Stuart Street Planning Study

Task 1: Analysis, mapping and modeling / 28 February 2008

1) Analysis and Data Collection

History and Historic Assets

Zoning

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- 2) Findings
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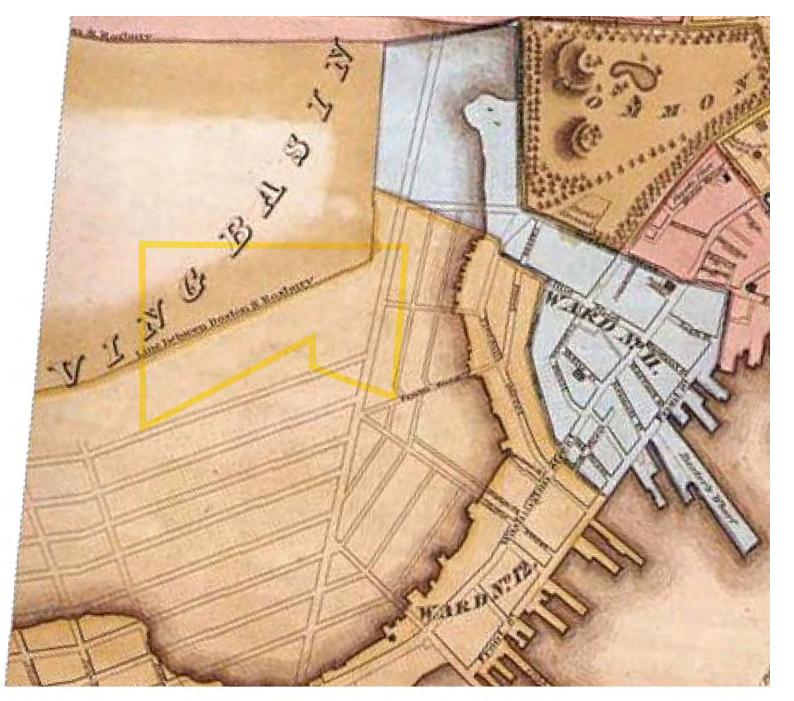


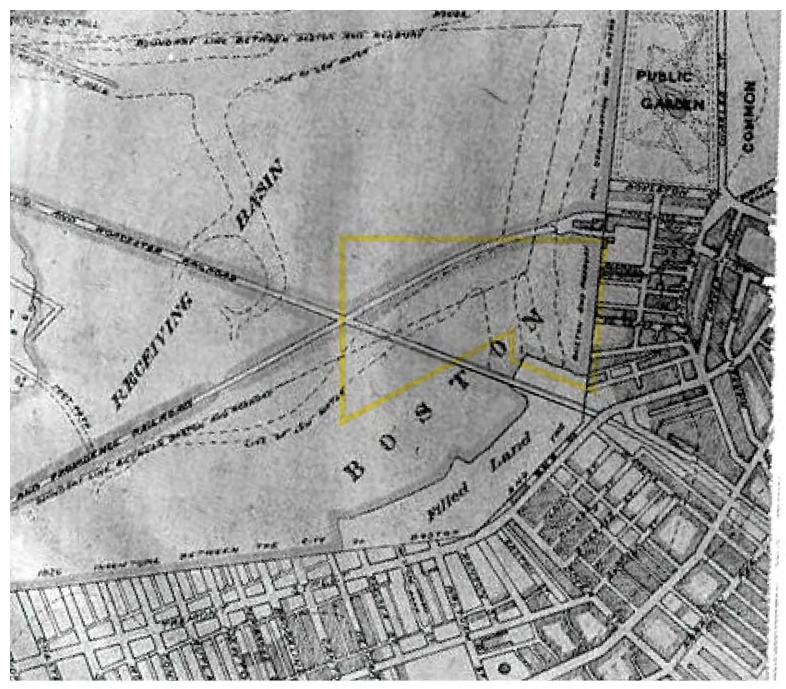


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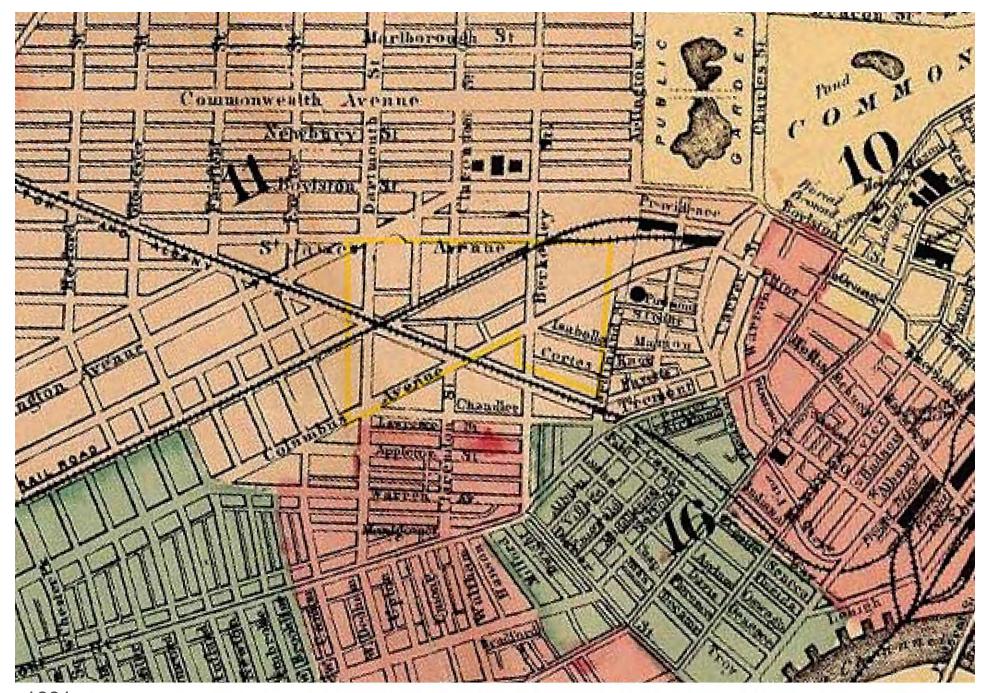


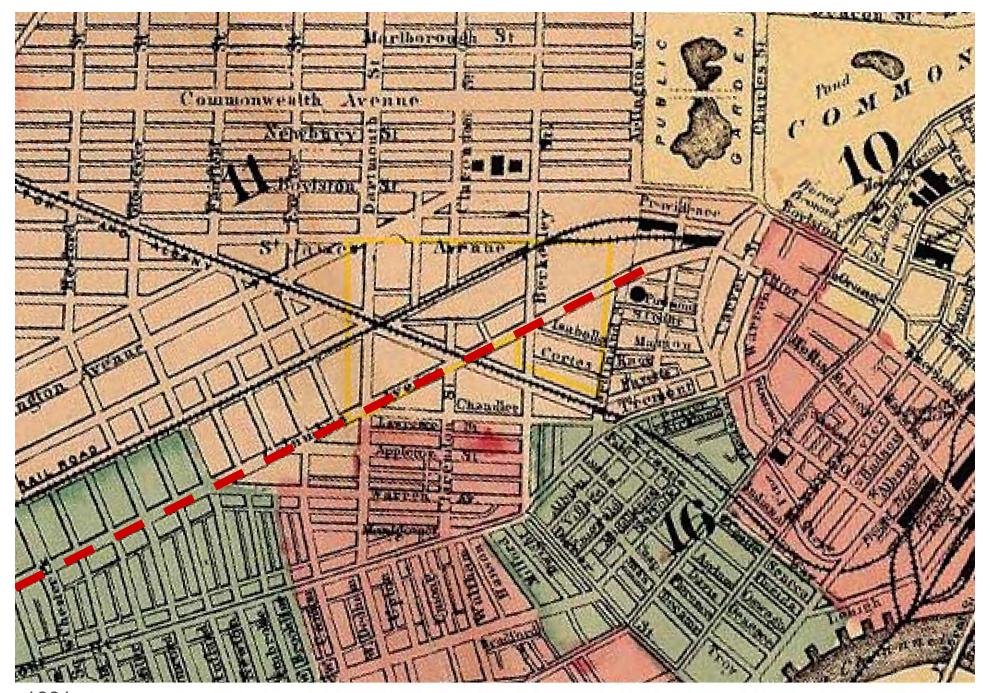
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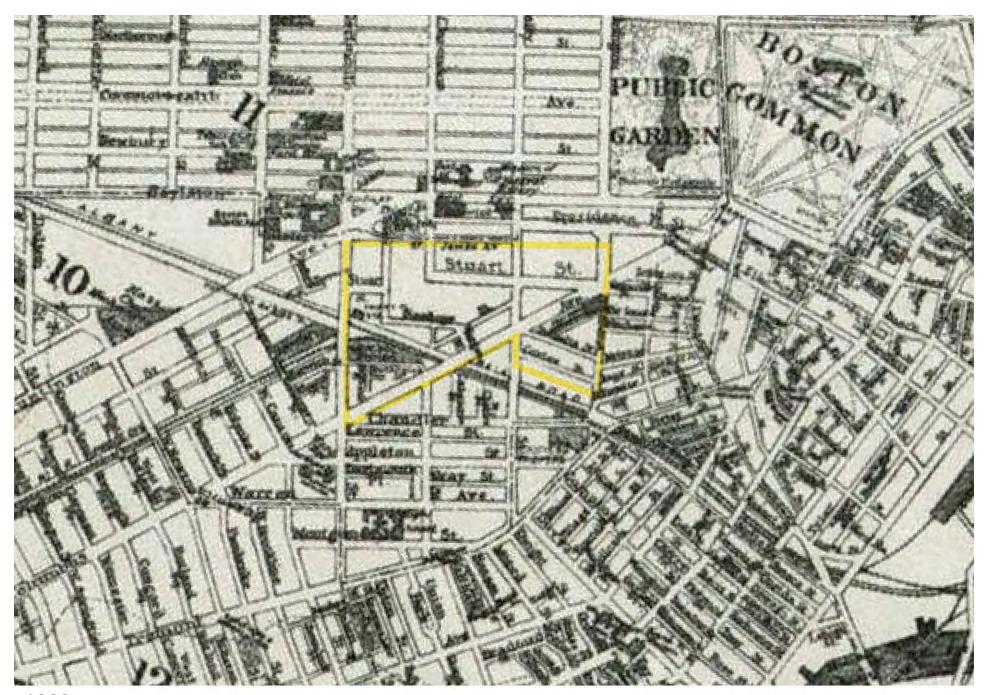




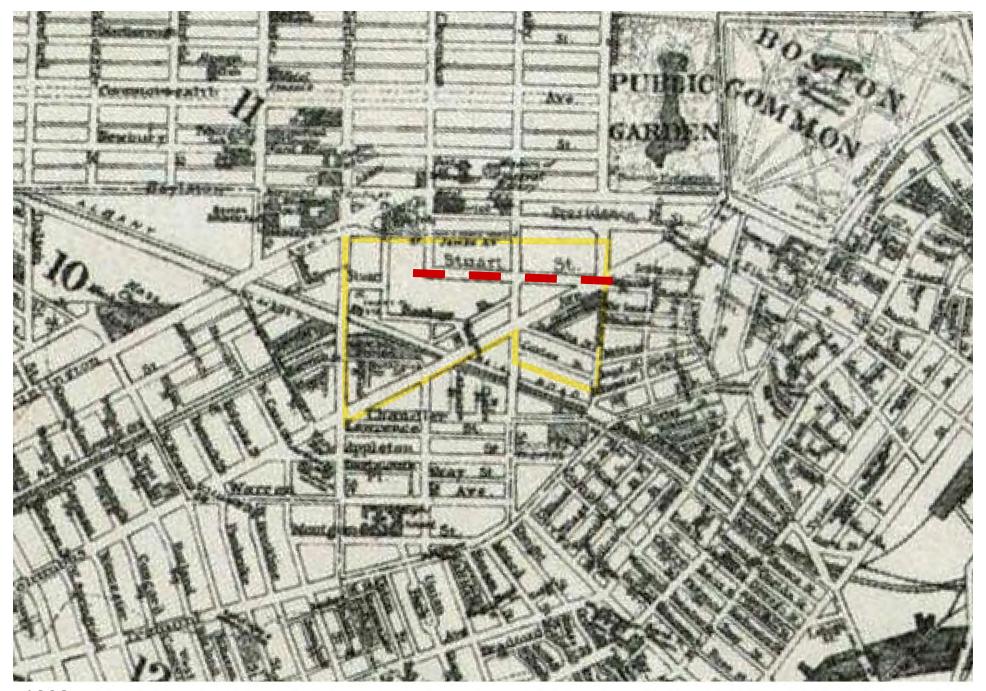
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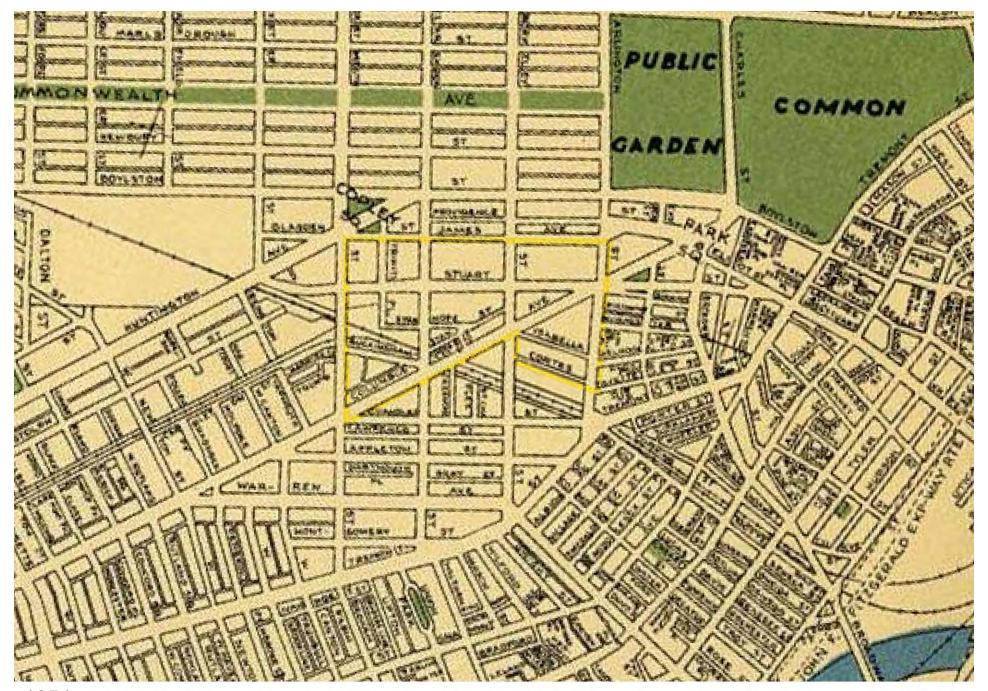


