

Original (1962) Goals and Planning Objectives | South End

The Plan contains following basic goals:

1. Promote and expedite public and private development;
2. Insure the public health and safety;
3. Strengthen the physical pattern of neighborhood activities;
4. Provide an economically, socially, and racially integrated community;
5. Provide a framework for environmental conditions better suited to meet the requirements for contemporary living
6. Promote the growth of industry, commerce, and institutions in appropriate locations;
7. Strengthen and expand the real property tax base of the city.

Planning and Design Concept:

The concept for the South End Area is developed from the fact that there are really two major communities in the project - a predominantly residential community and an industrial and medical-institutional community.

The Plan contains following planning objectives:

1. Improve the quality, condition, and maintenance of existing dwelling structures to a level which achieves decent, safe, and sanitary housing;
2. Remove the concentrations of deteriorated and deteriorating buildings which depress the physical condition and character of the area, impair the flow of investment and mortgage financing, and restrict adequate insurance coverage.
3. Protect and expand the city's tax base and arrest the trend of economic decline, and, by stabilizing property values, protect private investment.
4. Provide new housing specifically designed to meet the needs of the numerous elderly residents in the community;
5. Provide new opportunities for existing commercial establishments to remain in the area and provide better service;
6. Eliminate incompatible uses;
7. Reduce the excessive number of liquor licenses;
8. Improve traffic circulation;
9. Improve streets, street lighting, utilities, and the landscaping of public areas;
10. Obtain superior architectural and aesthetic quality in the new public and private buildings and open spaces;
11. Preserve, maintain, and reinforce the positive, unifying and unique qualities of the street patterns, row houses, parks and, squares;
12. Unite the historically separated communities divided by Northampton Street;
13. Create a physical framework which will facilitate the formation and execution of programs to cope with social and economic programs in the community.

Proposed (2015) Goals | South End

Below are suggested themes for a proposed set of 2015 goals for the South End Urban Renewal Area. These themes and draft language were informed with input from knowledgeable staff from the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), as well as past and present conversations with the South End community. We ask for your feedback on these proposed goals and supporting planning objectives. Thank you!

Neighborhood Connectivity

- Strengthen and expand the network of streets that complement the existing streets and blocks
- *Promote easy multimodal access through the district*
- *Balance public transportation with other modes (vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle)*
- *Connect the public spaces and parks with a complete network of new multi-modal streets that extends throughout the district especially west of Mass Ave and south of Washington Street*
- *Strengthen the pedestrian and public realm connections between the neighborhood and transit*

Neighborhood Vibrancy and Public Realm

- Preserve, maintain, and reinforce the positive, unifying and unique qualities of the street patterns, row houses, parks and, squares
- Improve streets, street lighting, utilities, and the landscaping of public areas
- Obtain superior architectural and aesthetic quality in the new public and private buildings and open spaces
- *Preserve and expand civic spaces and increase the variety and programming for open space*

Housing and Community Life

- *Reinvest in aging public housing into mixed used, high density residential areas that are better integrated into the rest of the district.*
- *Reinvest in aging publicly-owned buildings and schools.*
- *Create new opportunities for mixed income housing.*

Economic Development

- *Support existing and prospective small business owners, and promote safe and attractive storefronts*
- *Promote a vibrant neighborhood economy, and provide for new commercial opportunities and expansion of job opportunities*
- *Promote and expand neighborhood retail, educational, health and cultural facilities*
- *Promote development that is consistent with the Harrison Albany planning and rezoning*