

# SULLIVAN SQUARE OPEN SPACE



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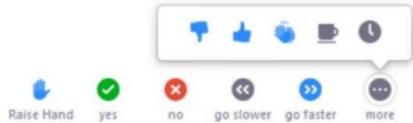
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# AGENDA

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**INTRODUCTION**

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**PRESENTATION & LIVE POLLING**

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**LISTENING & DISCUSSION**

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**CLOSING REMARKS, NEXT STEPS**

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# PROJECT TEAMS

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## **Hood Park**

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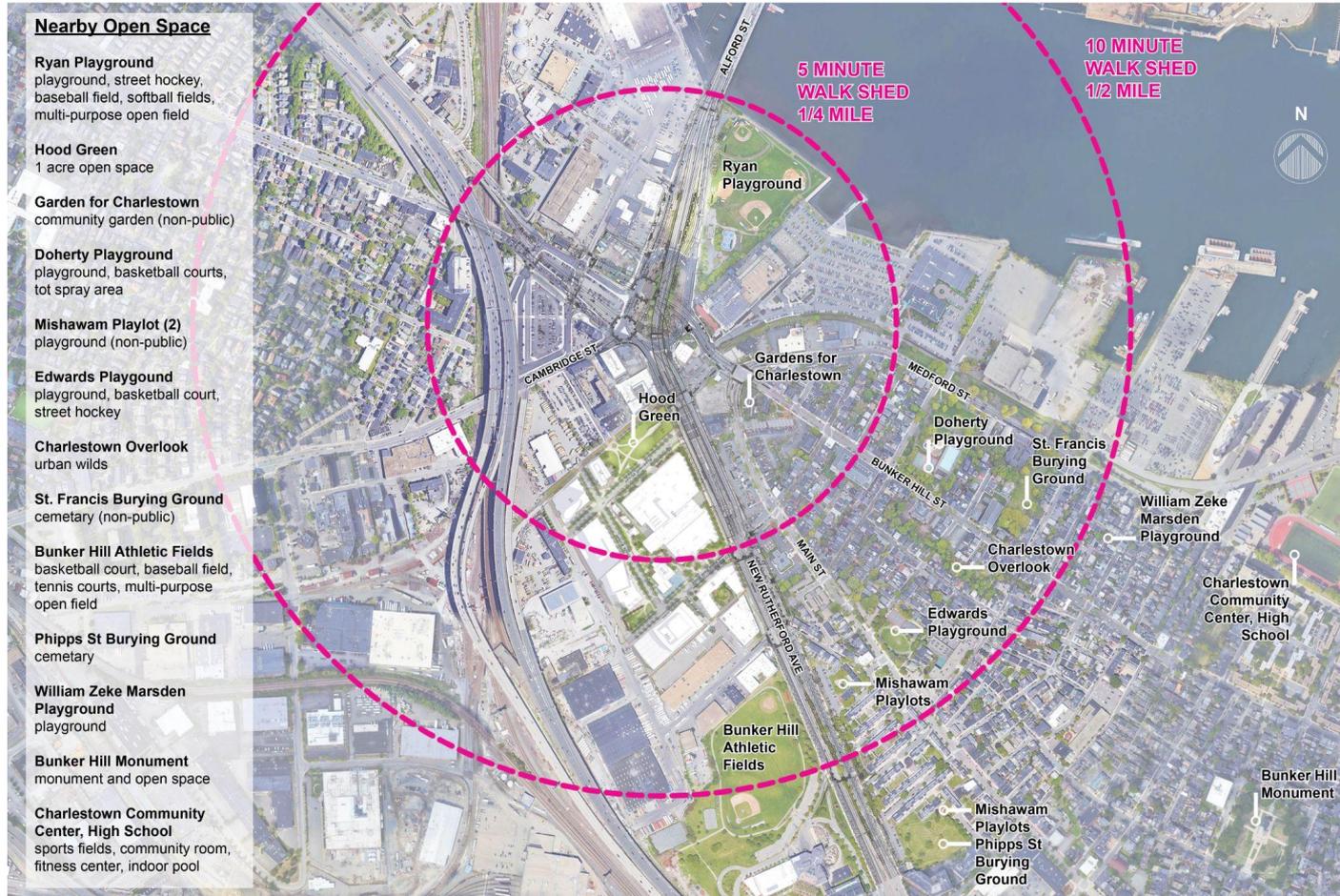
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# PROJECT CONTEXT





# LOCAL OPEN SPACE CONTEXT



# PROJECT SITES



# HOW DOES HOOD GREEN COMPARE IN SIZE TO OTHER OPEN SPACE IN CHARLESTOWN?



**CHARLESTOWN NAVAL YARD PARK**  
210,000 SF



**BUNKER HILL MONUMENT**  
164,000 SF



**WINTHROP SQUARE**  
39,204 SF



**HOOD GREEN**  
43,500 SF



# HOW DOES THE NEW SULLIVAN SQ OPEN SPACE COMPARE IN SIZE TO OTHER OPEN SPACE IN CHARLESTOWN?

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**DOHERTY PLAYGROUND**  
131,551 SF



**MENINO PARK**  
56,628 SF



**EDWARDS PLAYGROUND**  
57,935 SF



**NEW SULLIVAN SQ OPEN SPACE**  
54,450 SF



# HOW DOES RYAN PLAYGROUND COMPARE IN SIZE TO OTHER OPEN SPACE IN CHARLESTOWN?

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**BUNKER HILL  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
566,280 SF

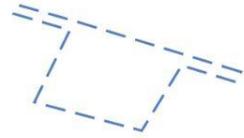


**CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY  
CENTER/HIGH SCHOOL**  
387,684 SF

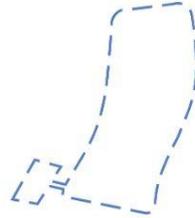


**RYAN PLAYGROUND**  
381,586 SF

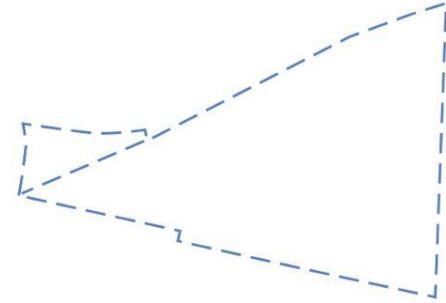
# WHAT PROGRAMS COULD FIT IN EACH SITE?



**HOOD PARK**  
1 Acre (43,560 sq ft)

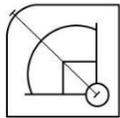


**NEW SULLIVAN SQ. OPEN SPACE**  
1.25 Acres (54,450 sq ft)



**RYAN PLAYGROUND**  
8.75 Acres (381,150 sq ft)

400 ft  
min.



**High School Baseball Field**  
105,000 sq ft  
**Little League Baseball Field**  
40,000 sq ft

325 ft min.

