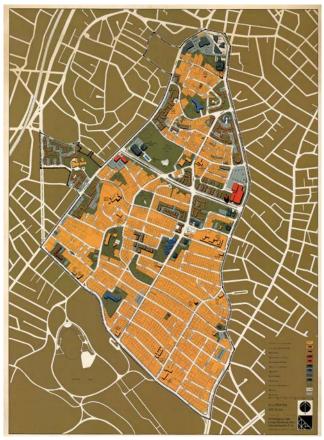
Urban Renewal:

Roxbury Workshop

Shelburne Community Center July 15, 2015

China Trade Building | June 10, 2015 Charlestown High School | June 29, 2015 Villa Victoria Center for the Arts | July 9, 2015 Shelburne Community Center | July 15, 2015 City Hall | July 22, 2015



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What the BRA is NOT doing:

- 1. Not modifying or extending the existing boundaries
- 2. Not creating new urban renewal plan areas
- 3. Not proposing projects, but focusing on process and planning



What the BRA IS doing:

- 1. Repositioning Urban Renewal as a contemporary planning and economic development tool
- 2. Refresh plans to show current planning and projects
- 3. Revisit original goals and planning objectives



What is Urban Renewal?

WHAT IS URBAN RENEWAL?

Certain cities and towns in the Commonwealth contain areas that are substandard, decadent or blighted open.

Urban renewal is a strategy for redeveloping and revitalizing these disinvested, underutilized and blighted areas for residential, commercial, industrial, business, governmental, recreational, educational, hospital or other uses.

This is now a state, not federal, program.



ADAPTING OUR VIEW OF URBAN RENEWAL

Responding to the changing needs of the City of Boston

Original Approach

- Tackle blight
- Assemble land to develop infrastructure and public facilities
- Aggregate parcels to build streets for vehicular traffic
- Develop affordable housing

Current Approach

- Create vibrancy
- Reinvest in already developed facilities to add density and diverse uses
- Make current streets efficient for multi-modal transportation
- Create a diverse housing stock with mixed income, family and TOD housing





Evidence of decadence or substandard conditions used to enact demonstration projects and negotiate incentives, etc.



Taking property to accomplish a public purpose. Used for site assembly, title clearance and vertical discontinuances



Special zoning areas within Urban Renewal Areas



Land Use Controls

Use, height and design restrictions specific to each Urban Renewal Disposition Parcel



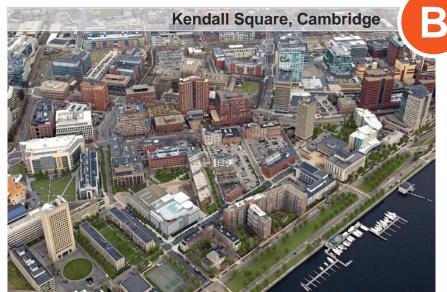
Demonstration Projects

Projects designed to eliminate blight outside of Urban Renewal Areas



Affordability requirements established to create housing opportunities













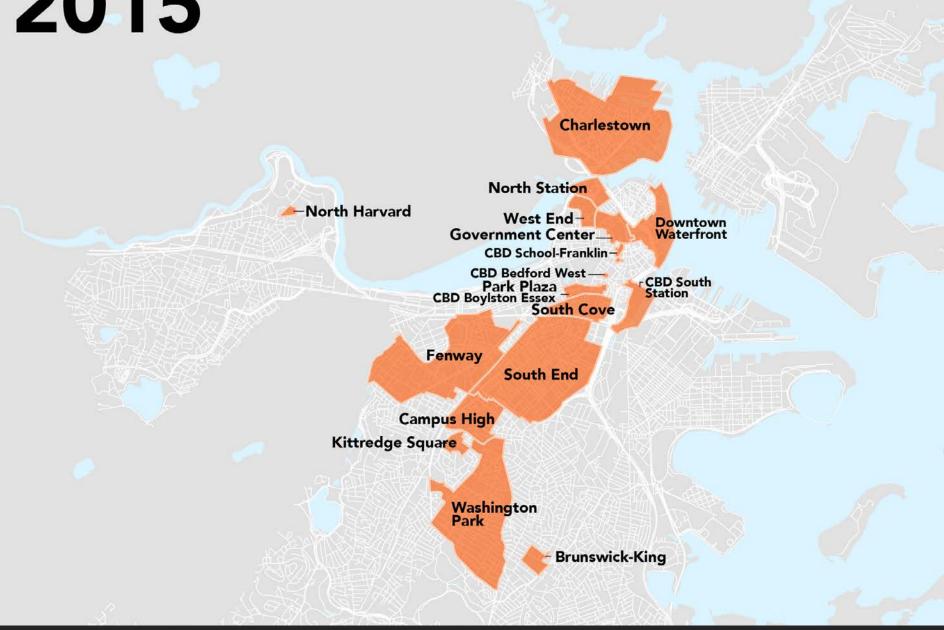
UR Plans

19 urban renewal plans approved in the Commonwealth since 1996
5 plans approved over past two years

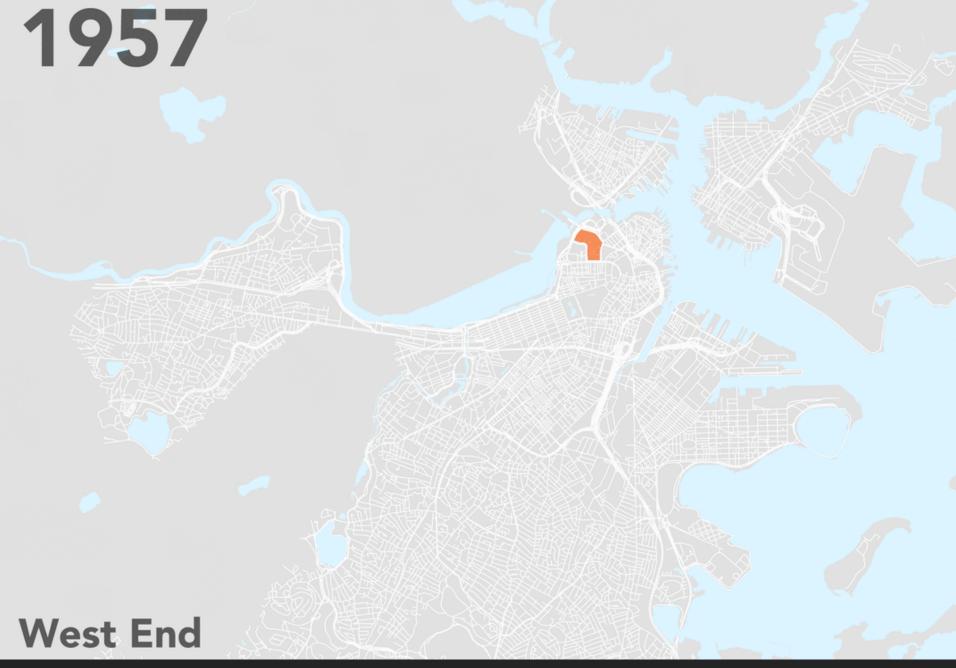
Despite their age, many older plans continue to be active:

- Assembly Square in Somerville
- Union Square intermodal transportation facility in Springfield
- Kendall Square in Cambridge

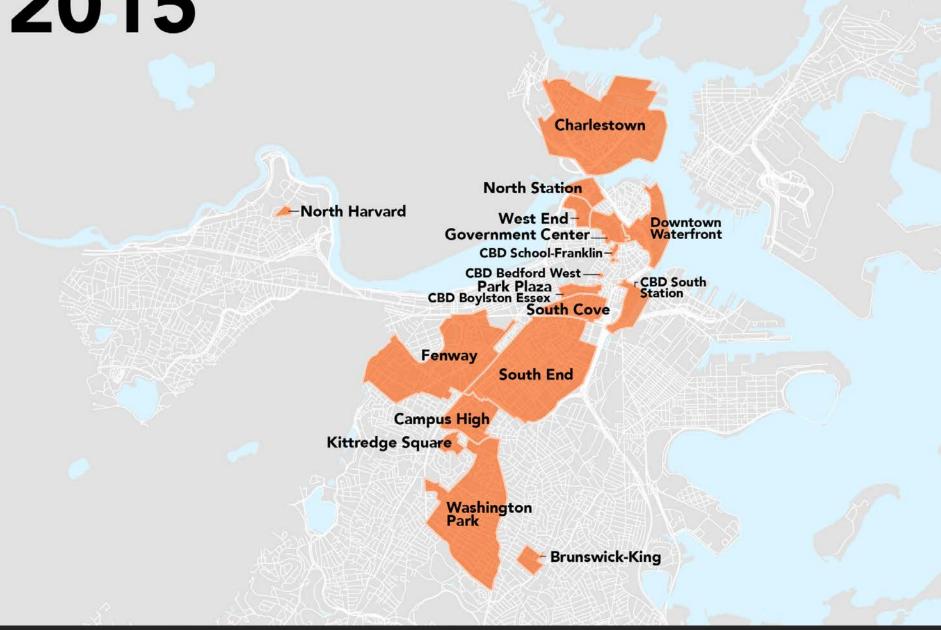














URBAN RENEWAL'S STIGMA

BEFORE

AFTER





West End, 1957



South End, 1962



South Cove, 1965



Charlestown, 1965

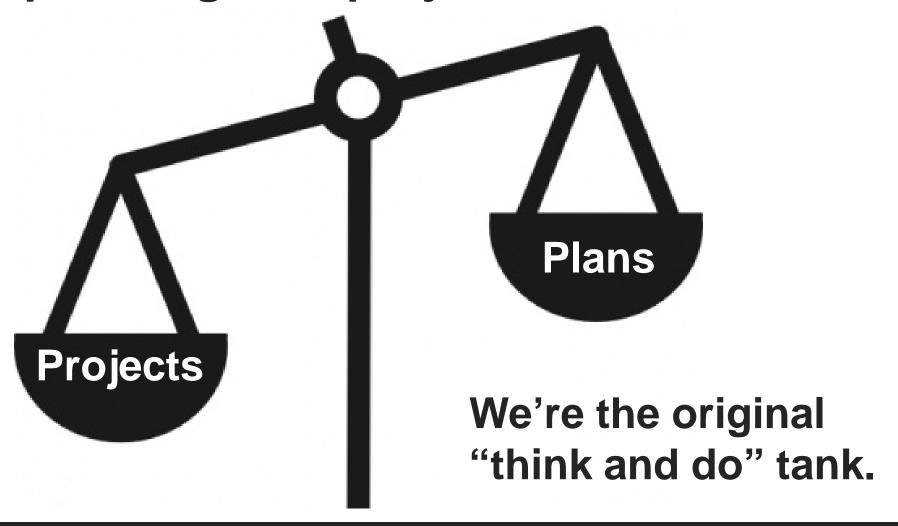


Fenway, 1965





Urban Renewal is intended to balance planning with projects.





