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Statement of Purpose

“Boston must become a leader among cities. The vision of the New Boston must extend into Roxbury.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1965

June 24, 2020
Teresa Polhemus - Executive Director/Secretary
Boston Planning & Development Agency Boston, MA 02210
RE: Request For Proposals: Parcel 8

Dear Ms. Polhemus,

Our team is delighted to submit our development proposal for Parcel 8 in Nubian Square, as these words remain true. Indeed the future development and growth of the Square has been the focus of significant work in creating the RFP, and was informed by the years of work through “Plan: Dudley Square,” the “Roxbury Strategic Master Plan,” and “Dudley Vision.”

Our enthusiasm for this submission has been guided by the importance or Parcel 8. It is indeed the gateway to Nubian Square. It is one of the most significant and impactful locations in how we represent the historic and cultural identity and significance of Boston’s black community in the larger context of the city.

We bring with us significant experience in working with the Nubian community, a diverse team made up predominantly of M/WBEs, and possess significant experience in projects of this size and in this community. We are uniquely qualified to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves.

We have taken an approach to achieve a number of vastly important goals. First, we intend to activate and properly establish the rich history of the African American experience in the Square, Boston, and beyond, through our programming partnerships with The Museum Of African American History, and with The King Boston Center. We also hope to reactivate the Lower Roxbury Black History Project in conjunction with Northeastern University. Additionally our public space will share the same intention through the powerful work of Mass Design Group as Landscape Architect.

By establishing a community impact fund that will allow direct small investments in our project, the community will have ownership.

Beyond these elements of our project and the innovative building elements we designed, we are activating our project with office and work-live space of varying sizes to encourage and help establish an empowered business community in the neighborhood. This will further economic development and spending throughout the Square.

In short, in addition to our housing component, we are activating our space to encourage visitors to the Square who will directly learn about the culture and history of the existing community and contribute financially to it. Finally, we have a significant parking component to support the project and alleviate some of the burden that exists.

There is no more powerful force than a people steeped in their history, and there is no higher cause than honoring our struggle and ancestors by remembering. As the African American Community enters an unprecedented time of change, it is crucial to find mechanisms and opportunities to maintain our sense of community. It is imperative that we understand our common heritage and history as our greatest strength for the future. There are few things as powerful and important as a people, and a city, than remaining close to our history.

The development of Parcel 8 needs to happen with complete awareness of the importance of the site; the importance of intentionally activating it based on where it is located in the city and the impact it will have. The development of neighborhoods bordering Lower Roxbury and in the still-predominantly African American part of the city have been case studies in gentrification and the erasure of history. Our proposal for Parcel 8 will illuminate it as the gateway it represents. It is necessary and long past due.

Sincerely,

Jefrey DuBard, Managing Principal/Owner

THE NEW URBAN COLLABORATIVE, LLC
PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP PARCEL 8
We start the design of Parcel 8 with the acknowledgment that this project sits on contested land. We acknowledge all of the histories, stories, and memories that exist in this place. We seek to acknowledge the native people who occupied this site, transformed by settlers into farmland, the industries that further developed it, the communities and people who have called this place home, those who fought for its survival against urban renewal, and the movements both past and present that have been catalyzed and convened here in the fight for civil rights and justice. We attempt to honor and uncover those stories through the design of an active and meaningful public realm that will host future generations - artists, activists, students, residents, visitors - and anchor this site as a gateway to Roxbury.

The Gateway Plaza is designed to uncover the history and legacy of the land now labeled Parcel 8. Drawing from the history of buildings on the site, we reveal the foundations and footprints of former structures and rebuild them as planter beds and seat walls in the Plaza. The layers and density of the urban fabric that once crossed over Melnea Cass become evident to visitors. At night, building footprints are illuminated to speak to this history, as well as guide safe movement and use through the site. Lines inscribed on the ground in stone and concrete reflect previously built streets that followed the past grid and also commemorate the roads proposed during Urban Renewal that would have further eroded and erased this neighborhood but for the community activists who fought for its protection. The names of these activists are inscribed on pavers honoring their legacy.

The Gateway Plaza on Parcel 8 will be a sibling to the 1965 Freedom March Plaza and the Embrace sculpture by Hank Willis Thomas and MASS Design Group on the Boston Common. In partnership with King Boston, the Plaza's design commemorates not only the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King but also the local leaders and heroes who marched with them in the 1965 Freedom rally. The 1965 rally began in Roxbury. King Boston has always had twin goals, first a memorial in the Common and second a Center for Economic Justice in Roxbury. We have partnered with King Boston to be an anchor tenant and establish the King Center for Economic Justice. Together with the Museum of African American History, these organizations will help establish the Plaza and site as the cultural gateway to the neighborhood. We will design the Plaza to highlight Roxbury as the starting place for many historical civil rights marches including the Black Lives Matter Protest on May 31, 2020. A new significant investment in public art is envisioned here to welcome people and create a literal gateway to the neighborhood. We seek to honor King’s words: “The moral arch of the universe is long but it bends towards justice” and provide a gathering place for future marches.

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The ground plane of the Gateway Plaza will recall the 1965 Freedom March Plaza design in the Common, and evoke the garment of destiny — a culturally significant motif that defines the ‘Freedom Plaza’ in the Boston Common starting off as individual pavers at the edges of the site and slowly building together into a uniform pattern evoking the power of the individual and the collective.

The center of the pattern lands at the corner of the King Center for Economic Justice creating a space for arts programming and performances. The pattern then climbs up the building facade and informs the design of the patterned louvers on the upper levels of the building.
Public Realm

The Plaza positions the site as the gateway to Roxbury and the genesis of the Boston Civil Rights trail.

Site Strategy
The proposal locates the Gateway Plaza on the corner of Washington Street and Melnea Cass Boulevard. Anchor institutions — the King Economic Center for Justice, the Museum of African American History, and the Nawn Factory — frame the space. A pathway along the west of the building pulls visitors through the Plaza, past the Eliot Burial Ground, and into the future site of Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology. The path planted with native species and pollinators empties to Harrison Street and connects to the main residential entry and vehicle drop off. Along Melnea Cass a new bike path, sidewalk, street lighting, permeable pavers and integrated street trees create a more pedestrian and bike friendly route along the boulevard.

Public Art & Community Engagement Approach
The proposal seeks to honor the legacy, histories and memories of the site. In order to fully tell these stories, we must include a diverse set of stakeholders in its development. If selected, our team will seek feedback from members of local organizations, residents, and business owners to guide the development of the Plaza design and ensure it aligns with the community’s vision for use and activation.

Our proposal seeks to include a new public art piece to anchor this site as a “gateway” to Roxbury, commemorate the neighborhood's legacy in the fight for dignity, civil rights, recognition, and justice, and connect this site to the King Boston memorial in Boston Common. We are inspired by and seek to honor the many generations of change-agents who have built our city, who have called this site and this neighborhood home, and who have defined our nation. We intend to commission artists and collaborators to help shape this Plaza and center as a cultural destination in Boston.
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The terraces will provide opportunities for residents and tenants to play, relax, grow food, and exercise. As they step up from the Gateway Plaza on Washington Street to Harrison Street, the terraces evolve from landscapes dedicated to civic life to landscapes for the promotion of plant and animal life. The first and second levels include programs to support anchor tenants, offices, and public events. The third through fifth level terraces provide space for outdoor amenities such as play and exercise areas, games, or garden beds. The sixth level creates a sensory garden planted with Lavender, Melissa, Mint, Thyme, Begenia, Artemisia and other fragrant and textured species. On the seventh level, provides a garden for meditation garden and on the eighth through fourteenth floors private resident patios are planted to attract butterflies and pollinators garden like Monarda, Liatris, Silphium, Sassafras and fruit trees.
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Inside the Gateway Plaza, facing the King Center for Economic Justice

- Native wind-resistant grasses
- Liatris, Aster novae-angliae
- Clethra alnifolia

**Roof Garden**

**Private Residential Garden**
- Asclepias tuberosa
- Solidago speciosa
- Eupatorium purpureum
- Rudbeckia fulgida

**Meditation Garden**
- Silphium
- Baptisia tinctoria
- Sassafras
- Spiraea alba var. latifolia
- Tridens flavus

**Sensory Garden**
- Lavendula Stochias
- Rosmarinus officinalis
- Stachys byzantia
- Thymus citerodorus
- Mint

**Amenity Patios**
- Asclepias tuberosa
- Melissa officinalis.
- Bergenia cordifolia
- Artemisia schmidtiana
- Thymus pseudolanuginosus

**Office Patio**
- Overhead string lights
- Planter boxes on perimeter
- Patio tables

**Cultural Patio**
- Magnolia trees
- Planter boxes on perimeter
- Outdoor artwork
BOSTON IS ONE OF AMERICA’S GREAT GATEWAY CITIES, AND NUBIAN SQUARE IS ONE OF ITS GREATEST URBAN CENTERS.

The New Urban Collaborative identifies Roxbury, and specifically Nubian Square as a place that is of the greatest importance to the health and future of the City Of Boston. This historically rich, diverse, energetic place has been left uncared for by the City for far too long. Fortunately, this is the time for the square to address its problems, build on its many positives, and move confidently into the future as a focal point in the fabric of this great city.

Parcels 8 is proposed to be developed into a gateway into and out of Nubian Square. As such, this new place will function as a threshold—a place that is always reforming for the common good. Our proposal strongly emphasizes the uniqueness of the land in Parcel 8, and emphasizes the uniqueness of Nubian Square itself. Our architecture, landscape, and urban design renders a cleaner, safer, more inclusive, and sustainable place.

One of our many goals is to build upon decades of research that has been done to try and establish a feeling of unity and beauty in the area. We bring an urban design strategy to the area that fosters connectivity into the Square via beautified streets, lighting, and communication nodes, including wifi access and narrative public art. The need to access other important areas in Boston is recognized by the extension of these landscape benefits into the connector streets that link the neighborhood to the Orange Line (for Downtown access), to Longwood Medical Center (for jobs and public health), and to the Library and new planned open space at the Gateway.

We believe in building for the common good. Our proposal is the result of an intense period of engagement with community members to ensure we fit the design to the needs and desires of those who will engage with it the most. We listen and learn with the objective that our landscape and architectural proposals will disrupt patterns of decay, establishing new precedents for a healthier environment. Positive neighborhood change built on the foundation of trust and openness is our goal. We recognize the challenges of building in this place, and we are proud of our respectful relationships with the many residents of the area we have already met.