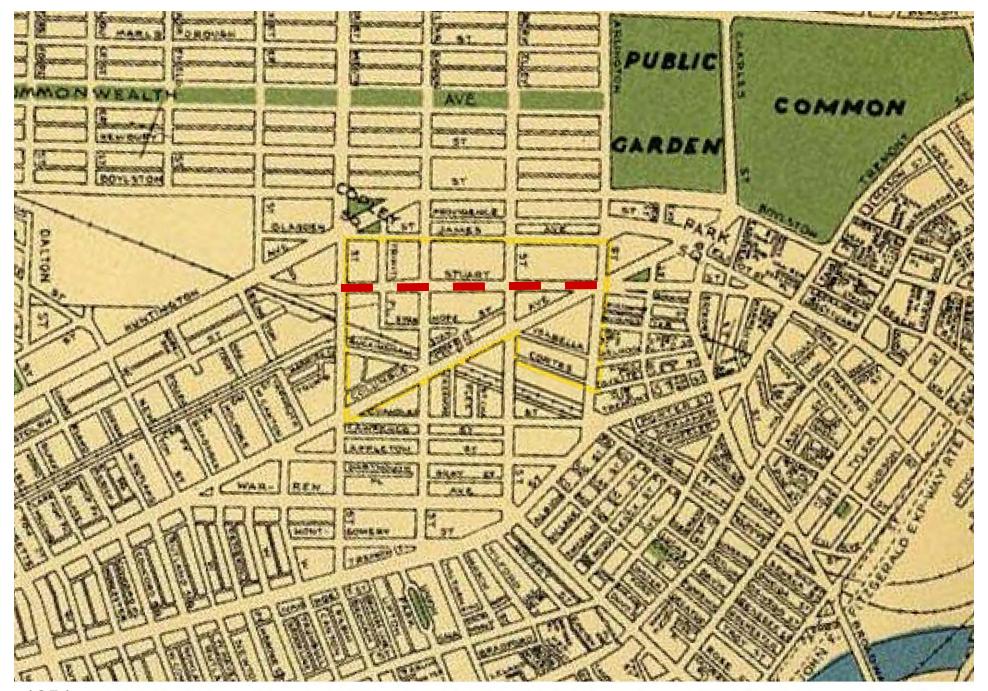




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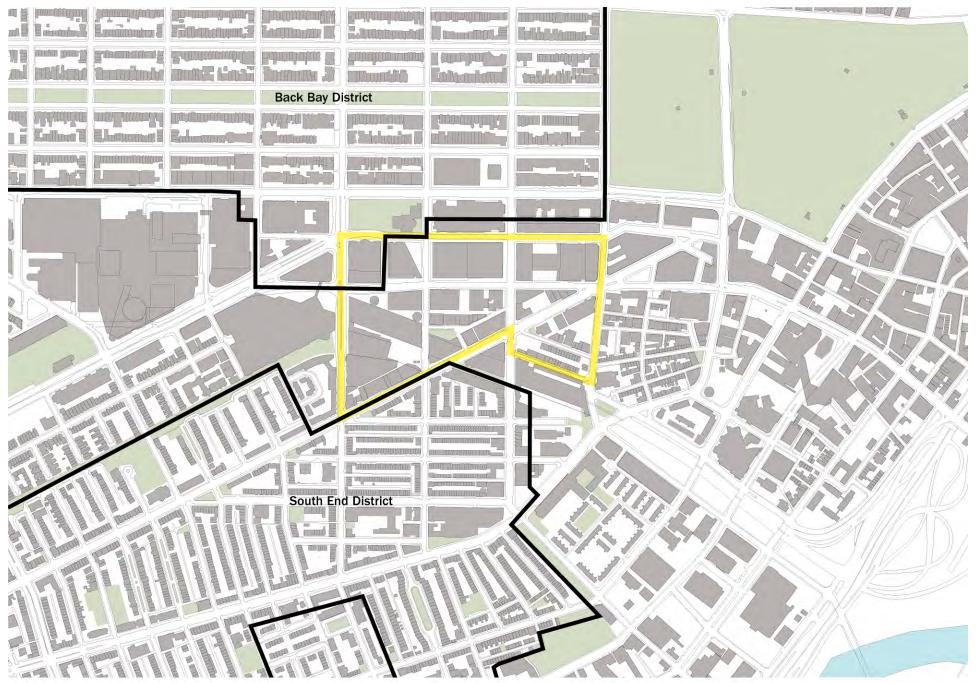




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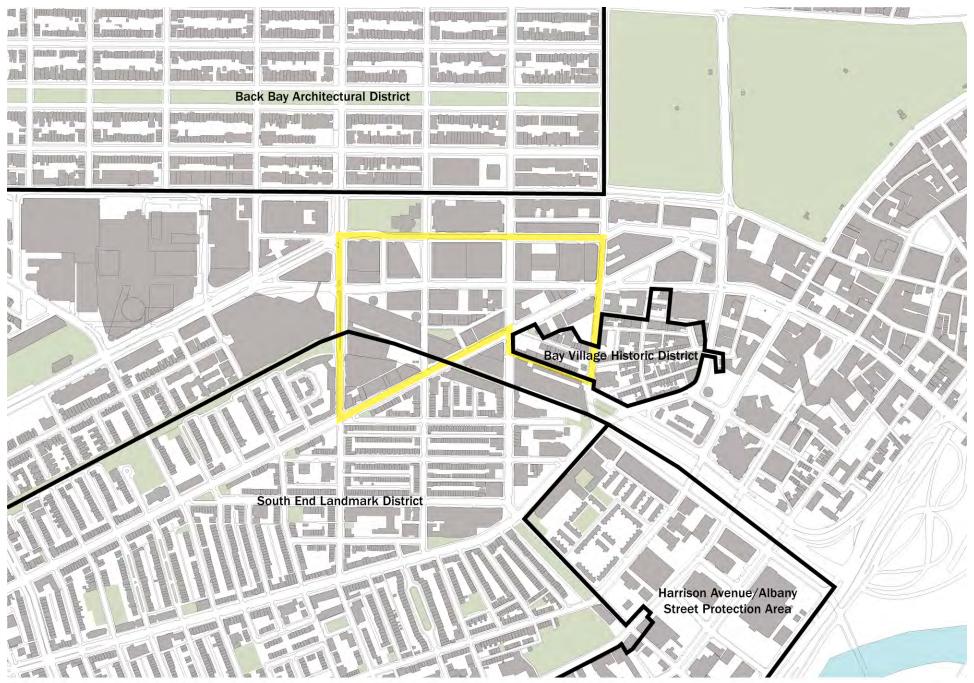
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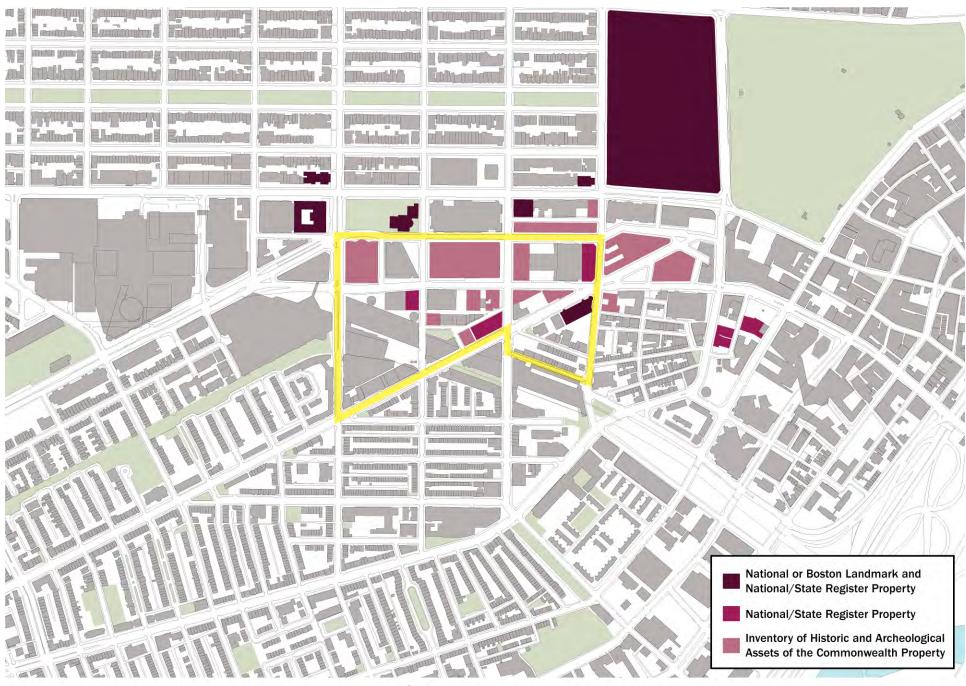
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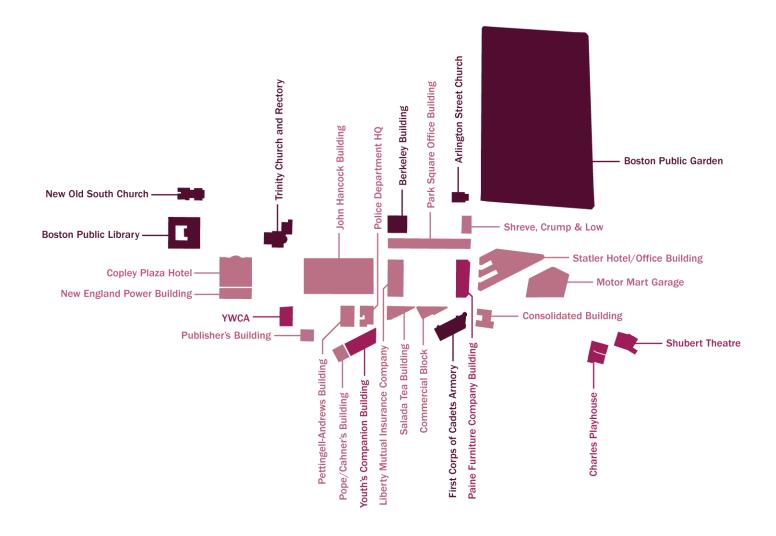
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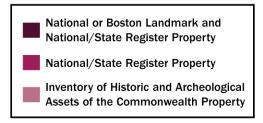
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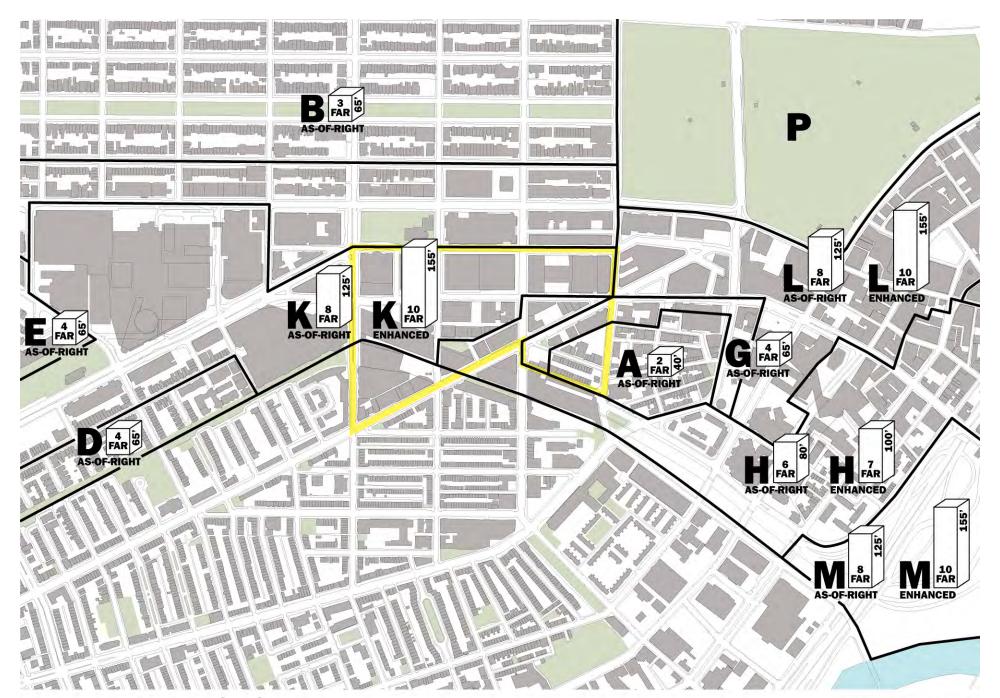
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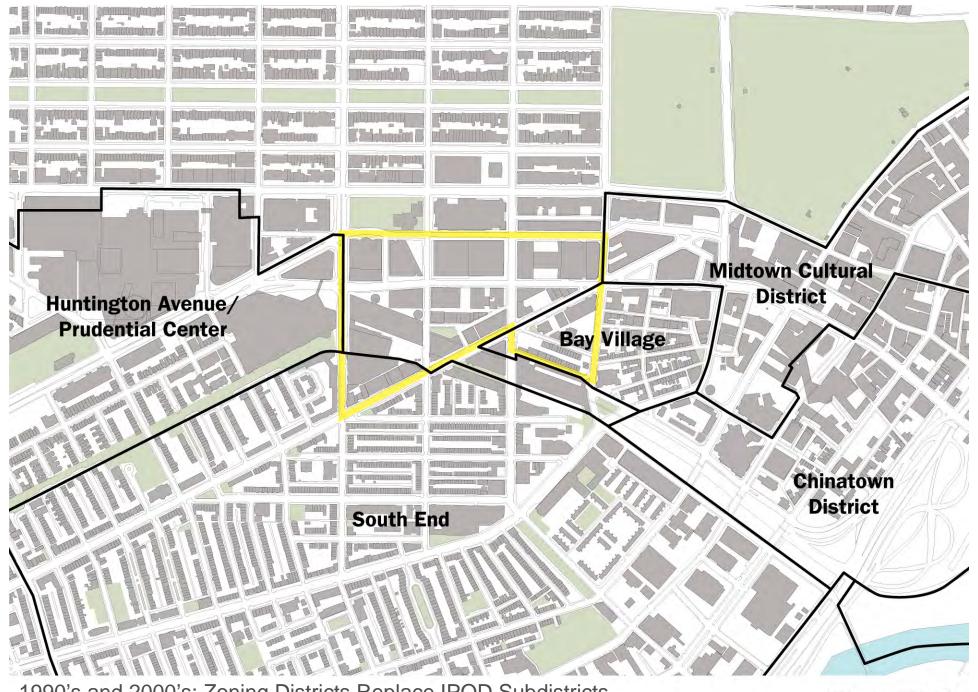




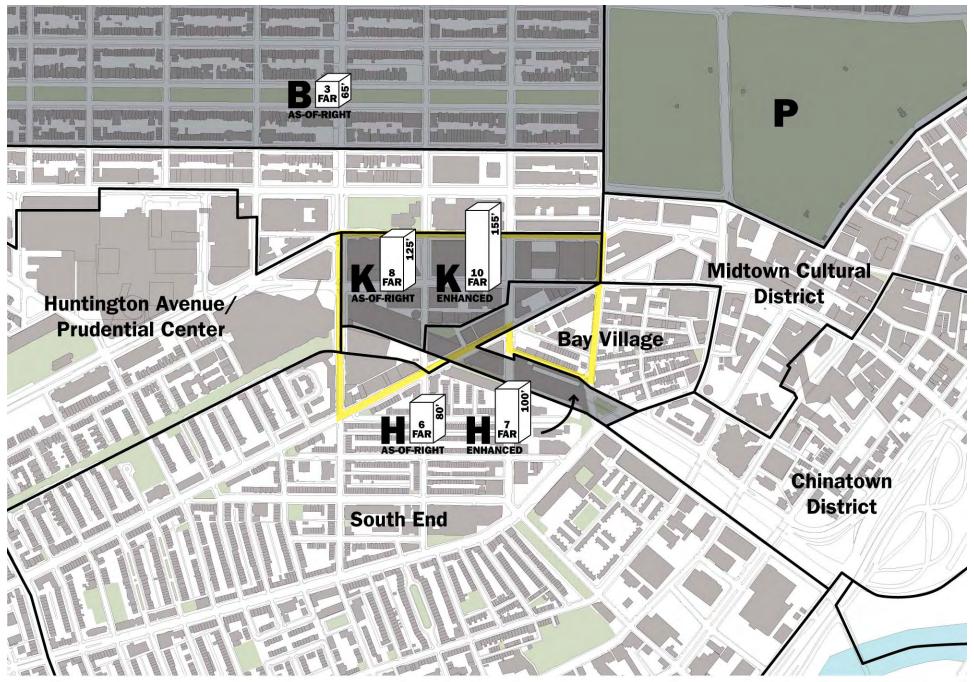
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1987: Downtown IPOD Subdistricts Established



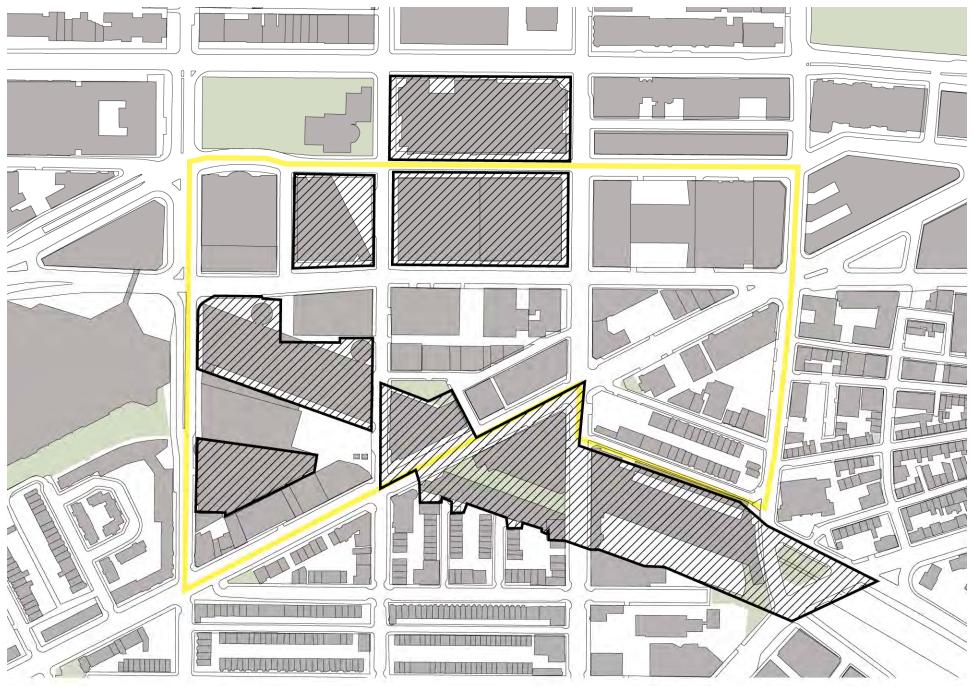
1990's and 2000's: Zoning Districts Replace IPOD Subdistricts



