

# City of Somerville GIS Metadata

## Neighborhoods

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Feature class name: Neighborhoods  
Feature class type: Polygon  
Geographic Coordinate Reference: GCS\_North\_American\_1983  
Projection: NAD\_1983\_StatePlane\_Massachusetts\_Mainland\_FIPS\_2001\_Feet

Description:  
ESRI polygon feature class representing City of Somerville, Massachusetts neighborhood boundaries.

Data sources:  
Bostonography, U.S. Census Bureau, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, City of Somerville Planning Division  
Last update: January 2017  
Update frequency: Not planned  
Update status: Complete

History:  
2015: Initial neighborhood boundaries delineated by public consensus per Bostonography crowdsourcing project (see <http://bostonography.com/2012/crowdsourced-neighborhood-boundaries-part-one-consensus/>)  
2016: Crowdsourced boundaries adjusted by the City of Somerville Planning Division to conform in part to Census block boundaries and public transportation infrastructure  
2017: GIS dataset formalized and attributed by the City of Somerville GIS Coordinator

Access constraints: Public data, no access constraints.  
Intended use: General mapping, planning and analysis. Not to be utilized where legal and surveyed boundaries are required.

Attribute fields:

Field Name	Field Type	Field Description	Source
Object ID	Object ID	Internal feature ID	Automatically generated
Shape	Geometry	Feature geometry type	Automatically generated
NBHD*	Text	Neighborhood name	Somerville Planning Division
Shape_Length	Double precision	Polygon perimeter in feet	Automatically generated
Shape_Area	Double precision	Polygon area in square feet	Automatically generated

\*Unique neighborhood identifier