Our architecture, landscape, and program of Parcel 8 are unified in their goal to reframe the aesthetic and functional value of their sites. They share a high degree of sustainability—we are expecting LEED Platinum and Passiv Haus ratings—and compliance with best resiliency practices. Each is also focused heavily on affordable housing and neighborhood programs that support culture, education, creativity, and active street life. The building will reinforcing the street edge and introducing new life to the area. On Washington Street, the building takes a different position, stepping away from the land to allow open space and meaning to be developed. The form follows the established height of the abutting structures at the podium, placing an active program of community culture
on the adjacent open space. A dense residential piece rises up in the center of the block, preserving views and shadows for the existing neighbors as well as possible.

As a transit oriented development, it is important that we place density close to the busses and trains that serve the city. Washington Street is an edge-property, and thus features below grade parking and a substantial bicycle parking and amenity facility. Our systemic approach to the neighborhood is pedestrian friendly and oriented toward beautification and connection. The neighborhood will be programmed with regular nodes of art and softscape in conjunction with our project at 40-50 Warren, and the new buildings will feature occupied green roofs, well lit entries, and activated street edges.

Parcel 8 is not only LEED Platinum, but also structurally innovative. A highly sustainable emergent structural system is being proposed. This will be a mass timber tall building—the first of its kind in Boston, and will establish new ways of thinking about how we build buildings in America. We expect to work with the various agencies in the city and state to bring this concept to fruition. Along with the Bolling Building and the Department of Neighborhood Development’s E+ projects, this will further establish Roxbury as one of North America’s most important architectural (hence cultural) vanguards. This is a flexible design that is adaptable to the technologies approved or requested at the time of construction.

The building’s lowest floor is anticipated to contain the Museum of African American History, as well as space for King Boston, and a generous Nubian Square community amenity. The second and third floor are programmed with commercial office tenants, along with a amenity roof terraces for each program. This sets up the theme of the building: one of openness and fresh air. Cultural programs and educational opportunities, equitiable living, and innovative building systems provide a healthy building that will support a high quality of life.

Beginning on the fourth floor, residential program begins to dominate, with a community residential space and terrace adjacent to work-live units. As the program transitions to a strictly residential one, the building begins to sweep away and up from the Gateway Park below, exposing handsome wood detailing that forms the backdrop to a system of terraces that climb the facade all the way to the top floor. As each rising floor’s terrace shrinks, its uses become more connected to the dwelling units behind them, reinforcing the idea that a tall building can be a humane place to live.

The relationship between history, understanding the land, and a narrative building that functions as a neighborhood threshold will define and invigorate the Nubian Square streets and businesses for many years.
PLAN: NUBIAN SQUARE
PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP PARCEL 8

AERIAL OF THE GATEWAY AT MELNEA & WASHINGTON
1. Parcel 8
2. Nawn Factory
3. BFIT
4. Eliot Burying Ground
5. 2085 Washington St
6. Tropical Foods
7. 2147 Washington St
8. Black Market
9. Blair Parking Lot
10. Bolling Building
11. The Rio Grande
12. Nubian Station MBTA
13. 40-50 Warren St
14. Dudley Branch BPL
15. 135 Dudley St
16. Bartlett Station Development
17. Roxbury Community College
18. Wentworth Inst. of Technology
19. Ruggles Station MBTA
20. Northeastern University
21. 1950 Washington St
22. Alexandra Hotel
PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP PARCEL 8

ROXBURY CTR FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

BRUCE C. BOLLING BUILDING

DUDLEY STATION

40-50 WARREN STREET

PALLADIO BUILDING

NUBIAN COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

HIBERNIAN HALL

WASHINGTON STREET

MELNEA CASS BLVD

NAWN FACTORY

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2147 WASHINGTON

BLACK MARKET

HAMILL GALLERY OF TRIBAL ART

BLAIR LOT

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PALLADIO BUILDING

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HIBERNIAN HALL

BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

BLAIR LOT
**ZONING SUMMARY**

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**UNITS**

- WORK/LIVE: 11
- STUDIO: 1
- 1 BED 1 BATH: 26
- 1+ BED 1 BATH: 19
- 2 BED 1 BATH: 10
- 2 BED 2 BATH: 2
- 2+ BED 2 BATH: 5
- 3 BED 2 BATH: 18

**BUILDING TYPE**

- Proposed Use Group: A-3 / B / R-2 / S-1
- Stories: 14
- Construction Classification: 1A Levels: P1 - 3, IV-B Levels: 4 - 14

**PARCEL 8 SUMMARY**
## Proposal to Develop Parcel 8

**Washington Street**

### Program Category

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**Subtotal, Tower GSF:** 112,125

**Subtotal, Podium GSF:** 66,372

**Total Building GSF:** 178,497

### Rendered Section

- **Public Terraces**

**Level P1**

- Parking: 36,238 sq ft
*SEE SUPPLEMENTAL DRAWING SET FOR FULL SIZE CONCEPT DRAWINGS*
*SEE SUPPLEMENTAL DRAWING SET FOR FULL SIZE CONCEPT DRAWINGS

SCHEMATIC ELEVATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES
DESIGN TEAM INTRODUCTION
ZEPHYR ARCHITECTS & MASS DESIGN GROUP
Zephyr Architects

URBAN DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE,
& COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Zephyr Architects is a multi-disciplinary design firm specializing in contemporary architectural design (which is by definition sustainable) and urban design. The firm’s focus is to produce progressive design with innovation, problem-solving, and human consideration at the core of their service. They deliver projects that elevate the design expectations of each neighborhood and city, set new precedents for design clarity, and provide solutions to space and structure that are inspiring, elegant, and impactful. The belief that the building design and construction industry can lead the way to an energy positive, resilient, and socially equitable future is central to Zephyr’s mission.

Designing for Boston

As a Boston-based design firm, Zephyr Architects has had the opportunity to design both in the city and across the greater Boston area. With work spanning Boston, Dorchester, South Boston, the South End, Somerville, Charlestown, Cambridge, the North End, East Boston, Jamaica Plain, the North and South Shores, Cape Cod, and beyond, Zephyr Architects brings an insightful approach to designing for the region.

As winners of the Marcella & Highland E+ RFP, Zephyr is already engaged in a leadership role in the deep green future of Boston. The process of working with neighborhood groups and abutters is familiar. Various members of the firm have deep experience with Urban Design at the scale of the city, as is proposed in Fort Point.

In their recent work, a number of projects are centered in Dorchester, an important pocket of Boston. Their work in Nubian Square will transform underutilized parcels into beautiful new anchors for the neighborhood, and elevate the aesthetic vision of the community through improved connectivity and renewed activity at the edges of streets and sites. Increased focus on urban softscape and improved hardscape is a common theme in Zephyr’s Urban Design.

In Jamaica Plain, Zephyr’s transformation of a brownfield site into 44 units of housing created new equity for the neighborhood from the once dangerous parcel and community eyesore. Another project involves a literal “out of the ashes” narrative as they design new residences from the destruction of a burned-down apartment building.

In all instances, Zephyr seeks out projects that reclaim lost or underutilized pieces of the city. Designing with a clear mission in mind, Zephyr gravitates to projects that offer the chance to conceive of a greater and more responsible place, strengthening neighborhoods, reinforcing and beautifying streets, and leading with environmental responsibility and contemporary contextual vision.
JASON ARNDT, RA, LEGACY LEED AP
PRINCIPAL

Jason Arndt brings 20 years of experience in architectural design and urban planning around the globe. Deliberate and purposeful with projects at all scales, Jason creates opportunities for impact, whether changing a city skyline or detailing a highly technical facade. By balancing creativity with pragmatism, Jason brings an entrepreneurial spirit to the firm. As a founder of several companies that support the practice of Architecture, Jason approaches each project with an eye for efficiencies and heightened productivity.

SELECTED WORKS

9 Jeffries | East Boston, MA
The Marc | Boston, MA
90 Cottage Street | East Boston, MA
47 Concord | Boston, MA
375 Maverick | East Boston, MA
45 Burnett | Boston, MA

Before founding Zephyr Architects, Jason contributed to the following projects:
The Lucas | Boston, MA
Eight-story residential high-rise

9 Jeffries | East Boston, MA
The Godfrey | Boston, MA
238-key hotel
CNIA Administration Building | Abu Dhabi, UAE
160,000-square-meter government headquarters
CIAB 2013 | Beijing, China
Chimes Pavilion
Temple Israel Omaha | Omaha, NE
60,000-square-foot synagogue
State Oil Company of Azerbaijan | Baku, Azerbaijan
35-story headquarters

Vinacomin | Hanoi, Vietnam
44-story headquarters
Incheon Tennis Stadium | Incheon, S. Korea
Tennis stadium
MBC Studios Headquarters | Seoul, S. Korea
Television studios and offices
Seven Harcourt | Boston, MA
16,000-square-foot multi-family residence
110 Broad Street | Boston, MA
11-story residential high-rise

Carlton-Dean Lofts | Brooklyn, NY
Three-story multi-family residence

Crescent Hotel | Baku, Azerbaijan
450-key hotel and residence

2014 Asian Game Stadium | Incheon, S. Korea
70,000-person stadium

Carlton-Dean Lofts | Brooklyn, NY
Three-story multi-family residence

Crecent Place | Baku, Azerbaijan
60-story leasing offices

AP Arts Center | Seoul, S. Korea
Cultural center

Jack Nicklaus Resorts | Songdo, S. Korea

EDUCATION
Master of Architecture, Columbia University
Honors Bachelor of Science in Architecture, University of Texas Arlington, Summa Cum Laude

REGISTRATION
Registered Architect in Massachusetts and New York

AFFILIATIONS
American Institute of Architects
United States Green Building Council
NAIOP
Urban Land Institute
Boston Society of Architects
Adjunct Professor, Boston Architectural College

AWARDS & HONORS
ENR Top 20 Under 40 Award
China International Architecture Biennial, Finalist Award

PLAN: NUBIAN SQUARE
Ryan Link has over a decade of experience in the design and management of complex architectural projects. Having spent significant time designing overseas, Ryan approaches each project with a sensitivity to the intersection of culture, climate, and the built form. He is an urbanist who is adept at capitalizing on the complexities of any project, regardless of type or scale, and practices sustainable design principles wherever possible. He strives to deliver projects that are elegant, integrated, and forward-thinking.