65 ft

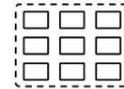


**Standard Hockey Rink**  
7,800 sq ft

120 ft

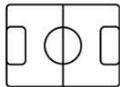


**Dog Park**  
Minimum 6,000 sq ft



**Farmers' Market**  
Flexible in scale

195 ft



**High School Soccer Field**  
64,350 sq ft

330 ft

60 ft

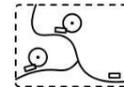


**Standard Tennis Court**  
7,200 sq ft

120 ft



**Amphitheater**  
Minimum 4,000 sq ft



**Passive Recreation**  
Flexible in scale

160 ft



**High School Football Field**  
57,600 sq ft

360 ft

50 ft



**High School Basketball Court**  
4,000 sq ft

84 ft



**Playground**  
Minimum 1,000 sq ft



**Splash Pad**  
Minimum 500 sq ft



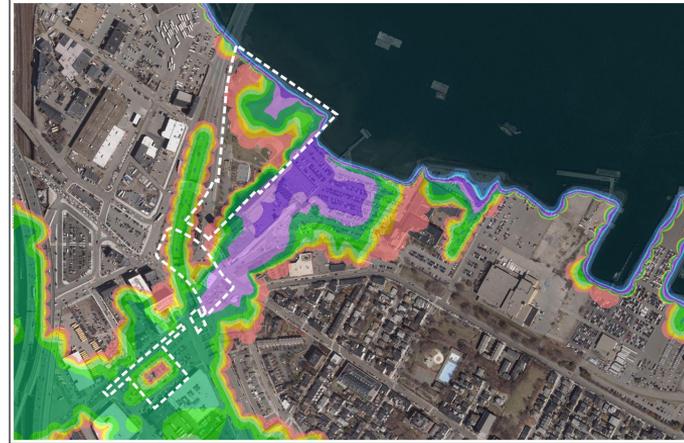
**Outdoor Dining**  
Flexible in scale

# FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

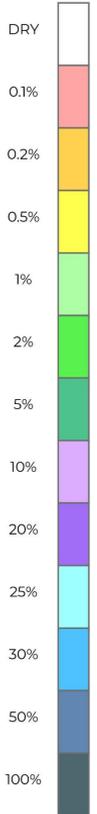
MASS COASTAL FLOOD RISK MODEL

BOSTON HARBOR FLOOD RISK MODEL

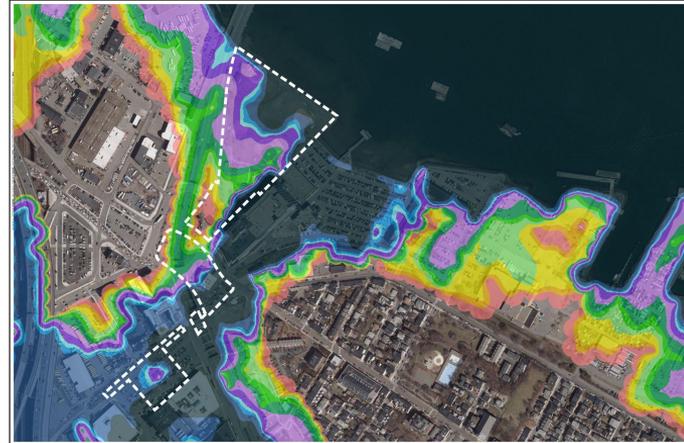
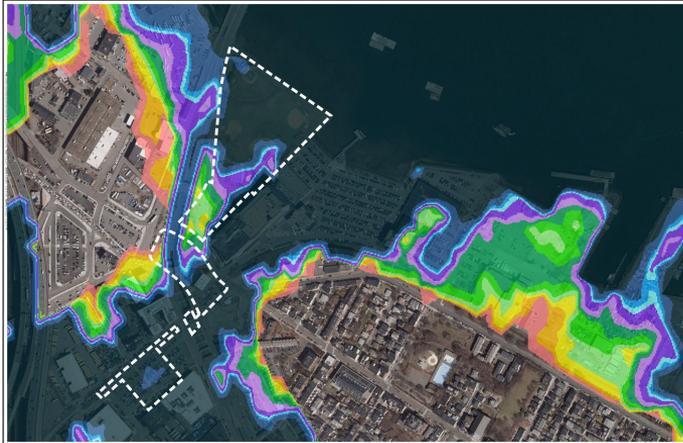
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Annual Exceedance Probability of Coastal Flooding



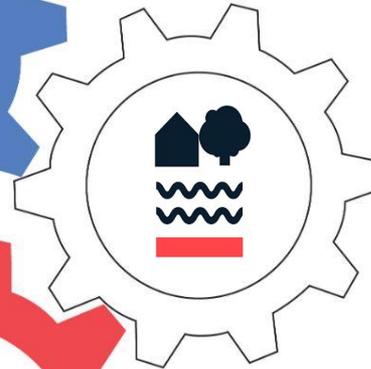
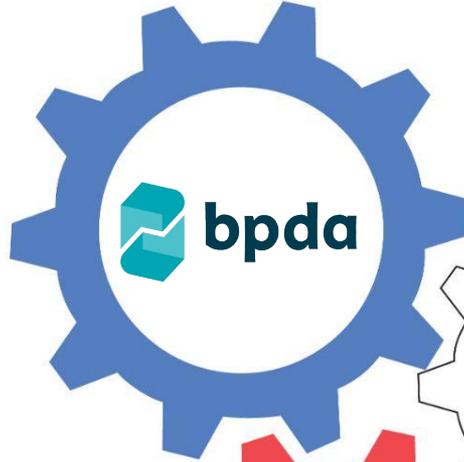
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# ALL THE PROCESSES TALKING ABOUT OPEN SPACE IN THIS AREA

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**PLAN Charlestown**  
*Boston Planning  
and Development Agency*