Upcoming Urban Renewal Projects







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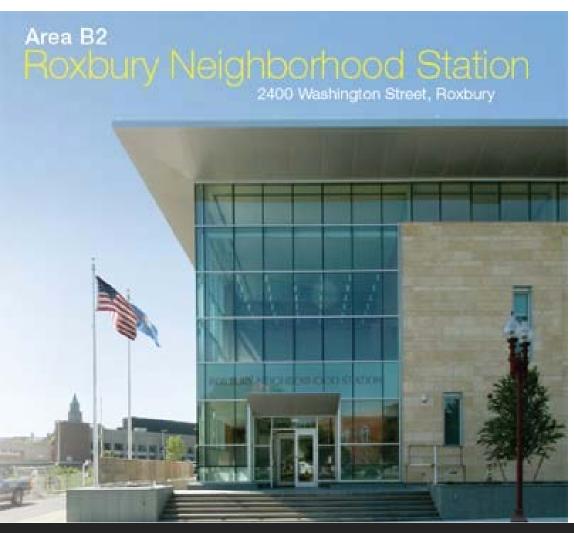


Supporting community space creation in the neighborhoods

The Whittier Health Center moved into its new space in Campus High in 2012. This accomplishment was a major milestone for the health center, as it was the first time in the organization's 78 year history that it was working out of a location that it designed and built, and its new home on Tremont Street was nearly triple the size of its old location. The new location allowed the health center to increase its capacity from 68,000 to 220,000 patient visits per year, and houses a variety of medical and dental offices, a pharmacy, a physical therapy clinic, and community space with educational programs and resources including computer kiosks. This completion of the project benefited from Urban Renewal title clearance and land assembly.

Whittier Street Health Center



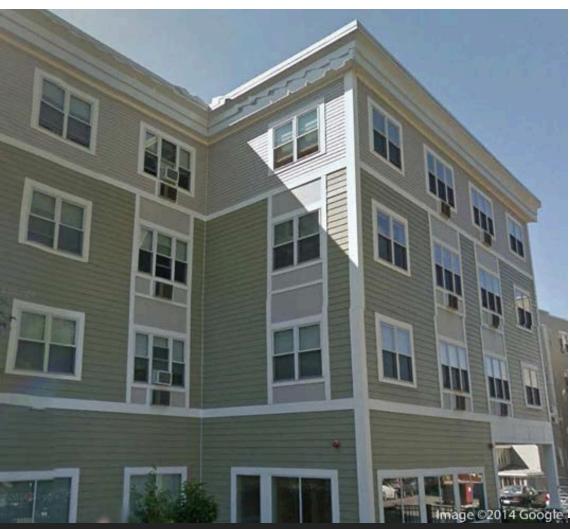


Building new public facilities

The new Area B-2 Police Station in Dudley was completed in 2007. In order to assemble the land for the this new state of the art facility, in December 2007, the BRA used its eminent domain powers to acquire a portion of the property located at 2406 Washington, which was the former site of the Boston Children's Service Center.

Area B2 Police Station



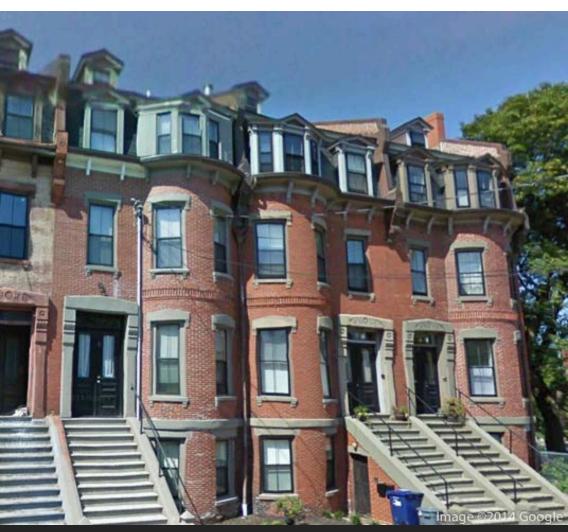


Affordable housing for the elderly

The 24-30 Rockland Street Senior Housing Project is located in the Warren Gardens neighborhood, near Dudley Square and includes 40 single room occupancy affordable apartment units for senior citizens. Two of the parcels in the project site are in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area.

Rockland Street Senior Housing



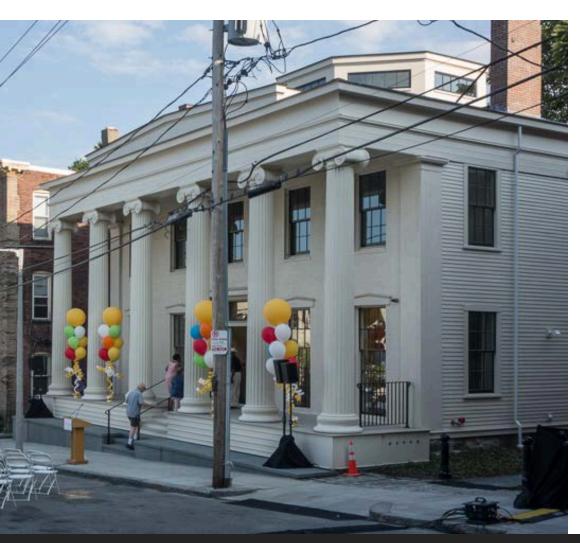


Small-scale residential infill development

Parcel 8A and Parcel 8 are both four-story brick row houses that were owned by the BRA and were conveyed to developers following an RFP process. The row houses were renovated and each includes two residential units.

Parcels 8 and 8A



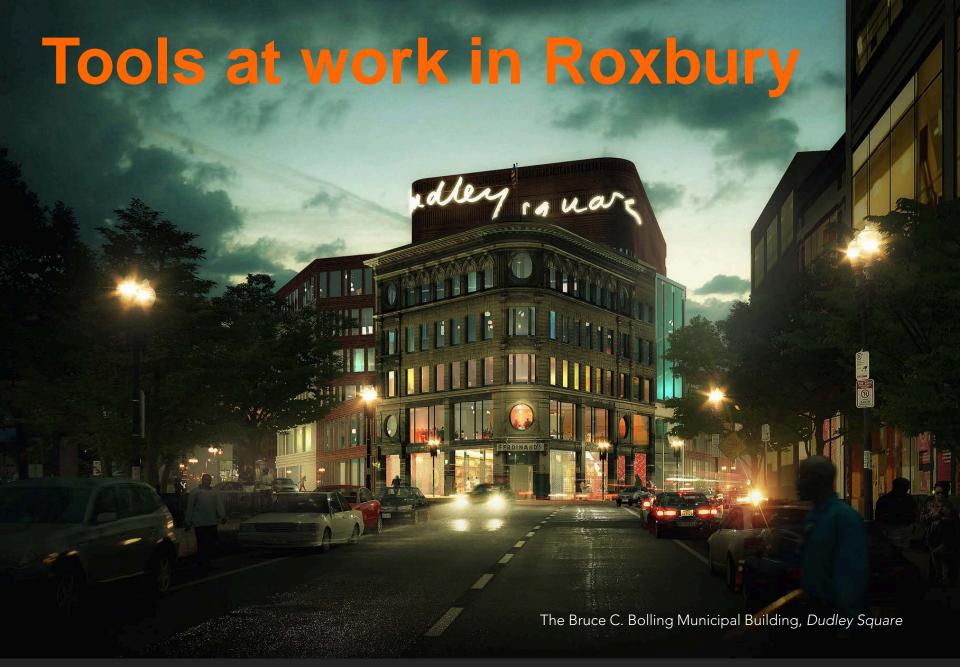


Historic rehabilitation and demonstration project

The Alvah Kittredge house was built in 1838 by furniture maker Alvah Kittredge. In it's heyday, the mansion was considered a symbol of Boston's growth after the American Revolution, but over time the home was forgotten and began to deteriorate. In 2011, the home underwent a multi-million dollar renovation and was transformed into affordable living space for five families. This project was an Urban Renewal demonstration project and required an order of taking for it's effectuation. The BRA also approved a \$150,000 grant award from the Inclusionary **Development Program Fund ("IDP") to support** the construction of affordable housing as part of its development program.

