

## **Holyoke Planning Network**

The Holyoke Planning Network has been forming over the past year and defining its missions and goals. It currently consists of community organizations, activists, academics, professionals, government officials and students who are working to build mutually beneficial partnerships between local institutions of higher education (Holyoke Community College, Hampshire College, Mt. Holyoke College, Smith College, Amherst College, and the University of Massachusetts) and the people of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Our aim is to promote social, political and economic equality in Holyoke through a participatory, community-driven approach to sustainable development.