**Climate Ready Boston**  
*Environment Department*

**Healthy Places:  
Heat Resilience Study**  
*Environment Department*

**Ryan Playground**  
*Boston Parks and Recreation*

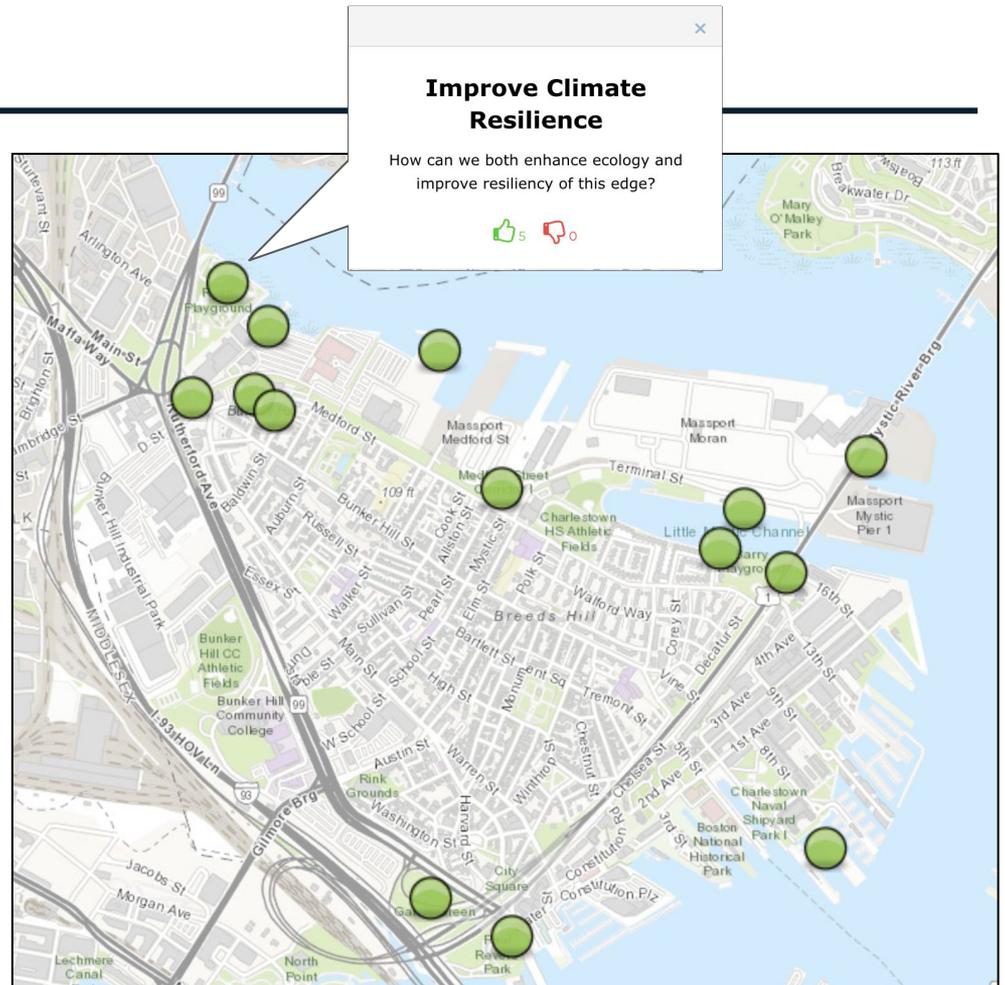


# PLAN: CHARLESTOWN

We've previously discussed Open Space in prior PLAN: Charlestown meetings

- *Open Space and Climate Resilience Workshop*: Parks shared Charlestown's different park typologies and the Environment Department discussed Climate Ready Boston Phase I and II
- In *Land Use Through Time Part II*, people shared hopes for more parks in the future.
- *Planning Places: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square*: Community members discussed where and what types of open space they hoped to see

Share your thoughts:  
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# PLAN: CHARLESTOWN

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## During these meetings we heard hopes for:

- More parks, trees, and open space free of air, light, and noise pollution
- Safe and accessible connections to the waterfront, such as the Harborwalk, and existing open space
- A climate-ready Charlestown with improved flood resiliency
- New public spaces that foster a sense of community
- A dog park
- More active recreation space
- A green corridor

Summarized responses from 4/7 Land Use Through Time Part II Workshop and 5/26 Planning Places: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square

# PLAN: CHARLESTOWN

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We've also heard in general that the community would like planning in Charlestown to be an *interdepartmental and holistic process*, which is the goal of this meeting.

**Goal:** Gather input on desired futures uses of each site given...

- The opportunities and challenges of each individual site
- The other park sites in Sullivan Square
- Park space in Charlestown as a whole