Alvah Kittredge House







Simplified UR Extension Process

Fall 2014:

City Council Briefing BRA Board Extension Request to DHCD

February 2015:

Task Force Kickoff Stakeholder Outreach Finalize Public Process

Late Fall 2015:

City Council Approval BRA Board Approval Mayor Approval DHCD Approval

Public Outreach

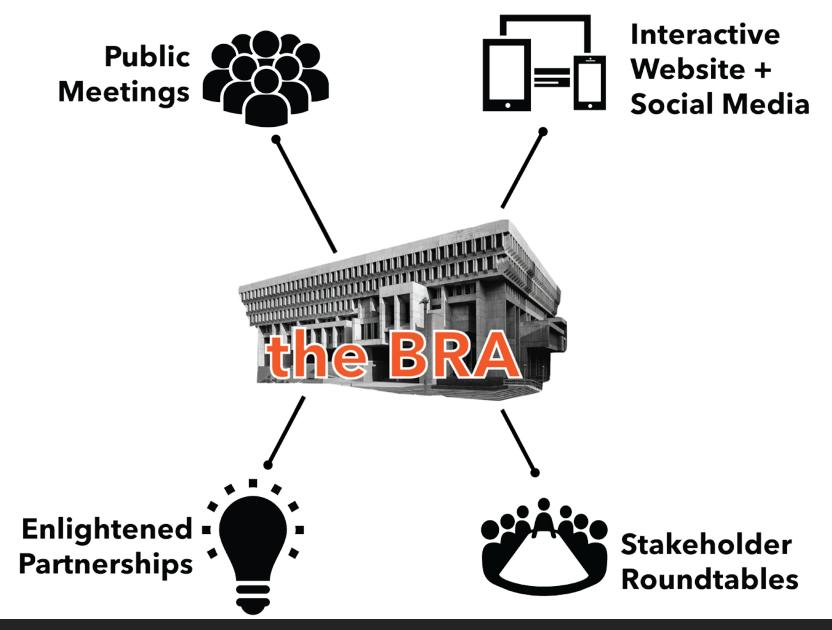
January 2015:

DHCD Extension Approved

March 2015:

Begin Public Process







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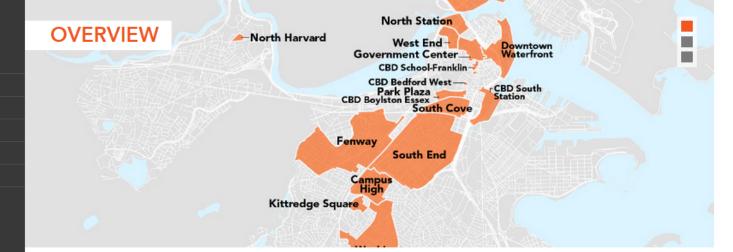
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- Map
- Featured Projects

Zoning Viewer

Enter Address or Parcel ID





The BRA is seeking to extend urban renewal plan areas that cover over 3,000 acres of the city and include parts of Charlestown, the Fenway, Chinatown, the South End, Roxbury, the Downtown Waterfront, the West End, North Station area, and Government Center.

Urban renewal dates back to the American Housing Act of 1949, when the federal government began to invest great sums of money to redevelop cities that were rapidly declining after World War II. Early urban renewal efforts attempted to tackle widespread blight by assembling land to develop massive infrastructure and public facilities, usually at the expense of displacing poor and marginalized residents. The current effort is focused on a contemporary reframing of urban

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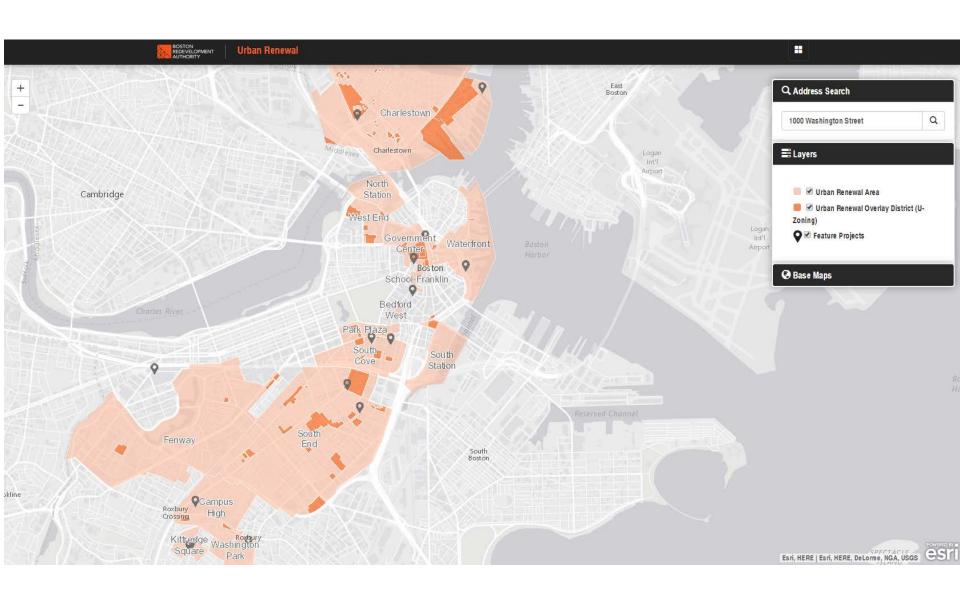
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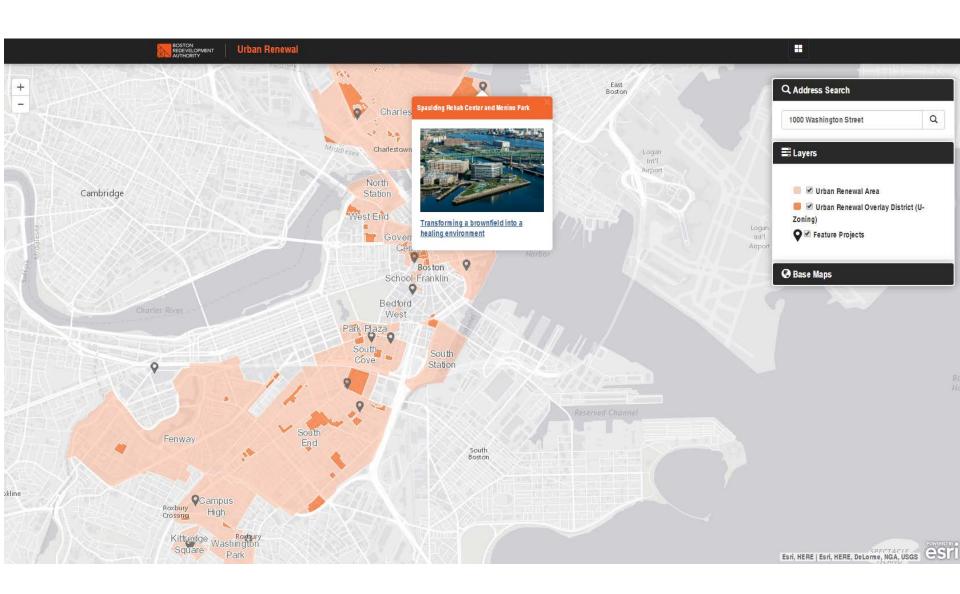
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NEWS

December 17, 2014 **BRA** begins community engagement process to extend urban renewal







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Urban Renewal Featured Projects

Urban renewal tools can be the key to facilitating development that might otherwise not be possible. Learn more about some of these recent projects located throughout Boston!



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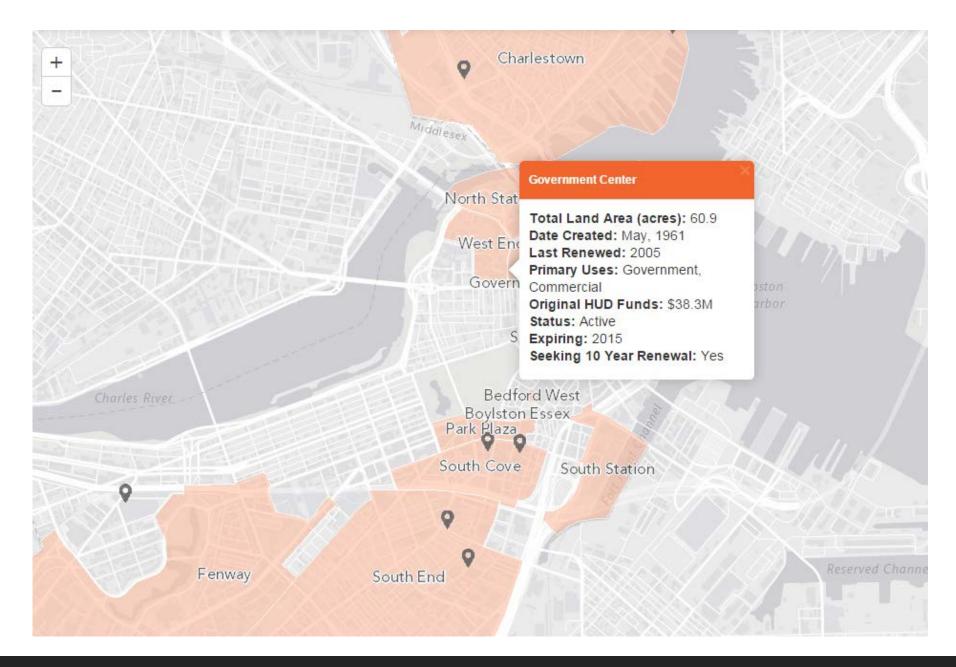
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Millenium Tower and **Burnham Building**

