

PLAN: Charlestown

# Open Office Hours

*August 27th, 2020*

# Welcome

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## Technology & Tips

*Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager*  
*Kelly Sherman, Planner I*



# Format

- **Informal** opportunity to talk with the staff team for an hour, and get comfortable with the technology.
- Help staff design and prepare for upcoming planning workshops.
- Process update followed by general discussion.
- If you are unable to speak at office hours and have a follow up item, please reach out to Jason Ruggiero (Jason.Ruggiero@boston.gov) and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

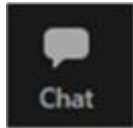
# Meeting Process

- Attendees may participate via the chat feature, as well as by using the “Raise Hand” function of Zoom. When you hit the “Raise Hand” button a staff moderator will know to unmute your computer. Please be mindful of background noise.
- During the presentation attendees will be able to submit comments and questions to the hosts (Kelly or Taylor) via the chat that will be addressed after the presentation.
- During the discussion section, members will be able to chat with BPDA staff and other attendees.

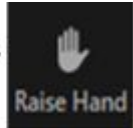
# Zoom Tips

Welcome! Here are some tips on using Zoom for first-time users.

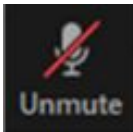
Your controls are at the bottom of the screen



Use the chat to type a comment or ask a question at any time – Members of the PLAN: Charlestown team will moderate the chat



To raise your hand, click on “Participants” at the bottom of your screen, and then choose the “Raise Hand” option in the participant box



Mute/unmute – Participants will be muted during the presentation – the host will unmute you during discussion if you raise your hand and it is your turn to talk



Turns your video on/off

# Meeting Recording

At the request of community members, this event will be recorded posted on the PLAN: Charlestown project webpage at **<http://bostonplans.org/PlanCharlestown>** for those who are unable to attend the Zoom event live.

Also, it is possible that participants may be recording the meeting with their phone cameras or other devices. If you do not wish to be recorded during the meeting, please turn off your microphone and camera.

If your camera and microphone are off, you can still participate through the text chat feature.

# COVID-19 Resources

Stay up-to-date with COVID-19 related announcements, City of Boston reopening plans, and resources for you and your community at:

[boston.gov/coronavirus](https://boston.gov/coronavirus)

Content available in 16 languages.



The screenshot shows the City of Boston website page for COVID-19 resources. The header includes the City of Boston logo, Mayor Martin J. Walsh's name, and a menu icon. The main heading is "CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN BOSTON". Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: "The state has updated guidance on the [Reopening Massachusetts website](#). We also continue to update City-specific guidance for Boston on [our reopening website](#)." The date "July 12, 2020" is displayed. To the right, it says "PUBLISHED BY: PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION". Below this, there is a section for "MULTILINGUAL CONTENT" with a list of languages: العربية (Arabic), Kriolu (Cabo Verdean creole), 中文 (Chinese), Français (French), Kreyòl ayisyen (Haitian Creole), Português (Portuguese), and Русский (Russian). At the bottom, it states "BOSTON (AS OF FRIDAY, JULY 10)" and "13,673 CASES | 9,683 RECOVERED".

# 2020 Census Update and Reminder

## Key Dates:

- August 11 - Doorknocking begins.
- September 30 - Last day to respond.

## Quick Facts:

- As of 7/7, 52.2% (about 175,800) of Boston's households have responded.
- In 2010, the final response rate was 64.4%.

The Census has never been more accessible. You can respond:

- Online ([my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov))
- Over the phone, or by mail.
- 13 different languages available.

Boston depends on your household to respond. For every person not counted, **nearly \$2,400** per year for the next ten years is **lost** in federal funding.



# Staff

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## The Planning Team



# Staff Team

- Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager
- Kelly Sherman, Planner I
- Ted Schwartzberg, AICP, Senior Planner II
- Meghan Richard, Preservation Planner & Urban Designer II
- Chris Breen, Urban Renewal Manager
- Quinlan Locke, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services
- Reay Pannesi, Senior Real Estate Development Officer
- Ocean Luo, Senior Planner for Imagine Boston 2030
- Raul Duverge, Senior Project Manager
- Taylor Herman, Planning Intern

# Update

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Picking up from where we left off...

