# **WELCOME!** Help yourself to food Meet with the BPDA and Consultant team and Chat with your neighborhood planner!





## **Tonight's Agenda**



6:00 - 6:15

Open House and Consultant Meet and Greet

6:15 - 6:30

**Presentation:** 

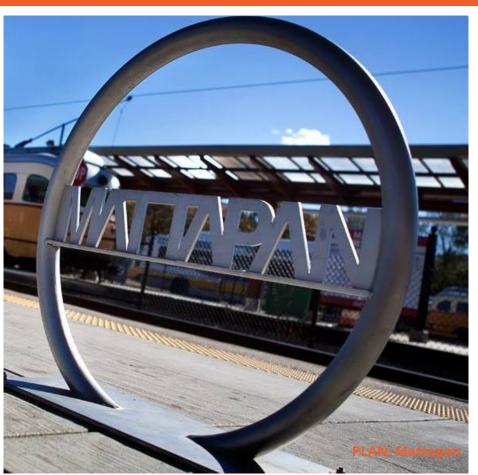
- 1. Where we have been and where we are going
- 2. Introduction to the Consultants
- 3. Timeline and topics moving forward
- 4. Introduction to 'Focus Areas'

6:30 - 7:15

**Table Discussions** 

7:15 - 7:30

Report Back with Questions, comments and Next steps



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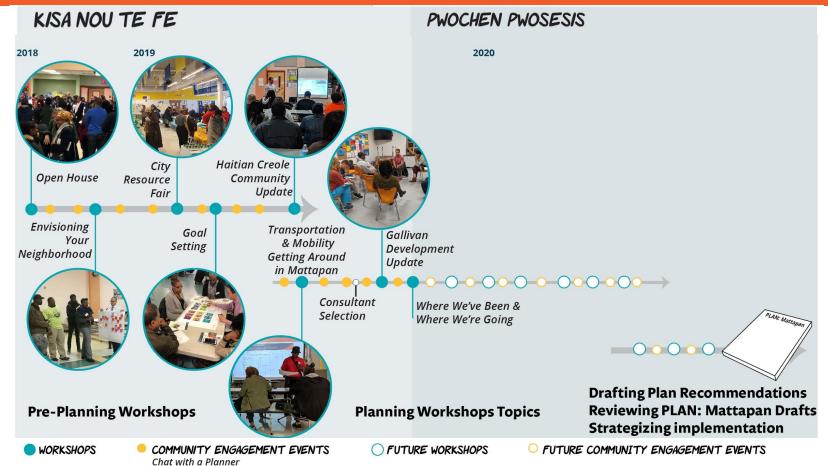


Where We've Been; Where We're Going



#### **Timeline**





Pop-Ups and/or Community Events

## **BPDA Process & City Planning Team**



#### **Boston Planning & Development Agency**

**Housing** – Department of Neighborhood Development (Office of Housing Stability, Boston Home Center, Neighborhood Housing Development), Fair Housing & Equity

**Economic Development** – Mayor's Office of Economic Development (Small Business / Main Streets), Office of Workforce Development, Office of Financial Empowerment

**Open Space & Parks** - Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Conservation Resources (DCR)

**Transportation** – Boston Transportation Department, Boston Public Works Department, MBTA, MassDOT

**Environment/Sustainability/Climate Change** City of Boston Environment Department

**Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture** 

**Boston Centers for Youth & Families** 

**Age Strong Commission** 

**Community Preservation Act (CPA)** 

**Office of Immigrant Advancement** 

Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS)

**Mayor's Youth Council / Dept of Youth Engagement** 

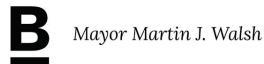
**Commission for Persons with Disabilities** 

**Boston Police Department** 

## **Introduction to Design + Planning Team**







Mattapan Community

Client
Design + Planning Team



**Urban Design** 

GRAYSCALE COLLABORATIVE

Consultants

**Transportation** 

TOOLE
DESIGN
Consultants

**Market Analysis** 

**RKG**Consultants

**Urban Analysis** 

SUPER-NORMAL Consultants

## **MASS Design Group**



A planning process should embrace neighborhood identity and equity and generate inclusive development and public realm enhancements for the communities they are a part of.