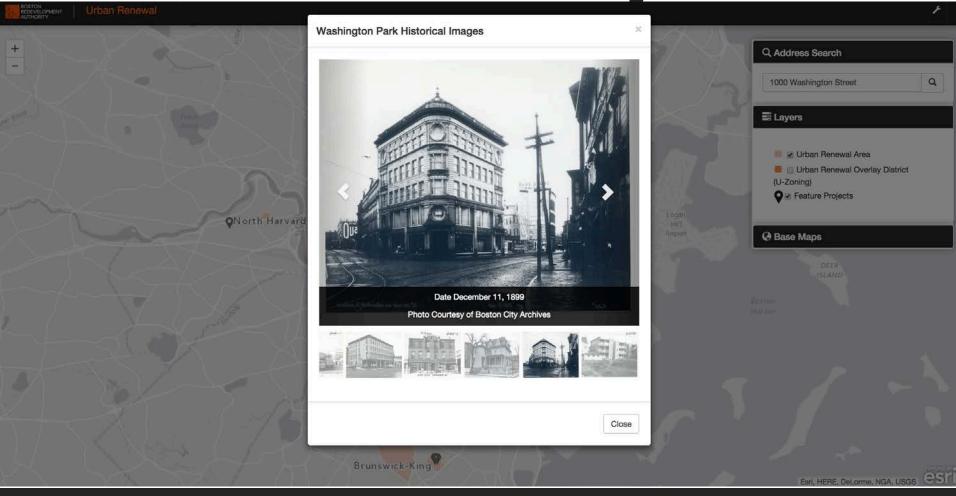


Government Center **MBTA Station**





Historic Development + Urban Renewal Projects



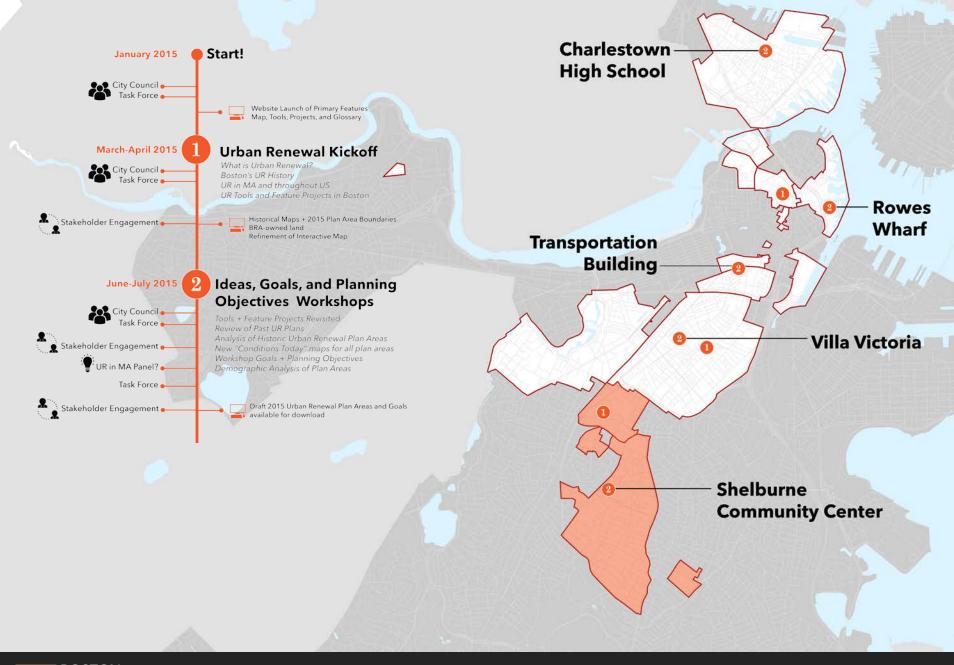


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Phase I: Kickoff Meetings



#1 City Hall #2 South End #3 Roxbury



Phase 3: Synthesis



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SHARE YOUR VISION. SHAPE OUR CITY.

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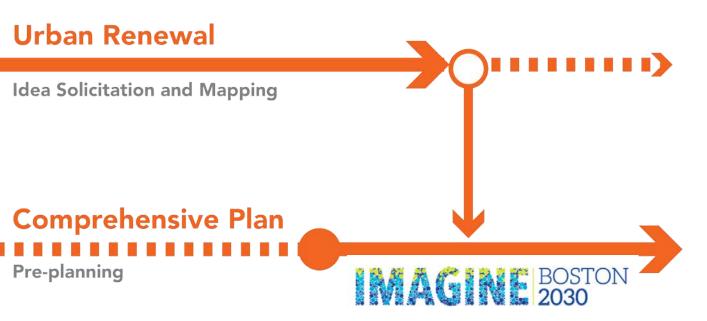
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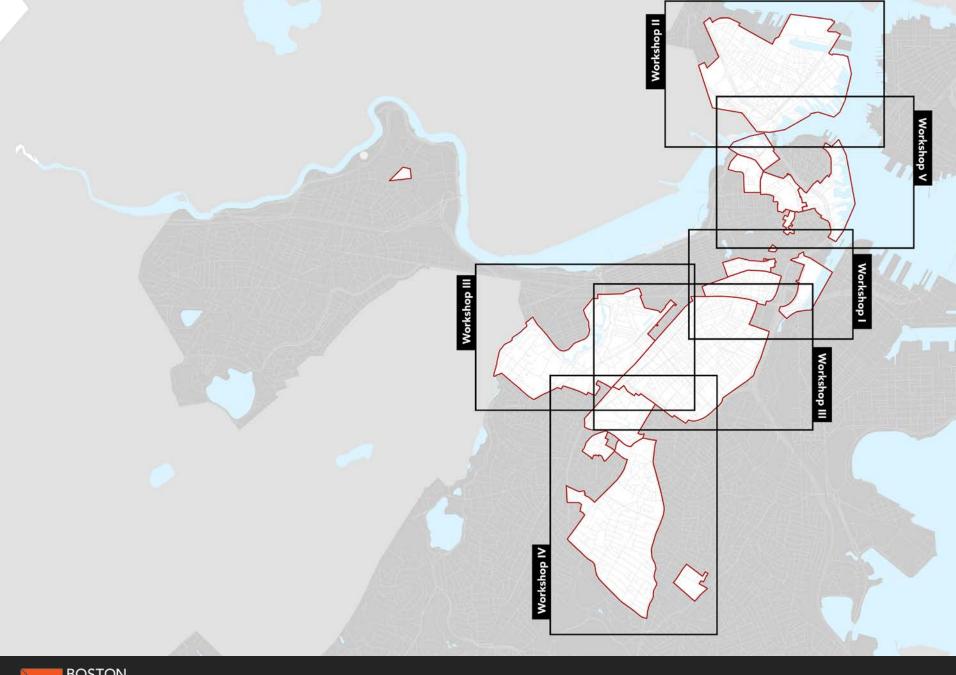
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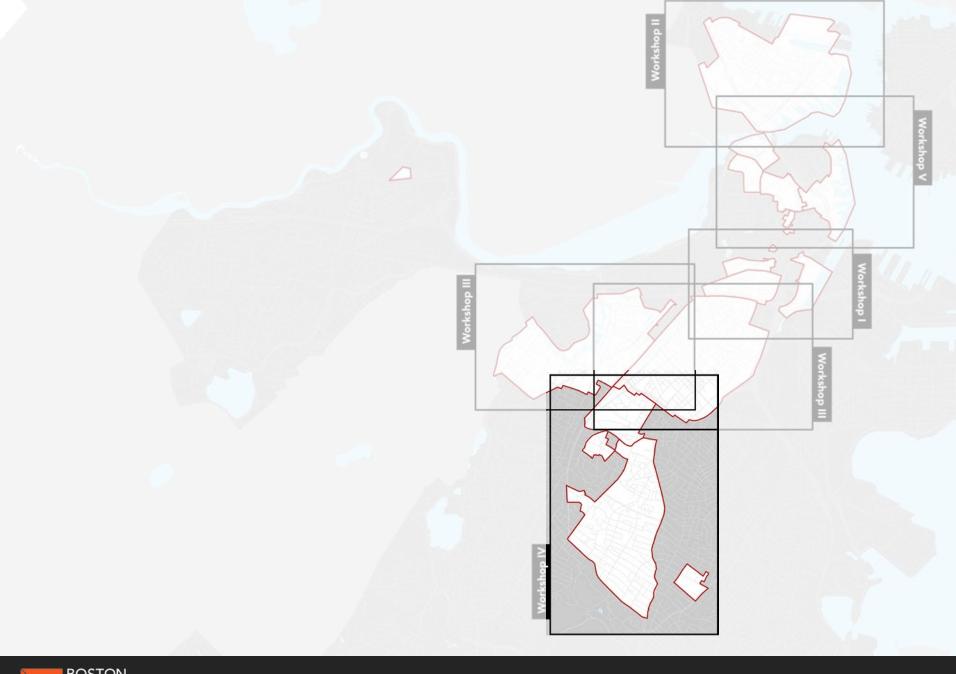