Today: Pockets of IPOD Subdistricts Remain

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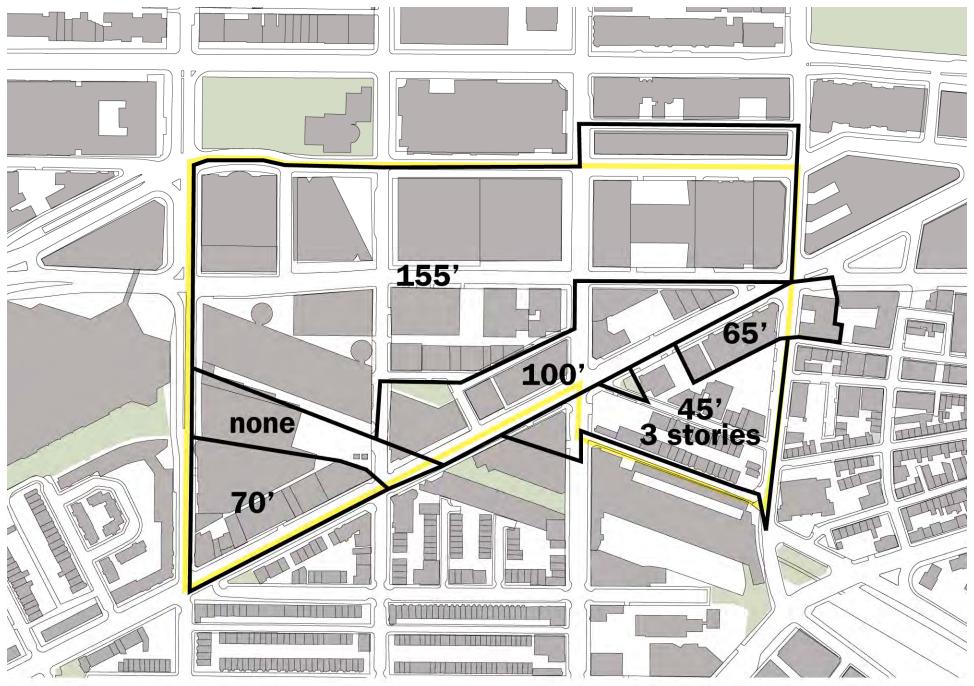
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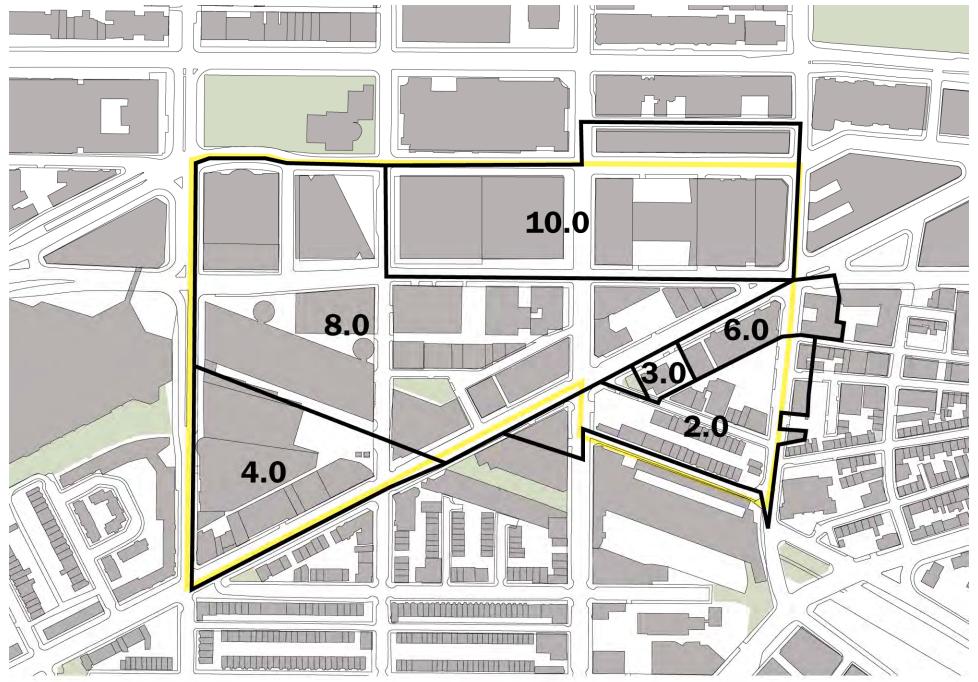
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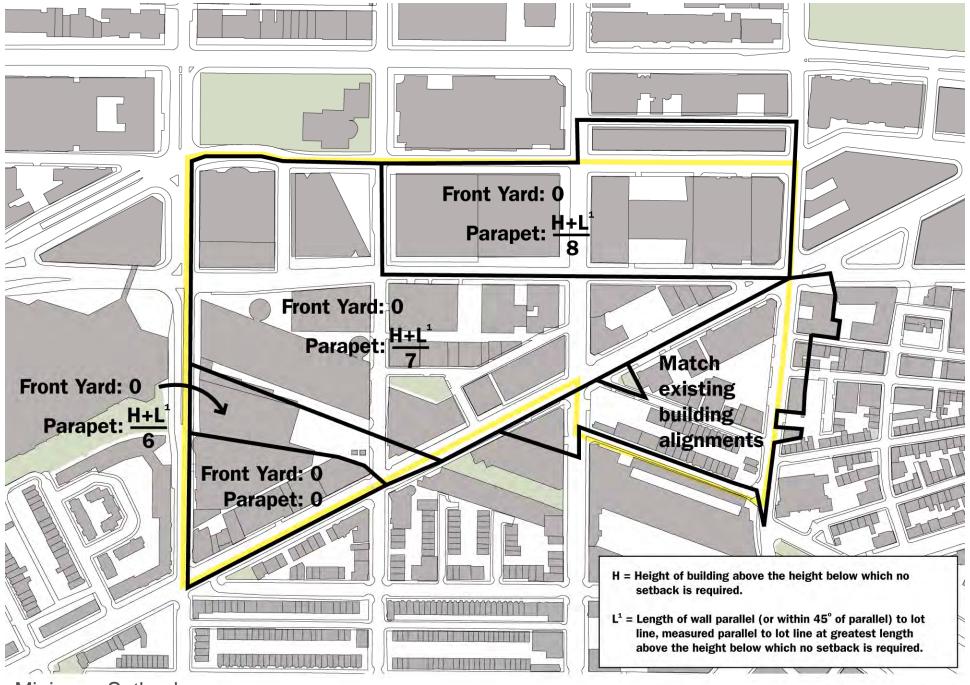




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Open Space

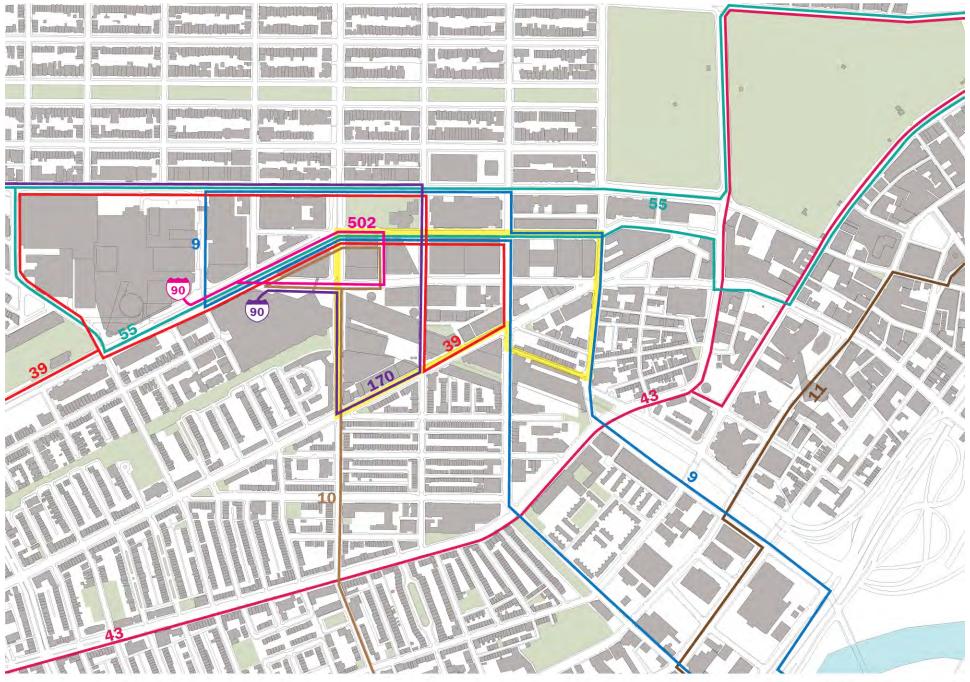


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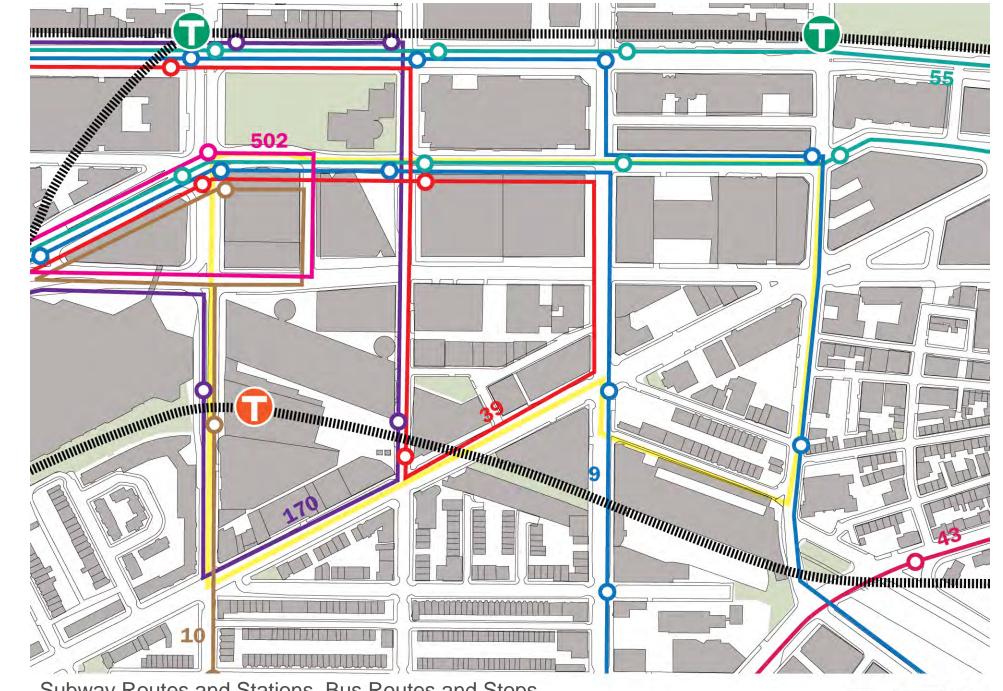
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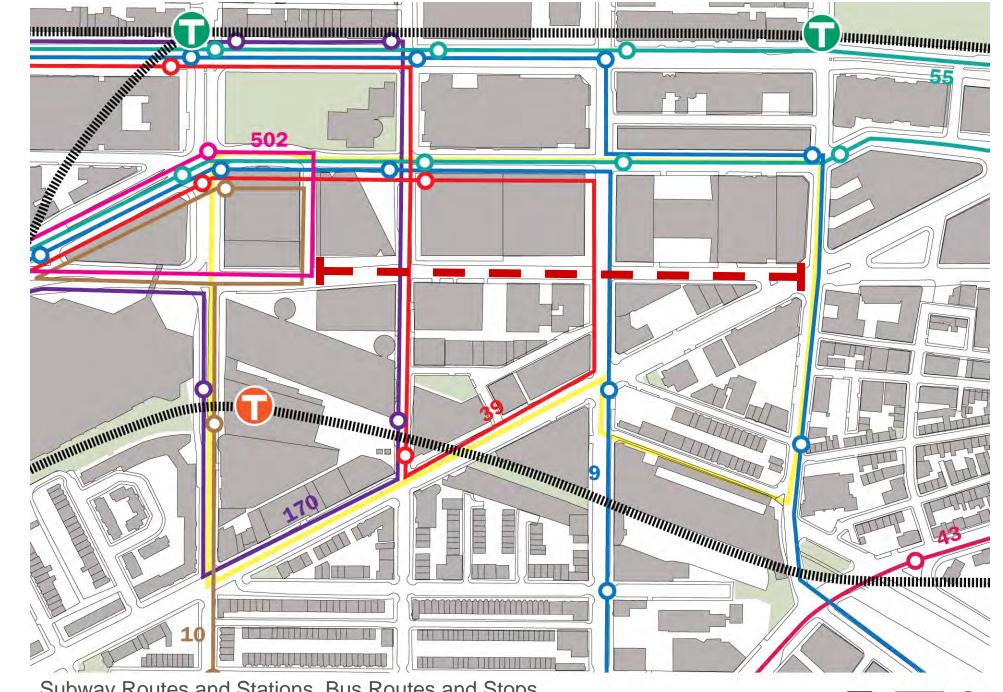
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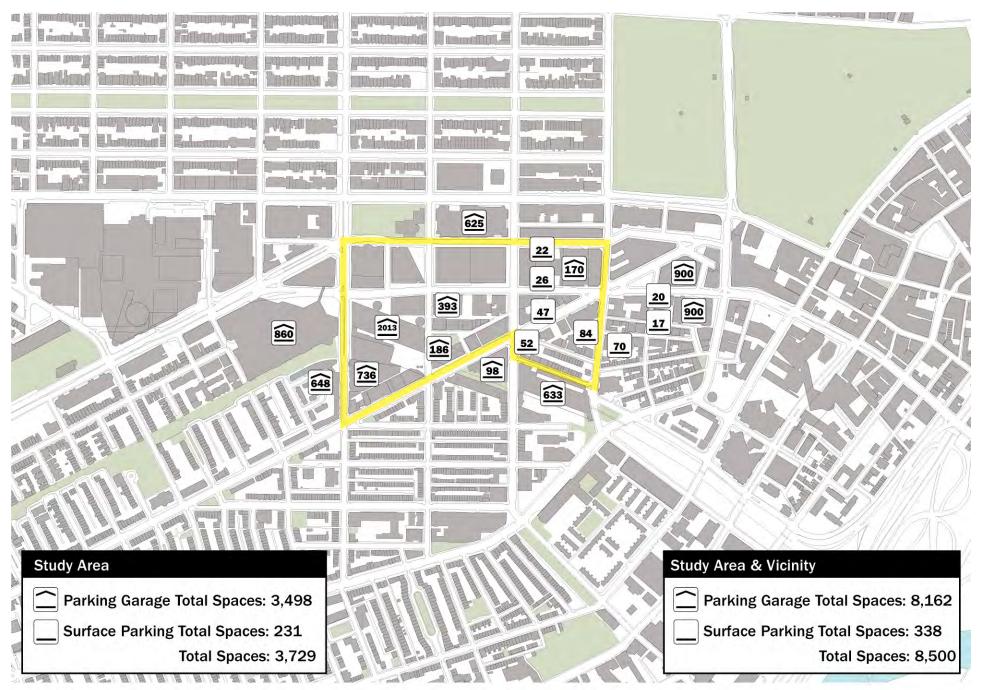


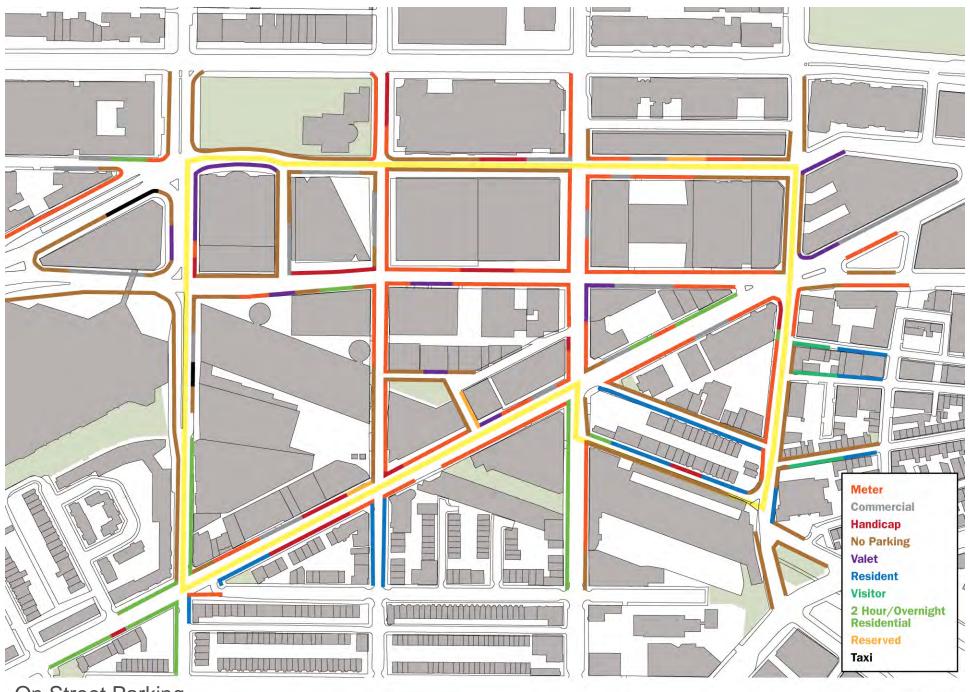
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Parking