*Ted Schwartzberg, AICP*  
*Senior Planner*



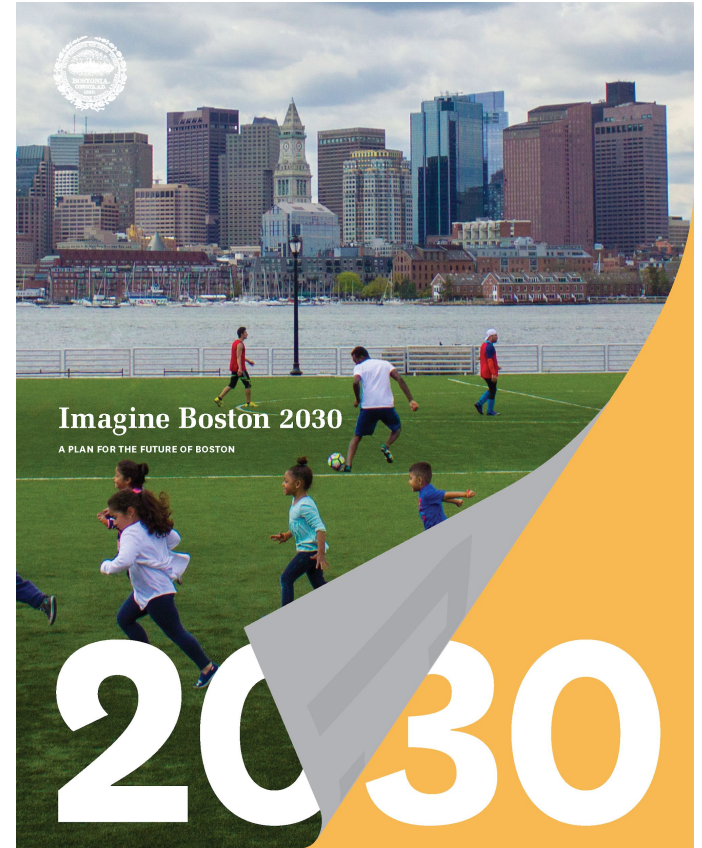
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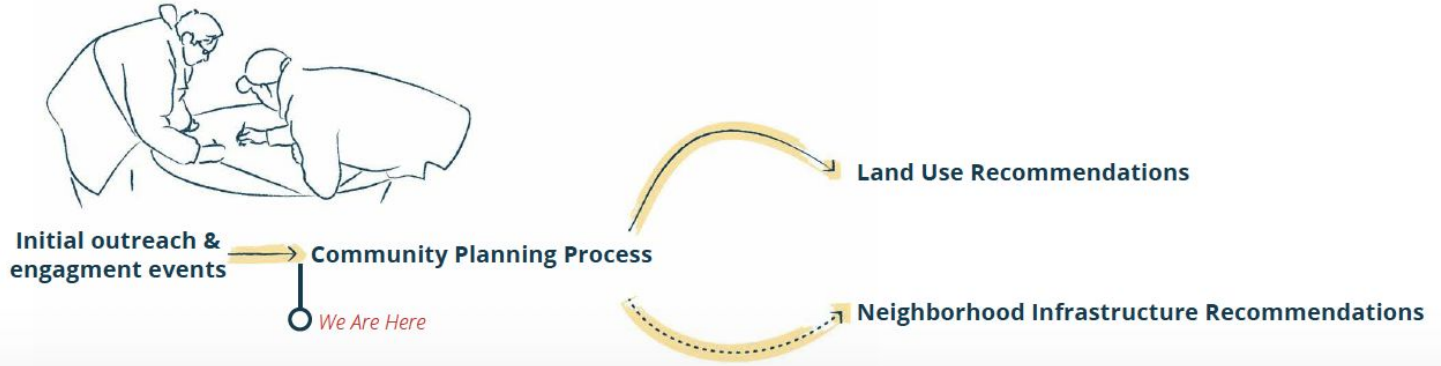
## What is Imagine Boston 2030?

Begun in 2015 and completed in 2017, Imagine Boston 2030 (IB2030) is the first citywide plan in 50 years.

It created the guiding principles and framework to guide all growth in the City of Boston. In partnership with the BPDA, the City of Boston can ensure that priorities are carried out through creative and thoughtful land use regulations and guiding principles.