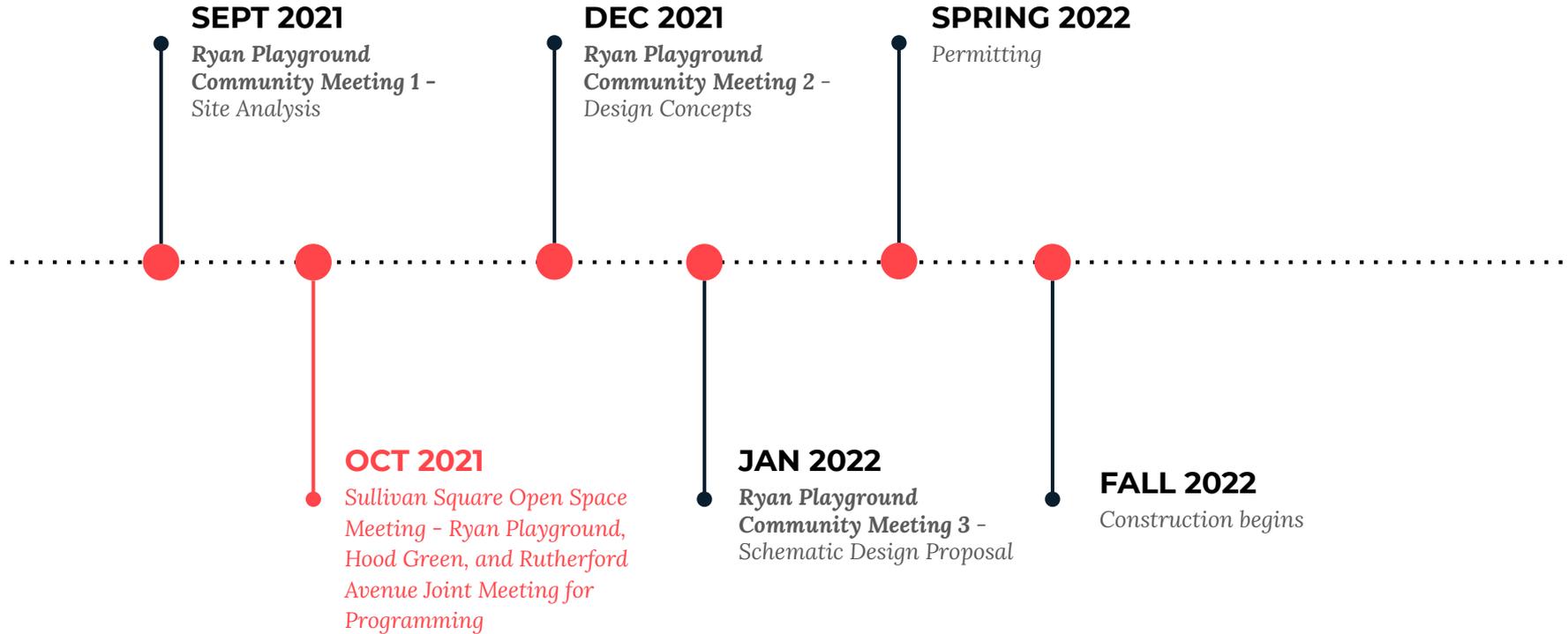


# RYAN PLAYGROUND



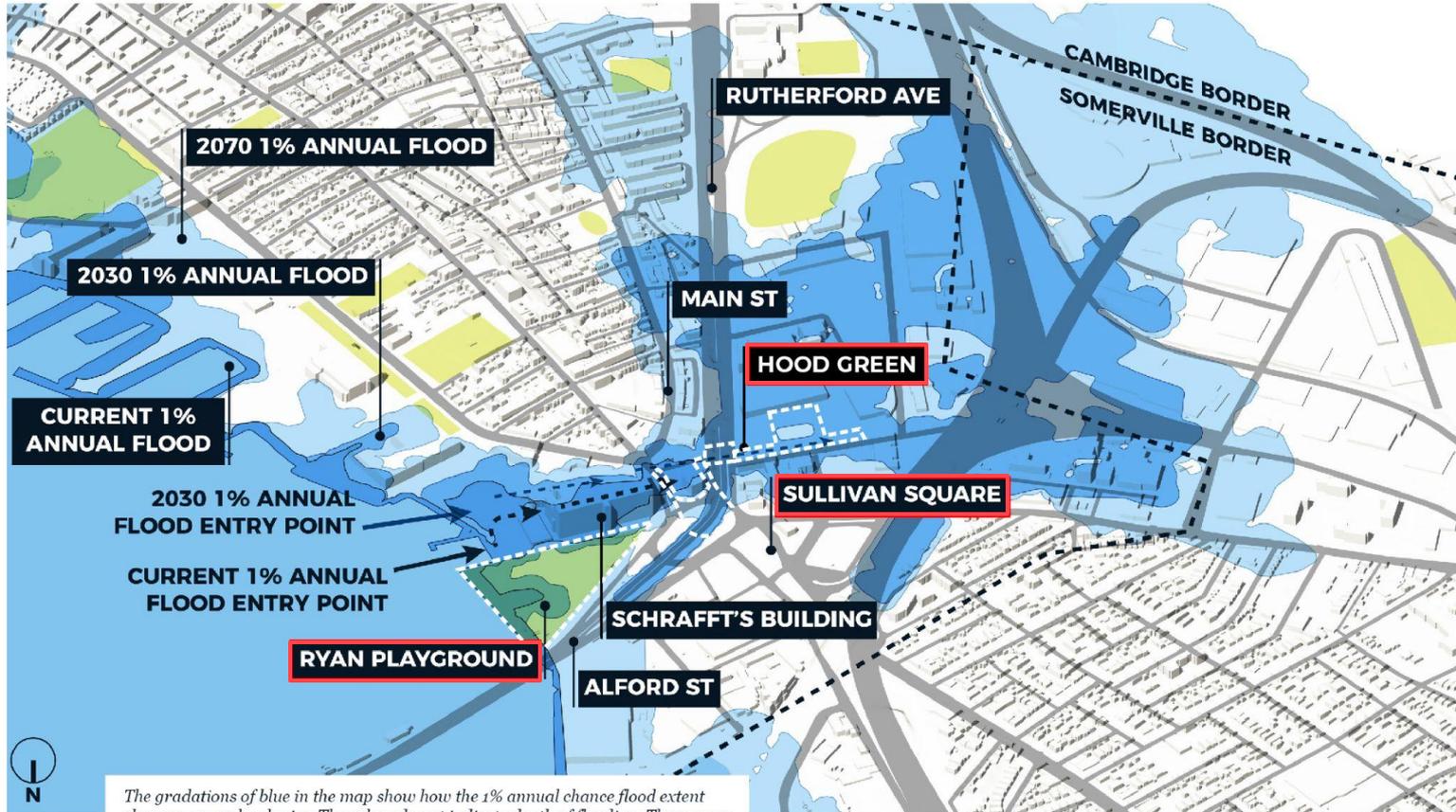
# RYAN PLAYGROUND - PROJECT TIMELINE

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# CLIMATE READY BOSTON - FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT



The gradations of blue in the map show how the 1% annual chance flood extent changes as sea levels rise. The colors do not indicate depth of flooding. The arrows show the flood entry points and pathways with current sea levels, 9 inches of sea level rise (2030s), and 36 inches of sea level rise (2070s).

# RYAN PLAYGROUND - PARK DETAILS

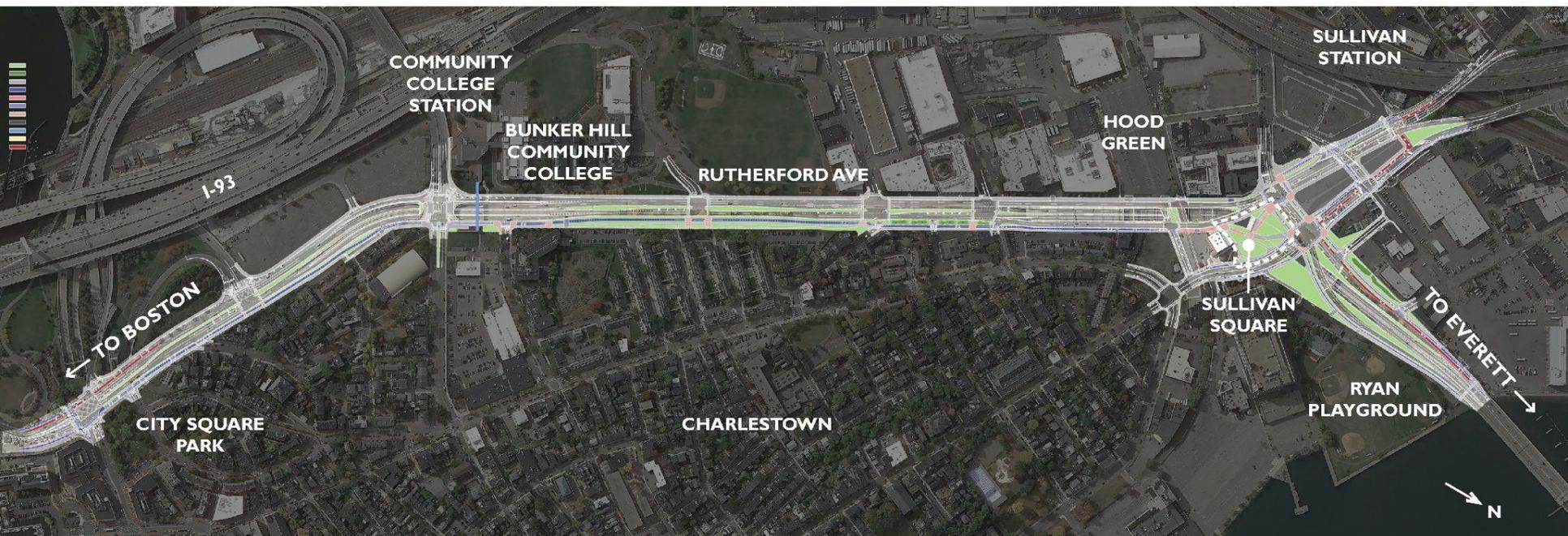


# NEW OPEN SPACE AT SULLIVAN SQUARE



# RUTHERFORD AVE & SULLIVAN SQUARE OPEN SPACE - PROJECT EXTENTS

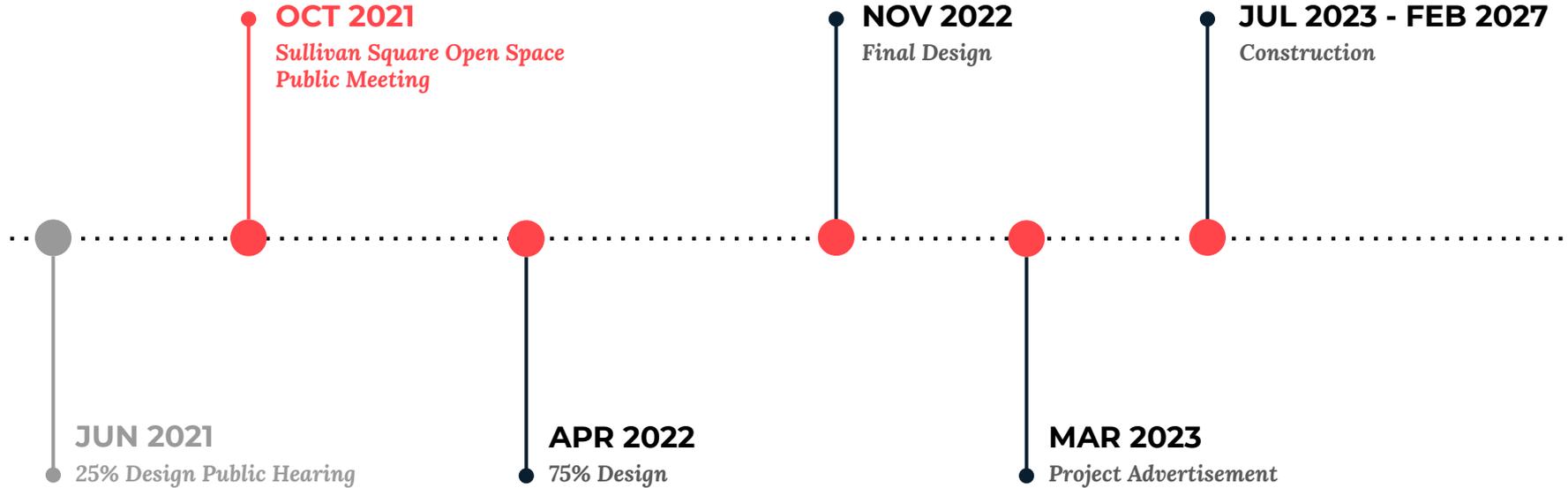
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*Proposed extents of improved pedestrian and bicycle connections to City Square Park, Bunker Hill Community College, Ryan Playground, two MBTA transit stations and the new Sullivan Square open space and Hood Green.*