On Street Parking
Source: Columbus Center Article 80

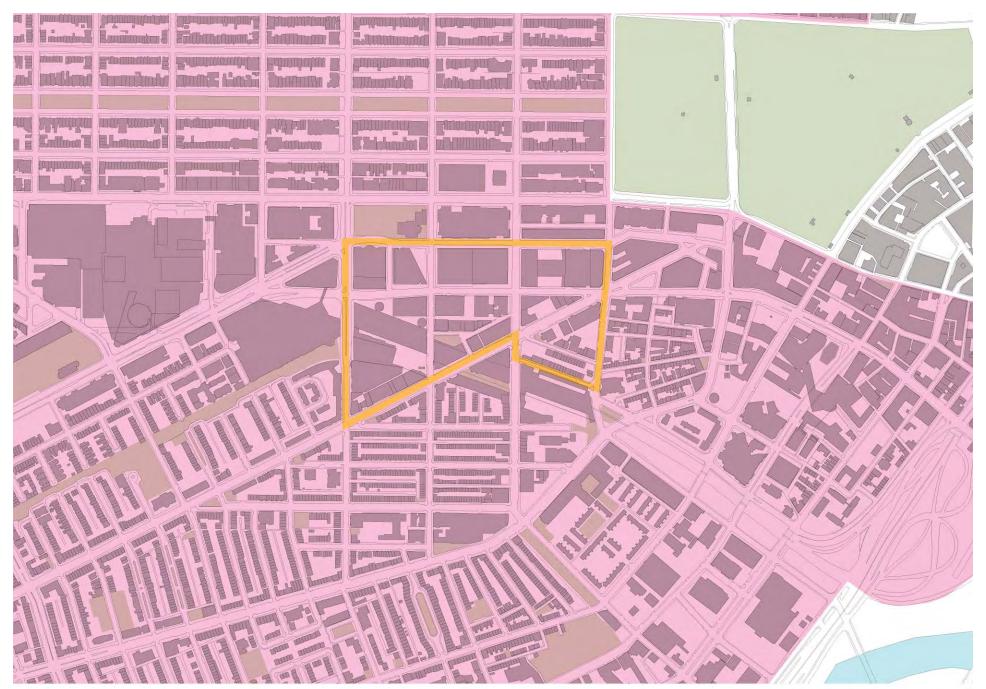
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Groundwater Resources



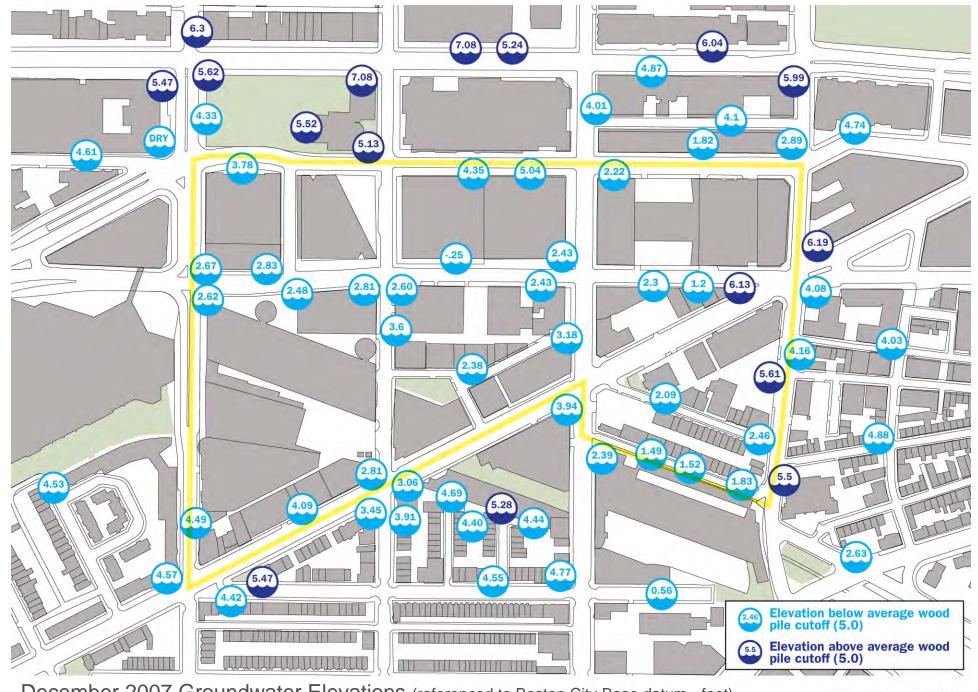
1775 Shoreline

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Groundwater Conservation Overlay District

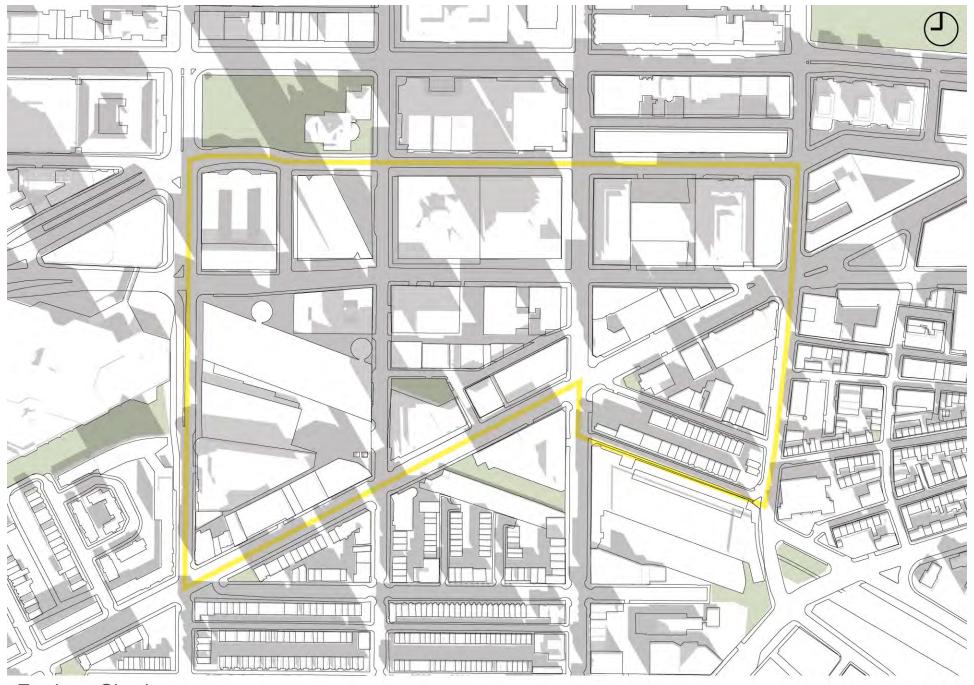
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December 2007 Groundwater Elevations (referenced to Boston City Base datum - feet)

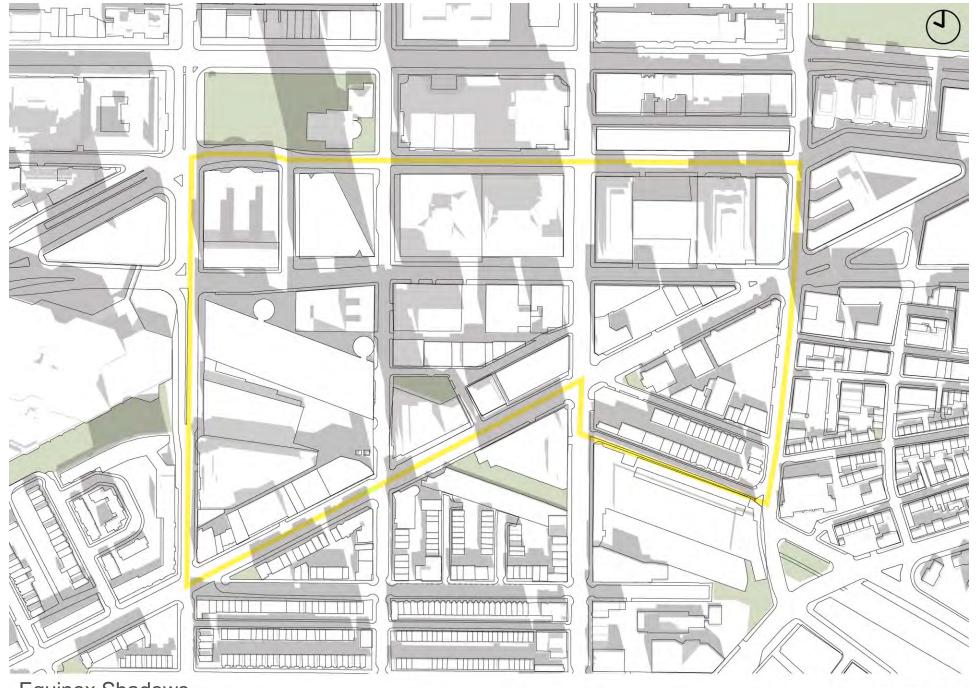
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Shadows and Wind Patterns

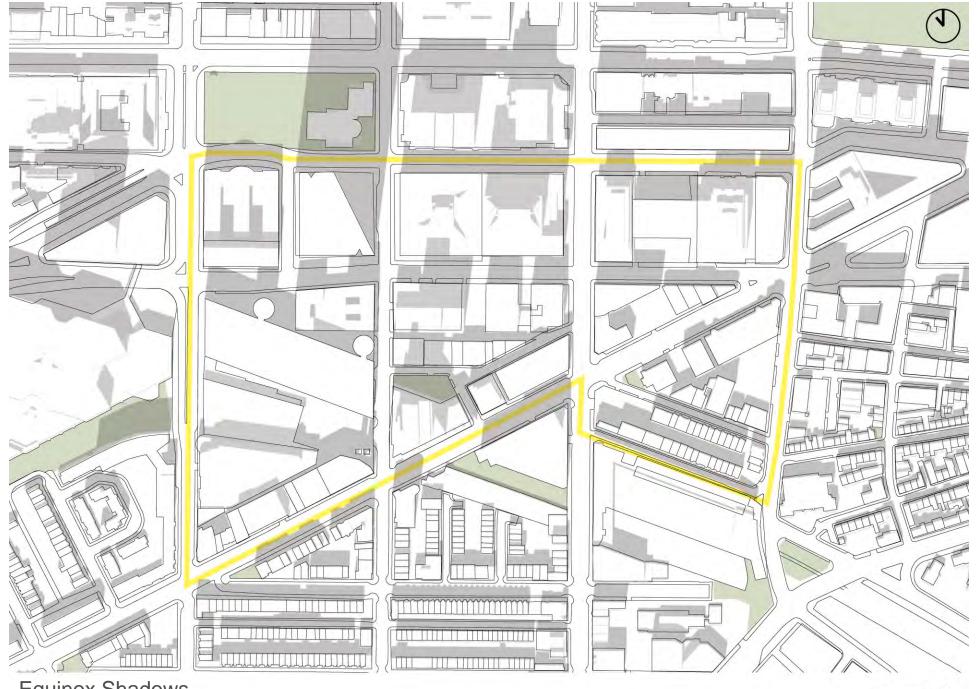


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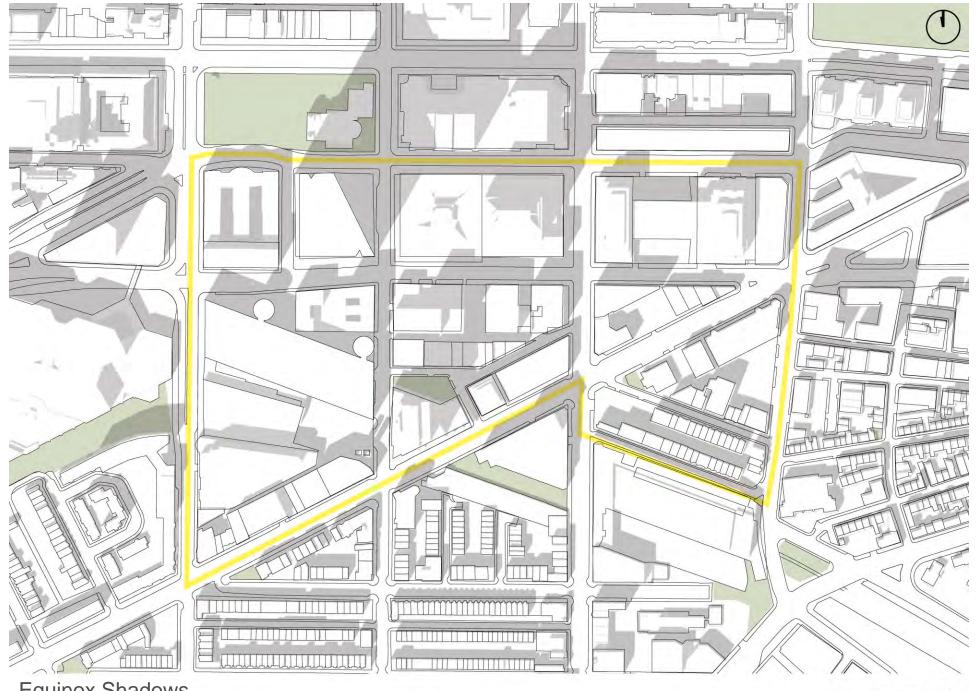
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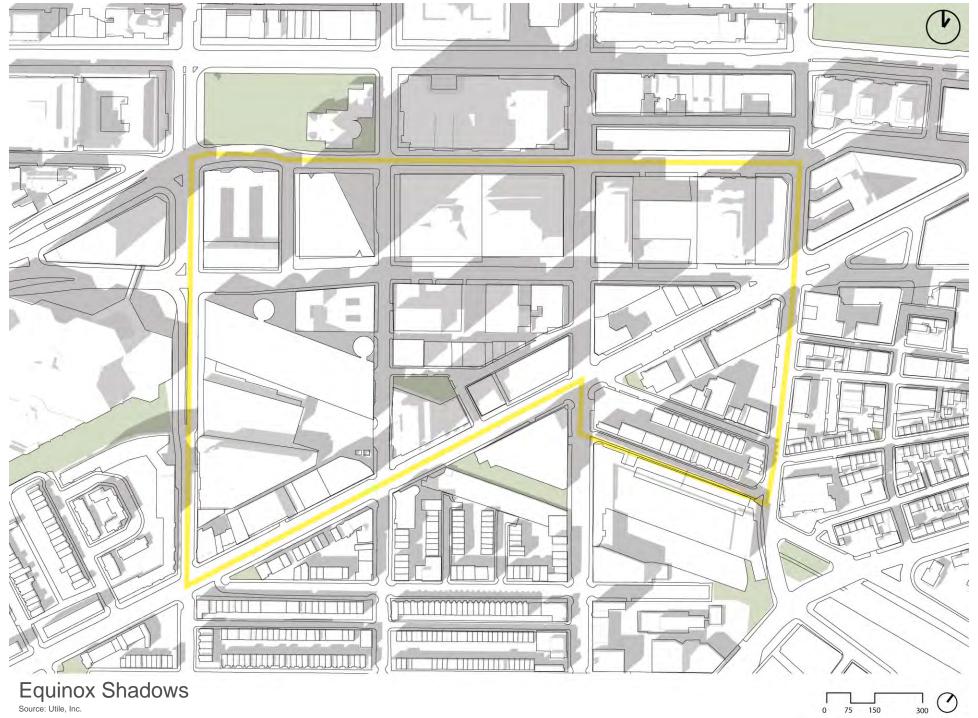
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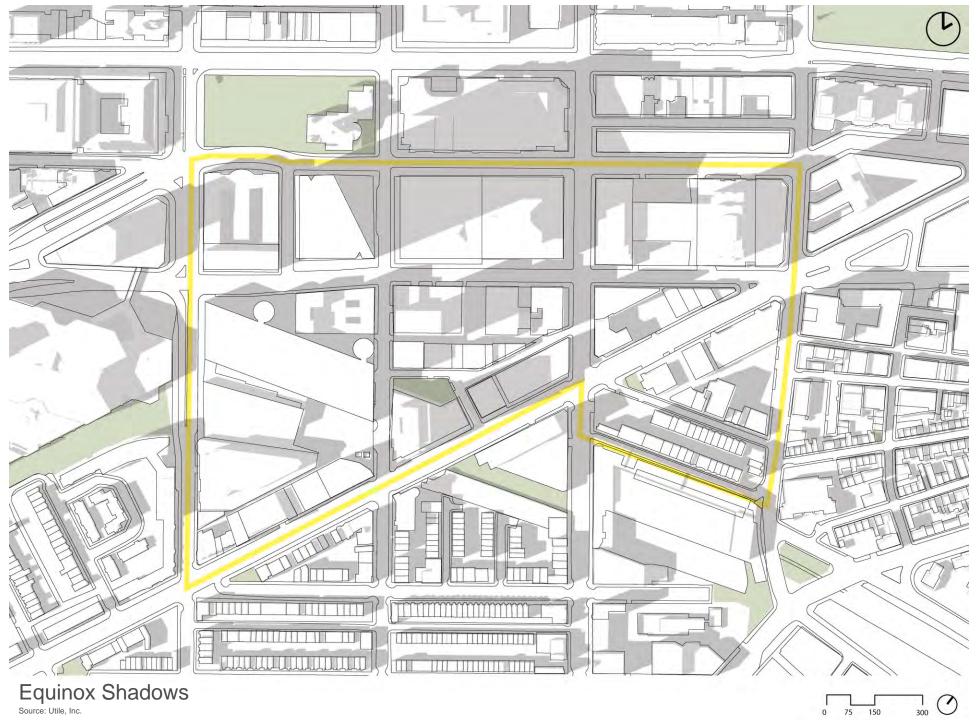