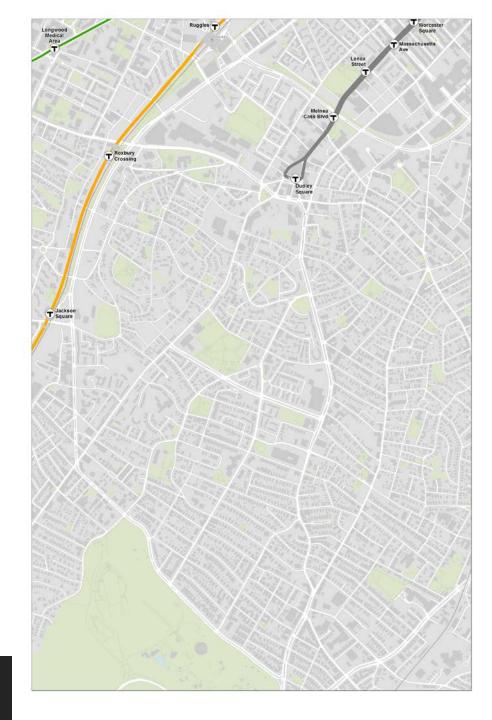
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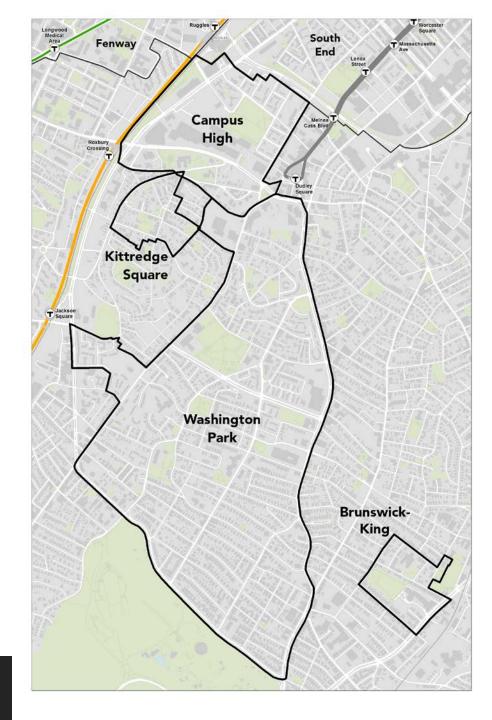




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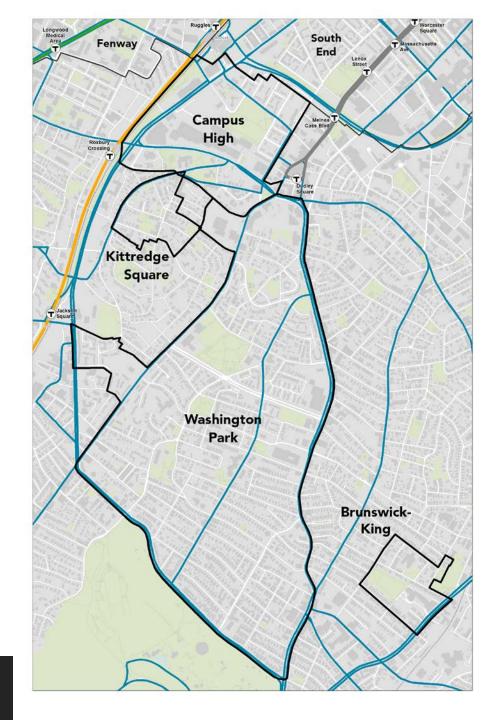


Multiple Urban Renewal Plan Areas in Roxbury



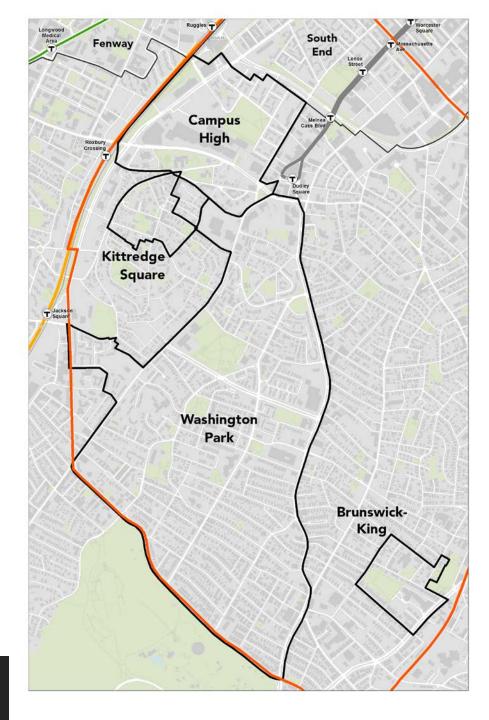


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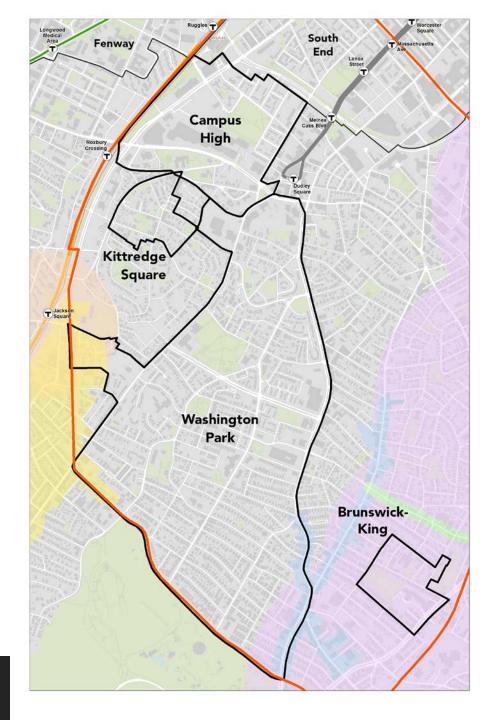


Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Boundary

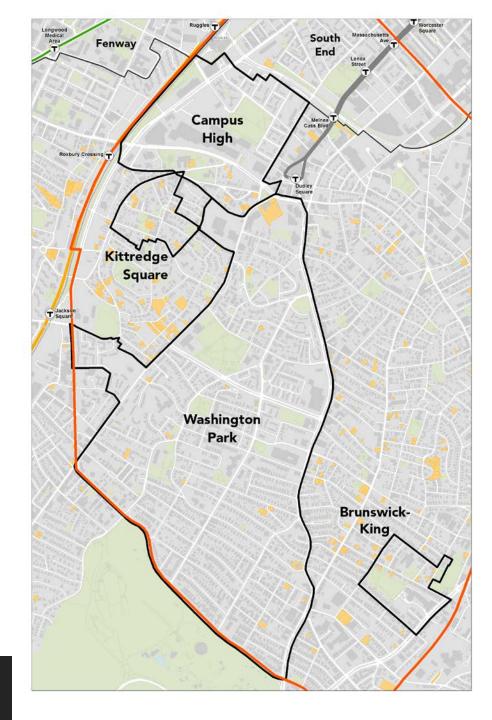




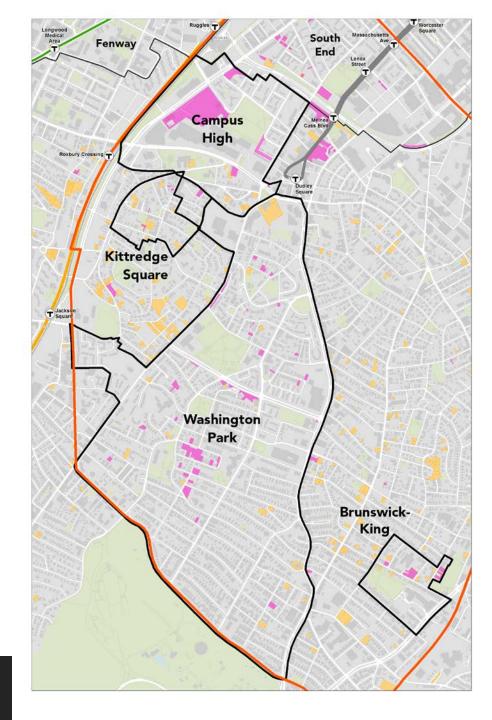
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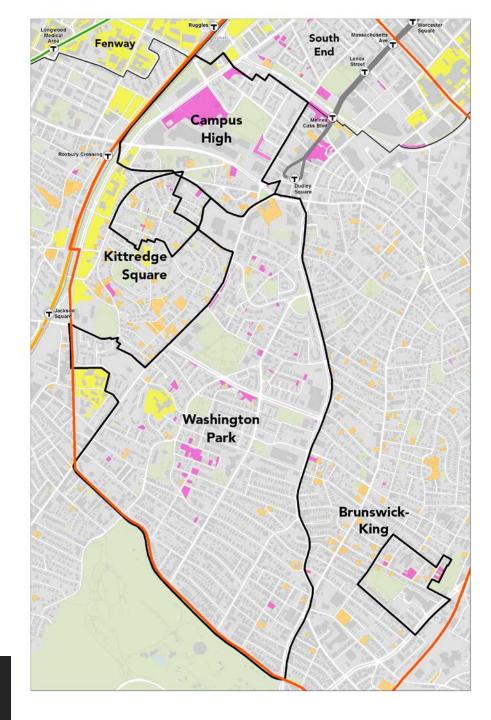
City of Bostonowned land (orange)



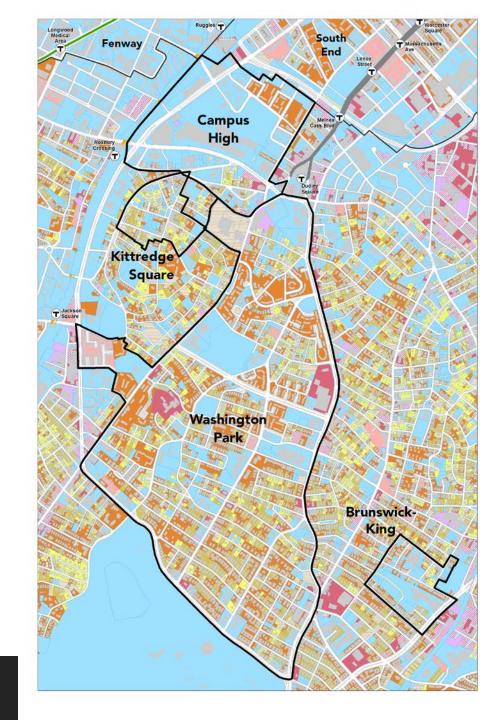
BRA-owned land (pink)