# NEW OPEN SPACE AT SULLIVAN SQUARE - PROJECT TIMELINE

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# NEW OPEN SPACE AT SULLIVAN SQUARE - PROJECT OVERVIEW



Historic Sullivan Square Park and Train Station



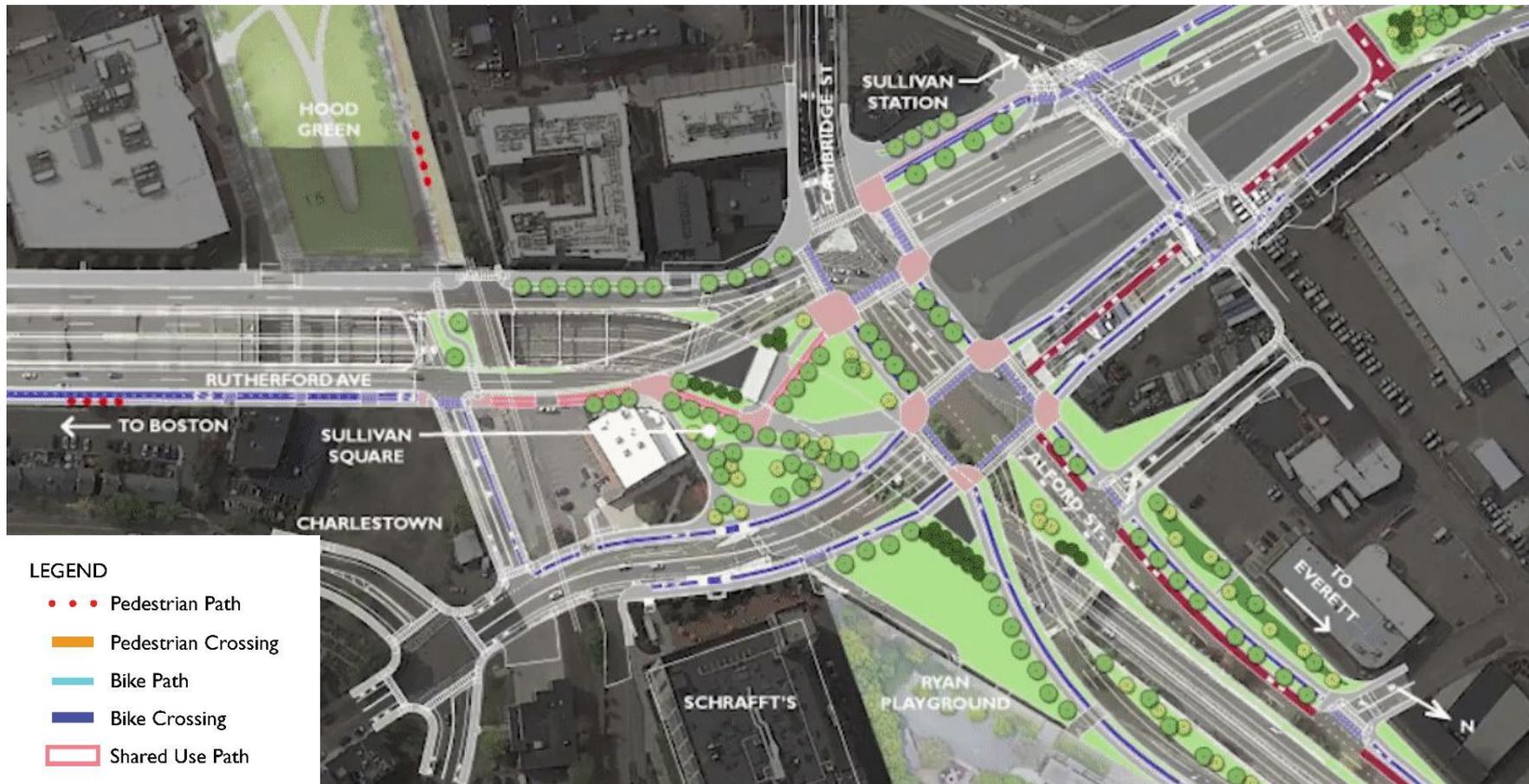
Historic Sullivan Square 1920



**LEGEND**

- Existing Open Space
- Proposed Open Space
- Green Space
- Shared Use Path
- Bike Path

# NEW OPEN SPACE AT SULLIVAN SQUARE - CIRCULATION



# NEW OPEN SPACE AT SULLIVAN SQUARE - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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- Ensure safety of all users
- Provide clear flows of circulation
- Allow for passive and active uses to accommodate a range of users
- Incorporate climate resilient design features
- Potential to include food and entertainment programming
- Potential for garden elements - living and/or built



# NEW OPEN SPACE AT SULLIVAN SQUARE - POTENTIAL SITE FEATURES

- Shared use path for bicycles and pedestrians
- Lighted pedestrian way through square
- Open lawn with stepped seating
- Plaza with table and chair seating
- Tot-lot

