Toward an Action Agenda for the Northeast Megaregion

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European and American Precedents

European global integration zones

U. Penn 2004 Plan for America Studio
National Trends

- Rapid population growth
- New global trading patterns
- Sprawling development patterns and loss of open space
- Growing social and economic disparities within and between regions
- A mounting energy crisis and global climate change
- Metropolitan infrastructure that is reaching capacity
- The emergence of megaregions
Why Megaregions?

- Challenges occur at scale greater than metropolitan region
- Compete with global integration zones
- Coordinate major investments in infrastructure
- Potential to organize federal policies
1. Identify emerging megaregions and the relationships that define them.

2. Launch megaregional research and coordination across the nation.

3. Promote megaregional governance and financing structures.

4. Develop federal policies to underpin mega-regional coordination and planning.
Northeast Megaregion
Defining the Megaregion

- 49 million inhabitants
- 17% of U.S. population on 2% of the land area
- 20% of U.S. GDP
Major Metropolitan Areas

- Boston
- New York
- Philadelphia
- Baltimore
- Washington
How is the Northeast Connected?
Environmental Features and Topography
Transportation Infrastructure

- 34,000 daily inter-city riders on Northeast Corridor
- 500,000 daily commuters
Land Consumption 2000 - 2050
Employment Change Index
1990-2004, Northeast Metropolises

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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### Important Sectors in the Northeast

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Opportunities for Collaboration
NE Action Agenda - Environment

Landscape and Estuary Protection

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
NE Action Agenda - Transportation

Amtrak Northeast Corridor

I-95 Corridor Coalition
Northeast Smart Growth Compact

Promote infill development and center revitalization
NE Action Agenda – Economic Development

“Hot and Cold” Strategy

Anchor Institutions
Toward a Northeast Climate and Competitiveness Compact?
Next Steps:
Building a Northeast Network

- Series of interviews with Northeast leaders
- Greater Philadelphia – New York Leadership Exchange
- Northeast Megaregion Policy Summit
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