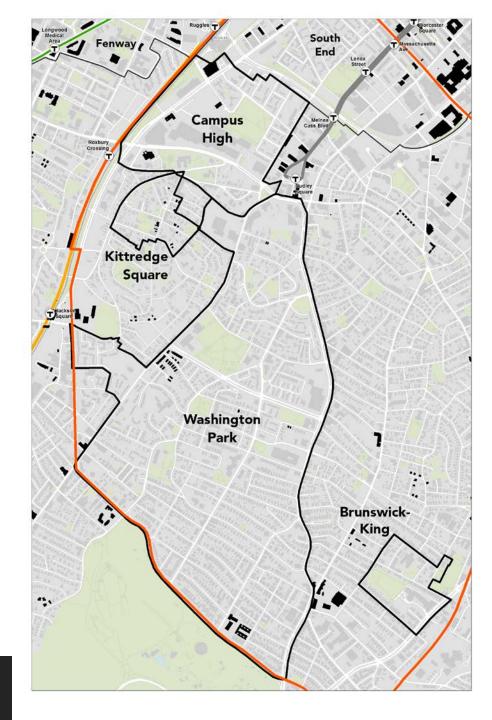
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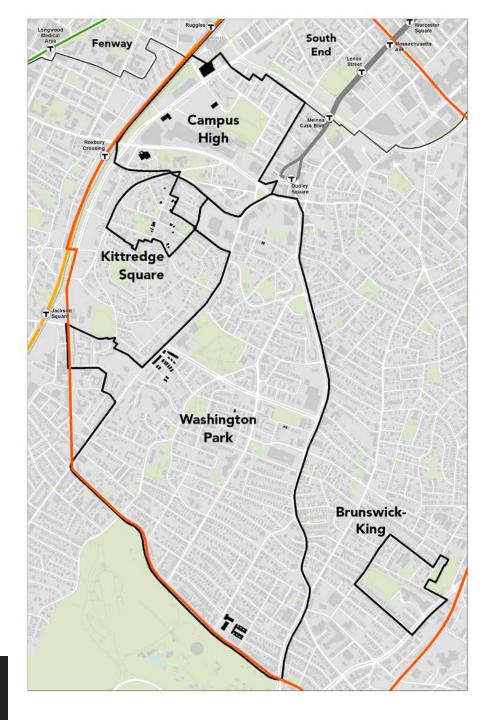


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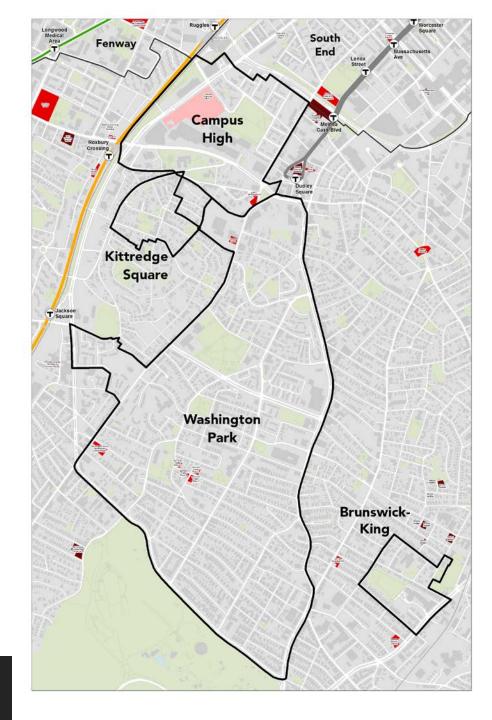




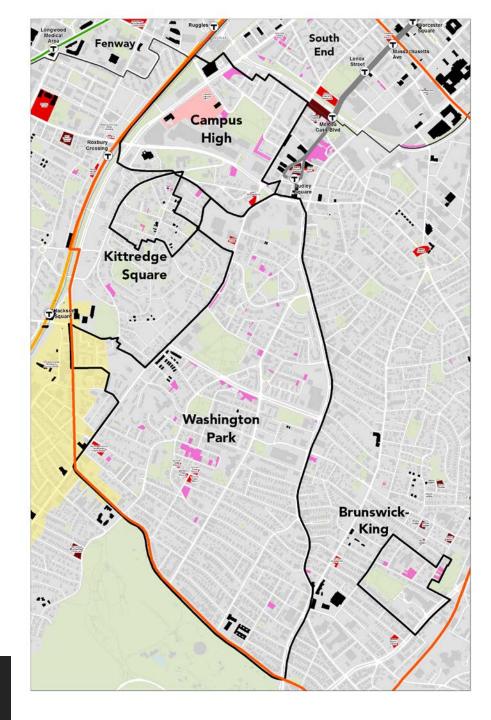
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BRA Pipeline Projects (Under Review, Approved, Under Construction)



Current Planning and Development Context



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Washington Park Urban Renewal Area (1962)



Original (1965) Goals + Planning Objectives | Campus High

The Plan contains following basic goals:

- To stimulate, facilitate, and coordinate public and private actions in order to up grade the area physically and economically;
- To provide a more wholesome framework for environmental conditions to enhance the opportunities for living, working, education, and recreation;
- To take full advantage of the area's location, accessibility, and visibility for the benefit of the surrounding community and the City of Boston;
- 4. To promote and expedite the improvement, revitalization, and reorganization of the public school system of the City in order to achieve a superior program of education for Boston's children and youth;
- To provide new and improved public facilities throughout the area to improve the environment, better serve the residents, and to promote confidence in the future of the area.
- To renew and revitalize the physical setting of the residential rehabilitation area in order to improve the livability of the area and to stimulate rehabilitation and development by private action.

Supporting these goals is a number of planning objectives:

- To make available an advantageous site for the construction of a city-wide high school complex:
- To eliminate obsolete, incompatible, deteriorating, and substandard buildings and in compatible land uses which depress the physical condition and character of the area and contribute to the spread of blight;
- 3. To create opportunities for private reinvestment and rebuilding, particularly in the form of sound and economically-constructed housing of maximum architectural quality, providing thereby the highest possible levels of amenity, convenience, usefulness, and livability for the occupants thereof;
- To provide a substantial number of housing units for low- and moderate-income families and individuals, for large families, and for the elderly;
- To maximize the opportunities for home ownership and to provide housing units for mod erate and middle-income families in order to promote the stability of the community;
- 6. To improve the quality, condition, and maintenance of existing residential properties through rehabilitation to achieve decent, safe, and sanitary housing and to strengthen and revitalize those sections of the community which are still viable;
- To improve the quality, condition, and maintenance of existing non-residential properties through rehabilitation;
- 8. To provide opportunities for new and improved locally-oriented shopping and other commercial facilities and for new and improved private community facilities to serve the needs of residents and to give cohesiveness and strength to the community;
- To provide the opportunity to replace old and obsolete public facilities and to develop new facilities to meet present and future requirements;
- 10. To provide new and revitalized open space and recreational facilities I the area to serve the area's residents and to enhance the overall environment;
- 11. To maximize accessibility of the area's recreational facilities and open space through a system of connected pedestrian ways:
- 12. To provide a more adequate street system to improve traffic circulation by separating through traffic from local traffic and wherever possible by separating vehicular movement from pedestrian movement.
- To encourage the development of tax-paying facilities in conjunction with institutional development;
- 14. To protect and expand the City's tax base and arrest the trend of economic decline and, by stabilizing property values, protect public and private investment;
- 15. To promote the preservation of structures of historic and architectural value.



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Original (1963) Goals + Planning Objectives | Washington Park

The Plan contains five (5) basic goals, accomplished through the stimulation and facilitation of public, private, and institutional development efforts:

- 1. Preserve the neighborhood;
- 2. Assure the public health and safety;
- 3. Strengthen the physical pattern of neighborhood activities;
- 4. Reinforce the fabric of family and community life; and,
- 5. Provide a more wholesome framework of environmental conditions better suited to meet the requirements of contemporary living.

Supporting these goals is a number of planning objectives:

- Improve the quality, condition, and maintenance of existing individual property to a level which achieves decent, safe, and sanitary housing through rehabilitation;
- Remove the concentrations of deteriorated and deteriorating buildings which, at least in part, depress the physical condition and character of the area, impair the flow of investment and mortgage financing, and restrict adequate insurance coverage:
- Eliminate obsolete and substandard building conditions which also contribute to the pattern of spreading blight outside these concentrations;
- 4. Prevent the further erosion of property values;
- 5. Protect the tax base and arrest the trend of economic decline;
- Provide better community services;
- 7. Provide for livable homes in livable neighborhoods;
- Extend the useful life of residential improvements and sustain improved residential values;
- 9. Increase the effectiveness of institutional facilities and services;
- 10. Encourage the productive use of land;
- 11. Provide for the housing needs of low and moderate-income families;
- 12. Create new opportunities for private reinvestment and rebuilding, particularly in the form of moderate-density, sound, and economically constructed housing of maximum architectural guality:
- 13. Create decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings providing the highest possible levels of amenity, convenience, usefulness, and livability for the occupants;
- 14. Provide sites for new and improved schools, play areas, and other open spaces and essential community facilities;
- 15. Provide improved, more accessible, and more attractive concentrations of shopping facilities;
- 16. Provide for improved traffic circulation, particularly in an east-west direction;
- 17. Improve the streets and utilities and the landscaping of public areas;
- 18. Gather within an overall, unified area and viable framework of project design, the concert of public and private uses, building developments, site improvements, civic functions, and patterns of urban activity; and,
- Prevent the formation of future slums through accelerated obsolescence, deterioration, and congestion.