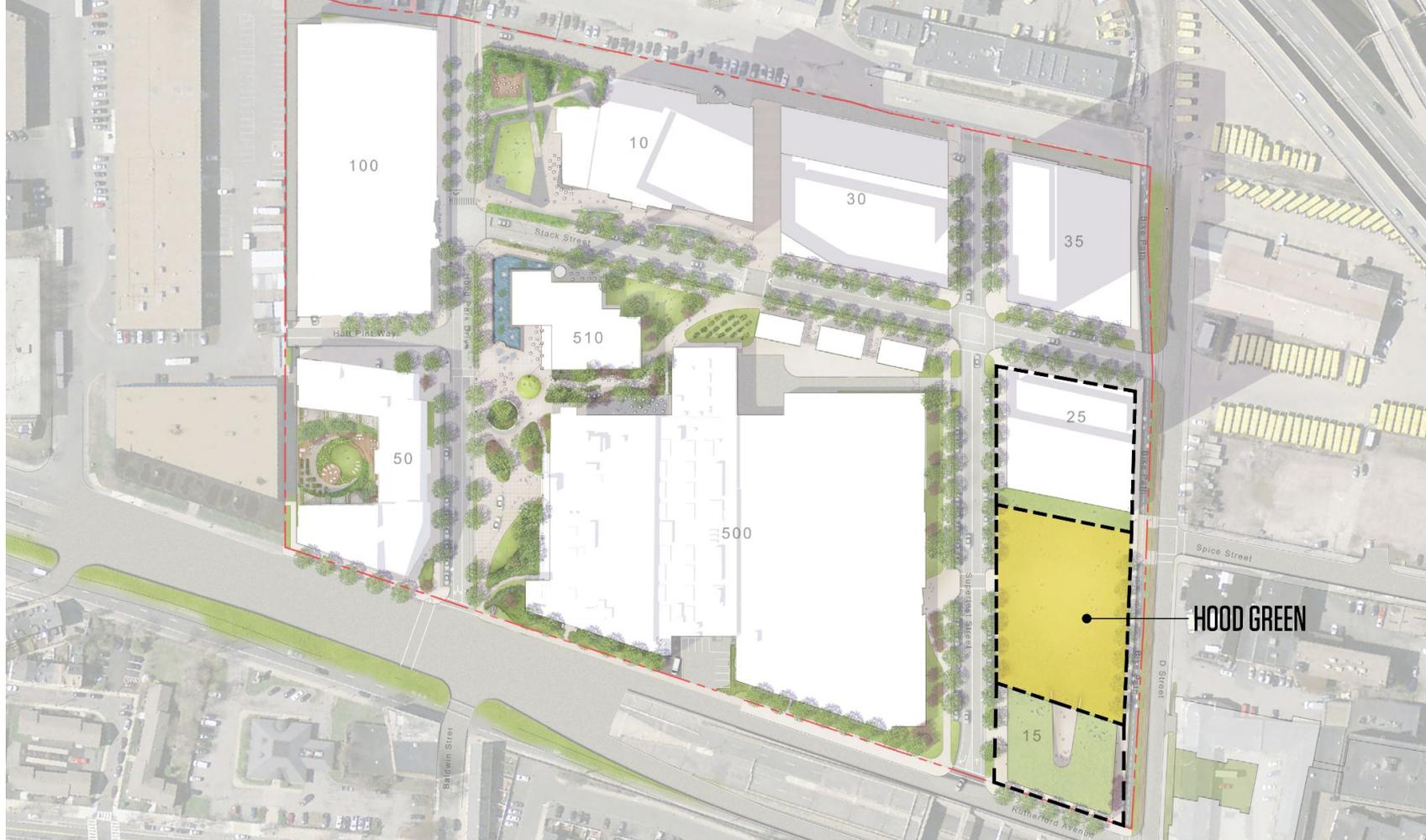
## LEGEND

- Green Space
- Utility Grate
- Pedestrian Path
- Bike Path
- Shared Use Path



# HOOD PARK

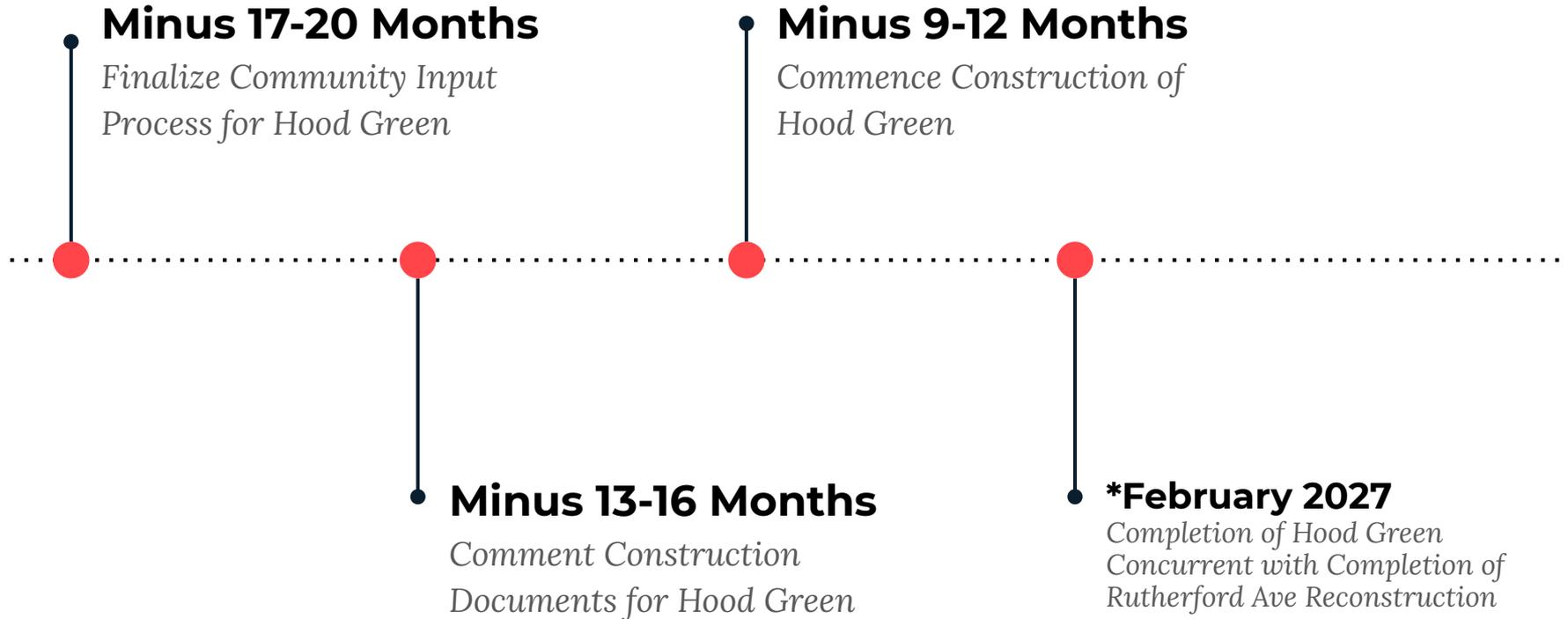




# HOOD GREEN - PROJECT TIMELINE

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**\*Hood Green Timeline is contingent upon aligning with the timing of completion of construction of the section of Rutherford Avenue between Spice Street and Hood Park Drive (currently using February 2027).**