**SELECTED WORKS**

- Marcella & Highland | Roxbury, MA
- The Marc | Boston, MA
- 125 Lowell | Somerville, MA
- 36 Hall St | Jamaica Plain, MA
- 375 Maverick | East Boston, MA
- 45 Burnett | Boston, MA

Before joining Zephyr Architects, Ryan contributed to the following projects:

- The Masdar Institute of Science and Technology | Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Mixed-use residential high-sustainability campus
- Ohio State University North Residential District | Columbus Ohio
- 27-acre undergraduate quarters
- Rutgers University Honors College Residence Hall | New Brunswick, NJ
- 170,000-square-foot dormitory
- Mass + Main Central Square Redevelopment | Cambridge, MA
- Design and planning for a new three-building, mixed use transit-oriented development in Central Square.
- KACARE Energy City | Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 35-square-kilometer city plan
- Ink Block Sepia | Boston, MA
- Luxury residential mid-rise
- CAOAN Economic Quarter | Shanghai, China
- Twin 200-meter towers
- West Station | Shanghai, China
- 500-unit transit-oriented residence
- Brooklyn Atlantic Yards | Brooklyn, NY
- Master plan for a high rise neighborhood, transit station, and NBA arena
Chris Prud’homme has nearly a decade of experience in architecture and engineering. Chris’s emphasis on design implementation and construction management brings a detailed, technical approach to each project, and ensures the design vision is executed with accuracy and precision. He is an agile partner who is well-versed in design-build project delivery, lending a practical and multi-faceted skill set to his work. His background in engineering allows him to engage projects from a highly technical point of view.

SELECTED WORKS

Before joining Zephyr Architects, Chris contributed to the following projects:

- The MIT Press | Cambridge, MA
- 9 Jeffries | East Boston, MA
- 90 Cottage Street | East Boston, MA
- 47 Concord | Boston, MA
- 375 Maverick | East Boston, MA
- 45 Burnett | Boston, MA
- 20,000-square-foot office space
- MIT Department of Facilities & Campus Planning | Cambridge, MA
- 48,000-square-foot industrial retrofit

EDUCATION

- Masters of Architecture, Boston Architectural College
- Bachelor of Arts in Engineering, Lafayette College

AFFILIATIONS

- Guest Critic, Northeastern University
- Guest Critic, Boston Architectural College
- Guest Critic, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

MIT McGregor House | Cambridge, MA
MIT Tang Hall | Cambridge, MA
MIT East Campus | Cambridge, MA
MIT Random House | Cambridge, MA
MIT McCormick Hall | Cambridge, MA
Forde Residence | Dorchester, MA
125 Lowell | Somerville, MA
Cali Residence | East Boston, MA

ZEPHYR ARCHITECTS / THE NEW URBAN COLLABORATIVE

CHRIS PRUD’HOMME, RA
PRINCIPAL
PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP PARCEL 8

Zephyr Architects
Zephyr Architects
Plan: Dudley Square

ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

This is a design in four parts: urban design, landscape, and two separate architectural interventions. Zephyr saw the opportunity to extend the impact of two buildings deep into the neighborhood context, providing a new landscape strategy that unifies the heart of one of Boston's oldest and most proud communities. By creating an architectural gateway at the main access points to Dudley Square, the project takes an active role in the public realm. Not only is the project a direct response to a needed increase in housing options, but it is also a coordinated effort with the community to develop a new model for the growth and sustenance of new businesses. The buildings and urban design actively promote a sustainable and diverse economy focused on job opportunities. The new public realm is comfortable, lively, and safe, and it reflects the unique physical and social character of the neighborhood. Paramount to all this adaptation is the support for a major artist work / live environment, and for deep housing affordability. Finally, an innovative structural approach is driving a LEED Platinum engineering program.

Zephyr Architects with CRJA / IBI Group and enviENERGY
Marcella & Highland Energy+
ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Our winning proposal for Packages 2a and 2b at Marcella & Highland connects residents to the outdoors and nature, enhances pedestrian circulation in the community, and preserves existing natural monuments. It shows how affordable, sustainable housing that is site specific can be translated easily and with no extra expense to be site specific on totally different sites in other areas of the city. This energy positive project delivers deep affordability and generous open space to this historic community, but in a vernacular that is thoroughly contemporary. Its minimal aesthetic qualities are tempered by natural materials, generous glass, and gardens throughout the properties. The combined site holds twelve townhouse-style units of various sizes. It is designed with efficiency in mind at all levels, and capitalizes on building performance and flexibility, all manifest directly in its aesthetic character.
KACARE Energy City
KING ABDULLAH CITY OF ATOMIC & RENEWABLE ENERGY
RIYADH, KSA

KACARE is a city conceived in innovation from the ground up. Situated on 35 square km of virgin Arabian desert, the project is a new city devoted to the growth of a 21st-century economy, with research, clean energy generation, innovative transit and housing solutions, and new economic goals at the core of the agenda. The project was designed as a Koetter Kim Associates project in collaboration with Supermass Studio, AECOM NY Landscape, and Buro Happold, and served as a template for the highly successful MASDAR City, which also featured Zephyr's involvement as senior designers and project managers (though CBT Architects).
155 North Washington Street

NORTH END, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

155 North Washington Street in Boston’s historic North End neighborhood is a marriage between old and new. The existing five story commercial brick building features an updated facade and interior, focusing on contemporary contextuality. The original building is modernized to include generous light and air, exposed building elements, and an invigorated sidewalk edge. Giving an activated street front back to the neighborhood was a primary goal that is accomplished with the use of an industrial style storefront, new windows and signage along the facades, and an artistic entrance lighting display. The new occupants are be afforded generous views toward the Zakim Bridge and Bulfinch Triangle, and their floor-through offices and work spaces are built out with the most contemporary materials. All existing building elements that remain are refreshed and ready for a long life.
Michael Murphy, IntFRIBA
Founding Principal and Executive Director

Harvard University, M. Arch
University of Chicago, B.A.

As a designer, writer, and teacher, Michael Murphy’s work investigates the social and political consequences of the built world. His research and writing advocates for a new empowerment that calls on architects to consider the power relationships of their design decisions, while simultaneously searching for beauty and meaning. His portfolio of work has expanded to over a dozen countries and span the areas of healthcare, education, housing, urban development, and more recently, food systems, indigenous sovereignty, and the public monument.

**Affiliations**
Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard Fellow
Harvard Innovation Lab, Expert in Residence
Clinton Global Initiative, Advisory Board
Faculty affiliations: Columbia University,
Harvard University, Roger Williams University

**Awards**
Rainer Arnhold Fellow 2020
RIBA International Fellow, 2019
J. Irwin and Xenia S. Miller Prize, 2018-2019
American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Architecture, 2018
International Ashden Award for Sustainable Buildings, 2018
Cooper Hewitt National Design Award Architecture Design, 2017

**National Memorial for Peace and Justice**
EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE
Montgomery, Alabama, USA
Principal Director
The nation’s first memorial dedicated to the victims of lynching, giving form to the silenced history of racial terror in America. 6 acres
Confidential Budget

**Gun Violence Memorial Project**
THE CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL
Initial Exhibition. Chicago, Illinois, US
Memorial to victims of gun violence in the United States, composed of glass houses that display artifacts donated by family members to honor lost loved ones. 72sq ft/house (700 bricks/house)

**Pulse Memorial**
ONEPULSE FOUNDATION
Orlando, Florida
Memorial proposal for a three-part design competition, also including a city-walk and museum to honor LGBTQ+ history and the victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting.
Built: 35,000 sq ft (Unbuilt)
Site: 44,000 sq ft (Unbuilt)
$6.5M, Estimated

**King Boston Memorial - “The Embrace”**
KING BOSTON
Boston, MA, US
Development of a memorial for Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King for the city of Boston.
40,198 sq ft
Budget: $3,000,000

**DIA Plaza - Midtown Cultural Connections.**
Detroit, Michigan
Design competition for a “Cultural Commons” in Detroit’s Midtown district, which would connect over 12 cultural and educational institutions through an interconnected public realm.

**Mattapan Mixed Income Housing**
MBTA, THE CITY OF BOSTON
Boston, MA, USA
Transit-oriented, mixed-use, and mixed-income housing development to transform an underutilized lot into a community anchor.
Size: 170,000 sq ft.
135 Housing Units

**Cleveland Public Library Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**
CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
Cleveland, Ohio, US
Library and community hub inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and shared growth through storytelling.
23,000 sq ft.
Jha D Williams
Senior Associate

M.Arch, University of Pennsylvania  
B.S., Northeastern University

Jha D joined MASS in February of 2018 as a Design Associate, and is currently working on the King Boston Memorial and Franklin Park Masterplan projects. Before joining MASS, she worked as a Designer at Sasaki Associates. She received her Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Northeastern University and her Master of Architecture I from the University of Pennsylvania. Jha D is also a spoken word artist, event producer and overall Space Maker for the LGBTQ+ communities of color.

Franklin Park Masterplan  
FRANKLIN PARK  
Boston, MA  
Architecture, masterplanning, and urban design services; engagement and partnership / user development.  
527 acres  
Budget: $28 million

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Oasis at Bartlett  
NUESTRA COMUNIDAD  
Roxbury, MA  
Design for a public events plaza at Bartlett Station to foster the arts and economically empower local artists and neighbors alike.  
15,000 sq ft

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CHICAGO ARCHITECTURAL BIENNIAL  
Chicago, Illinois, US  
Memorial to victims of gun violence in the United States, comprised of glass houses that display artifacts donated by family members to honor their lost loved ones.

Shaker Square Public Realm Improvement Project  
CLEVELAND NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRESS & LAND STUDIO  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Urban Design, architecture and civic engagement for planning project for historic public space at the nexus of three distinct Cleveland neighborhoods.  
5.5 acres

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Detroit, Michigan  
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Plan: Mattapan  
BOSTON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (BPDA)  
Boston, MA, US  
Community-centered master plan and design guidelines for Mattapan neighborhood.  
1200 acres

PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP PARCEL 8
Sierra Bainbridge joined MASS in 2009 to finalize design and oversee implementation of MASS’s first project, the Butaro Hospital. As Senior Director and Managing Director, Sierra directs ongoing design and implementation of MASS’s planning and architectural projects. Prior to joining MASS, Sierra worked for four years at James Corner Field Operations, primarily designing and overseeing implementation of Section 1 of the New York City High Line. Sierra has taught graduate level studios at various universities, and from 2010-2012 served as the Architecture Head of Department at the Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) in Rwanda where she was instrumental in shaping the current curriculum.