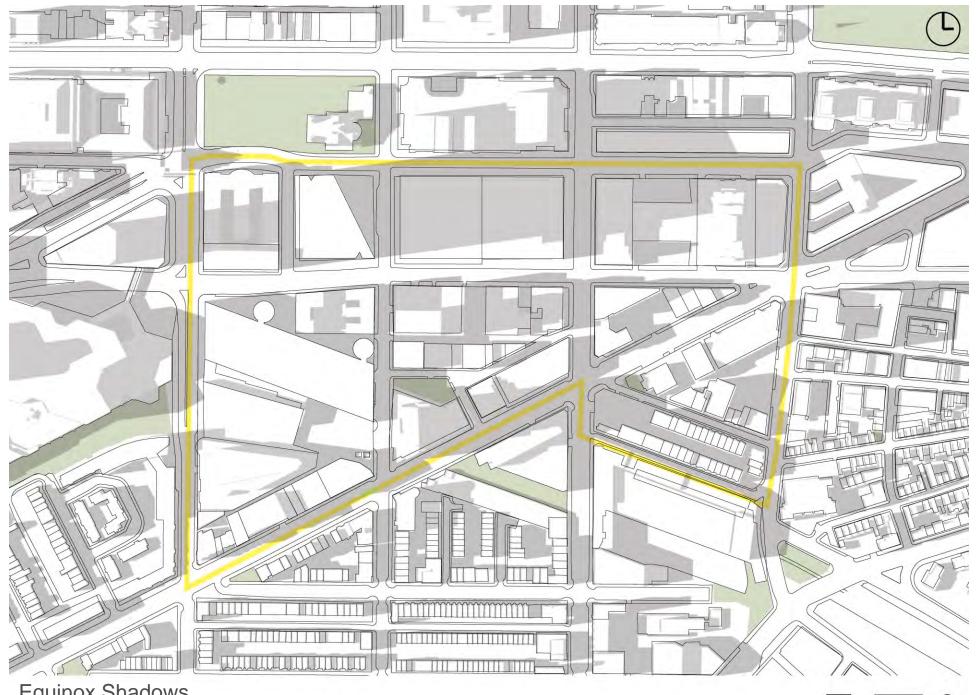
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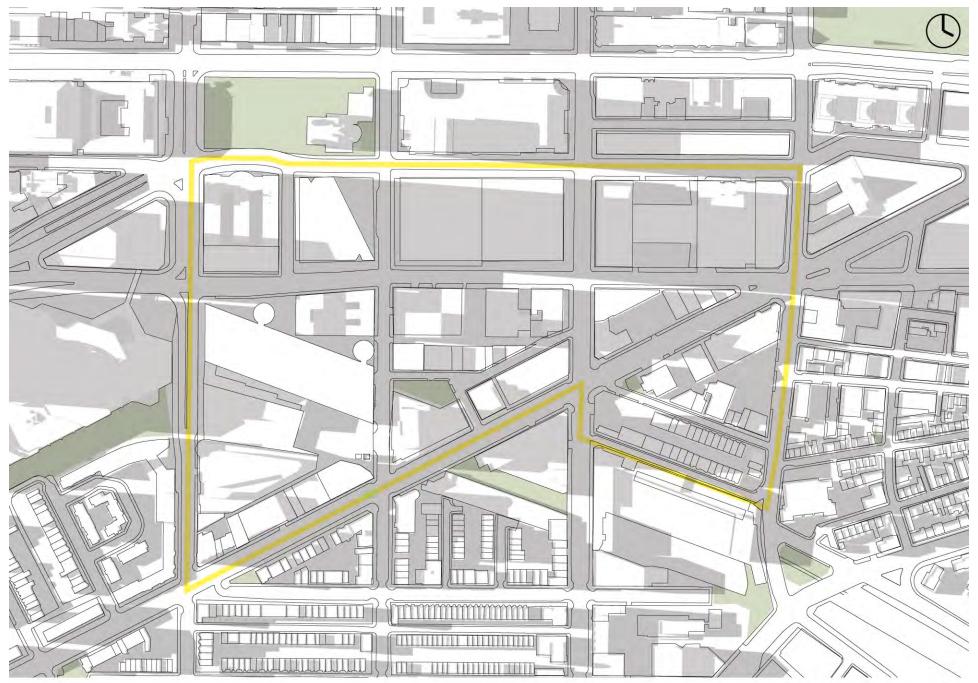
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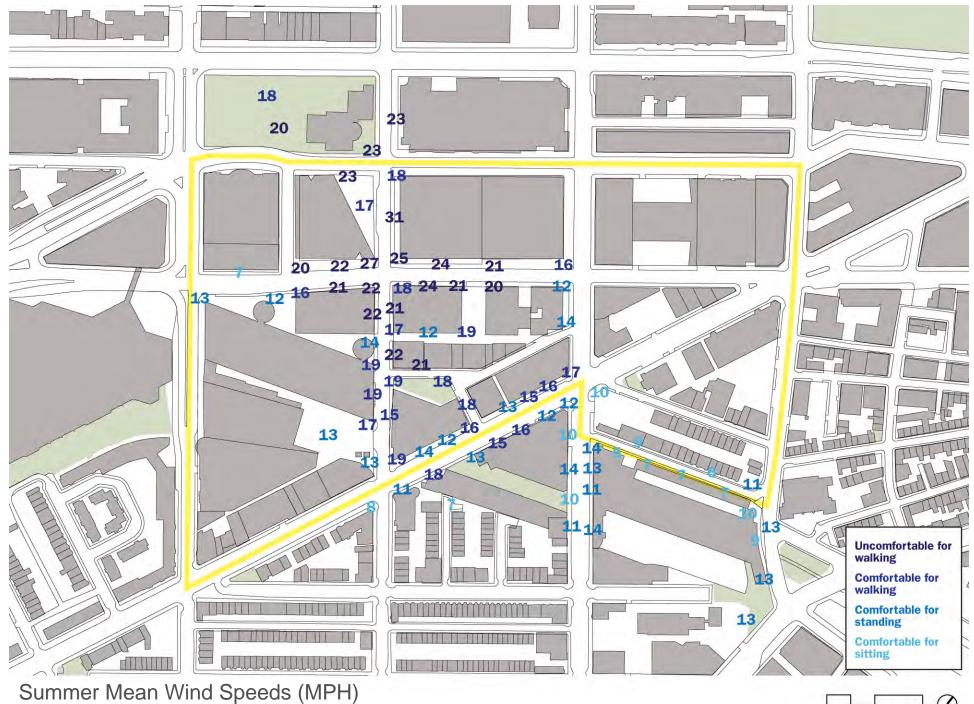


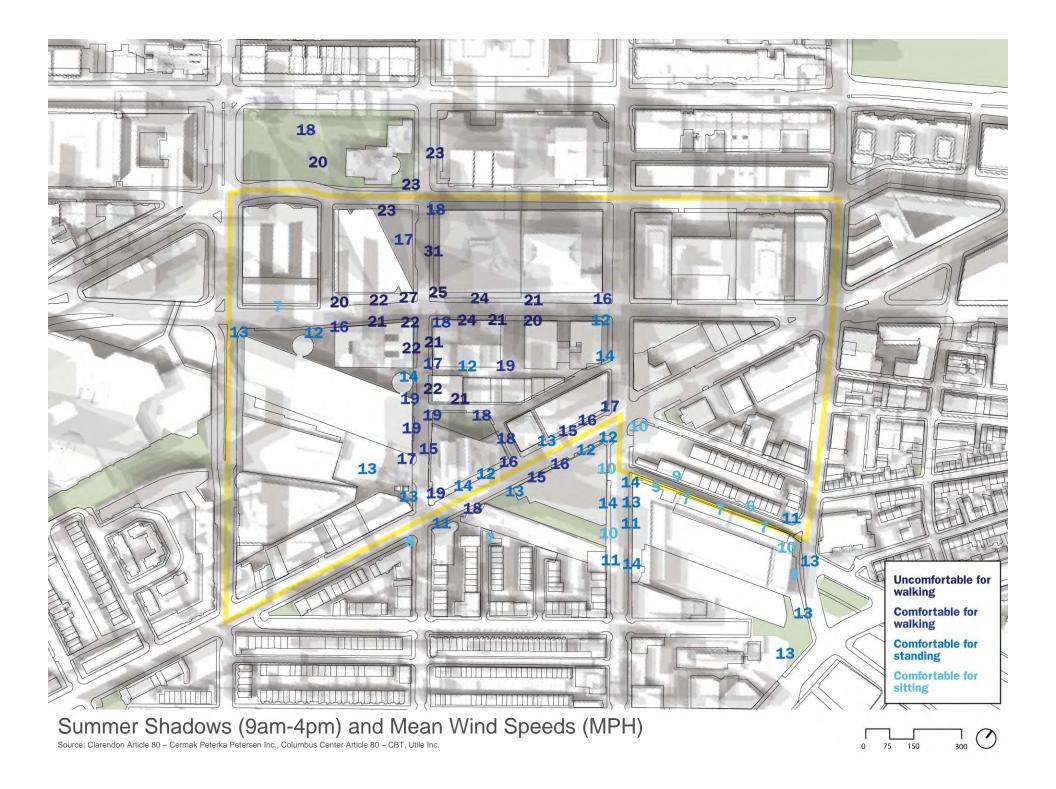


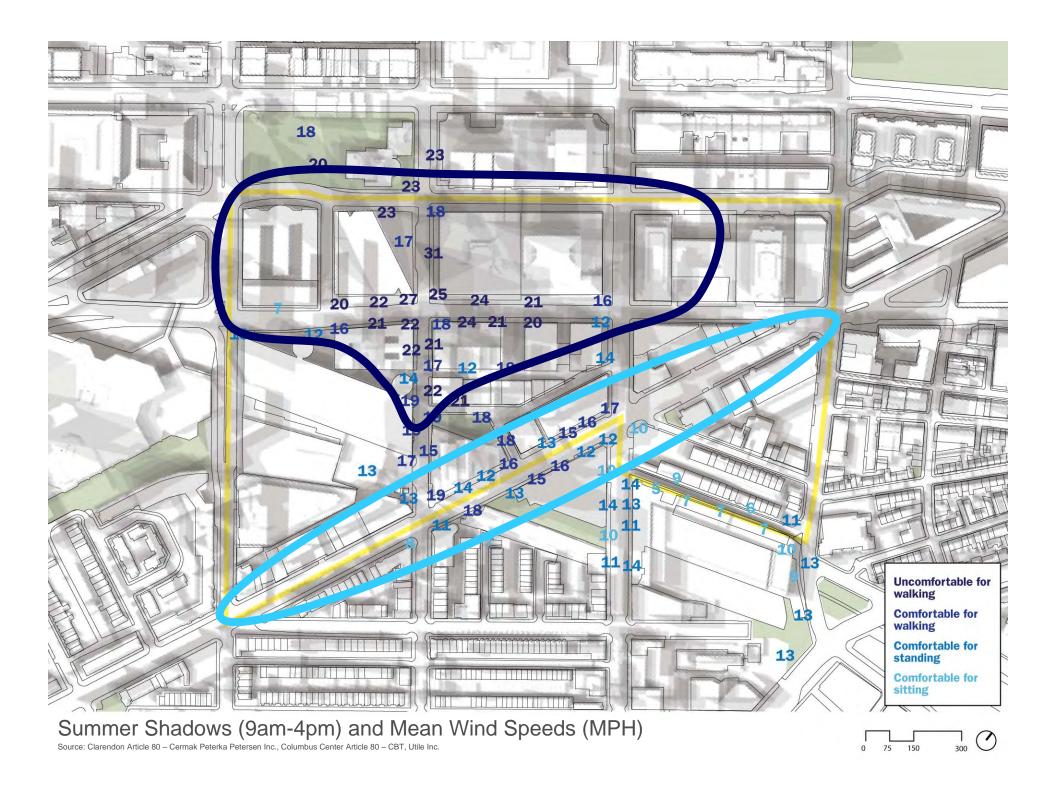
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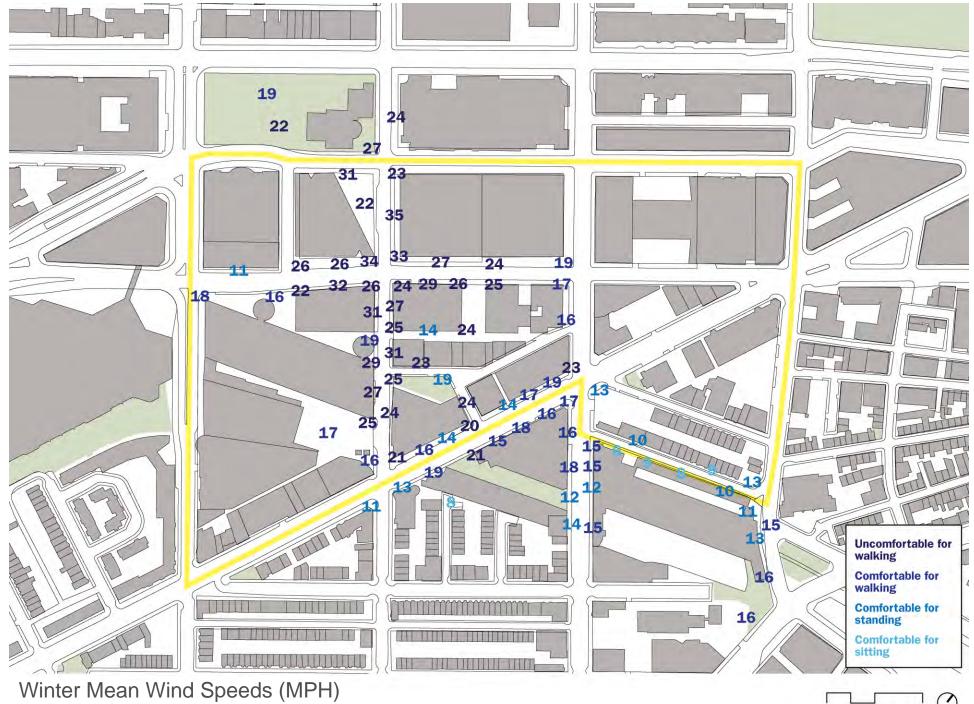


