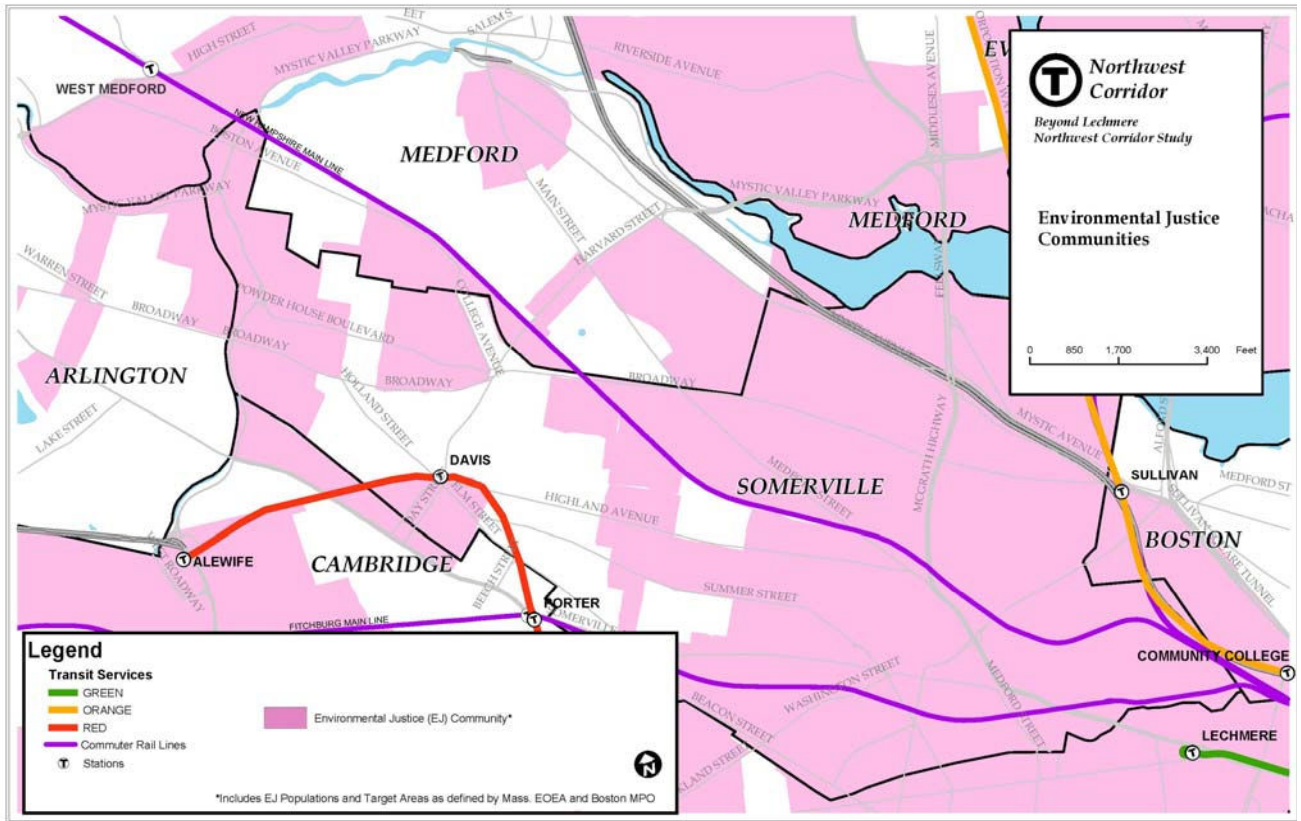


Figure 3-5 – Study Area Environmental Justice Communities



3.5 Roadways

As mentioned previously, a network of arterial and local roadways serves the study area. In general, the arterial roadways provide connections between the key activity centers within and beyond the area. Many of these arterial roadways also serve as commuter routes between more distant suburbs and the core business districts of Cambridge and Somerville. Intersections of these major arterial roadways often form the major commercial centers. Local roadways link residential areas to the arterials, and sometimes serve as cut-through routes to avoid traffic congestion during peak periods. Major roadways and the connections they serve are described in the next section.

3.5.1 Major Roadways

This section presents brief descriptions of major roadways within the study area. Where available, MassHighway traffic and accident data is provided. Supplemental traffic information and truck volumes were also provided by the City of Somerville.

- ❑ **Interstate 93** is the only interstate highway near the study area, running from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border near Methuen to