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Original (1973) Goals + Planning Objectives | Brunswick King

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Neighborhood Connectivity

- Take advantage of the area's location, accessibility, and visibility for the benefit of the surrounding community and the City of Boston by promoting safe and convenient multimodal access through the district and beyond (RSMP)
- Integrate and connect with the larger network of parks, transit corridors/boulevards, and business and culture centers throughout the City (RSMP)
- To maximize accessibility within the area and to recreational facilities and open space;
- Balance public transportation with other modes (vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle)

Neighborhood Vibrancy and Public Realm

- Create a public realm that is comfortable, lively, and safe that reflects the unique physical and social character of the neighborhood (RSMP)
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Housing

- Provide a wider range of housing options for residents of diverse socioeconomic and age groups. (RSMP)
- To create opportunities for private reinvestment and rebuilding, particularly in the form of sound and economically-constructed housing of maximum architectural guality.
- Reinvest in aging public housing into mixed-used, residential developments that are better integrated into the rest of the district.

Economic Development + Community Life

- To provide opportunities for new and existing local businesses and other commercial facilities to serve the needs of neighborhood residents and beyond; (RSMP)
- Actively promote a sustainable and diverse economy focused on job creation and wealth creation (RSMP)
- Create a healthy environment and rich array of cultural, educational, and economic opportunities for the elderly and youth of the community (RSMP)
- Revitalize the physical area in order to improve the livability of the area and to stimulate development by private action.
- Support existing and prospective small business owners, and promote safe and attractive storefronts.
- · Reinvest in aging publicly-owned buildings and schools.



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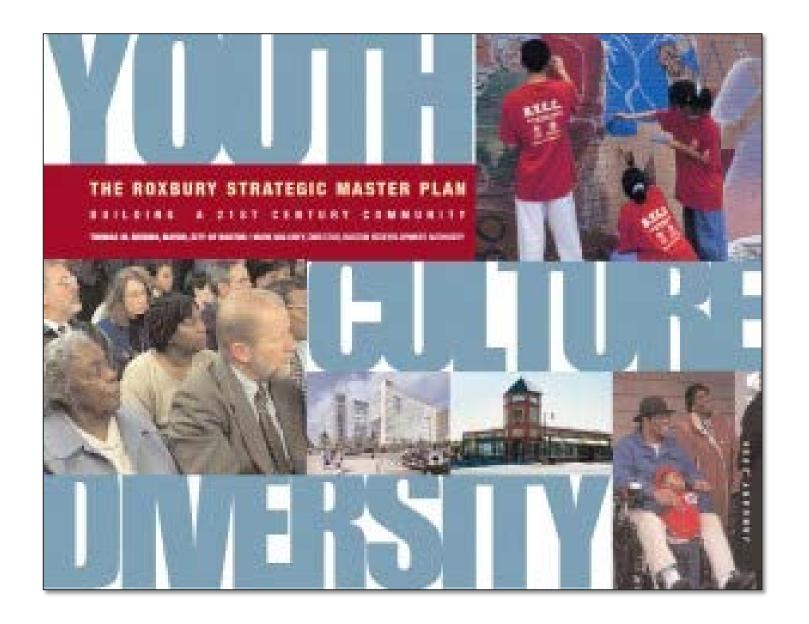
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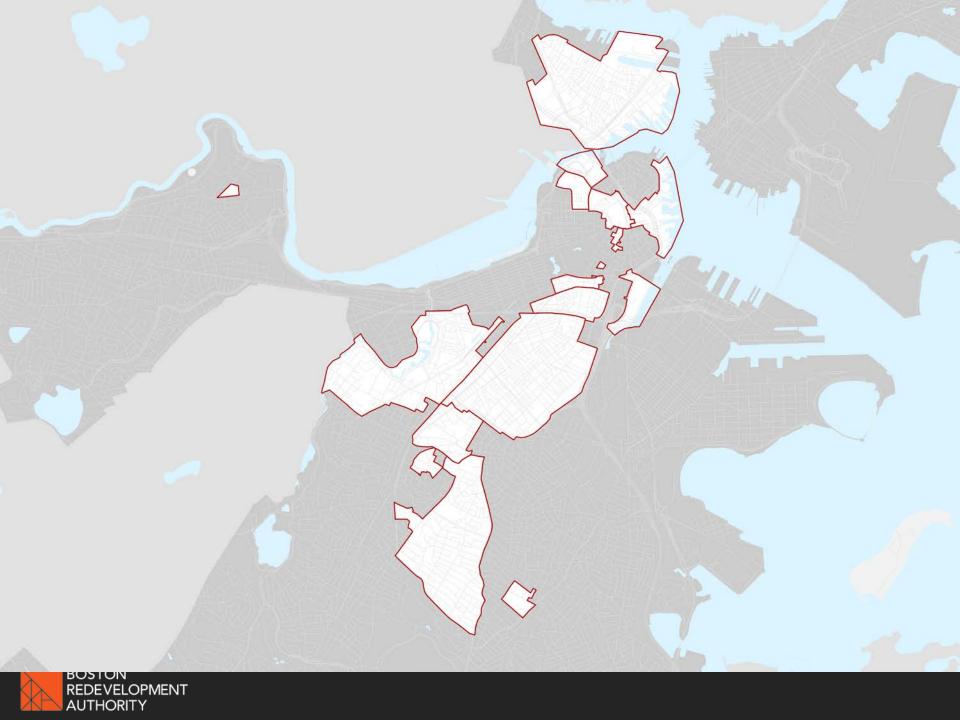
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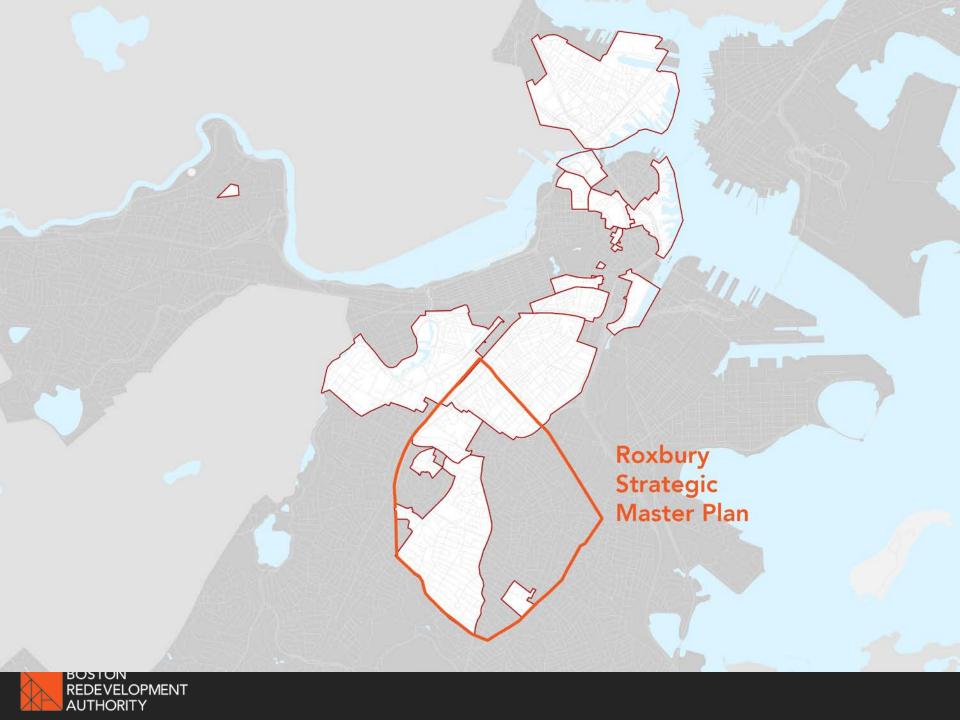


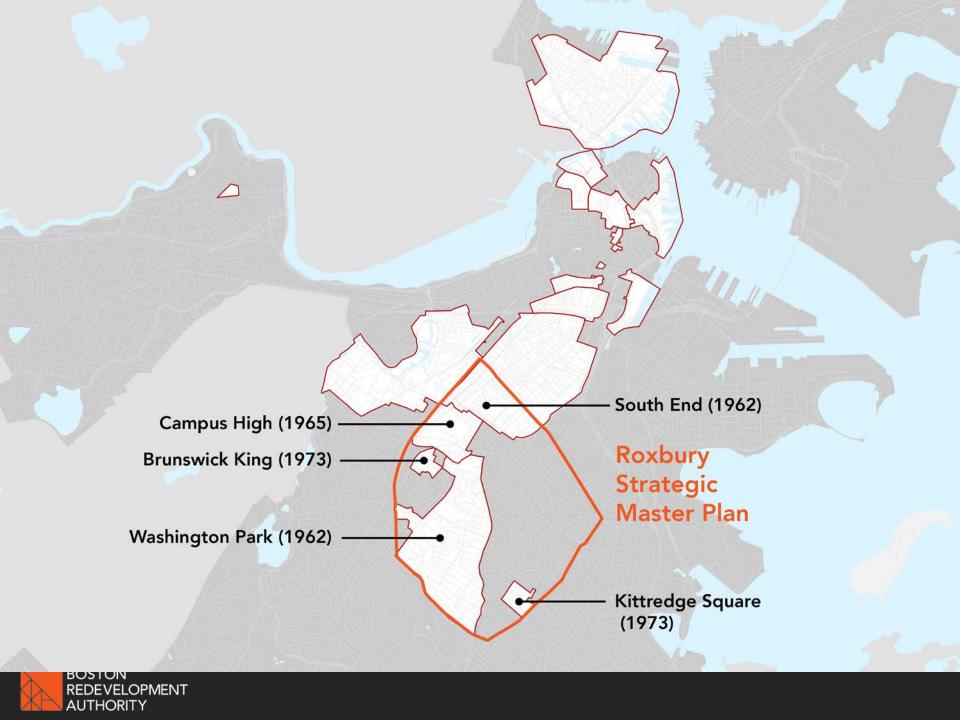
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The Plan acknowledges and values the youth of Roxbury and seeks to put in place an environments in which they can grown and learn, that will prepare them to meet the changes and challenges of the 21st century workplace and become proactive participants in the civic life of the city.