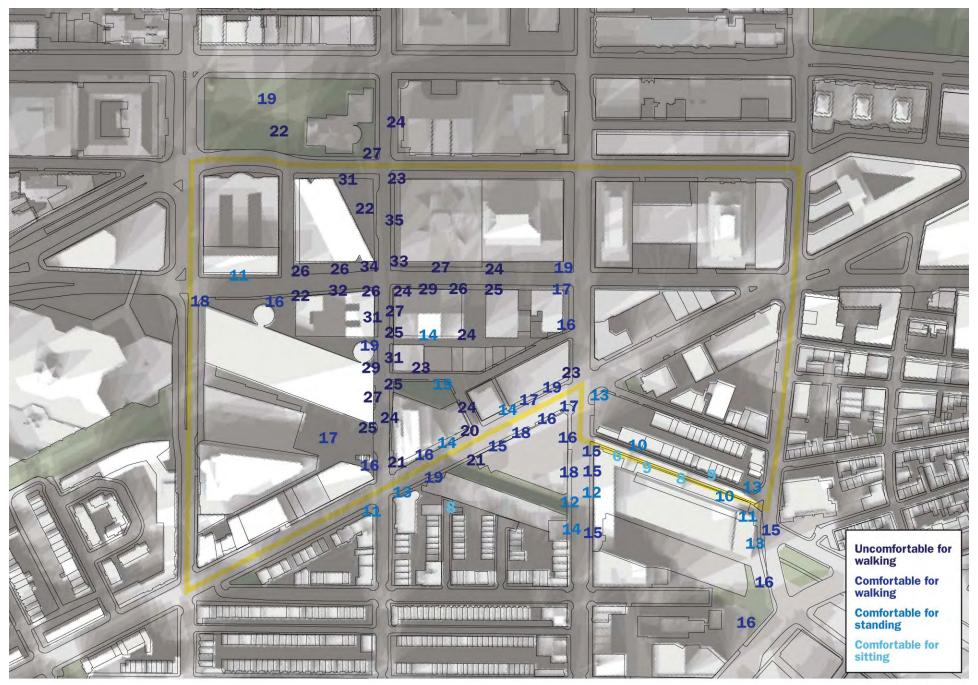
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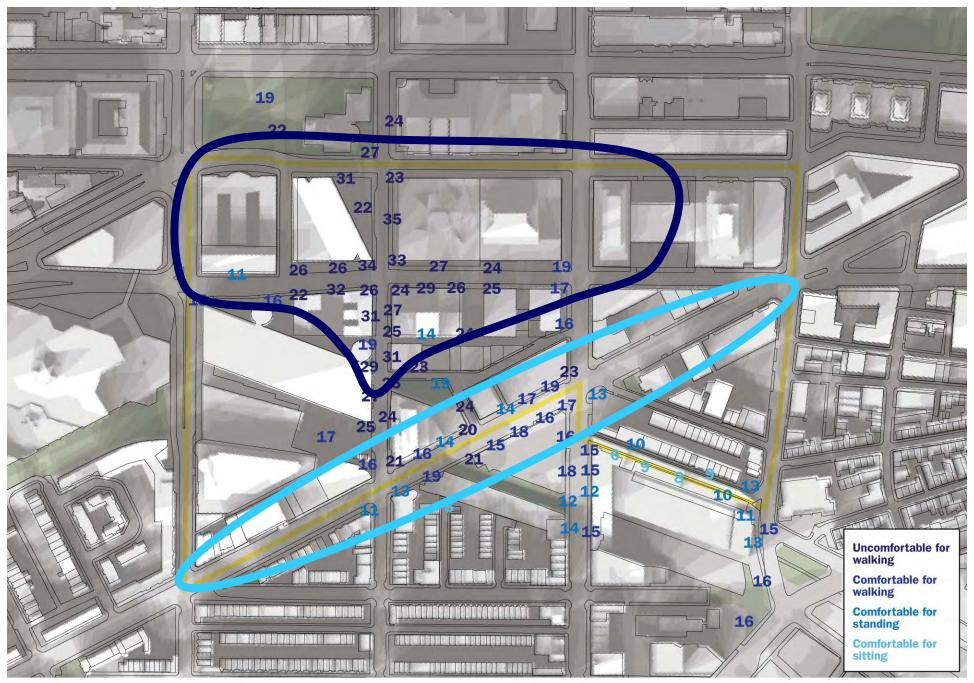






Winter Shadows (9am-4pm) and Mean Wind Speeds (MPH)

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Urban Design

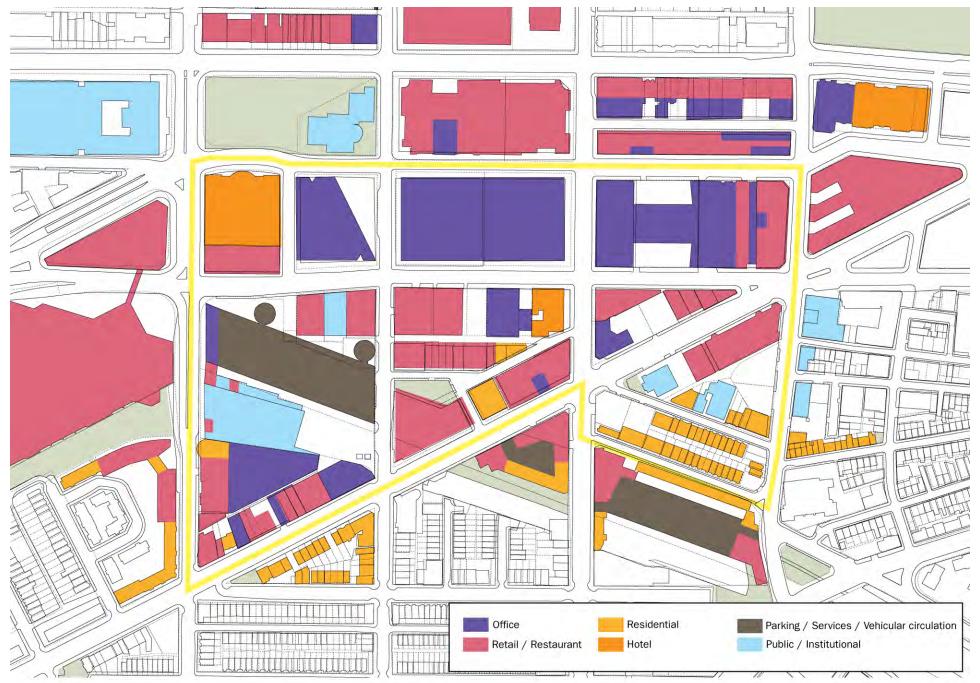
Ground Level Uses

Pedestrian Connectivity

View Corridors

Skyline

High Spine

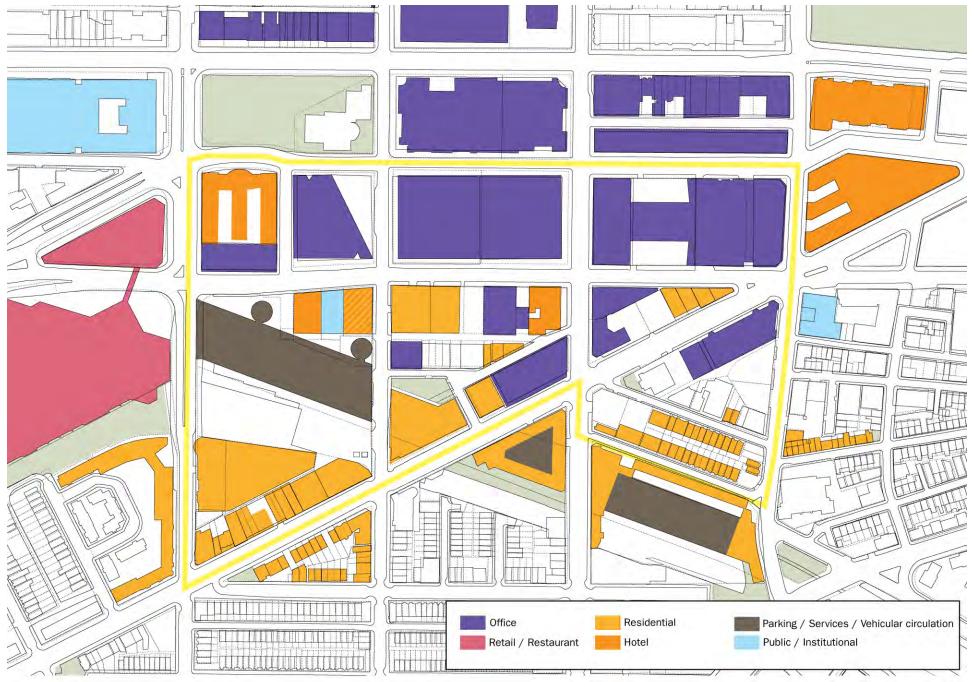


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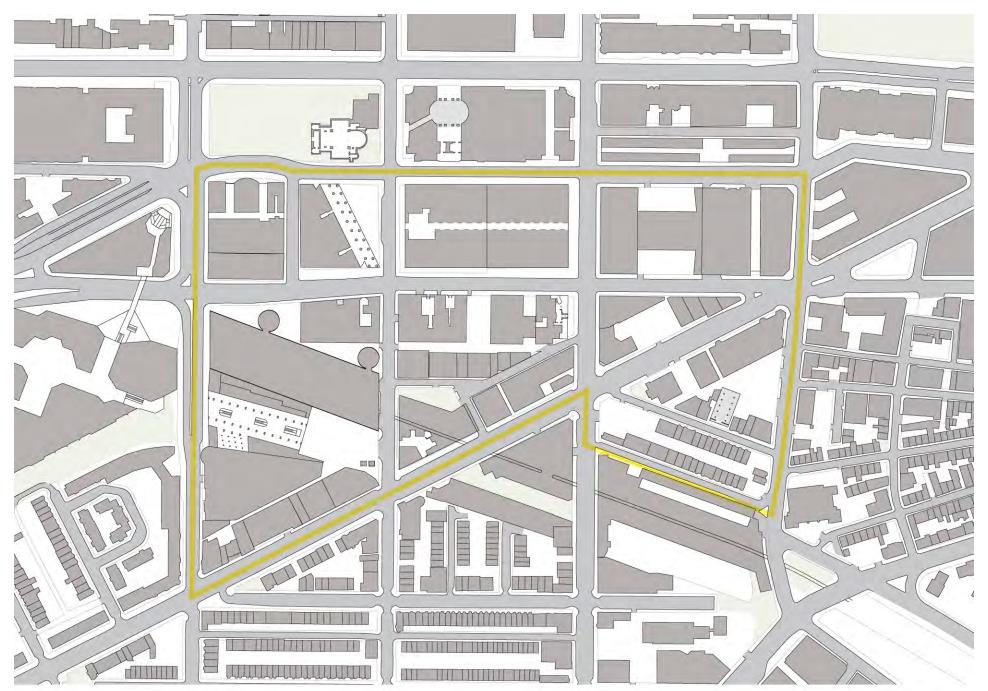
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Ground Level Uses

Source: Utile Inc. site survey

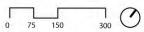


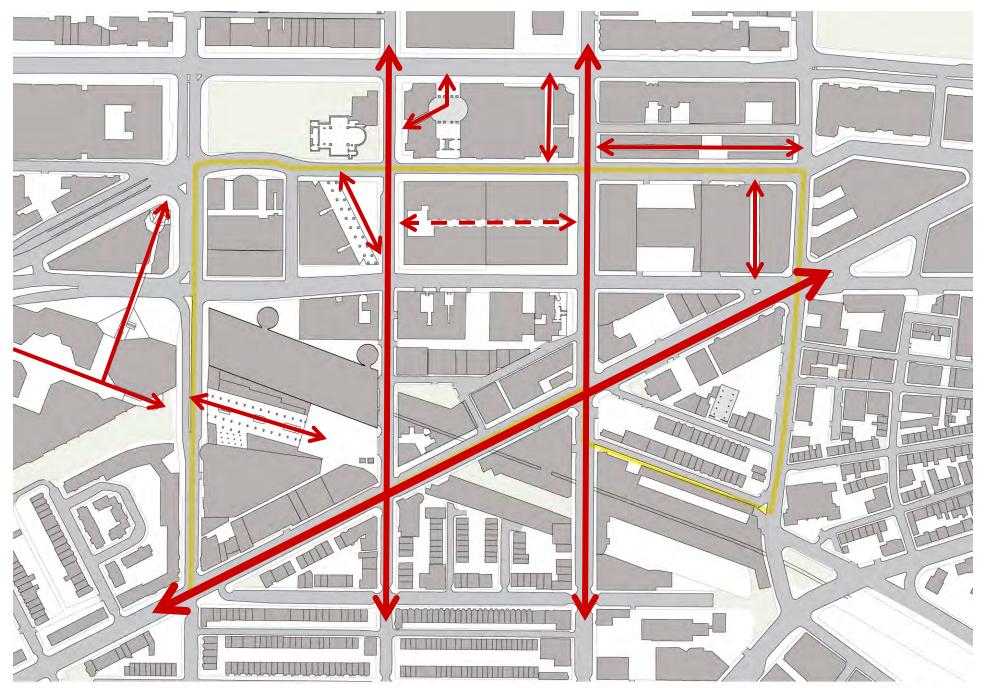
Upper Level Uses
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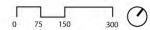
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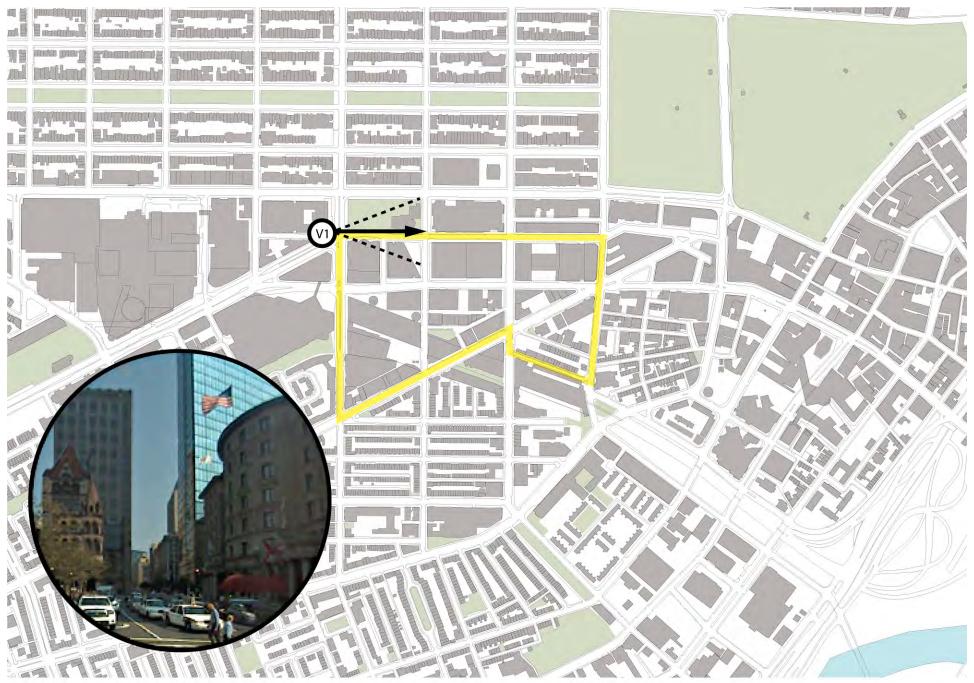




