

# CAAS COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & ADVOCACY



# Our Mission:

Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) has been the federally designated anti-poverty agency serving Somerville, Massachusetts since 1981. CAAS' mission is to help local families and individuals achieve financial security while working to eliminate the root causes of economic injustice.

# Our Vision:

A city where no one lives in poverty, where we support each other through strong community structures, and where the opportunity to thrive is a right and lived experience for every resident.

# ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAMS

**Head Start  
Pre-school**

**VITA  
Tax prep**

**Housing Advocacy  
Program**

**Community  
Organizing &  
Advocacy**

# OUR VALUES

Working *with* residents to create systemic change



Housing justice = housing as a **human right** for all



**Anyone** can be a leader; we honor of lived experiences



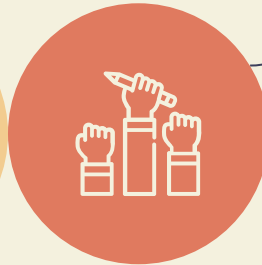
Residents who are **most impacted** by housing injustice and oppression are the **leaders** of our campaigns and movement

# OUR ORGANIZING

Tenants' rights  
& advocacy



Organize  
campaigns



Leadership  
development



Unite our  
community





From crisis to  
**COURAGE**

**ORGANIZING TENANTS  
IN AT-RISK BUILDINGS**

**ORGANIZANDO A INQUILINES DE  
EDIFÍCIOS EN RIESGO**

**ORGANIZAÇÃO DE INQUILINOS DE  
EDIFÍCIOS EM RISCO**







142 Tremont Street, Union Sq  
September 2022



HOUSING  
IS A  
HUMAN RIGHT

LLCs GET  
YOUR HANDS OFF  
OUR COMMUNITY

The People  
United will  
never be  
divided!

KAY SE  
DWA MOUNT!

KAY KIHES?  
KAY NOU!

NO EVICTIONS  
IN  
SOMERVILLE

NO RENT  
INCREASES

Tener  
un TECHO  
es un  
DERECHO

HOUSING  
IS A  
HUMAN RIGHT

Housing  
is  
A Human Right!  
We are  
One Human Race

SOMERVILLE  
TENANT  
POWER

**BUILDING TENANT LEADERSHIP**

**CONSTRUYENDO EL LIDERAZGO  
DE LES INQUILINES**

**CONSTRUINDO LIDERANÇA  
DE INQUILINOS**





Leadership  
Development  
Institute (LDI)  
Graduation –  
May 2022



**Outreach to churches, public schools, community events, social media**





**Somerville Renters  
Committee meeting with  
Mayor Ballantyne and OHS  
Director Ellen Shachter –  
September 2022**

**PREVENTING DISPLACEMENT  
WITH COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY**

**PREVENCIÓN DEL DESPLAZAMIENTO  
CON SOLIDARIDAD COMUNITARIA**

**PREVENÇÃO DE DESLOCAMENTO  
COM A SOLIDARIEDADE DA  
COMUNIDADE**





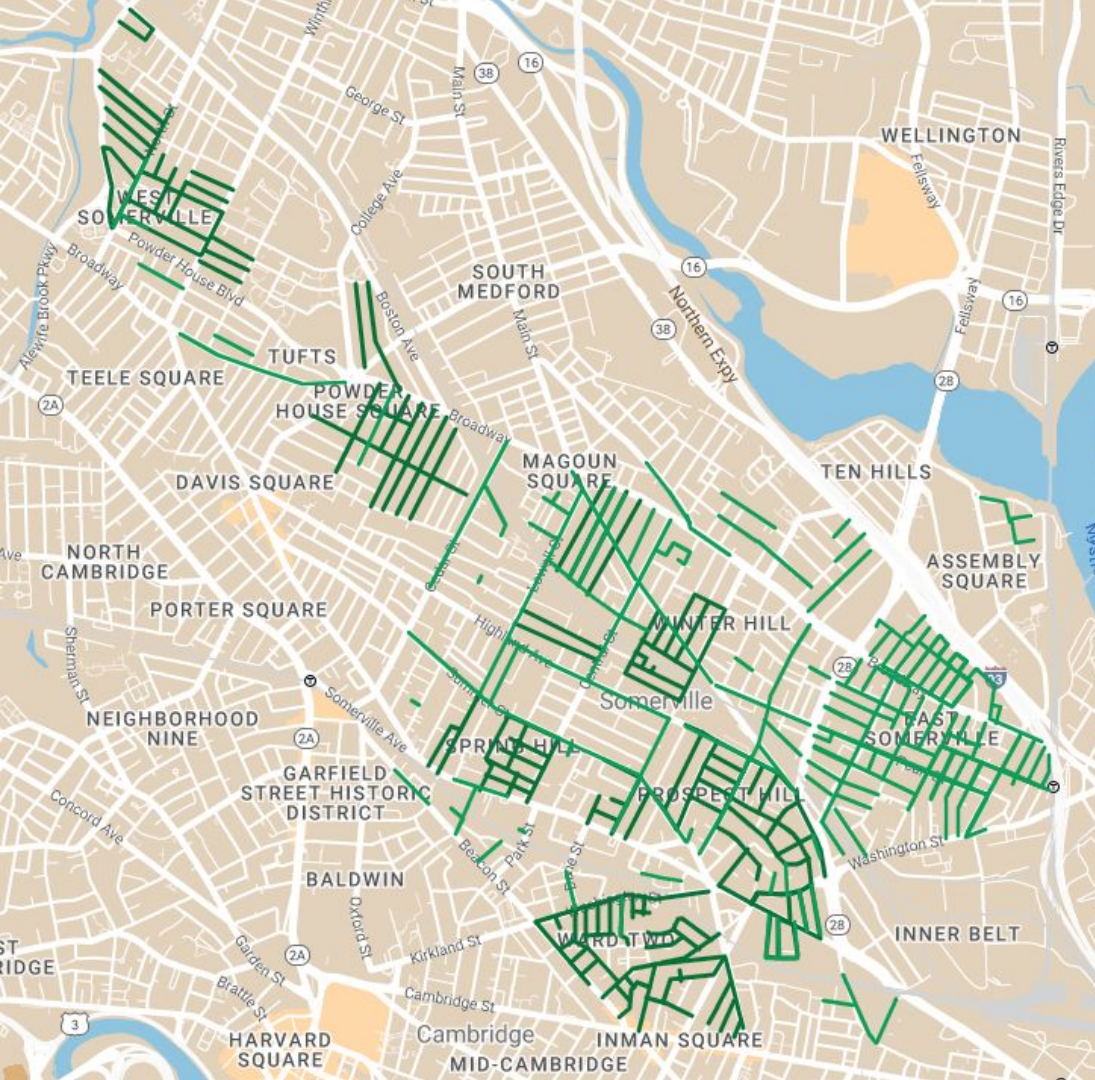
## GLX Opening – Union Square branch March 21, 2022



GLX Opening  
Medford  
branch –  
December 12,  
2022







**KYR literature drops  
across Somerville –  
2022 routes**



# SOMERVILLE RENTERS MEETING

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH @ 7-8:30PM**  
REGISTER NOW: [www.bit.ly/Somerville-Renters](http://www.bit.ly/Somerville-Renters)

Gas and electric bills are  
**THROUGH THE ROOF!**  
Join us to learn how to get help for  
yourself and your neighbors.



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