## **MASS Design Group**





The **National Memorial to Peace and Justice** memorializes victims of terror lynchings in the United States.

The **Martin Luther King + Coretta Scott King Memorial** for Boston Common, celebrates love as the ultimate weapon against injustice.

MASS Design Group is a design collective that **researches**, **designs**, **builds**, **and advocates** for architecture that promotes justice and human dignity.



## **MASS Design Group**





The **GHESKIO Cholera Treatment Center** in Port-au-Prince, Haiti offers dignity and hope to a community and protects infrastructure.

The **Mattapan Station Development** will provide high-quality transit-oriented affordable housing in Mattapan Square.



**PLAN: Mattapan** 

#### **Meet the Consultant Team**





PEOPLE FINANCING

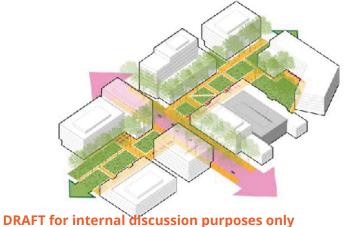
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**Grayscale**Urban Design



#### **Meet the Consultant Team**





**Jonathan Evans** MASS Design Group Project Manager



**Patricia Gruits** MASS Design Group Principal-in-Charge



**Stephen F. Gray**Grayscale Collaborative
Urban Design



**Jeff Brubaker** Toole Design Mobility Planning



Eric Halvorsen RKG Associates Market Analysis



**Mayrah Udvardi** MASS Design Group Urban Design



**Jha D Williams**MASS Design Group
Urban Design



**Elizabeth Christoforetti** Supernormal Urban Design



**Jason DeGray** Toole Design Mobility Planning



**Jahangir Akbar** RKG Associates Market Analysis

#### **Vision Statement**



PLAN: Mattapan will...

Strengthen the existing culture and stability of the community by supporting affordable housing, creating opportunities for businesses to thrive, and enhancing connections to improve the neighborhood's experience accessing jobs and spaces where people gather.

## Why is PLAN: Mattapan Important?



#### Your input drives:

- 1. Policy changes
- 2. Decision-making
- Implementation of the vision statement



