



City of Springfield



100 Day Tornado Recovery Update
September 9, 2011

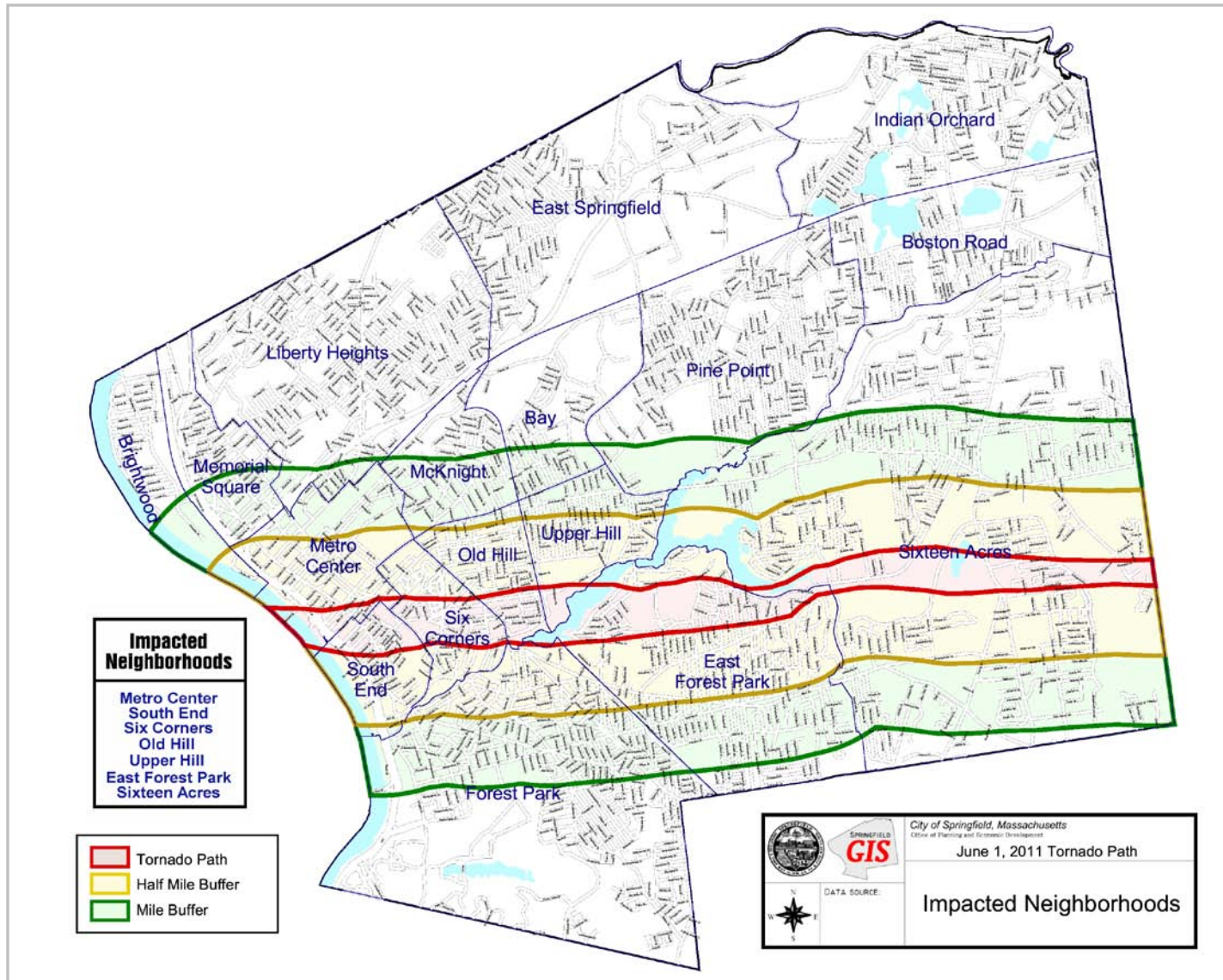
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Tornado Overview

- ▶ June 1, 2011 – 4:37 pm: EF-3 tornado; speeds of up to 160 mph
- ▶ Path: 6.2 miles long and about ¼ mile wide; 7 neighborhoods
- ▶ About 40% of the city's population impacted in first 48 hours
- ▶ No loss of life/few injuries in Springfield
- ▶ Over 350 people temporarily sheltered at MassMutual Center
- ▶ Over 600 structures damaged
- ▶ Minimal public safety issues
- ▶ Unprecedented community response
- ▶ Federal disaster declaration: June 15, 2011