PROPOSED VIEW FROM RUTHERFORD AVENUE



HOOD GREEN - PROPOSED VIEW

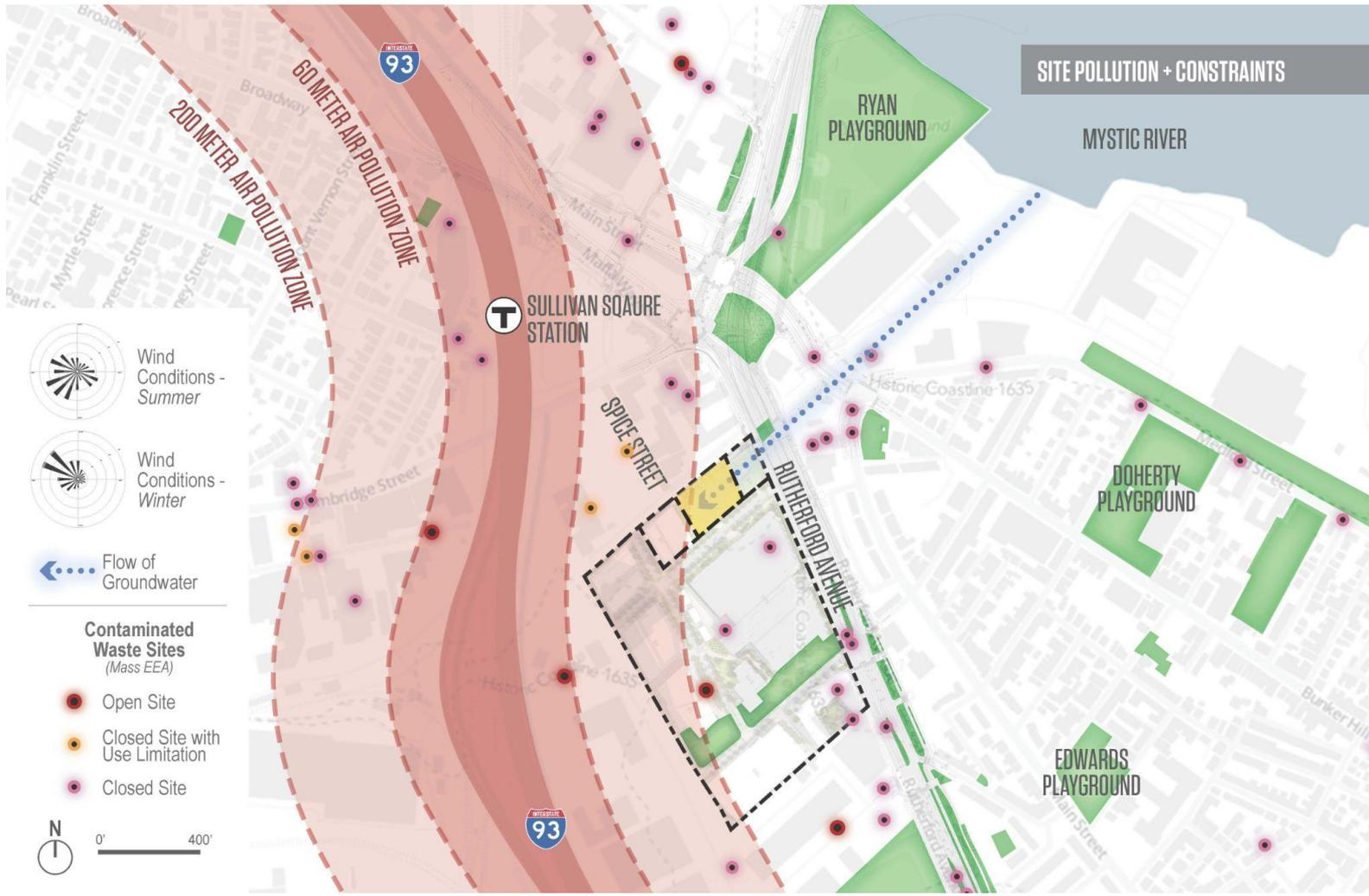




HOOD GREEN - PROPOSED VIEWS



# SITE POLLUTION + CONSTRAINTS

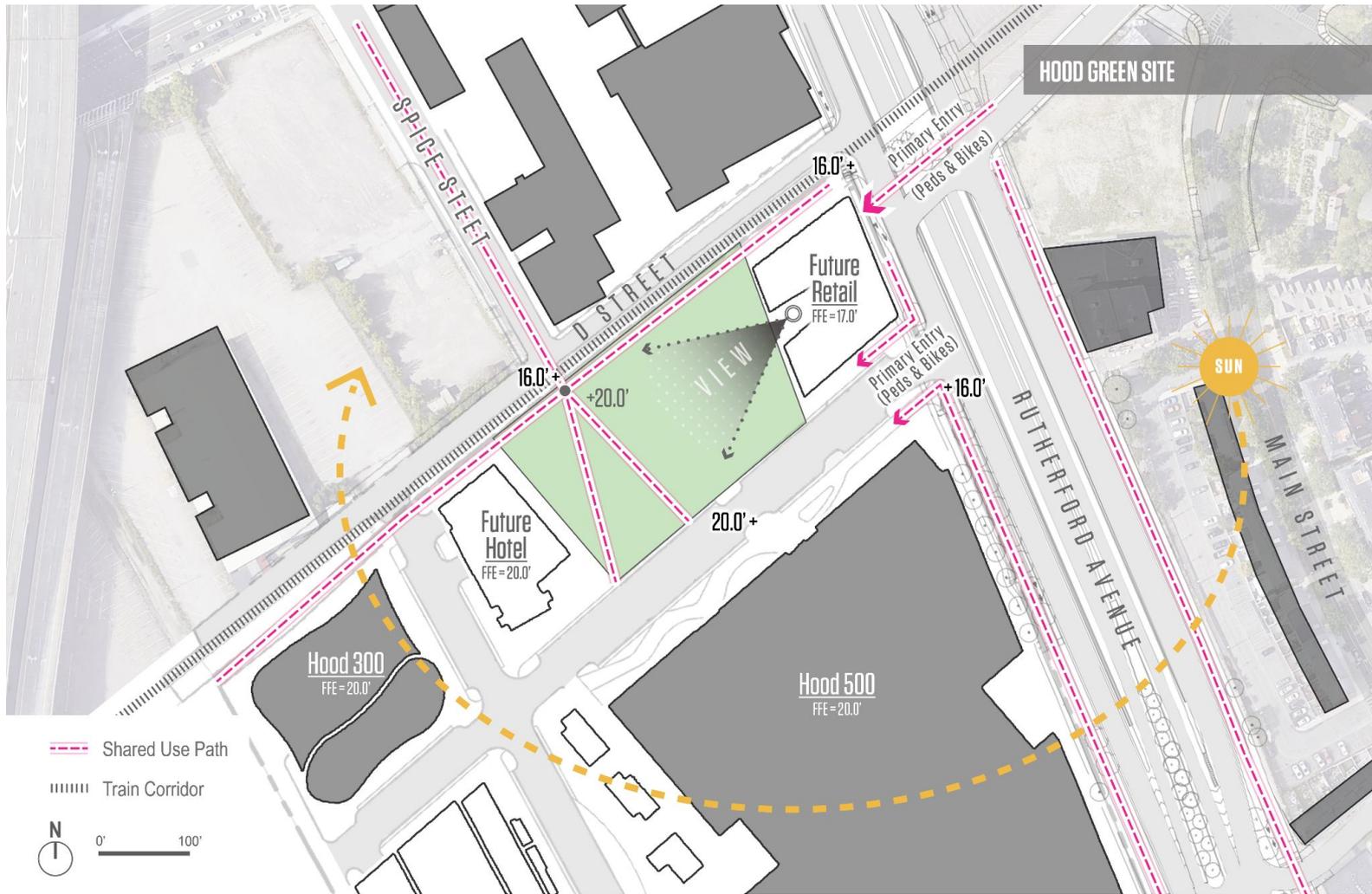


## Contaminated Waste Sites (Mass EEA)

- Open Site
- Closed Site with Use Limitation
- Closed Site



HOOD GREEN SITE



Shared Use Path

Train Corridor



# LIVE POLLING

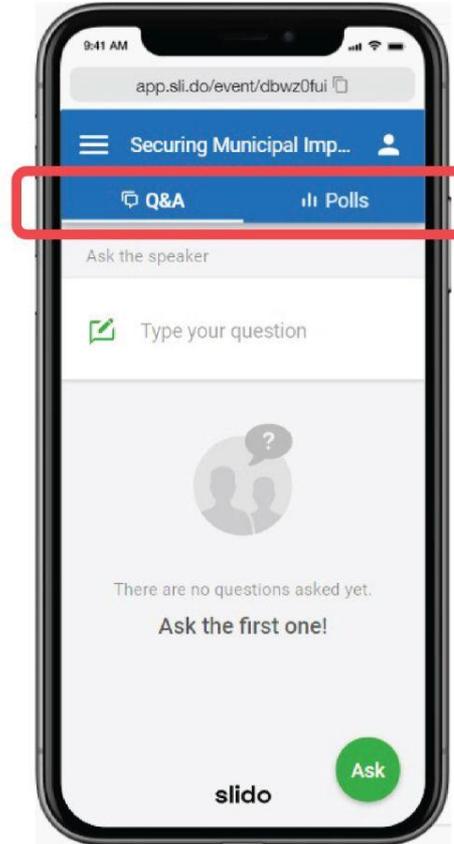


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**What do you enjoy doing in public open spaces that could occur either at Hood Green, Ryan Playground, or the Sullivan Square site? Choose all that apply.**

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**Use ONE word to describe  
what activity Ryan Playground  
is uniquely suited for.**

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**Use ONE word to describe what activity Sullivan Square might be uniquely suited for.**

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**Use ONE word to describe  
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might be uniquely suited for.**

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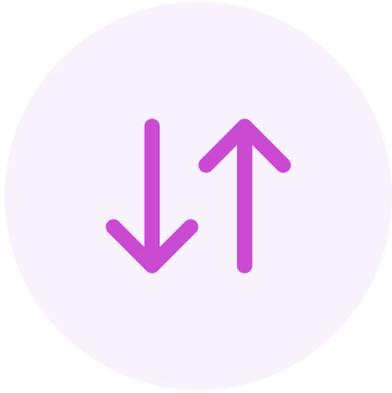
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**Should activities at these  
three sites be**

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**What would make the difference for you in deciding to go visit these sites?**

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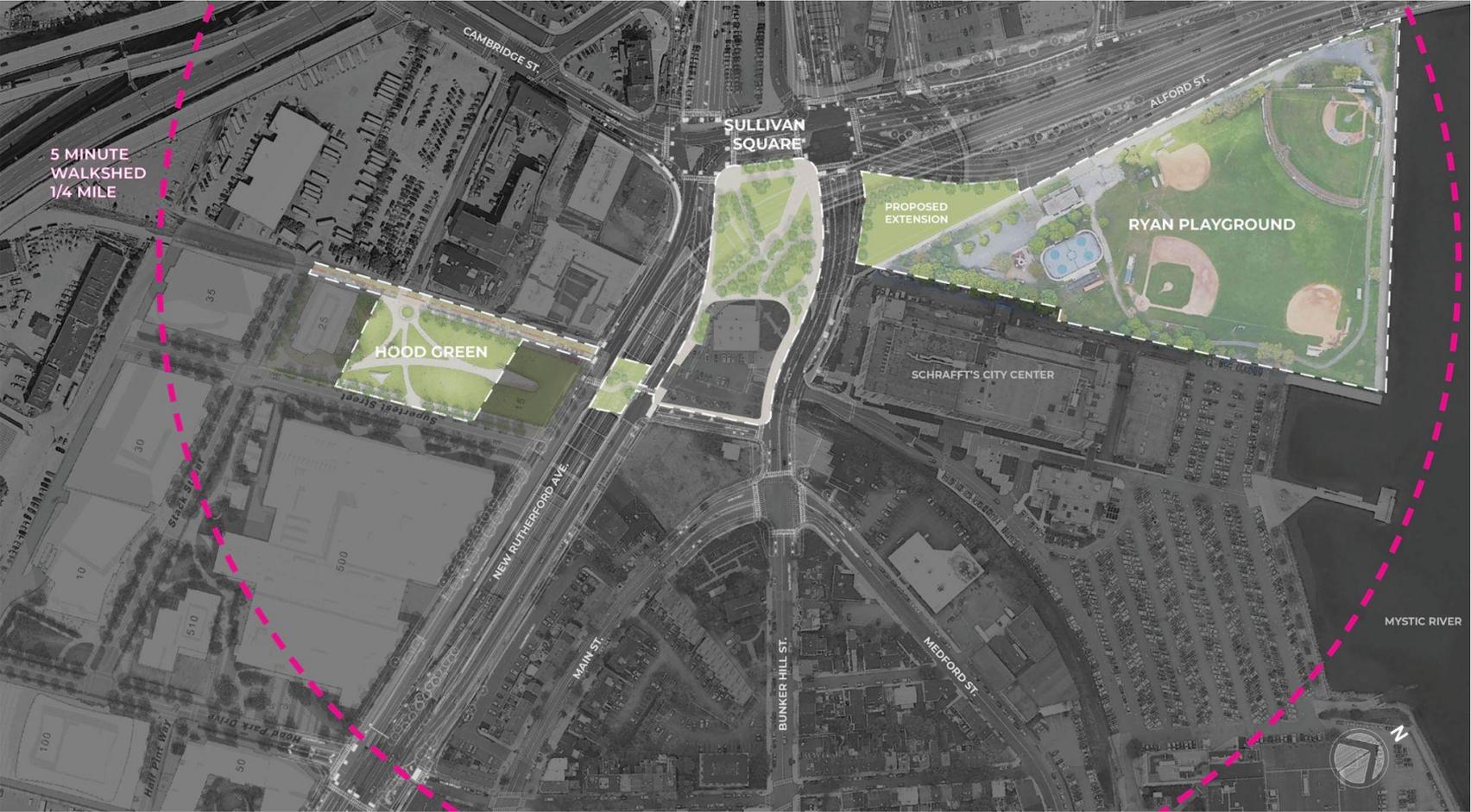
**Is there a primary issue in Charlestown that these sites could address? What would that be?**

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# LISTENING & DISCUSSION

