**Opportunity Zones Program Application Worksheet**

**Use this worksheet to write out and edit the narrative responses for your application. Then cut/paste the answers into their respective sections on the** [**ONLINE FORM**](https://www.mass.gov/forms/opportunity-zone-program-application-new-deadline-is-march-26-at-5-pm)**. (Please keep responses to each questions to 250 words or less.)**

**Application deadline: Extended to Monday, March 26th, 2018, 5:00 p.m.**

Describe the tract(s) you are nominating, including (but not limited to) demographic breakdown; percentage of residential, commercial, industrial and open space uses; quality of life; major property owners and their relationships in the district; level of civic engagement and a brief history of the tract(s):

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Outline any planning and programming efforts made by the municipality or other stakeholders to attract investment in the community as a whole and in the low income census tract(s) being nominated. Use the chart below to indicate specific strategies/planning that your community has undertaken. Check off items that your community has implemented in general, then indicate in how many of the nominated tract(s).

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Detail specific opportunities for investment that exist in your nominated tract(s), including specific properties, business incubators and other avenues for business and personal property:

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Summarize recent investments that have taken place in the last 5 years, or investments that have been proposed but unable to be secured, and explain why those proposals were not successful:

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What has inhibited investment in general in your nominated tract(s) and how will Opportunity Zone designation help you overcome that?

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Are there regional opportunities that will benefit from investments made in your nominated zone? For example, if there is a large vacant commercial building in the nominated zone, will residents of neighboring tracts or communities benefit if that building is occupied? Why are those regional benefits important?

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If you are applying for a contiguous zone designation (which requires income eligibility and is limited to 5% of the Commonwealth’s overall designations), please describe why the zone should be so considered, and, because such a designation requires a contiguous eligible low income census tract to also be designated, describe why the designations of both zones instead of just the one is important.

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