Affiliations
American Society of Landscape Architects
African Design Center, Curriculum Director, Rwanda, Kigali, 2016
Faculty Affiliations: Kigali Institute of Science and Technology, Boston Architectural College

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice
EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE
Montgomery, AL
A memorial built with the Equal Justice Initiative acknowledging the long history of slavery, racial terror, and segregation within America, with a focus on memorializing Lynchings that occurred in certain states. 30,139 sq ft / 2,800 sq m
Confidential budget

King Boston Memorial - “The Embrace”
KING BOSTON
Boston, MA, US
Development of a memorial for Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King for the city of Boston. 40,198 sq ft
Budget: $3,000,000

Gallaudet University Campus Redesign
GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY
Washington, DC, US
Campus masterplan to suit the unique spatial and sensory awareness of the Deaf Community. 62,431 sq ft
Budget: $47,200,000

Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture
HOWARD BUFFETT FOUNDATION
Karama, Bugesera District, Rwanda
Designed based on One Health principles, the campus design incorporates landscape, housing, academic space, barn storage, and processing space. 1,400 ha
$49,761,487

The Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund
DIAN FOSSEY GORILLA FUND
Kingi, Musanze District, Rwanda
The Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund will provide DFGFI with a purpose built campus to amplify their mission of conservation; protecting and studying gorillas; training the next generation of African conservationists; and building the conservation capacity of local communities. 4500 sqm / 48437 sqft
Confidential budget

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BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION
Boston, MA
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Budget: $28 million

Isle de Jean Charles
BAND OF BILOXI-CHITIMACHA-CHOCTAW
Isle de Jean Charles, LA, US
A model for a sustainable network to generate solutions related to coastal ecology and climate change for the Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw.

Hudson Valley Farm Hub
HUDSON VALLEY FARM HUB
Hurley, New York, US
Campus plan, landscape study, and agricultural shop design for a diversified research and educational farm. 10,500 SF
Jonathan Evans
Senior Associate, AIA

M. Arch, Harvard Graduate School of Design
B.S., University of Virginia

Jonathan is a licensed architect with MASS focused on design projects in the public interest. This work has ranged from affordable housing to planning and urban design work for non-profits and public agencies.

**JJ Carroll Housing Redevelopment**

2LIFE COMMUNITIES
Brighton, Massachusetts, US

The JJ Carroll project includes 142 age-restricted affordable housing units alongside a health center, commercial space, and public settings to enable residents to age in community.

180,000 sq. ft.

**Plan: Mattapan**

BOSTON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (BPDA)
Boston, MA, US

Community-centered master plan and design guidelines for Mattapan neighborhood.

1200 acres

**Project Bridgeworks**

GRAMMAR AND PANZICA DEVELOPMENT
Cleveland, Ohio, US

200 units of mixed income housing in Cleveland, meeting housing needs across various income levels.

Built: 185,000 sq ft

**Shaker Square Public Realm Improvement Project**

CLEVELAND NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRESS & LAND STUDIO
Cleveland, Ohio

Urban Design, architecture and civic engagement for planning project for historic public space at the nexus of three distinct Cleveland neighborhoods.

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**Oasis at Bartlett**

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Design for a public events plaza at Bartlett Station to foster the arts and economically empower local artists and neighbors alike.

15,000 sq ft

**United Neighbors of Lower Roxbury**

UNITED NEIGHBORS OF LOWER ROXBURY
ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, USA

Mixed-use community arts and housing development for residents of Lower Roxbury.

Built: 16,000 sf

UNLR: 5750 sq ft, 12 units

90 Windsor: 4,020 sq ft, 20 units

**Poughkeepsie Public Market**

BAXTER BUILT, OPPORTUNITY POUGHKEEPSIE 1
Poughkeepsie, New York, US

Adaptive reuse of two multi-level structures into a vibrant hub for collective food preparation, education, entrepreneurship, and consumption.

Built: 70,000 sq ft / 6500 sq m

Site: 70,000 sq ft / 6500 sq m

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40,198 sq ft

Budget: $3,000,000
The National Memorial for Peace and Justice
Montgomery, Alabama, US

The National Memorial to Peace and Justice is the first national memorial to victims of lynching in America. Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), have devoted the past decade to collecting stories of victims of racial terror lynchings, identifying the collective need to confront the legacy of racial violence in America. MASS Design Group partnered with EJI to design a community-based initiative to collect soil from the sites where lynchings occurred and a physical memorial to honor over 4,000 historical victims of lynching.

The memorial places the names of victims across 800 Corten steel monuments, each representing the counties where these racial terror lynchings took place. Visitors enter the memorial’s central structure via an inner walkway that lowers in elevation, changing the viewer’s relationship to the monuments suspended above at a constant height. Outside the main structure, 800 duplicate monuments lie in rows. Counties are invited to retrieve their monument, and in doing so, acknowledge a violent chapter of their history. The memorial is a means rather than an end, devoted to a process of truth-telling, reconciliation, and healing.
Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), have devoted the past decade to documenting over 4000 cases of racial terror lynchings in order to confront the legacy of racial violence in America. As the beginning of a national healing process, MASS Design Group partnered with EJI to design a community-based initiative to collect soil from the 364 documented sites in Alabama where lynchings occurred.

This simple participatory act of making physical this buried history began the process of truth telling and reconciliation that would catalyze the consensus and funding necessary to build the National Memorial to Peace and Justice, the first permanent memorial to lynching in the United States.
King Boston Memorial
Boston, Massachusetts, US

Date: September 2018 - Present
Client: King Boston
Size: 40,198 sf

Development of a memorial for Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King for the city of Boston.

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By highlighting the act of embrace, this memorial shifts the emphasis from singular hero worship to collective action, imploring those curious enough to investigate closer. The materiality encourages introspection and action. In contrast to the patinated bronze memorials in the Common, The Embrace will be a mirror finish bronze, reflecting the changing natural environment of the park and the viewers themselves. As an inhabitable space, it will be impossible to remain disengaged.

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PLAN: Mattapan
Boston, Massachusetts, US

Date: 2019-ongoing
Client: The Boston Planning and Development Agency
Size: 1200 Acres

Community-centered master plan and design guidelines for Mattapan neighborhood.

MASS has partnered with The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to create a comprehensive vision to guide the future of the neighborhood. The BPDA initiated this multi-year process in response to residents’ growing fears of displacement as well as historic and contemporary lack of mobility and access to employment, public space, and housing options. Through PLAN: Mattapan, MASS is supporting the BPDA in developing an inclusive planning process that translates the goals and concerns of the community into clear visions for an equitable future.

The community vision for the plan is to strengthen the existing cultural fabric by supporting affordable housing, creating new opportunities for businesses to thrive, and enhancing connections to improve the neighborhood’s access to jobs and social gathering spaces. These goals are realized in the plan through a robust analysis and impact framework, alongside a continuum of engagements with the Mattapan community. With the BPDA, MASS developed workshops to translate community values into impactful design scenarios. PLAN: Mattapan will center on these scenarios and on zoning and policy recommendations that propose a future for Mattapan that reflects community values and thoughtfully engages and grows the cultural fabric of the neighborhood.
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Franklin Park Masterplan
Boston, Massachusetts, US

Date: 2019-2021
Client: Boston Parks and Recreation
Size: 527 Acres

Architecture, masterplanning, and urban design services; engagement and partnership / user development.

MASS Design Group is partnering with the City of Boston, Reed Hilderbrand, and Agency Landscape and Planning to develop a comprehensive master plan for the future of Franklin Park. Originally designed by Frederick Law Olmstead in 1885, Franklin Park is Boston’s largest park along the Emerald Necklace and home to vast expanses of green space, the Franklin Park Zoo, a golf course, and picnic areas. Nearly 30 years since the 1991 master plan, our mission for this new master plan is to design a space that meets the needs of all visitors and neighbors, supports healthy ecosystems, and cultivates diverse and dedicated stewardship of the park.

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Mattapan Mixed Income Housing
Boston, Massachusetts, US

Date: February 2016–Present
Client: MBTA, The City of Boston
Size: 170,000 sq.ft.
135 Housing Units

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MASS partnered with local Community Development Corporations, Nuestra Comunidad, and Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) to design a transit-oriented, mixed-income housing development in Mattapan. In the context of Boston’s exploding housing market, affordability has limited housing and economic options for residents of Mattapan. As the neighborhood welcomes new investment, the community must harness interest to strengthen opportunities for existing residents.

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Mattapan Mixed Income Housing
Boston, Massachusetts, US
Date: February 2016 – Present
Client: MBTA, The City of Boston
Size: 170,000 sq.ft.
135 Housing Units

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DEVELOPMENT SUBMISSION

DEVELOPMENT TEAM INTRODUCTION
Independent Real Estate Developer
Principal, The New Urban Collaborative

Mr. DuBard is an independent real estate developer and founder/principal of The New Urban Collaborative, a development company that also operates a brokerage firm under the same name. NEC works throughout Boston and Martha’s Vineyard. He is also frequently associated with Silverstone Development, one of the South End’s most highly respected developers. Jeffrey is intimately involved and responsible for the acquisition, design, development, construction and management of every project he is involved with. Mr. DuBard possesses over sixteen years of industry experience in real estate development. Having acquired and developed his first South End property in 2005, he is a veteran of the real estate market.

In both his role as developer and as broker, Mr. DuBard leads strategic direction and works directly with community members, neighbors, contractors, city officials, investors and banking institutions. In his career, he has participated in over 40 development projects and has taken part in real estate transactions with an aggregate total in excess of $200 million.

After 12 years at Milton Academy, Mr. DuBard studied economics and communications at the Wharton School and Annenberg School of the University of Pennsylvania. He worked in finance and entertainment prior to embarking on his career in real estate. Mr. DuBard’s philanthropic endeavors include involvement with The West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee, Artists for Humanity, The Trust for Historic Preservation, The South End Historical Society and The Trust for Public Land.
As Founder and Principal of Byrne & Company, Jefrey Dubard has contributed to the transformation of neighborhoods in Boston and beyond. His contextually sensitive approach to strategic community additions results in beautiful and responsible new housing across the city. His work aligns with both the site and scale of the Parcel 2 of Marcella and Highland, and his proven success delivering projects of this type makes Jefrey an able and agile partner for this project.