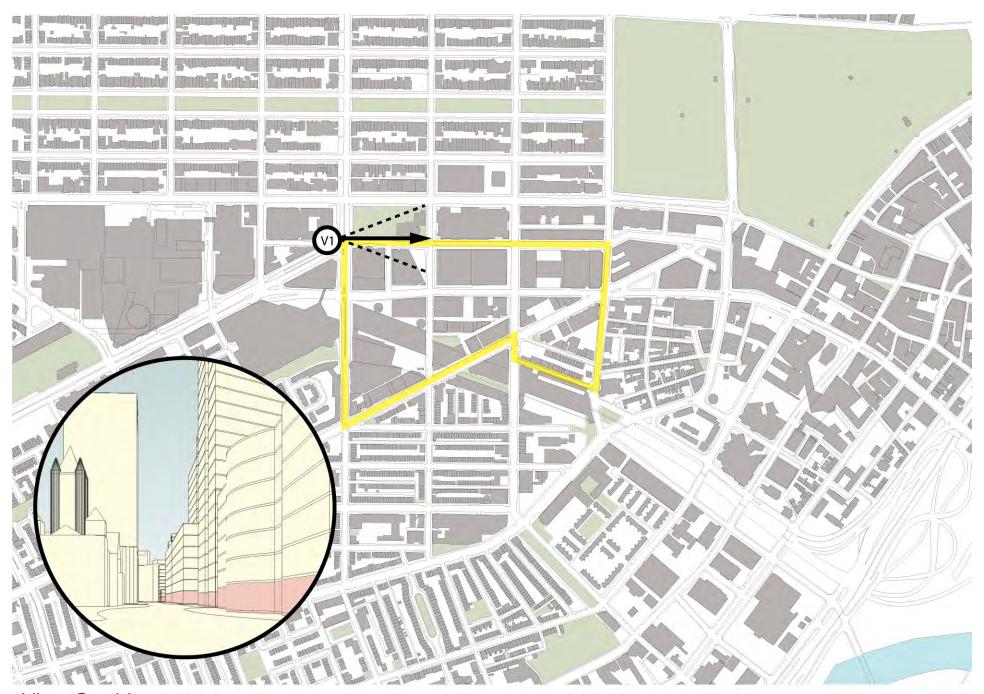
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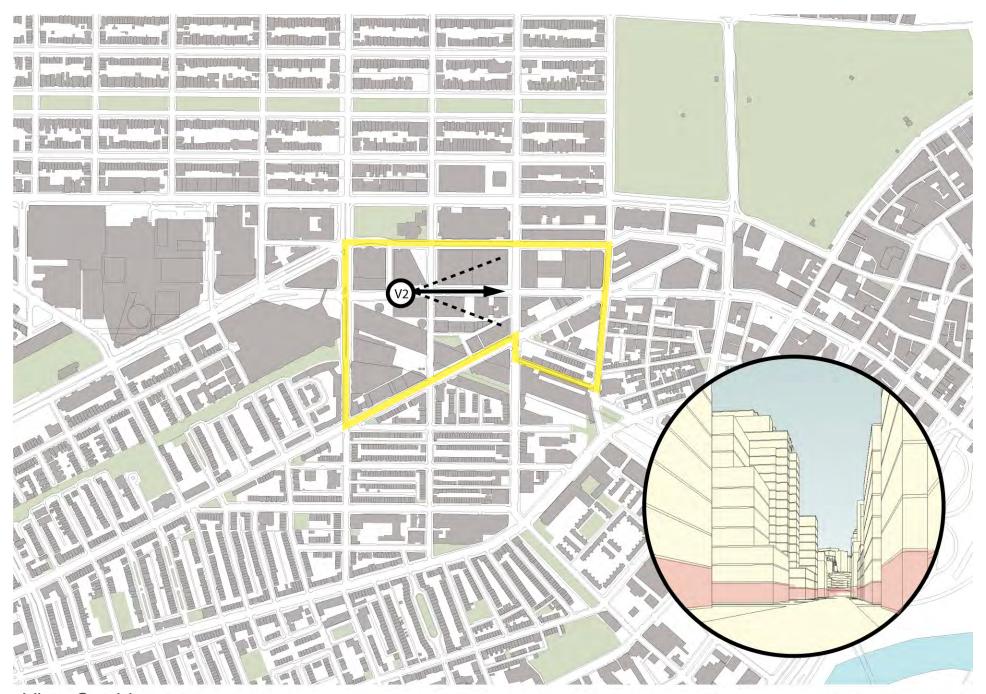
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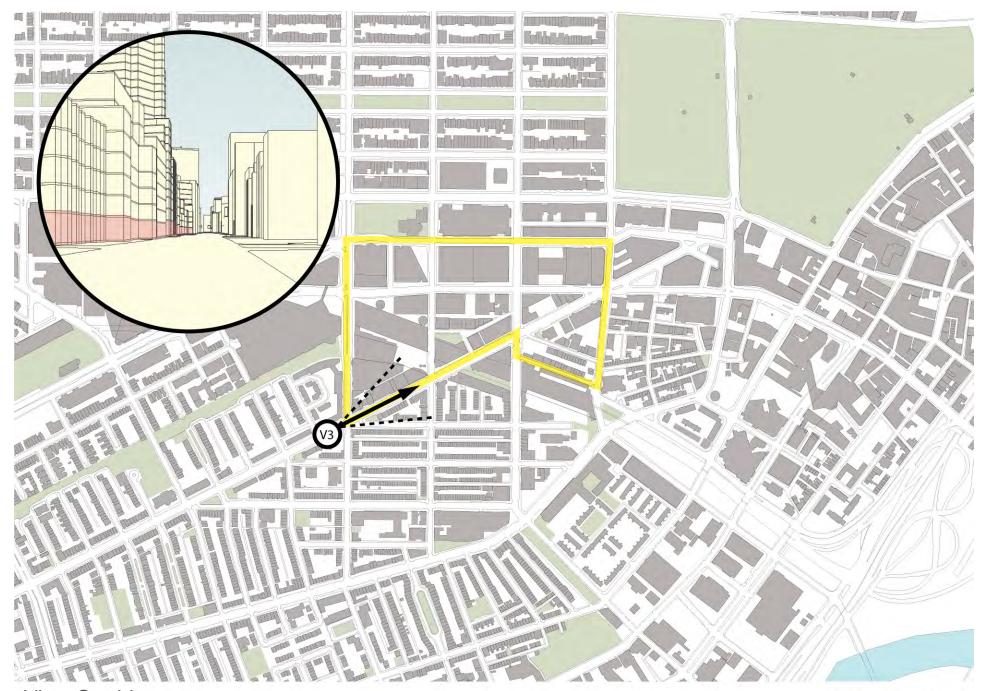


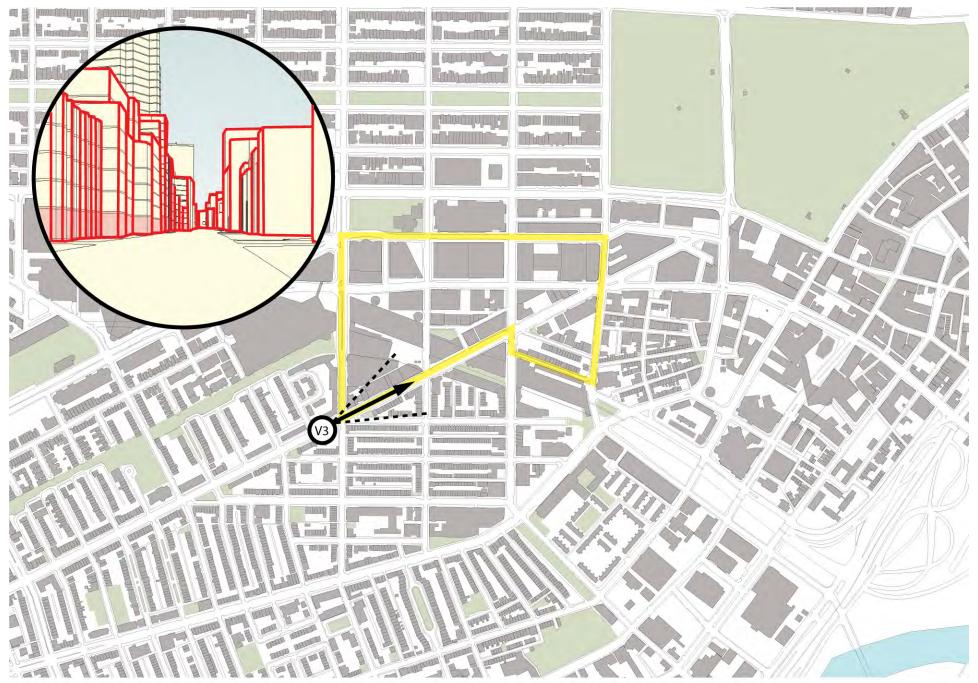
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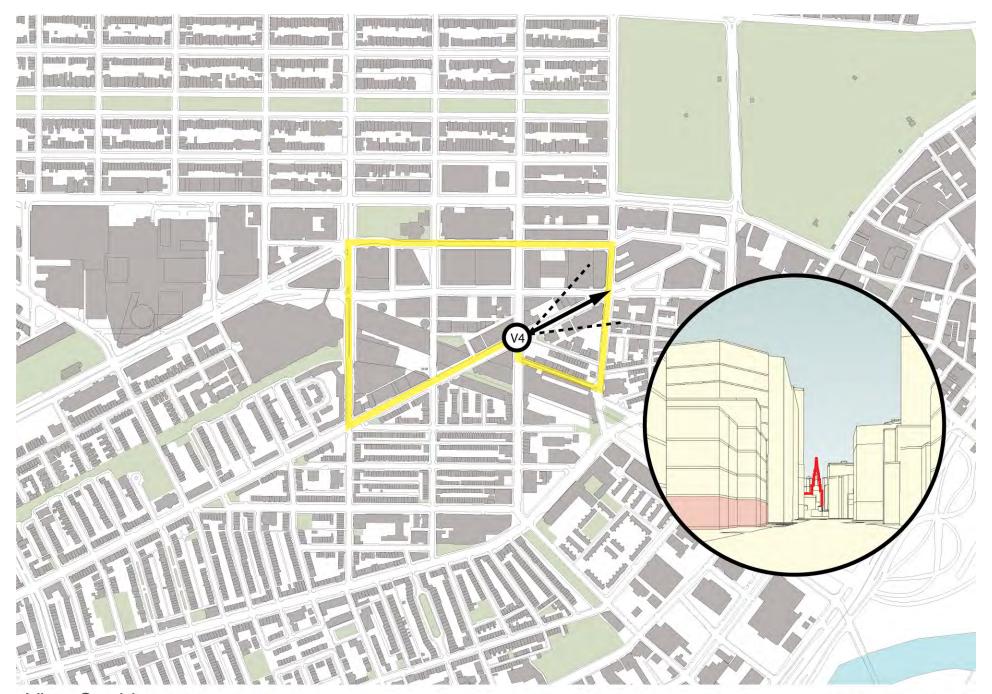
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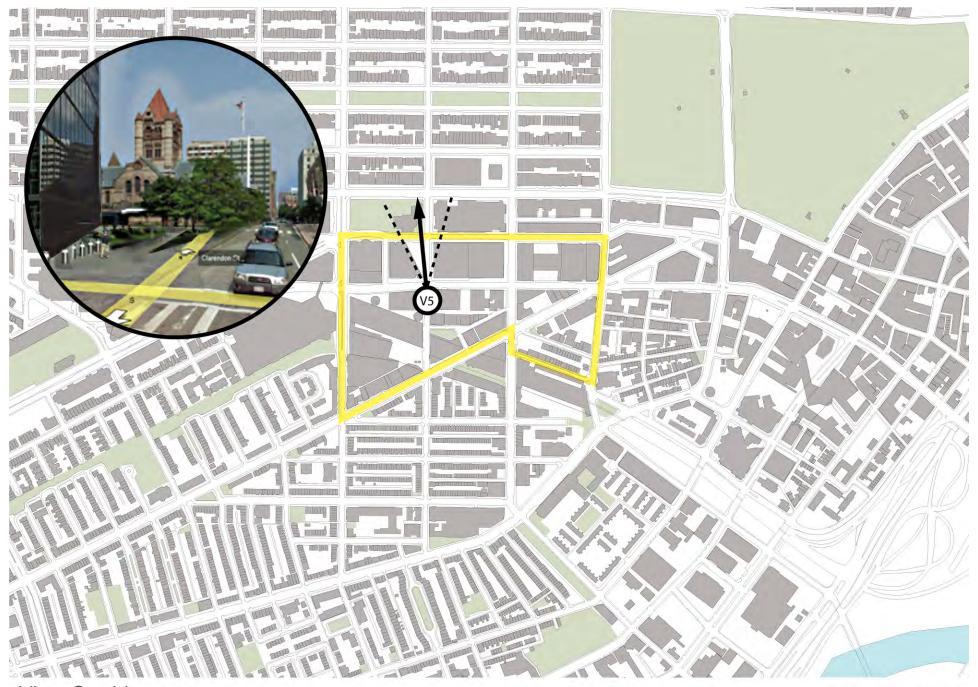


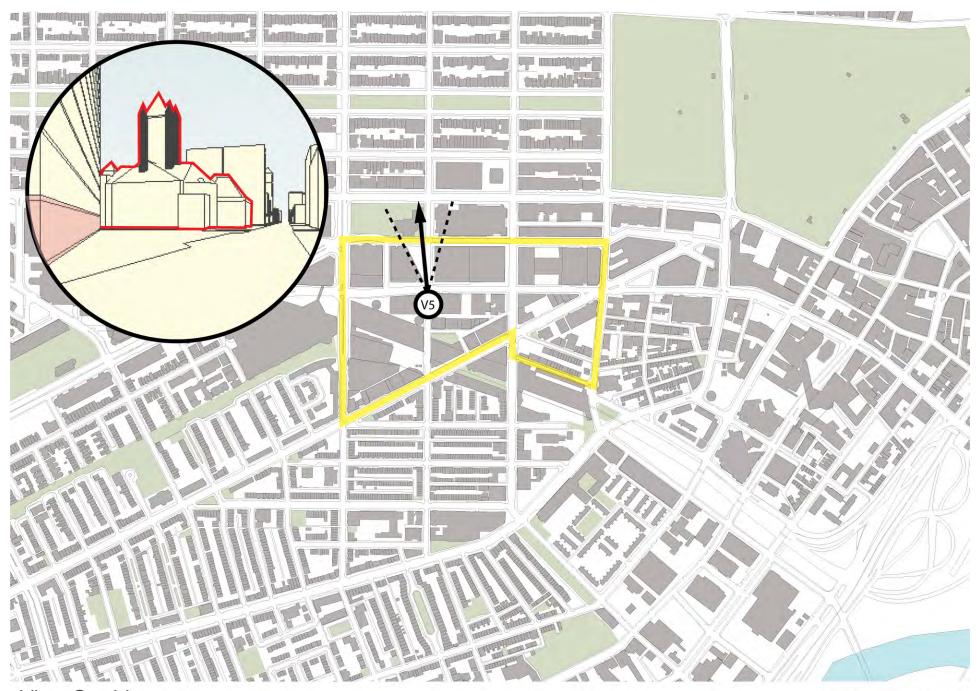


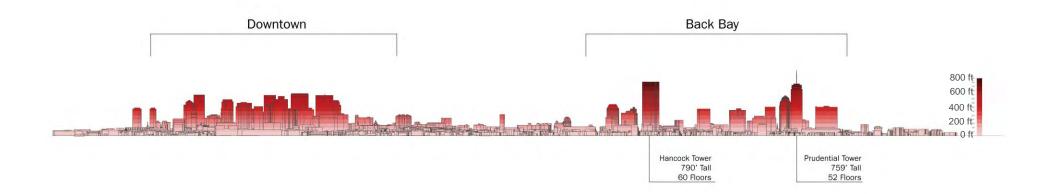


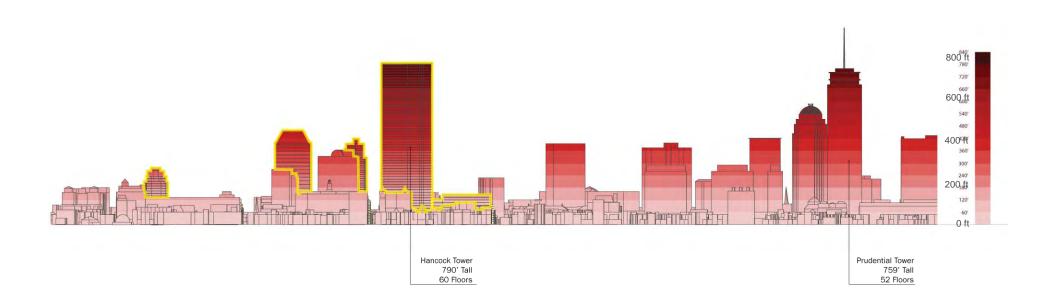


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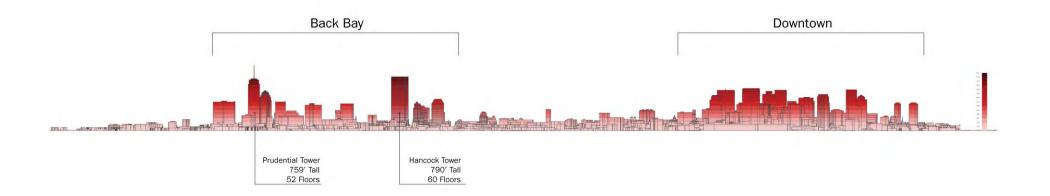




