

## **General Planning**

### **New Bedford HUB (Ongoing)**

LDS Consulting Group, LLC was hired under the Neighborhood HUB program in June 2022 to work with the City of New Bedford. The first phase of work occurred from October 2022 to November 2022 to understand the severity of troubled properties and to survey the Old Bedford Village and Goulart Square neighborhoods to cross-reference with the existing City data with the goal of identifying locations for housing development.

The second phase of work occurred from January 2023 to March 2023 and focused on creating a toolkit for the New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development to identify mechanisms such as technology, staffing, budgeting, and other tools to better develop the processes for addressing the troubled properties portfolio. For the inventory mapping of both phases, LDS utilized Tolemi. As a result of this work, staff member John William Whitlow has become proficient in using Tolemi. We have also been able to identify glitches in the software and have been working with Tolemi and the City to fix them.