Suggested themes:

- Neighborhood Connectivity
- Neighborhood Vibrancy
 + Public Realm
- Housing
- Economic Development+ Community Life

Proposed (2015) Goals | Roxbury

Below are suggested themes for a proposed set of 2015 goals for the Renewal Areas in Roxbury. These themes and draft language were directly informed by the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan (2004), the original goals, and with input staff from the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA). We ask for your feedback on these proposed goals and supporting planning objectives. Thank you!

Neighborhood Connectivity

- Take advantage of the area's location, accessibility, and visibility for the benefit of the surrounding community and the City of Boston by promoting safe and convenient multimodal access through the district and beyond (RSMP)
- Integrate and connect with the larger network of parks, transit corridors/boulevards, and business and culture centers throughout the City (RSMP)
- To maximize accessibility within the area and to recreational facilities and open space;
- Balance public transportation with other modes (vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle)

Neighborhood Vibrancy and Public Realm

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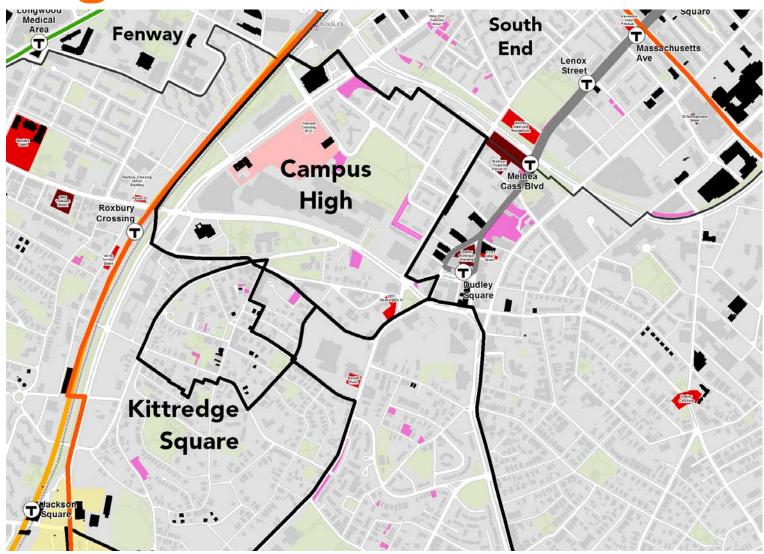
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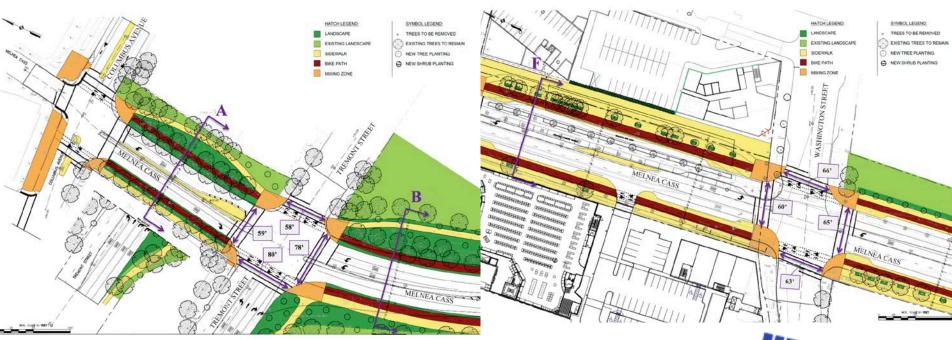


Neighborhood Connectivity





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Proposed Intersection Design for Tremont Street and Washington Street and Melnea Cass Boulevard April 2015



Neighborhood Vibrancy + Public Realm



Public Meeting No. 2 Review of Concepts Dudley Square Complete Streets Design Project



March 11, 2013 6:00pm-8:00pm **Dudley Branch Library** 65 Warren Street Boston, MA



The Boston Transportation Department invites you to attendthe second public meeting for the Dudley Square Complete Streets Design Project. To complement the ongoing revitalization of Dudley Square, the City of Boston is sponsoring a project to design and construct improvements to the streets and sidewalks within this business district.



The project will consider a range of improvements for traffic, parking, buses, pedestrians, bicycles, accessibility, and the overall safety and aesthetics of the streets and sidewalks.

We hope to see you there!

Contact: Patrick Hoey, Boston Transportation Department Patrick.Hoey@cityofboston.gov

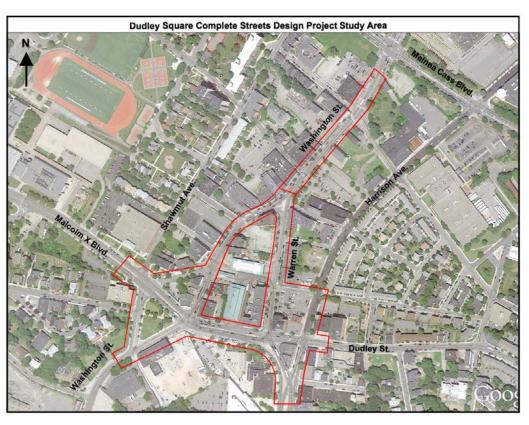




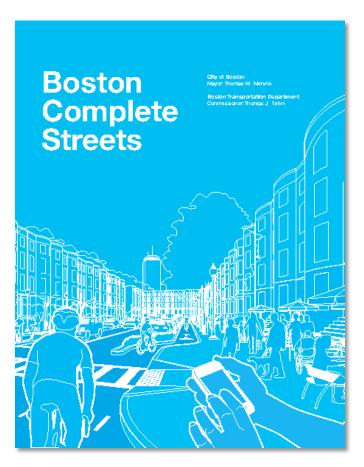








Neighborhood Vibrancy + Public Realm





Inclusionary Development Policy Changes on the Horizon

Administration of the IDP Policy is now being actively analyzed and rethought

Communication between departments (BRA and DND) is improved

Implementation has become clearer for staff



Inclusionary Development Policy Changes on the Horizon IDP Policy is looking actively at:

- Onsite requirement
- Offsite requirement
- Rental buyout requirements
- Condo buyout requirements
- Rental income limits



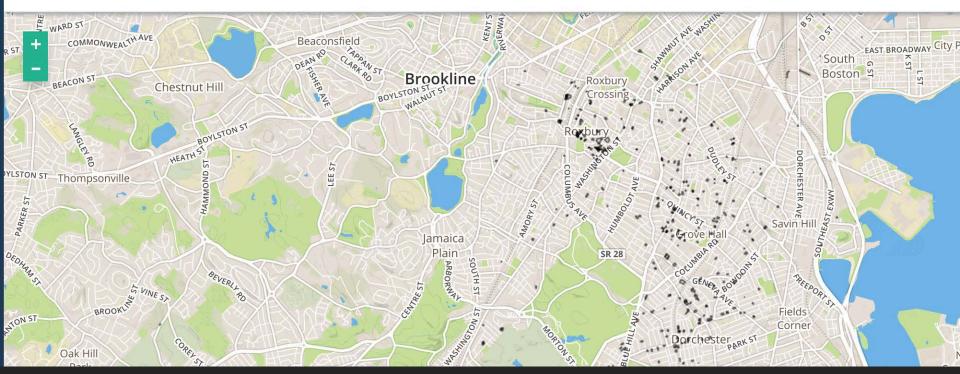


<u>HOME</u>

Property Inventory
Tax-foreclosed buildings and land suitable for development.
View Active Development Projects Map

All Property Types

All Property Uses









Economic Development

PLAN: JPRox



Economic Development

High School Redesign: Boston



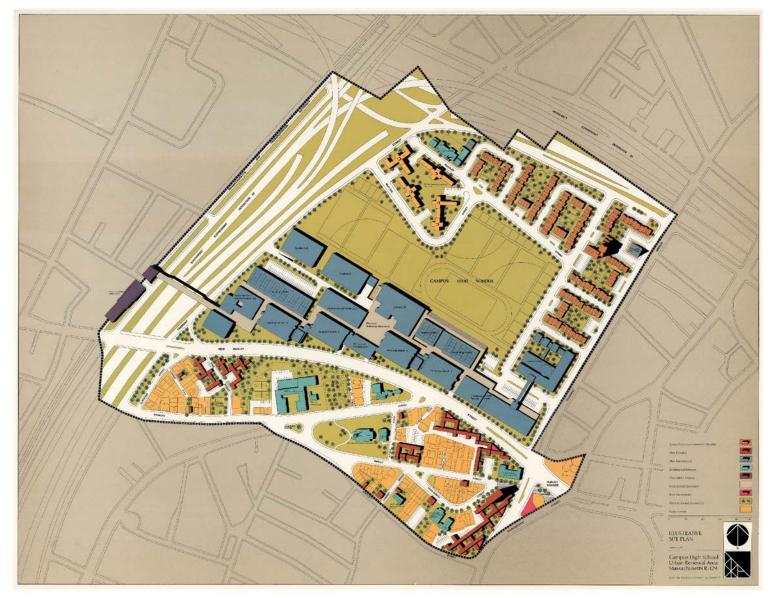




Economic Development







Campus High Urban Renewal Area (1965)





Thank you! Roxbury



Washington Park Urban Renewal Area (1962)