## Process Sequence



1. January 31st: Process Kick-Off Open House (all planning topics)
2. Tonight: Open Office Hours
3. Next: Monthly Public Workshops (focused planning topics)

**Stay Involved: visit website to sign up for Planning, and Development Review meeting announcements**

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# Kick-off Open House

### Date

Thursday,  
January 30

### When

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### Where

Warren-Prescott  
School Cafeteria,  
Playground Entrance  
of Pearl Street,  
Charlestown, MA 02129

### Social Media

@bostonplans  
#bostonplans  
#plancharlestown

### Contact:

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Senior Planner  
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Please join us for an open house community meeting about the PLAN: Charlestown neighborhood planning initiative. Meet members of the City and the Boston Planning and Development Agency's planning team, share your ideas, and learn about the planning process and how you can get involved.

Light refreshments will be provided.

\*In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 6.



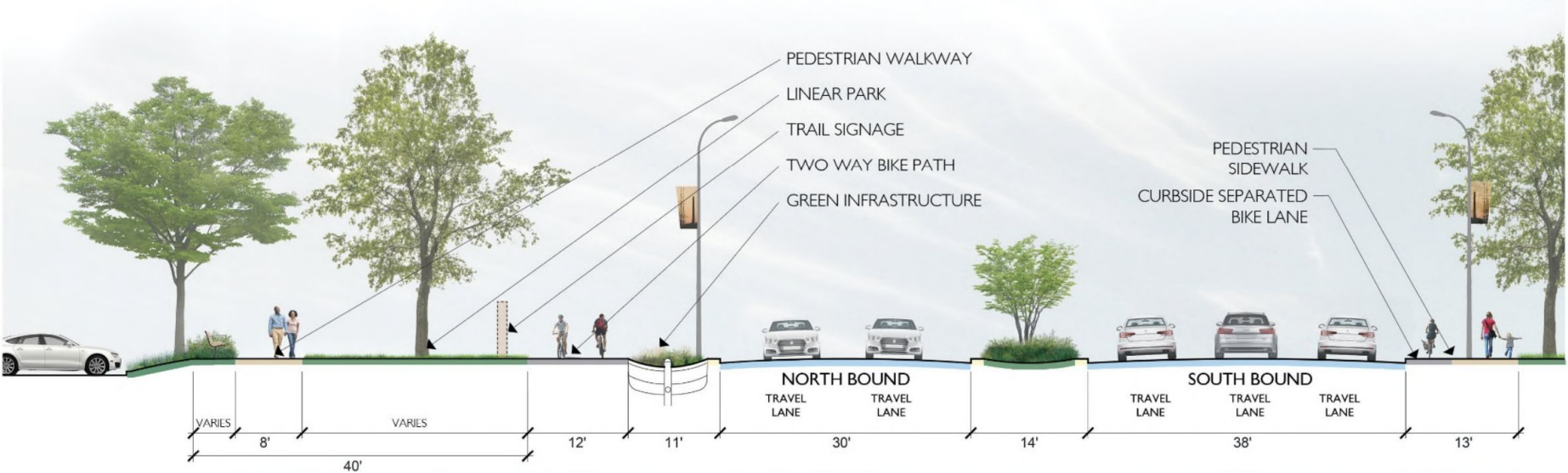
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# January Open House