Tornado Path



The Road to Recovery: Residential

- ▶ Damaged properties:
 - ▶ 477 single-family homes
 - ▶ 81 multi-family buildings



The Road to Recovery: Reinvestment

Tornado Impacted Area:

- ▶ Commercial and residential building permits issued from June 2 to September 1: 2,698
- ▶ Construction value of building permits: \$13,064,000



The Road to Recovery: Businesses and Non-Profits

- ▶ 87 small businesses/non-profits affected
- ▶ 82 re-opened (94%)
- ▶ 13 in temporary or new space
- ▶ 5 pending



The Road to Recovery: Public Schools/Facilities

▶ Public schools:

- ▶ Brookings Elementary School
- ▶ Dryden Veterans Memorial Elementary School
 - ▶ Back in session in 3 school days
 - ▶ Reopened in modular facilities on schedule in September



▶ Public facilities:

- ▶ South End Community Center
 - ▶ Temporary Quarters: Milton Bradley School
 - ▶ Permanent Location Pending
- ▶ Old First Church and Campanile:
 - ▶ Emergency repairs complete
 - ▶ Permanent repair assessment underway
- ▶ Howard Street School (Zanetti)
 - ▶ Building secured, initial assessment complete



The Road to Recovery: Private Educational Facilities

- ▶ **Springfield College**

- ▶ International Hall Rebuilt
- ▶ Now Open/Occupied

- ▶ **Cathedral High School**

- ▶ Rebuilding on-site
- ▶ Temporarily in Wilbraham

- ▶ **St. Michael's Academy**

- ▶ Rebuilding on-site
- ▶ Temporarily at Holy Cross

- ▶ **Commonwealth Academy (former MacDuffie site)**

- ▶ Limited operations
- ▶ Potential January opening



The Road to Recovery: Parks and Parkland

▶ Parks

- ▶ Johnny Appleseed Park
- ▶ Court Square
- ▶ Nathan Bill Park
- ▶ Emerson Wight Park
- ▶ Gerrish Park
- ▶ Shamrock Park
- ▶ Leonardo Da Vinci Park
- ▶ Harriet Tubman Park
- ▶ Ruth Elizabeth Park
- ▶ Riverfront Park
- ▶ Camp Wilder
- ▶ Murray Park
- ▶ Murphy Park
- ▶ South Branch Parkway

▶ Veteran's Golf Course

▶ Status:

- ▶ Clean-up complete, repairs pending
- ▶ FEMA funding requests in process



The Road to Recovery: Public Infrastructure

- ▶ Power restored in 72 hours
- ▶ 2,217 public way trees removed
- ▶ 3,381 trees damaged in public parks
- ▶ 147,954 cubic yards of vegetation and debris removed from public ways
- ▶ 15,000 cubic yards of construction debris removed from public ways
- ▶ Reforestation plan underway



The Road to Recovery: Historic Assets

- ▶ 2 local historic districts affected
- ▶ 8 historic properties condemned; 2 demolished
- ▶ Numerous other historic properties damaged
- ▶ Historic “Drill House” part of South End Community Center demolished
- ▶ Loss of 200 year-old *Heritage Trees*
- ▶ Status:
 - ▶ Grant received for historic tree replacement
 - ▶ PreservationMass dedicating “Most Endangered Property” list to TIA
 - ▶ Historic preservation to be master plan theme



The Road to Recovery: Rebuild Springfield

- ▶ **Public Private Partnership:**
 - ▶ Springfield Redevelopment Authority
 - ▶ DevelopSpringfield
- ▶ **Community Engagement:**
 - ▶ Rebuild Springfield Advisory Committee appointed
 - ▶ Neighborhoods and stakeholder meetings and listening tours
 - ▶ Community Rebuilding Fair – sponsored by MassMutual: September 28th



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The Road to Recovery: Rebuild Springfield

▶ Master Plan/Rebuilding Strategy:

- ▶ Opportunity to rebuild better
- ▶ Neighborhood by neighborhood approach
- ▶ Broad public consensus essential
- ▶ Practical and financially feasible implementation plan

▶ Critical Next Steps:

- ▶ Secure master planning funds
- ▶ Engage experienced consultant
- ▶ Complete planning process (year end)
- ▶ Continue to work with owners with immediate needs
- ▶ Obtain implementation funding



100 Days of Progress



Riverfront Park

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Court Square

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Leonardo Da Vinci Park

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Main Street, South End



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Central and Maple Streets



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Central Street



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Brookings Elementary School

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**International Hall
Springfield College**



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Arcadia Boulevard

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Cathedral High School



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Mary Dryden Elementary School

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Roosevelt Avenue

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Pennsylvania Avenue



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