**Notable examples of Mr. Dubard’s work include the following projects:**

- 143 West Canton Street, South End, 4 Condominium Units
- 81 Appleton Street, South End, 3 Condominium Units
- 9 Wellington Street, South End, 2 Condominium Units
- 183 West Canton Street, South End, 4 Condominium Units
- 93 Warren Avenue, South End, Single Family Home
- 95 Warren Avenue, South End, Single Family Home
- 85 Pembroke Street, South End, 2 Condominium Units
- 22 Braddock Park, South End, 2 floors of existing Condominium
- 63 Rutland Street, South End, 4 Rental Units
- 142 West Concord Street, South End, 4 Rental Units
- 211 West Canton Street, South End, 2 Condominium Units
- 18 Claremont Park, South End, 2 Condominium Units
- 196 West Springfield, South End, 2 Rental Units
- 42 Union Park, South End, 3 floors of existing Condominium
- 75 Montgomery Street, South End, 4 Condominium Units
- 42 Rutland Square, 2 floors of existing Condominium
- 46 Clarendon Street, South End, 2 Condominium Units
Developer Qualifications & Experience

New Urban Collaborative was formed by the principals of Byrne & Company Real Estate LLC, Zephyr Architects, and Forge Construction. We all have vast experience in development separately. Our collaborative approach came about from a shared interest and belief in a more forward thinking strategy. We are informed and guided by a belief in responsible urban revitalization. Building must be undertaken with the greatest care for our impact on structure, environment and community. Urban centers should represent our most ethnically, economically and socially diverse shared spaces.

We draw on our experience in different aspects of development to form a greater whole.

We are one of only a few development firms that is principally MBE owned. And actively hire and support minorities, women, and locally based sub-contractors.

The Principals of New Urban Collaborative have been actively developing properties in Boston since 2005. Many of our completed projects to date have had a social mission behind them, as we are dedicated to enhancing urban areas for the benefit of low-income households, homeless persons, special needs populations, the elderly, artists and others.

We were honored to be awarded Parcel 2 of the Marcella-Highland development by the DND. We are in planning on the 12-unit mixed income LEED Platinum project and aim to begin construction in Q2 of 2019.

Building on the successful ideas at Marcella, the team won a commission to build affordable housing in a LEED Platinum 6 story format in the heart of Nubian Square in Boston. The resulting design has confirmed the team’s belief that good design is good the world, and has committed to developing well thought out projects that enhance the social conditions of the areas they build in.

The award-winning development team members assembled for this project have a proven track record of success. On all our projects, we have all demonstrated a capacity for on schedule, on budget building in Boston.
CORPORATE OVERVIEW:

- Privately held company, founded in 2009
- Since inception, Upton + Partners has developed over $700 million of real estate

- For 40 years the principals of have developed or been associated with senior level management of over 5 million square feet of real estate valued at over $3.8 billion.

- Our integrated, multi-disciplinary team approach to management has consistently produced profitable results within the complex challenges of program, schedule, budget and quality objectives.

- Our unique portfolio consists of commercial mixed-use, residential, retail, cultural, office, and entertainment facilities. More recently, project work has focused on multifamily development in response to community needs demand.

- Located in Dedham, MA

LEADERSHIP:

- Walter “Budge” Upton, Partner
- Jake Upton, Partner

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**Ocean 650 Apartments**

2014-2018  
Upton + Partners, LLC  
Revere, MA

*Developer*

Approved by the City of Revere as the Redeveloper of Building E+F to develop a redevelopment project that had been stalled for many years. Managed the project design and entitlements to accommodate 230 multi-family residential units directly across the street from the Atlantic Ocean and in close proximity to a newly expanded MBTA transportation hub with direct access to downtown Boston.

Negotiated project debt and equity financing with TA Realty. Plumbhouse Construction of Milford, MA was the general contractor for the $52 million project. Construction was completed in spring of 2016 and the project was fully leased in 5 months. The property was sold in the fall of 2018 for $89 million to Greystar.

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**Gradient Apartments**

2016-2019  
Upton + Partners, LLC  
Weymouth, MA

*Developer/Partner*

Acquired 23-acre property that had previously been under agreement with Trammell Crow Company for over 9 years and solved permits challenges to secure development permits for 242 apartments on Arbor Hill community in Weymouth, MA. Completed construction documents with Gate 17 Architects and negotiated GMP contract with Plumbhouse Construction of Milford, MA. Partnered with the Dolben Company as joint-venture equity partners for the $70 million project. Closed $58 million in construction financing with Key Bank in November, 2017.

First units were completed in fall of 2018, with phased construction scheduled for completion in summer of 2019. The Dolben Company is the property manager for the project, which is currently in lease-up.
**Marriott Springhill Suites Hotel**

2017 - 2020  
Upton + Partners, LLC  
Revere, MA

*Developer*

Approved by the City of Revere as the Redeveloper of Building A to develop a redevelopment project that had been stalled for many years. Managed the project design and entitlements to accommodate 170-room hotel, Starbucks Coffee and restaurant directly across the street from the Atlantic Ocean and in close proximity to a newly expanded MBTA transportation hub with direct access to downtown Boston. Managed a construction plan with multiple agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the MBTA.

- Negotiated project GMP construction contract for $40 million with Callahan Construction of Bridgewater, MA. Construction completion is scheduled for 2021.

**Arlington 360 Apartments**

2010-2013  
Upton + Partners, LLC  
Arlington, MA  
*Developer/Partner*

Designated by the Town of Arlington Redevelopment Board as the Redeveloper to reposition a redevelopment project that had been stalled for many years. Negotiated the purchase of the distressed note from PNC Bank. Managed the negotiation of agreements for the redevelopment of the former 19-acre hospital campus in Arlington, MA to accommodate 164 multi-family residential units, 12 town home condominiums, 90 unit assisted living facility and two vista parks with commanding views Boston’s metropolitan skyline.

Negotiated project re-entitlement, settled legal challenges to the project, completed environmental remediation, and community benefits packages. Negotiated JV agreement with Starwood Capital and Jefferson Apartment Group and purchase contracts with Shelter/Brightview Senior Living. Debt financing provided by Citizen’s Bank and GMP contract was negotiated with NEI Construction. The property was sold in fall of 2015 for $86 Million to TA Realty of Boston, MA.
LogMeIn, Inc. Headquarters Expansion

2013-2015
Upton + Partners, Inc.
Seaport District: Boston, MA

Owner Representative

Represented the high tech company LogMeIn, Inc. to source and acquire a new facility to accommodate their 120,000 square foot headquarter expansion in Boston’s Seaport District.

Led team to negotiate acquisition and gut renovation of 117,000 SF historic mill building, reporting to General Counsel, CFO and President.

Negotiated Incremental Tax Incentive Plans with Mayor Martin Walsh’s office, the Boston Redevelopment Agency and the City Assessor’s office. Also negotiated Tax agreements with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the EDIP program. Permitted project with BRA and Boston Landmarks Commission.

Assembled and led the design team in fast-track design of the facility and GMP contract with Commodore Construction and Synergy Investments. Project opened in December 2015.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

2006-Present
THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
Boston, Massachusetts

Director of Development and Construction

The new American wing of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston consists of approximately 200,000 SF of new museum space including of 52 new galleries, a spectacular 10,000 SF courtyard, MEP improvements to service the entire museum, new food service and retail accommodations and approximately 60,000 SF of renovated space within the existing building.

Renovations include the reconstruction of new Huntington, Fenway and West Wing entrances, new ticketing areas and a new Visitors’ Center. The project has been designed by Norman Foster, (London, England) and CBT (Boston, MA).

The project budget is $345 million and is financed primarily by private contribution and pledges contributed over a 7-year period. A bond issue of $185 million to provide gap financing while the pledge program matures. Grand Opening was in November, 2010.
TD Garden

1992-1996
DELAWARE NORTH/ NEW BOSTON GARDEN 
CORP. Director of Development 
and Construction

Primary responsibilities included land acquisition, 
design, financing, and construction for the $160 million 
project.

The project scope included a 755,000 square foot state-
of-the art sports and entertainment arena and North 
Station Transportation Center constructed on top of a 5-
level underground parking garage, constructed by the 
MBTA and the MBTA Orange Line tunnel. Planned and 
etitled future development 2.35 million square feet of 
mixed-use development surrounding the arena.

Responsibilities included the land acquisition, 
architectural and engineering design, permitting, 
construction, financing, negotiation of public 
agreements with such State of Massachusetts and City 
of Boston public agencies as the Boston Redevelopment 
Authority, the Boston Public Facilities Commission, 
Mass. Highway, the MBTA, the Federal Highway 
Administration, the Massachusetts Governor’ s Office 
and the City of Boston Mayor’ s Office.

Faneuil Hall Marketplace

1976-1980
THE ROUSE COMPANY
Boston, Massachusetts

Project Director

Assumed project management responsibilities 
through stabilized leasing of the three-phase 
development of Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Project 
scope included the base building renovation, 
leasing and tenant improvements of three 
historically significant structures, in conjunction 
with the City of Boston and the Boston 
Redevelopment Authority, to produce 450,000 
square feet of first-class “festival” retail and office 
space.

The Quincy Market, North Market and South 
Market buildings were each completed on 
schedule, under budget, and with an average 
Opening Day retail occupancy of 95% in August of 
1976, 1977 and 1978, respectively. The project 
development budget was $55.0 million, with 
construction financing arranged with Chase 
Manhattan Bank and a consortium of 23 Boston 
banking institutions.
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

1998-2000
MASS. CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
South Boston, Massachusetts

Director of Development and Construction

Directly responsible for the management of fast-track development activities for the mixed-use Boston Convention and Exhibit Center, a 2.3 million square foot public facility being constructed at a cost of $607.0 million on a 60 acre site. The program included 550,000 SF of exhibit hall, 210,000 SF of meeting room space, food service and operations facilities, administrative offices, open space improvements, parking facilities and a 1,120 room/1 million SF hotel (to be developed by a private development entity consisting of Carpenter & Company and Starwood Hotels).

Milestone events included the preparation of final site and building plans, approval of a comprehensive budget and schedule, construction of on-site office facilities, management of the design team and general contractor.