An aerial photograph of a city area, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. A dashed white rectangular box highlights a specific area in the lower-left quadrant, which contains a sports field with several baseball diamonds and a swimming pool. The surrounding area includes various buildings, parking lots, and a road network. The text "LISTENING & DISCUSSION" is prominently displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font across the upper portion of the image.

# LISTENING & DISCUSSION



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# FUTURE EVENTS

## Charlestown Little Mystic Channel Park

Autumn Open House — October 16



Mystic River  
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION



There's a new initiative to re-imagine the area around Little Mystic Channel as a park with a harborwalk loop.

Stop by our Open House, share your ideas, grab a donut, play some Charlestown trivia, and find out how to get involved with the community-driven design process. This is a kid-friendly event.

**When:** Saturday, Oct 16th, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Where:** Little Mystic Channel between Charlestown Community Center Athletic Fields & CharlesNewtown (See Map 📍 )

📍 Event Location

↑ North



Learn more at:  
[mysticriver.org/charlestown](https://mysticriver.org/charlestown)

# THANK YOU!

Your voice matters!



Take our survey about Ryan Playground, Hood Green, and Sullivan Square

Check back in to view survey results  
or learn more about Ryan Playground:

[boston.gov/ryan-charlestown](https://boston.gov/ryan-charlestown)