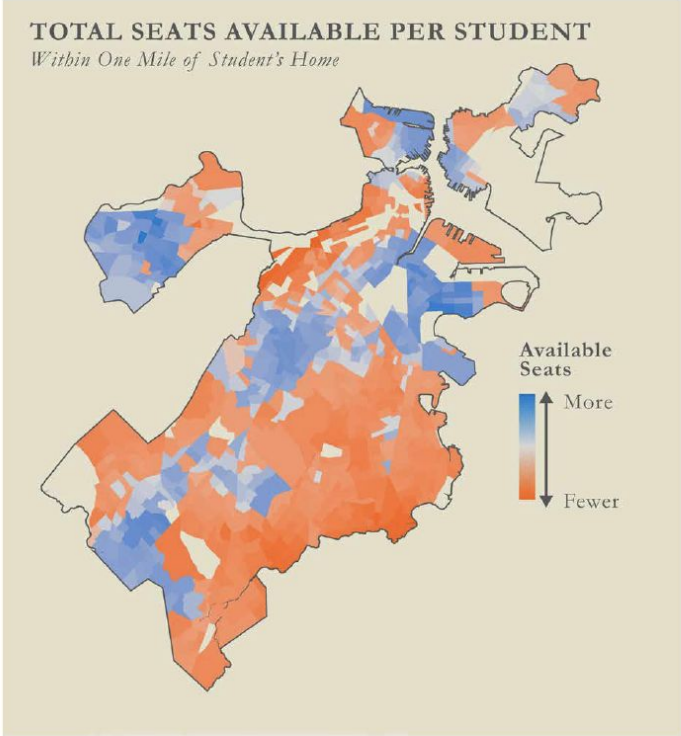




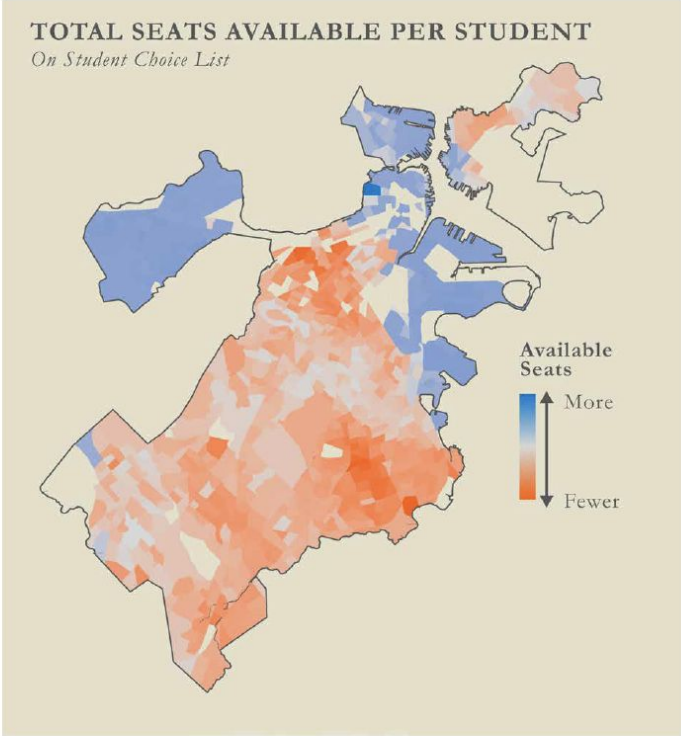
# Open House Highlights: Transportation



# Open House Highlights: Schools



Source: Boston Public Schools



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# Open House Highlights: Participation



BPDA staff members attend a meeting hosted by the Charlestown Preservation Society, one of 14 engagement events held in late 2019 in preparation for today's launch of PLAN: Charlestown

The core of Charlestown is historic in nature:  
we must preserve this existing fabric.

# Open House Highlights: Participation

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## Participation and Outreach

**Who else should be invited to participate in this process? What is the best way to reach out to these groups/people?**

- Residents - Petal, OneCharlestown on City Knowledge over Zoom on 4/19
- ALL PROSECUTOR, CITY, STATE, FEDERAL TRUST HAVE APPROVED TO THE PLAN - PROBABLY RECOGNITION
- CMA
- Superior Court
- Plan "dog"

*Handwritten note:* "I want to know what the best way to reach out to these groups/people?"

**How would you like to participate in this process? Share your ideas for future events.**

*Handwritten notes:* "public meeting or public process as a facilitator group", "provide all parties, discuss", "collaboration on how to do the public outreach", "Develop a series", "Need an online option for people who are unable to attend in-person meetings", "provide the same before in-person, high communication", "2-meetings on same topic (to ensure people who can't make one could make the other)", "held close to people/stakeholders engaged", "Daphne for one?", "Have an online way to participate in these meetings"

*Handwritten note:* "WANT THE PLAN TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC THINGS (i.e. zoning) - maybe create the process (i.e. plan)"

**Draw a tally line for as many as apply to you:**

<p><b>Live Here:</b></p> <p>     </p> <p>     </p>	<p><b>Work Here:</b></p> <p>     </p> <p>   </p>
<p><b>Want to Become a Resident Here:</b></p>	<p><b>Go to school here:</b></p> <p>  </p>

**Join the Advisory Group**

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and BPDA seek nominations for Charlestown stakeholders to serve on the PLAN: Charlestown Advisory Group (AG).