Processed of all environmental and technical permits (inclusive of M.E.P.A. and Article 80 certificates), directed interface with neighborhood representatives and City and State public agencies, including the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Completion of agreements abutting Railroad.

ARLINGTON 360 – Brightview Senior Living

2012-2014
Upton + Partners, LLC
Arlington, MA

Partner

Designated by the Town of Arlington Redevelopment Board as the Redeveloper to reposition a redevelopment project that had been stalled for many years. Managed the negotiation of agreements for the redevelopment of the former 19-acre hospital campus in Arlington, MA to accommodate 176 multi-family residential units and a 90 unit assisted living facility and two vista parks with commanding views Boston’s skyline.

Negotiated project re-entitlement, settled legal challenges to the project, completed environmental remediation, and community benefits packages. Negotiated JV agreement with Starwood Capital and Jefferson Apartment Group and purchase contracts and project entitlements with Shelter/Brightview Senior Living. Coordinated construction and entitlements and infrastructure improvements with 2 general contractors.
Time Warner Cable Arena

2002-2004
CITY OF CHARLOTTE
Charlotte, North Carolina

Special Consultant

Acted as a special consultant to the City of Charlotte to assist with the development strategy, design and construction of the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, North Carolina. With a unique proximity to central city restaurants, stores and transit terminals, the arena is home to the NBA Charlotte Bobcats and the WNBA Charlotte Sting, as well as hockey, arena football, tournaments, concerts and family shows. Charlotte’s outstanding support of the arts has been integrated into the design concept. The building consists of 780,000 square feet with a capacity of 20,200. The architect is Ellerbe Becket of Kansas City, Missouri. The budget for the facility was $250,000,000 and was financed by the City of Charlotte thru a public bond issuance.

SBC/AT&T CENTER

2000-2002
SAN ANTONIO SPURS/BEVAR COUNTY, TX
San Antonio, Texas

Director of Development and Construction

Primary responsibilities included the design, construction and development management of the 800,000 square foot arena for the San Antonio Spurs (NBA) professional basketball team.

As a directed representative of the ownership, managed on-site staff thru the day-to-day affairs of the Project, inclusive of the negotiation of guaranteed maximum price construction contracts, negotiation of City and County contracts, close-out of permits and approvals, the formulation of cost control and cost reporting policies, and creation of a CPM construction and development schedule.

The $200 million project opened in October, 2002.

Funding provided by a Bexar County (Texas) bond issue of $126 million with the balance being provided by private construction loan financing from the Bank of America, and equity contribution from the ownership partners of the San Antonio Spurs.
Costanoa

1996-1999
PRIME PROPERTY CAPITAL, INC.
San Francisco, CA

Development Manager

Directed the acquisition, entitlement, design, financing, and construction of a 240-unit eco-resort on a 480-acre site located on the pristine northern California coastline.

Represented the project with the California Coastal Commission and 23 other state and federal agencies. Coordinated development within a designated archeological and endangered species habitat areas. Utilized innovative ‘green design’ of water, wastewater and drainage systems, utility installation, bridge construction, and road improvements.

Awards & Publications:
Ernst & Young and the SF Business Journal awarded the project the 1999 ‘Deal of the Year’. The project was featured in The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, USA Today, Fast Company, Vogue, and Conde Naste.

National Car Rental Center

1996-1999
ARENA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD.
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Director of Development and Construction

Responsible for the management of the design and construction process related to the development and construction of a 1 million square foot state-of-the-art multi-purpose entertainment facility. The facility is the home of the NHL’s Florida Panthers hockey team.

Responsibilities included direct management of the design team and general contractors and for extensive financial and schedule reporting, coordination with public agencies, coordination, marketing activities future building operating entities.

The building program included over 100,000 square feet of food service, function and retail space, covered and surface parking accommodations for 7,500 cars on a 136 acre site and was completed within a record 27 month schedule of while maintaining the approved publicly-funded $185 million budget.
Bourne Mill Apartments
Tiverton, RI
2006-2009
EA Fish Development

Managing Director

The LEED Silver certified Bourne Mill Apartments is the historic adaptive reuse of eight former mill buildings into a 165 unit mixed-income rental apartment complex. Based on configurations of the original buildings, each conversion required unique design solutions resulting in a variety of unit types to include deep loft style units with innovative raised sleeping areas; multi level units built within the existing masonry shell of former boiler rooms, and dual exterior exposure units created by removing the roof on a one-story building to carve out new interior courtyard.

Project utilized 4% and 9% LHTC and Historic tax-credit equity financing and Construction loan was provided by the Bank of America. Negotiated joint venture agreement with the Armory Revival Company and construction contract with Dellbrook Construction of Braintree, MA.

The Waterworks
2003-2007
EA FISH ASSOCIATES
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Managing Director

EA Fish team managed the design, pre-development permitting and approval and pre-construction process of this 108-unit luxury residential condominium project consisting of one new and three historic buildings which previously provided water pumping service to the City of Boston. The original property consisted of a 19th century pumping stations and carriage house representing Romanesque architectural style in the tradition of Henry Hobson Richardson, and a third structure in the Beaux Arts style faced with white Indiana limestone. Also included in the program is meeting space, museum restoration, and a café.

Unit sales ranged from $400k to $4.6 M.

Negotiated the ground lease with the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM). Other permitting agencies included the Boston Redevelopment Authority, DCAM, City of Boston and Brookline neighborhood groups, the Boston Landmarks Commission, Secretary of Environmental Affairs, City of Boston utility agencies and the like. The project was designed by Graham Gund Associates and DiMella Shaffer Associates. Project financing provided by the Bank of America.
The Waterworks

2003-2007
EA FISH ASSOCIATES
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Prime Multifamily Portfolio

1999-2001
PRIME PROPERTY CAPITAL, INC.
San Francisco, CA
Vice President

Initiated, analyzed and transacted new investment opportunities for PPC’s $1.5 billion private equity multifamily portfolio. Acquisition/repositioning strategy focused on acquiring C+/B- multi-family assets in urban infill locations.

Sourced, analyzed and transacted over $240 million in acquisitions of over 2,500 apartments in seven states over a two-year period. Provided investment analysis and prepared project underwriting for both equity and debt financing. Managed transactional to close deals and then implemented strategic plans.

Analyzed an existing portfolio of 10,000 apartment units located in seven states. Utilized financial and market analysis to identify over 3,000 apartments for repositioning. Directed the budgeting, financing and implementation of capital improvement programs and building operations.
**Reservoir Crossing Condominiums**

2003-2006  
E. A. FISH ASSOCIATES/FX MESSINA  
Braintree, Massachusetts

*Project Director/Partner*

Managed this 132-unit multi-family residential condominium project in Braintree, Massachusetts through acquisition, design, entitlement, financing, construction, marketing and sales phases of the development process.

Achieved 70% pre-sales, secured 100% project financing, and closed on $35.7 million in sales.

Project was occupied in the spring 2007 and achieved profit goals.

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**Turtle Crossing Condominiums**

2002-2005  
E. A. FISH ASSOCIATES/FX MESSINA  
Braintree, Massachusetts

*Project Director/Partner*

Managed this 201-unit residential condominium project in Braintree, Massachusetts through acquisition, design, entitlement, financing, construction, marketing and sales phases of the development process.

Secured financing for 90% of cost with total sales of $46.7 million.

Project was completed and occupied in the spring of 2005 while meeting profit expectations.

Project was occupied in the spring 2007 and achieved profit goals.
Columbus Center

2004-2006
WINN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
Boston, Massachusetts

Director of Development and Construction

Assumed senior management position responsible for the management of design permitting and approval, ground lease negotiation and construction of the $800 million Columbus Center, a 1.4 million square foot mixed-use air rights project to be built over four land parcels (Parcels 16, 17, 18 and 19) of 7 acres in size owned by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. Also participated on the team to pursue equity and construction financing. The program consists of a 200-room hotel, 443 units of market rate and affordable housing, parking for 635 cars, office and retail space and two open space public parks. Building range in size from 4 to 35 floors. Public entitlement total $40 million.

Equity financing is provided by a joint venture of Winn Development Company and the California Public Employees Retirement Systems. Due to the size of the project and the difficulties of the current economic environment, the project remains on hold.

UnCommon Charter School-
New High School Development

2017 - 2020
Upton + Partners, LLC
Boston, MA

Developer

Approved by the City of Revere as the Redeveloper of Building A to develop a redevelopment project that had been stalled for many years. Managed the project design and entitlements to accommodate 170-room hotel directly across the street from the Atlantic Ocean and in close proximity to a newly expanded MBTA transportation hub with direct access to downtown Boston.

Negotiated project GMP construction contract with Erland Construction of Burlington, MA. Construction completion is scheduled for 2016.
GREGORY JANEY, CCM
President/CEO

Currently principal owner of Janey Construction Management and Consulting firm (JANEY) that provides services throughout the Mid Atlantic and Northeastern United States. Its portfolio includes commercial and residential work within and around the cities of Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington DC. The firm provides construction management and consulting services including general contracting, project management and construction management.

Over the last several years, Mr. Janey has undertaken a variety of construction and renovation projects on a multitude of commercial and residential buildings. He brings a strong engineering background and has been actively working in the construction field as a Construction Manager for over thirty years. He has managed and monitored projects ranging from $5,000,000 to $550,000,000. Public experience includes planning, directing and controlling development of the budget and design and construction budget. Coordination with local agencies, city and town bodies, environmental and/or handicapped accessibility requirements for the design and construction projects.

Mr. Janey’s background provides the company with the technical expertise to service its client base, and as a result, the organization is capable of managing construction projects of various magnitudes.

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ROBERT WHITE  
Executive Vice President

Mr. White has over thirty years of experience in the construction industry. As Executive Vice President, Mr. White applies his perceptive and innate management and communication skills to enable JANEY to establish a broad network of business associations and vendors who serve as resources for many of its projects.

Mr. White’s skills encompass excellent analytical, leadership, interpersonal, and problem solving skills. He is a highly motivated team player and self-starter, and possesses communications skills imperative in relating to the construction industry. This includes interfacing with client representatives, A/E representatives, union officials, subcontractors and assist with implementation/interpretation of safety programs. He is responsible for overseeing daily operations of the firm. Mr. White also oversees and manages the Owner’s Project Management portion of JANEY’s portfolio.