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**2** Vision + Topic Areas





#### **Vision Statement**

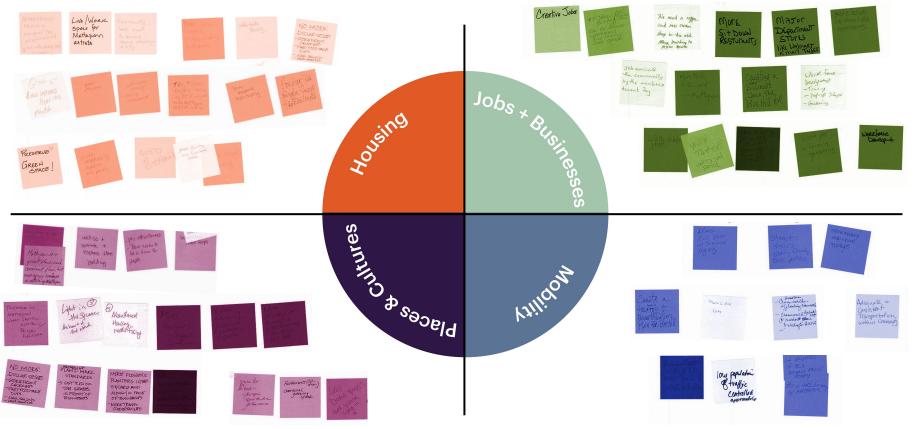


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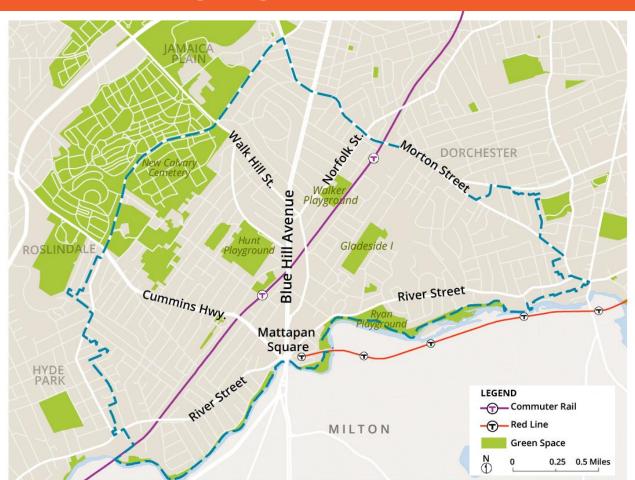
## Themes - What we heard





## Where are we going?





PLAN: Mattapan encompasses all of the 02126 ZIP code boundary.

In order to understand how to implement the vision statement and see this plan through, we have to take a closer look at the neighborhood.

## **Topic Areas**





Mixed-Use Squares

Mixed-Use Corridors

Residential Fabric

## Mixed-Use Squares





- Have businesses that residents frequent
- Emphasize the culture and identity of the community it is a part of
- Be a place people can gather

#### **Mixed-Use Corridors**





- Spaces for businesses to thrive
- Opportunities for diverse types of housing
- Connections within and throughout the neighborhood
- Improved public realm and pedestrian safety

#### **Residential Fabric**





- Opportunities for diverse types of housing
- Opportunities for small-scale convenience retail
- Implementation of housing policies and programs
- Connections within and throughout the neighborhood

#### What is a Focus Area?



A focus area is a **specific geography** we use to better understand the conditions of the whole neighborhood. Focus areas allow us to work **quicker** by giving us **a baseline of information as we test new ideas** that could **apply to similar areas** throughout the neighborhood.







**Corridor** 

Square

**Residential Fabric** 

## **How do we select Focus Areas?**



We select focus areas based on what we have heard from previous meetings and what current data tell us about the neighborhood. Each focus area will contribute to achieving the PLAN: Mattapan vision statement.





## **How Focus Areas Work Together**



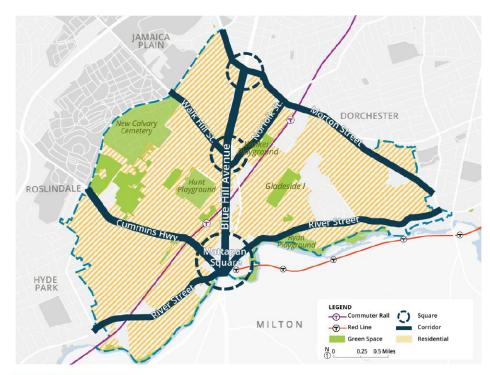
Together, the focus areas help us achieve the PLAN: Mattapan vision. However, each focus area helps achieve the vision a little bit differently.

Changes in Mattapan Square alone won't achieve the entire vision statement, but combined with policies and programs in residential areas, we can achieve the vision.



## **Table Exercise**





Is there a particular topic area that you are interested in learning more about? If so, which one?

What other information do you need from us to inform your feedback?

Do you have any questions about why we use topic areas or what they do?

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**PLAN: Mattapan**Understanding the Topic Areas

At your table, consider the topic areas discussed in the presentation and mapped above. What questions do you have abou these topic areas? You can use the questions to the right to get the conversation started.

## What's Next?

"Focus Areas Workshop" December 17, 2019, 6 PM Mattapan Library

Expansion on this activity and a closer look at the topic and focus areas.

Learn more at bit.ly/PlanMattapan