The AG will be made up of community members who will share the perspectives of their represented groups to inform the work of the planning process.

**Nominations Due:  
March 6th, 2020**

# Open House Highlights: Participation

**Who else should be invited to participate in this process?  
What is the best way to reach out to these groups/people?**

- Residents - Patch, OneCharlestown on C&D  
Knock on doors (even if not online!)
- ALL AGENCIES, CITY, STATE, FEDERAL THAT HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE AREA - MONTHLY PRESENTATION
- CMA  
  - Registration Society
  - Police Dept

Business Owners

- Chamber small list
- hot day night out small list

**How would you like to participate in this process? Share your ideas for future events.**

public meetings in public spaces  
to reach other groups:  
families & parks; alternative  
(ZUMA Lacey)  
elderly housing, City Square Park  
get people outside

GROUP MEETINGS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC THEMES (i.e. ZONING) ~~THAT~~ RATHER THAN LAUNDRY LIST OF ISSUES

Development issues

Need an on-line option for people who are unable to attend in-person meetings; should be open before in-person mts, summarized & presented as baseline during in-person mtg

2 meetings on same topic (to ensure people who can't make one, could make the other)  
Hold close to people/stakeholders engaged of color (i.e. ministers)  
Daytime for one?

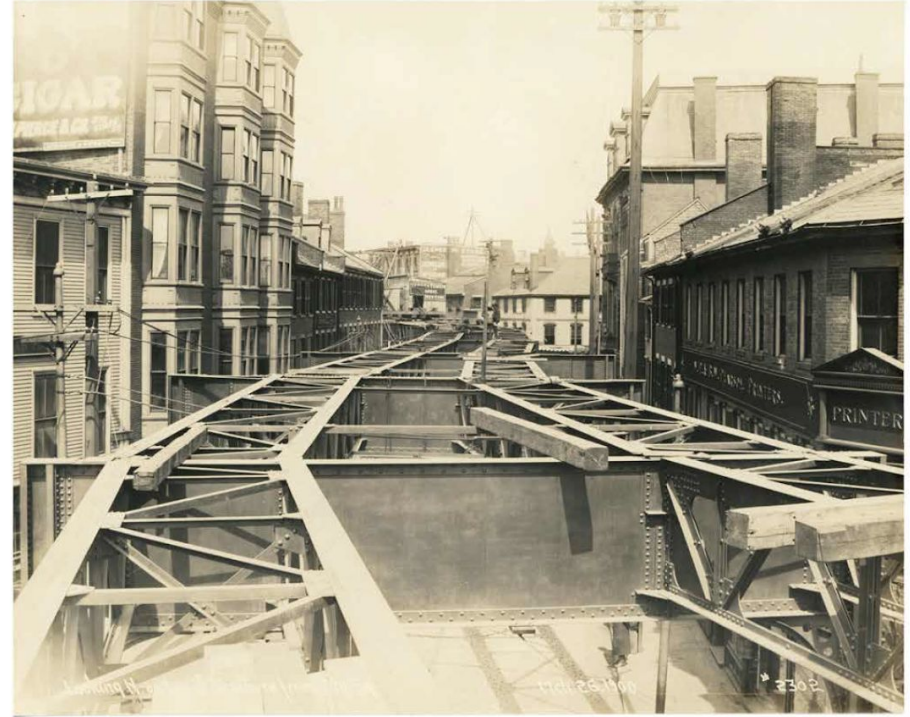
have an online way to participate to reach each city.



