

PLAN: Charlestown DRAFT Vision Statement, Goals and Principles

Using the concerns, priorities, and other feedback we've heard from you so far through this process, which has included workshops, advisory group meetings, chats with a planner and [map.social](#), the PLAN: Charlestown team drafted a vision statement, goals and principles that reflect what we've heard from you so far. We expect this to be an iterative process and consider these statements as a first pass. Please use the space below to make any in-line edits, and provide comments and feedback by **Nov. 15th, 2021**. Once you're finished, or if you have any questions, please email this back to Jay Ruggiero at Jason.Ruggiero@boston.gov.

Vision Statement

A vision statement is an *aspirational* view of what residents hope the community will be like in the future, at its very best. A meaningful plan must define and aim for a specific future. **The vision statement becomes the driving force behind the plan.**

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In 2040, Charlestown is a thriving, diverse, accessible, and resilient neighborhood that unites an enhanced historic residential fabric with new affordable homes, jobs, and public parks along Rutherford Avenue and in Sullivan Square.

Goals

Goals are measurable conditions or primary objectives to aim for that help the community achieve its vision over time. Some goals may be higher priorities than others.

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- **Mobility:** Ensure access to travel choices that connect people to key destinations in and out of the neighborhood safely and reliably.
- **Homes:** Expand affordable, sustainable, and diverse housing opportunities that allow existing and future residents to grow up, stay, and age within the community.
- **Climate & Environment:** Enhance and grow Charlestown's collection of green spaces and cultivate a healthy and resilient environment.
- **Urban Form & Public Realm:** Generate new predictable and contextual investment in the built environment that contributes to an active public realm and celebrates the neighborhood's past.
- **Jobs & Businesses:** Grow and strengthen Charlestown's local businesses and job opportunities to create a diverse and resilient 21st century economy.

Principles

Principles are overarching collective values that apply to all planning goals. The following principles are derived from your feedback and citywide plans, and are applied to each planning topic.

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- **Charlestown is livable:** It is an enjoyable place to live, work and play. The neighborhood is a safe and healthy community with a wide range of affordable homes and variety of transportation options.
- **Charlestown is equitable:** The neighborhood's resources and opportunities are universally accessible and inclusive.
- **Charlestown is resilient:** The neighborhood's environment, businesses, and community are protected from risks associated with climate change and able to adapt to the future.
- **Charlestown is unique:** The neighborhood's identity will continue to be celebrated, preserved, and expanded.