-0116
Norton/ Charles Gabriel	Town Hall – 70 East Main St. Norton, MA 02766	(508) 285-0178
Raynham/Marilyn Whalley	Town Hall – 53 Orchard St. Raynham, MA 02067	(508) 824-2774

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Community/Planner's Name	Address	Telephone
Rehoboth/ Leeann Bradley	Town Hall--148 Peck St. Rehoboth, MA 02369	(508) 252-3758
Rochester/John Charbonneau	Town Hall - 1 Constitution Way Rochester, MA 02770	(508) 763-3871
Seekonk/John Hansen, Jr.	100 Peck Street Seekonk, MA 02771	(508) 336-2961
Swansea/Steven Antinelli	81 Main Street Swansea, MA 02777	(508) 324-6730
Taunton/Kevin Scanlon	City Hall--15 Summer St. Taunton, MA 02780	(508) 821-1051
Wareham/John Charbonneau	Town Hall – 54 Marion Rd. Wareham, MA 02571	(508) 291-3100 Ext. 6500

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