# Open House Highlights: History

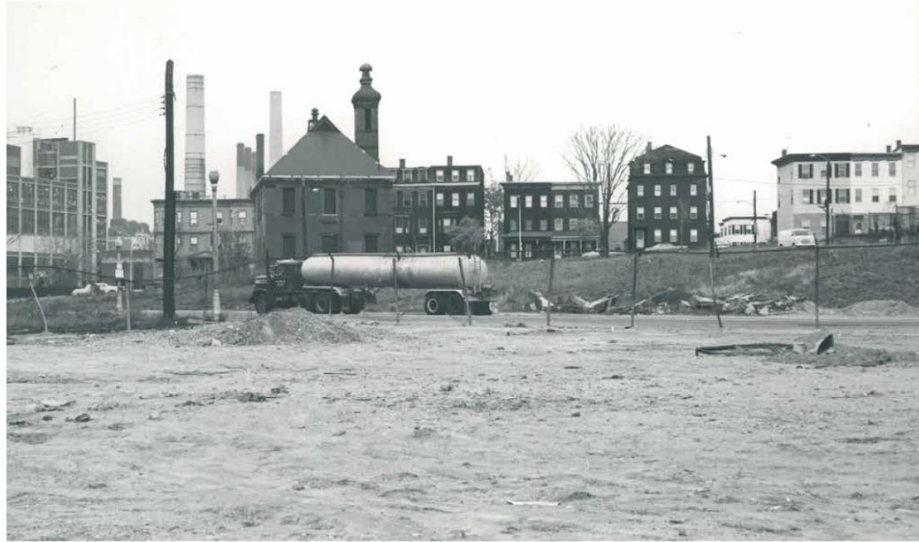


Charlestown Bridge, 1899.  
Source: Boston Public Library



Main Street, 1900.  
Source: Boston Public Library

# Open House Highlights: History



Site of Gardens for Charlestown, 1960's.  
Source: City of Boston Archives



Vacant lots adjacent to Tobin Bridge approach, 1960's.  
Source: City of Boston Archives



# Upcoming

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*Meghan Richard*  
*Preservation Planner & Urban Designer*



**boston planning &  
development agency**

# What's Next

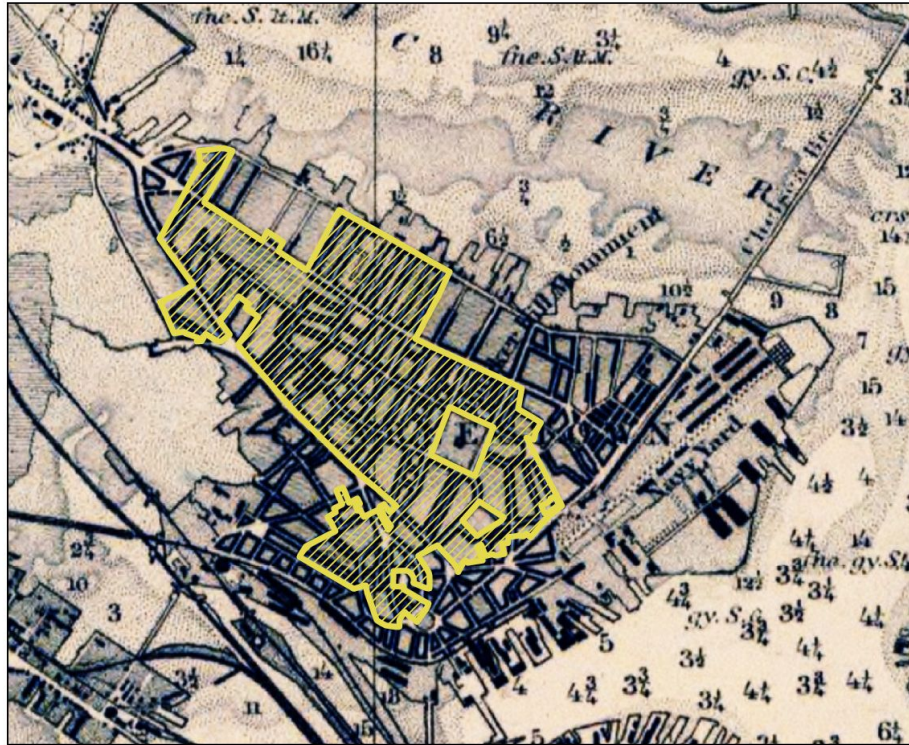


View south from Sullivan Square, 1901. Note historic core to the east (left) and industrial uses to the west (right).  
Source: City of Boston Archives



View north from Austin Street, 1928. Note prison in foreground, historic core to the east (right) and industrial uses to the west (left).  
Source: Boston Public Library