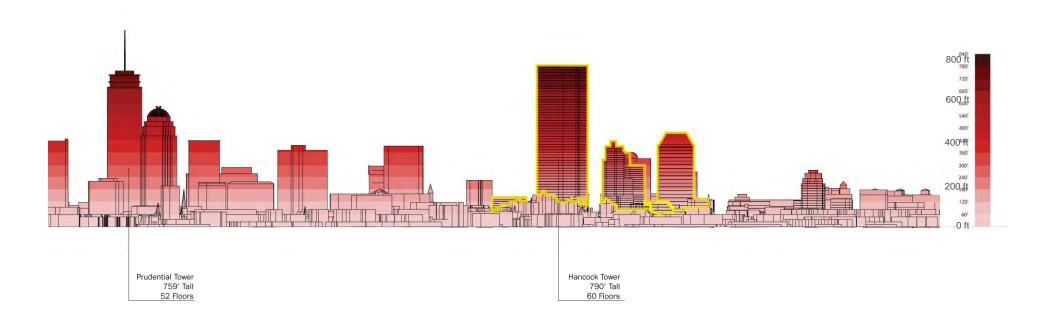




Existing Skyline: View South



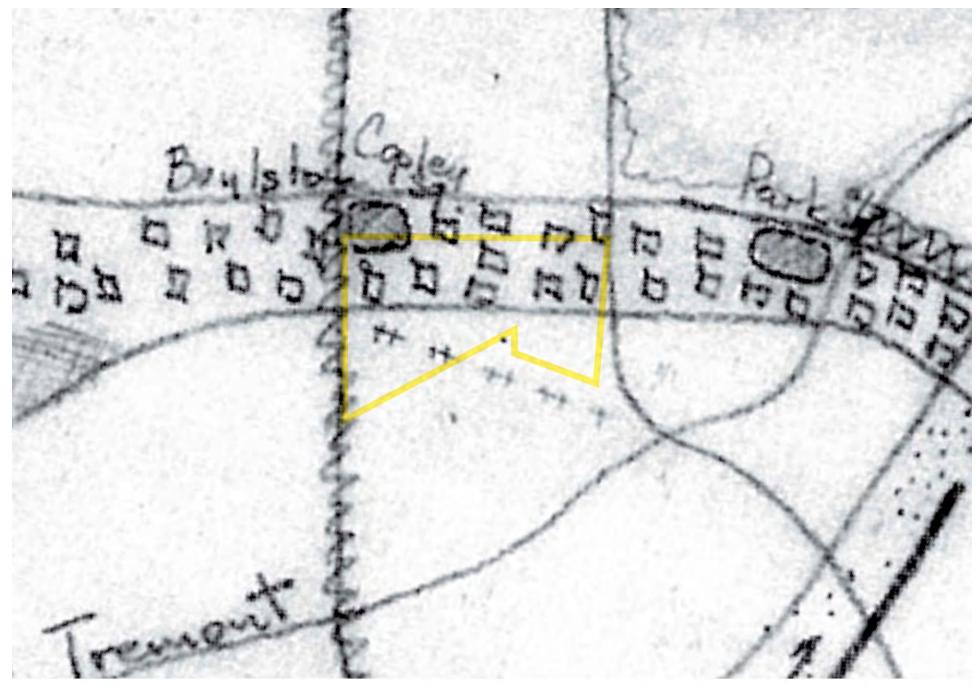
Existing Skyline: View North



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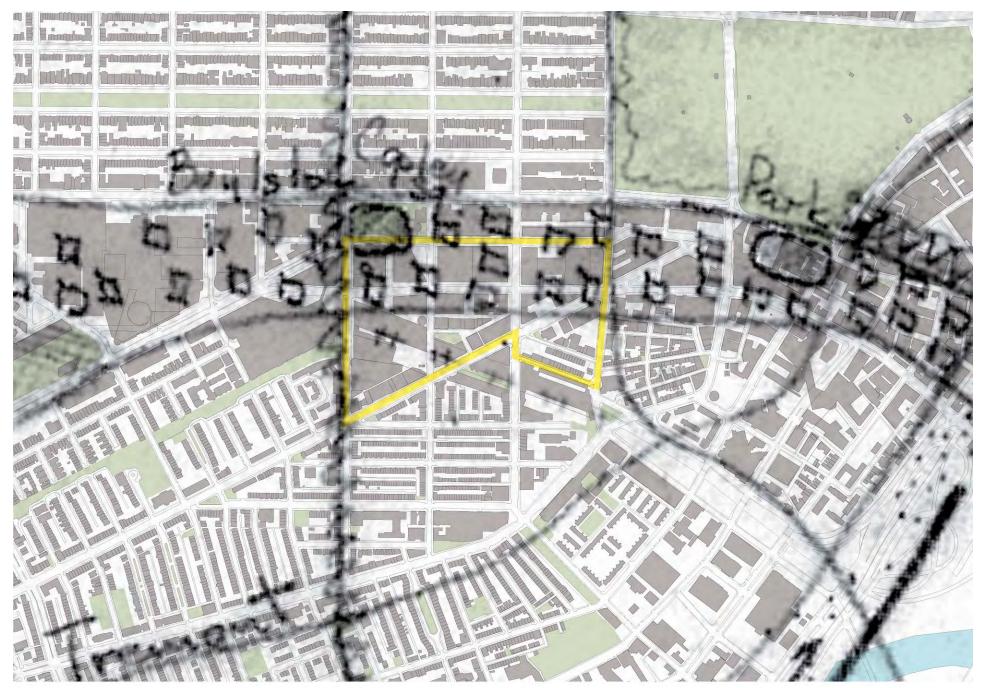


Building Heights



High Spine Concept Sketch

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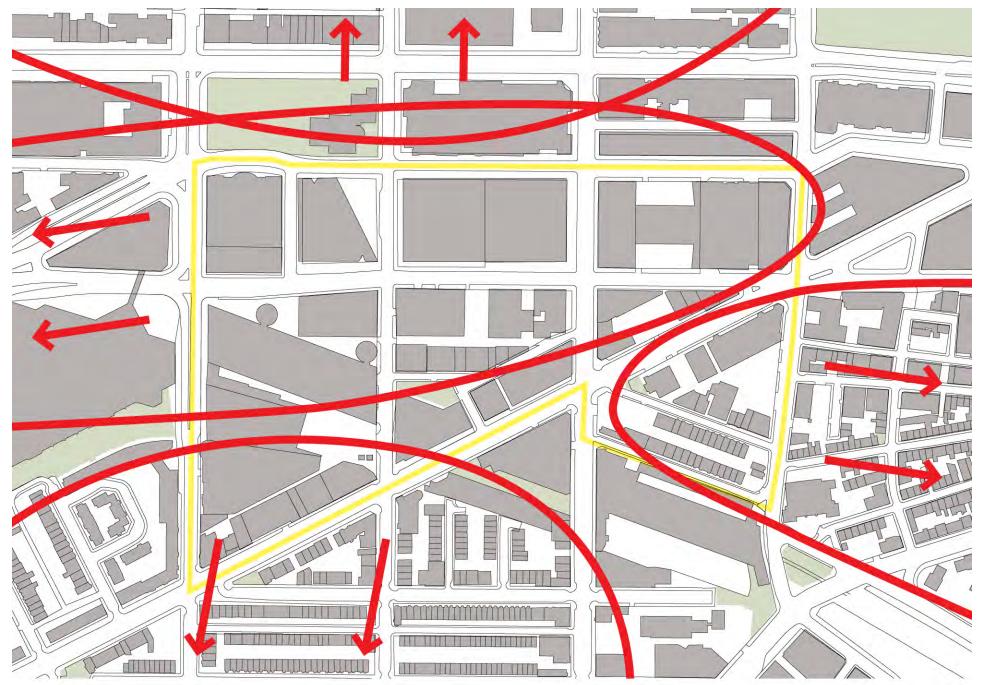
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Findings

One Size Does Not Fit All

1) Overlap with other neighborhoods

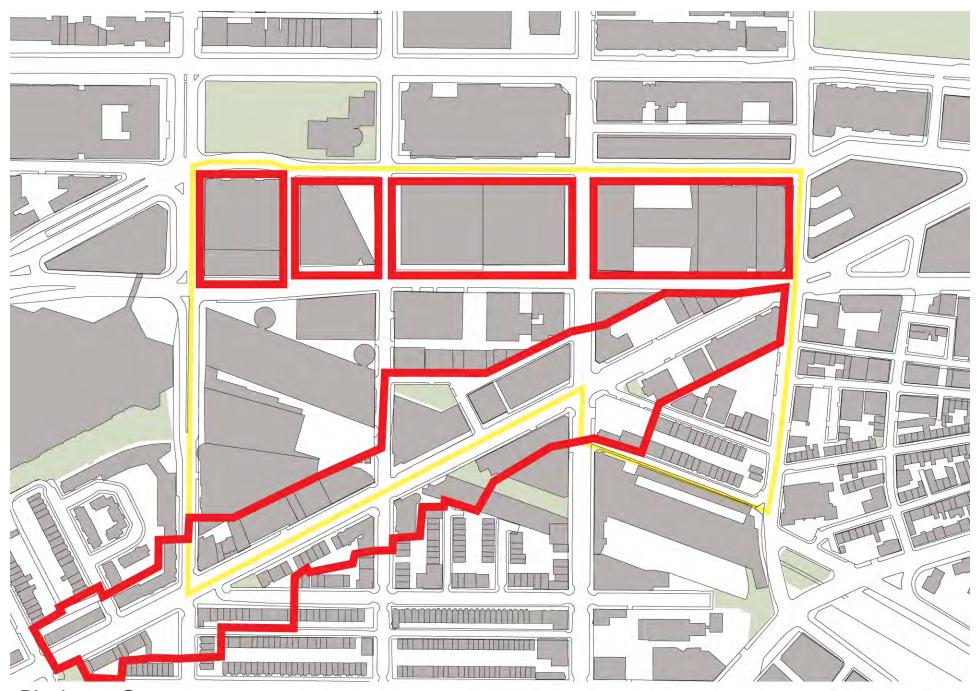


Connections to Established Neighborhoods

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2) Blocks vs. Streets Approach



Blocks vs. Streets

Challenges

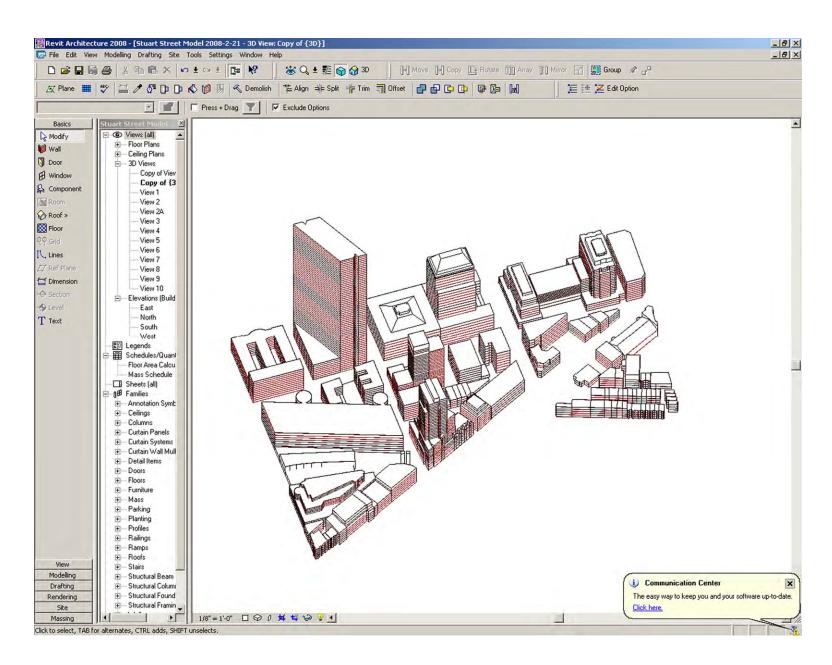
"Donut-Hole" - blocks central to the zone and north/south street are anomalous to the patterns and will require more detailed study.

Building use patterns – The Clarendon and Columbus Center as exceptions to the rule, or the first steps in a more mixed-use district?

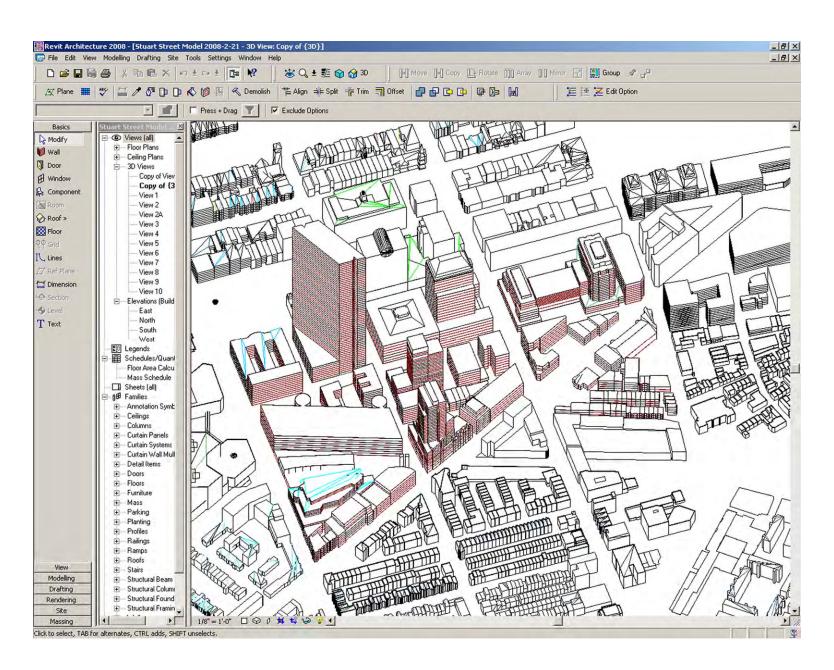
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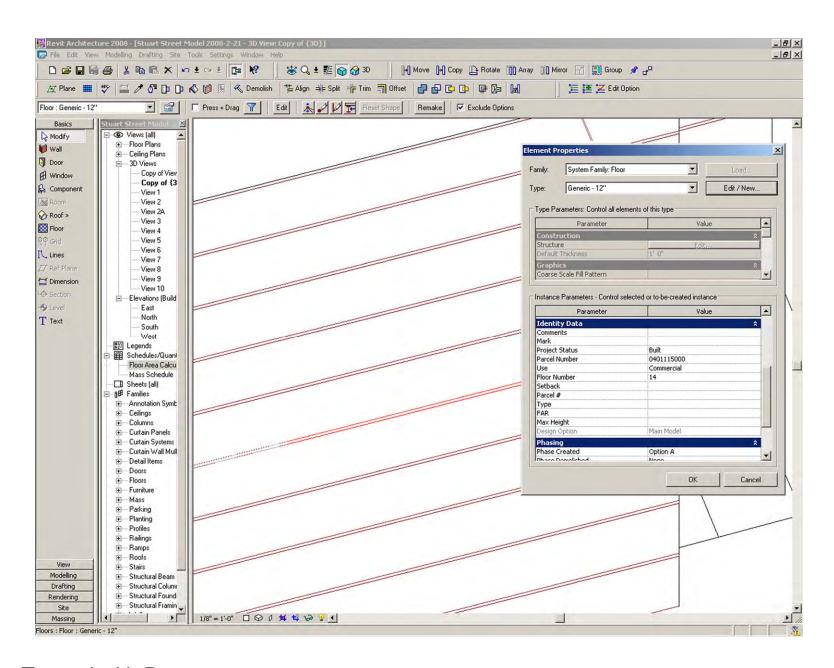
Building massing update

Study area buildings tagged with data



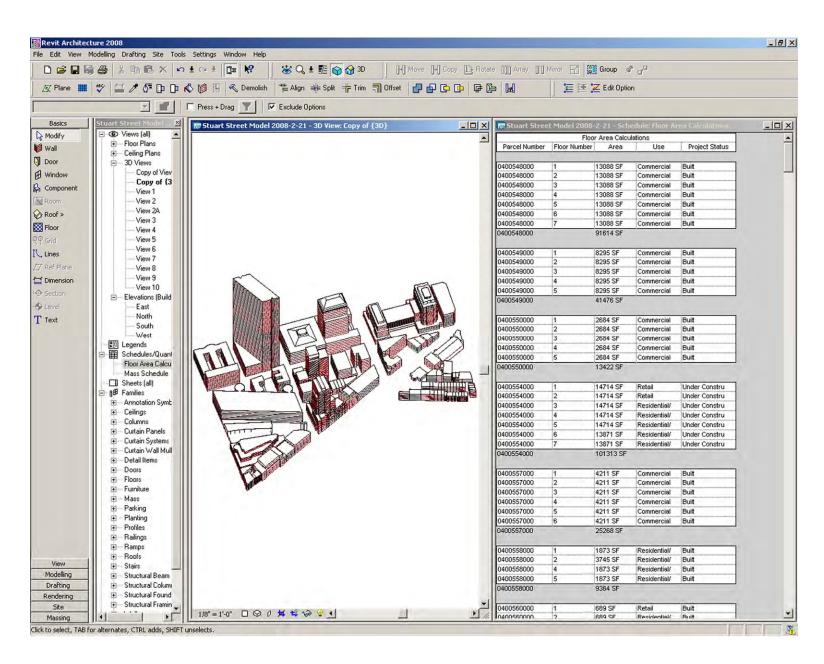
Study Area Modeled with BIM





Floors Tagged with Data

Parameters	Values
Project Status	Built/Under Construction/Permitted/Development Scenario
Parcel Number	-
Use	Residential/Commercial Office/Commercial Retail
Floor Number	-
Height Limit	-
Max FAR	-
Building Face Setback	-
Parapet Setback	-



Data Sorted with Spreadsheet

Next Steps

Task 2.1: Site Selection

Site Selection Criteria

- > Dimensional criteria
- > Availability of land and under-utilized sites
- > Historical / Landmark status
- > Ownership patterns
- > MBTA property
- > Financial viability
- > Turnpike Air-Rights