His Building Construction Technology training at Wentworth Institute, coupled with his field experience directly contributes to the successful outcome of JANEY projects. He leads our project management division working to increase efficiency and cost control through trending historical data. Bob’s thirty years in the industry as a Project Manager/Estimator provides the team with a unique pragmatic approach towards value engineering and cost benefit.

EDUCATION  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
B.S. Building Construction Technology

LICENSES  
OSHA Certified  
Construction Supervisors License (CSL)

AFFILIATIONS  
Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)  
Associated General Contractors (AGC)  
Massachusetts Minority Contractors Association (MMCA)  
Business Leadership Network  
South Shore Chamber of Commerce

FIRM EXPERIENCE

Omni Seaport Hotel  
Boston, MA  
$550M

Wynn Casino  
Everett, MA  
$500M

Rio Grande  
Roxbury, MA  
$120M

Northeastern University  
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JANEY
Shelley Webster is the President & CEO of In Order Business Development Solutions, Inc. Established in 2014, In Order specializes in building business capacity by providing back office services and various business certification packaging to small, diverse and emerging construction companies. In Order also provides diversity and inclusion strategies, tailored diversity and inclusion plans and ongoing tracking, monitoring and compliance work for construction projects throughout Massachusetts. Her diversity expertise touches both union and non-union sectors and includes both workforce and business utilization of M/W/DBEs.

Her most notable project to date involves diverse workforce and business utilization performed for Encore Boston Harbor Hotel & Casino. Having a construction budget that will exceed $2.6 billion and over 7,600 construction workers, the project will complete in June 2019. All workforce and M/W/VBE business goals are being exceeded. Webster created the diversity outreach and monitoring plan for the project and is responsible for the ongoing diversity compliance and reporting for the project’s full construction cycle.

With over 38 years’ experience in the construction industry, Webster has held leadership positions at Webster Engineering Co., Inc., an MBE firm where she assisted in the company’s growth from start-up to revenues of $30 million annually and employed over 150 union and non-union personnel. She is the former owner of Centaur Construction Services LLC and has served in Executive Leadership positions at Janey Construction Management & Consulting and the Edward A. Fish Companies that included Dellbrook Construction, Peabody Properties, and E.A. Fish Development.

Other diversity & inclusion projects include Millennium Partners’ Winthrop Center, Hein’s South Station Tower, Longwood II Apartments and the Taj Hotel Boston.

Webster holds her Masters’ Degree from Simmons School of Management and is certified as a Professional Coach from The Institute of Professional Excellence in Coaching. She is affiliated with the Massachusetts Minority Contractors Association, The Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, the Policy Group on Tradeswomen’s Issues, Massachusetts Girls in Trades, the Northeast Center for Tradeswomen’s Equity, and Building Pathways, and the American Contract Compliance Association.
Samira Ahmadi, BEMP, LEED AP Homes, BD+C, ID+C

Samira Ahmadi is the Founding Principal of enviENERGY Studio LLC, an energy and sustainability consulting firm, serving regional and national clients looking for sustainable solutions in the built environment. Her practice focuses on sustainability and energy performance analyses for new construction and existing building retrofit projects that are pursuing LEED certification and energy upgrades, occupant’s health and comfort in the built environment, and post-occupancy evaluation, and measurement and verification. Prior to establishing the firm, Samira served as the Director of Energy Services at AHA Consulting Engineers, where she managed over 30 LEED projects, and performed energy and sustainability analysis for several notable projects such as Ink Block and Fan Pier Vertex buildings. She is an advocate of sustainability and energy efficiency in the built environment and serves on the USGBC Massachusetts Chapter Board of Directors.

Samira is known for pushing innovative ideas in all projects, advocating for integrated design facilitation, and utilizing her project management and energy expertise for both existing building retrofits and new constructions to achieve successful outcomes by meeting the project’s high-performance goals, budget, and timeline.

Samira has managed and worked on:
- Over 40 LEED Certified buildings.
- Over 30 LEED/MEPA and building permit energy models.
- Over 15 Rebate energy models for MassSave and PECO (Pennsylvania).

Representative Projects

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McKenzie & Associates, P.C. is New England’s oldest African-American owned law firm. Since 1984, the Firm has served the legal needs of individuals, families & their businesses; government agencies; and non-profit & private corporations throughout Boston, New England, the United States, and the world. Our practice areas include: Business Litigation; Finance, Bankruptcy & Creditors Rights; Corporate Counseling & Transactions; Estate Planning & Probate; Real Estate & Development; Zoning & Licensing; and Faith-based Organizations & Non-profit.

McKenzie & Associates has significant experience in zoning and licensing matters in the City of Boston and surrounding communities. The Firm has provided representation to clients before state and local administrative bodies such as the Zoning Board of Appeal, Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), Inspectional Services Department (ISD), the Licensing Board, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, the Cannabis Control Commission, and the Consumer Affairs Division.

**JOSEPH D. FEASTER, JR**

**ATTORNEY**

Attorney Joseph D. Feaster, Jr. is Of Counsel to the Firm and leads the Zoning & Licensing practice. He has been practicing law for nearly 40 years, during which time he has developed an expertise in numerous areas of the law, including corporate, employment and labor, real estate, contract, licensing and zoning, and probate. Attorney Feaster formerly served on the Boston Board of Appeal for 11 years, 3 of which he served as Chair. He has over 20 years of zoning and licensing practice experience. Attorney Feaster has also served as Interim Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority and is widely regarded as an expert on zoning and affordable housing matters.

Attorney Feaster is also the Senior Vice President of Victory Group, a government and community relations firm, and is also President of Feaster Enterprises, a strategic outreach consulting firm. He has served as an adjunct professor in Northeastern University’s Master in Public Administration program, as a research associate at the William Monroe Trotter Institute at the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Attorney Feaster received his Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law. He has also completed programs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Center for Real Estate Development and Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. Attorney Feaster is admitted to practice before the courts in Massachusetts, the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts, the First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal, and the U.S. Supreme Court.
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DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

DEVELOPMENT PLAN
DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

We are pleased to present the “Nubian Gateway” development proposal and program. We submit it in direct response to the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) released by the City of Boston/BPDA for Parcel 8 in Roxbury. There are several important elements that have gone into our vision for the development.

- Historical Context
- A response to current conditions and needs as represented in Plan Nubian and by the RSMPC
- Building to represent the existing community and further empower it for future growth and preservation.

Parcel 8 represents what might be the most significant and integral development site in Nubian Square. It is indeed the gateway to the largely underserved minority population of the city. Additionally, as we have seen gentrification move through many neighborhoods and most significantly, the South End, it is a demarcation point.

We will continue to work closely with Historic Boston, Benjamin Franklin Institute, the designee of the Nawn Factory and other local organizations. Indeed, the greatest success of our project will come from collaboration and the ultimate success of Nubian Square will come from community. Our development will bring history, empowerment and economic opportunity. Gateway Nubian also establishes the entry point of the Square and Roxbury with a celebration and homage to the rich history of the place and the African-American experience in Boston. The RFP establishes the development goal of placemaking.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The history of Dudley/Nubian Square and its significance is as long as the history of an independent Boston and America itself. In the Colonial Era, the Roxbury Neck, now Washington Street, was the only land bridge between Boston and mainland Massachusetts. Quite literally, all traffic flowed through Dudley/Nubian Square. During the Revolutionary War, it was through the Square that Colonists escaped from British occupied Boston.

In the aftermath of the Revolutionary War continuing as the Back Bay and the South End were literally filled, the Square became a more and more vibrant commercial, social and transportation hub of the city. The Rugby Building, also on Washington Street, would turn from a high-end clothier to a hotel in the early 1900’s. Around the same time, The Boston Elevated Railway opened the Main Line Elevated in 1901 – the original Orange Line. The elevated division ran from Sullivan Square to Dudley and the line was expanded from Dudley to Forest Hills in 1909.

In the early 20th century, Roxbury became a thriving community following a massive migration from the South to northern cities in the 1940s and 1950s, Roxbury became the center of the African-American community in Boston. The center of African American residential and social activities in Boston had formerly been on the north slope of Beacon Hill and the South End. In particular, a riot in response to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. resulted in stores on Blue Hill Avenue being looted and eventually burned down, leaving a desolate and abandoned landscape which discouraged commerce and business development. Rampant arson in the 1970s along the Dudley Street corridor also added to the neighborhood’s decline, leaving a landscape of vacant, trash filled lots and burned out buildings. In early
April 1987, the original Orange Line MBTA route along Washington Street was closed and relocated to the Southwest Corridor (where the Southwest Expressway was supposed to be built a couple decades before). More recently, grassroots efforts by residents have been the force behind revitalizing historic areas and creating Roxbury Heritage State Park.

Like many urban centers Roxbury lost population due to urban renewal, the exodus of population to the suburbs, redlining and housing segregation, and the dismantling of the elevated train station in 1987. This combination of lifestyle, transportation and public policy initiatives contributed to chronic disinvestment in urban neighborhoods like Roxbury.

**PRESENT DAY**

Dudley Square has been in an upward trend over the past five to seven years. A comprehensive community process to PLAN: Dudley Square, The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan, the opening of the Bruce B. Bolling Building in 2015, the 2017 designation of the Roxbury Cultural District by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the recent designation by DND and the BPDA of four strategic parcels of land for development have been significant events and initiatives in laying a foundation for a resurging Dudley Square.

The renaming of Dudley Square to Nubian Square represented a significant and important step in reestablishing the Square to represent the community it largely serves. This change will set the intentions/demand of new development and growth to be of and for the existing community. It will ensure that the future is inclusive of the past and present. It is upon this framework that Gateway Nubian and our partners will realize an exciting and meaningful vision for Parcel 8.

**GATEWAY NUBIAN: OUR PROPOSAL**

In formulating our vision for Parcel 8, we believe we have met the Development Objective and Design Guideline initiatives, but also incorporated a few crucial necessities for the site. As the literal gateway to the square and the predominantly and historically black communities of Boston, central to our plan was to involve the placemaking of the location to preserve the history of this experience, celebrate and elevate the community and empower them for the future. In order to achieve this, we have not only incorporated a large home ownership component into our project, but also front and center commercial space of varying sizes, live/work space for entrepreneurs extending beyond that typically reserved for artists, and central and illuminated programming of the public realm and thru anchor tenants that speak directly to representing and celebrating the history, present and future of the community. Our partnerships with The Museum of African American History and The King Boston Center will speak directly to this. There are a number of exciting developments in the works throughout the Square, but we have identified the need to appeal directly to who the place represents. There is no more significant and important time in our community and our city to do so. The change of name from Dudley to Nubian must be an actionable sign of how we build and preserve our community.