# What's Next



This map depicts the Charlestown Neighborhood Design Overlay District in yellow, over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 1878 Boston Harbor Chart

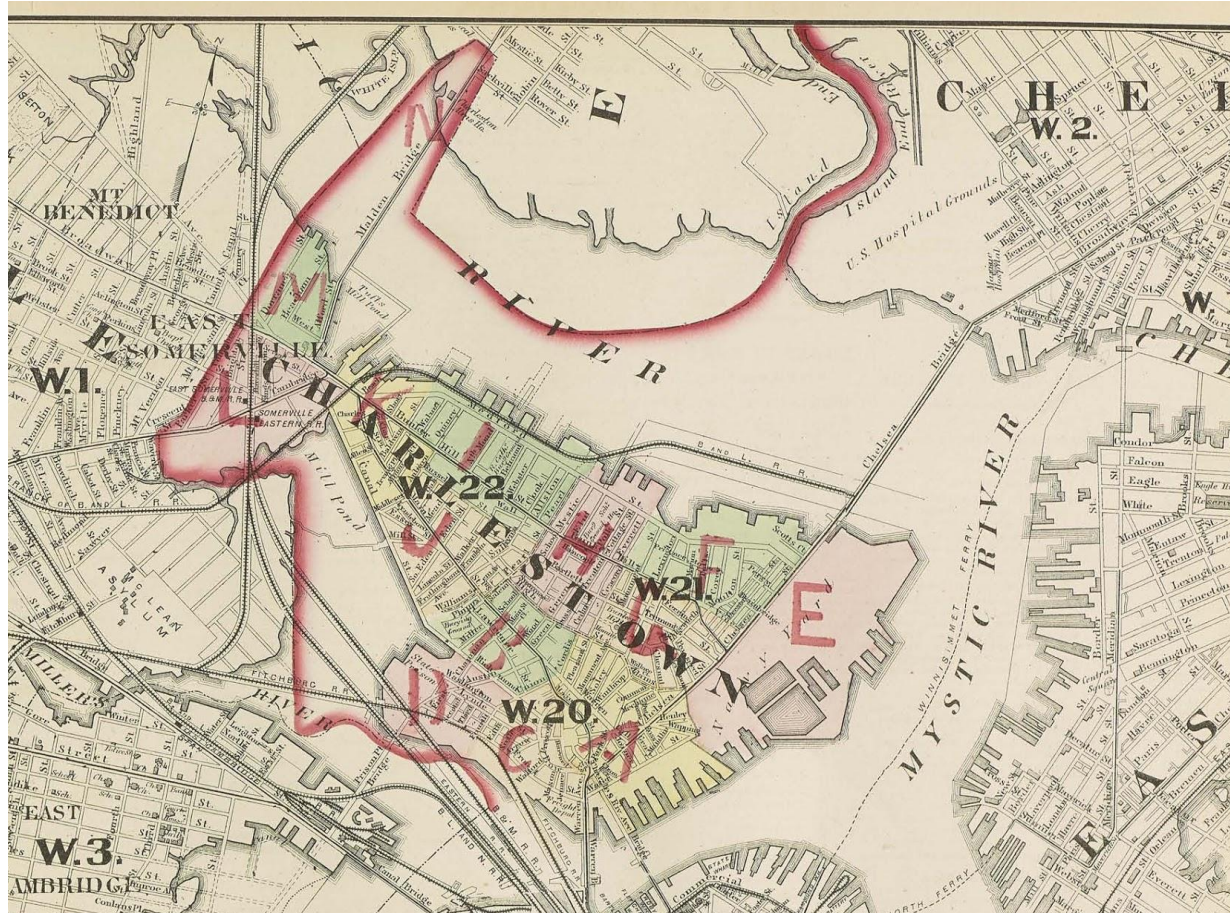
# Discussion

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# Thank you!

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*For more information about this planning process  
visit: <http://bostonplans.org/PlanCharlestown>*

**02129 Neighborhood Alliance  
Charlestown Patriot Bridge  
January 30, 2020**

***This time we have invited the BPDA (BRA) in to help us create an implementable and enforceable plan for the entirety of Charlestown that will prioritize our unique community needs.***

***We hope that you will join us in the PLAN: Charlestown process and planning for our collective future.***