**Development Components:**

**THE GATEWAY PUBLIC PLAZA**

On the 8,800 square foot space at the corner of Washington and Melnea Cass. We have created something far more impactful than a simple park or public space. With the help of Mass Design Group, we will create a public realm that both illuminates and celebrates erased narratives of the site and of the Square, but also speaks to the location and the Square as an integral part of the Civil Rights Trail from Nubian to Boston Common and the empowerment of the African American experience in Boston. Visitors will be reminded of the beauty of community and the power of collective action. Our activation of this
space will create a destination. We continue to work towards the most complementary interaction of sites with the Nawn Factory and its’ potential designee. This powerful and deliberate placemaking work will attract visitors from throughout all neighborhoods of the city, Massachusetts and beyond to visit and contribute to the economy of Nubian Square

OFFICE/MUSEUM/CENTER

Occupying the Washington Street and Melnea Cass sides of the building and occupying 60,000 SF will be our commercial component. These 3 floors will be activated by various-sized businesses and enterprises. We are thrilled to be working with both The Museum of African American History and The King Center for Justice as activating and anchor partners whose work speaks directly to representing and uplifting the existing community. They would each occupy visible and accessible spaces in the building overlooking the Public Plaza and be front and center in the gateway to Nubian and Roxbury.

The commercial component of Gateway Nubian will be a significant economic driver of the project, but more so, it will be a powerful economic force in contributing to the local economy and increasing opportunities for the local work force. We must encourage and attract businesses to come and grow in the area. We anticipate that the commercial/office component of the project will increase the daily visitors and occupants of the Square by more than 500. Again, supporting local Nubian Square businesses to grow and storefronts throughout the Square to be reactivated.

WORK/LIVE RESIDENTS

The small work and work/live component will provide a much needed and impactful opportunity for self-employed individuals and families to have the ability to meld their work environment and their home environment. Obviously, with the recent pandemic and the apparent shifting of how we do business, this is more pertinent and timely than ever before. Our spaces will vary in sizes and in some cases have the option to one’s residential space and work space separate. We have designed a number of the spaces so that small office space on the ground or first floor of the building can be owned as part of a live/work situation. We believe that this hybrid will provide an extremely in demand resource. This will also allow micro businesses to have roots within the community so that they can grow in Nubian Square.

RENTAL APARTMENTS

The 130 unit residential tower will be programmed as rental housing on the interior side of the building facing the Benjamin Franklin Institute for Technology. These units will cater to a wide range of income groups from 30% AMI to Market based on the mandates of the RFP. We will also have small on site office spaces available to tenants.

PARKING

Due to the considerable amount of new residential and commercial space in the area, parking in the Square is a significant concern of the community and within any single development. We have proposed a 100-car parking garage to accommodate both residential and commercial needs within Gateway Nubian. We have committed 8 spaces for the use of the tenants of the Historic Boston Inc. Nawn Factory proposal. The garage itself will be one level below grade as well as part of the ground floor.

RESIDENTIAL OWNERSHIP
We will have approximately 25 ownership units. Two thirds of these units will be affordable and workforce housing. Only a small percentage of current and under development housing in the Square is designated for ownership. We want to encourage individuals and to become part of the fabric of the Square. One tool to achieve this will be to encourage people to put down roots. Additionally, almost half of our condominiums will be geared towards those who qualify as workforce. Homeownership opportunities have been historically lacking in communities of color and based on socioeconomic factors. At the same time, research overwhelmingly induces higher participation in civic and volunteering activity, improves health care outcomes, lowers crime rates, lessens welfare dependency and increases life satisfaction.

DEVELOPMENT GOALS

We believe that Gateway Nubian presents a development plan and vision that reinforces the RFP goals and provides the following benefits and opportunities:

- Create opportunities for small businesses and those community-based organizations to have a firmly rooted presence in the Square
- Provide permanent home ownership and commercial space
- Provide new permanent jobs and new M/WBE opportunities thru the activation of our commercial space and operations of the rental and condo components
- Provide opportunities historically and culturally significant public space
- Contribute to increasing the permanent locally based M/WBE business community
- Increase daily visitors to the square to increase revenue/spending from the Greater Boston community

OPERATIONAL PLAN

THE GATEWAY PUBLIC PLAZA

- The public plaza will be managed by the principals of Gateway Nubian in conjunction with our operating partners and the Dudley Land Trust.

OFFICE COMPLEX

- The Office Complex will be managed by Gateway Nubian including Jefrey DuBard & Jake Upton. We will engage Boston Realty Advisors for brokerage and advisory services.

WORK/LIVE

- The work/live and residential rental components will be managed by UHM handling all facilities and Maloney Properties administrative.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT — DEVELOPMENT OVERALL
• The facilities management for the entire development will be operated by UHM Properties, formerly United Housing. This experienced, Roxbury-based firm is led by Kevin Bynoe and the leading minority facilities management firm in the state.

**BOSTON RESIDENTS JOBS POLICY**

Our team has a multi-stage process focused on the compliance of the Boston Jobs and Residency Policy, the pipeline of diverse tradespeople, and creating a welcoming work environment to retain this diverse workforce.

**OUR GOALS**

Below are goals to ensure that goals for the Boston Jobs and Residency Policy are met:

The Nubian Gateway Team is committed to providing economic opportunities to Boston residents, people of color and women in both the development phase and operations phase of the project.

The Boston Residents Job Policy set forth important goals for city projects. We consider these to be the minimum standard to realize equitable access to economic opportunity for minorities, women and Boston residents as a whole. That we will exceed these goals. The Policy goals are:

- at least **51%** of the total work hours of journey people and **51%** of the total work hours of apprentices in each trade must go to Boston residents and;
- at least **40%** of the total work hours of journey people and **40%** of the total work hours of apprentices in each trade must go to people of color and;
- at least **12%** of the total work hours of journey people and **12%** of the total work hours of apprentices in each trade must go to women.

These goals will be included in all relevant contracts for the project.

**OUR STRATEGIES**

We have identified and formulated a strategic plan to ensure successful implementation of these standards:

**Designate a diversity compliance officer/team.**

If selected, we will work with MWBE Shelley Webster and her firm InOrder Business on all strategy and implementation matters.

**Contractual agreements on workforce goals.**

A project labor agreement or PLA, will be required pre development as a commitment that all the contractors and unions on this project meet City of Boston work goals and standards.

**Require contractors to submit diversity plans.**
Our compliance personnel will work directly with general contractors and their compliance representatives to ensure that they have appropriate strategies of their own to achieve the policy goals. There will be accountability on all levels of the project.

**Data and Practice Tracking**

We will establish a data tracking system including weekly reports showing diverse worker hours and contractor utilization plus supplement with other tracking methods.

**Hold corrective action meetings with all key players to examine issues and ensure action steps are taken if diversity performance is below expectations.**

**Recognize and reward contractors for meeting or exceeding diversity goals.**

**Broader compliance authority.**

We will work closely with the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee to uphold and sustain the Boston Residency and Jobs Policy on the job site. Although she and her firm are affiliated with another team, it would be our intention to enlist Shelley Webster and her MWBE firm InOrder Business Development Strategies for implementation and oversight of diversity and workforce compliance. Additionally, InOrder would be a experienced adviser on business development & capacity building and project & construction management within the community.

**Maintain Accountability**

Attend the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee meetings to maintain accountability to meeting the workforce goals. Unions, contractors, government officials, and community members take part in the meeting. The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee is composed of a range of stakeholders. The Committee meets monthly to review workforce data, track progress, and engage in honest conversations that allow for productive troubleshooting work to deter non-compliance.

**Marketing/Advertising**

Local media sources including The Bay State Banner, Nubian Square Facebook community and targeted street level local advertising in addition to marketing through minority trade organizations will be valuable platforms to reach the workforce.

**GOOD JOBS STRATEGY PLAN**

This proposal supports the community’s expressed priorities regarding the creation and sustainability of good permanent jobs in all phases of the development. The project standards are informed by realities like Boston’s racial wealth disparity — Boston’s median net worth among white households is $247,500, compared with just $8 in median net worth among black households, according to a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.
The Gateway Nubian team is developing and implementing good job standards including, but not limited to:

- All employees shall be paid a good wage salary starting at $18.00
- 900: amount of end user jobs projected to be created in the project
- Fair hiring process with a non-discrimination policy will be put into place and practice
- At least 51% of total employees working on the parcel shall be people of color and 12% of total employees shall be women
- All employees shall work stable shifts with include a predictable schedule
- All full-time employees shall be offered benefits

STRATEGIES WILL INCLUDE

- Marketed job fairs seeking applicants that are from or live within one mile radius of Nubian Square and within the City of Boston
- Marketed construction recruitment fairs seeking applicants that are from or live within one mile radius of Nubian Square and within the City of Boston
- Micro Business spaces as part of our project and available with a local preference

CONSTRUCTION JOBS CREATED:

Phase I Construction jobs will be 50 plus on the core buildings, plus another 25 on interior finishes

OVERALL JOBS CREATED:

Over 500, in addition to our project spurring economic development in the area to increase success and opportunity for nearby business.
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PLAN

The Gateway Nubian are committed to making the inclusion of minority and women owned businesses our priority in all phases of the development and operations. Of equal importance is ensuring that we work with businesses who employ practices of diversity and inclusion as a priority in their own hiring. In addition, we are committed to providing an investment opportunity for community based residents.

OWNERSHIP

- New Urban Collaborative, LLC
- Upton Partners
- Gateway Nubian Community Equity Fund

We are working with Cutting Edge Capital and are creating a community investment fund that will allow local Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan residents to invest as equity partners with small contributions. Our intention is that some of the wealth creation through the development and renaissance of Nubian Square can remain with existing community members.

DESIGN

The project architect role is a collaboration between Zephyr Architects and Mass Design Group.

Zephyr Architects, led by Ryan Link, will be responsible for the overall building and site design and the residential component of the project.

Mass Design Group, led by Michael Murphy, will be the landscape architect and responsible for the design of the Museum of African American History and King Boston components.

CONSTRUCTION

Janey Construction is a minority owned business with a predominantly minority staff. They have a proven track record of in identifying and hiring minority and women for subcontracting project roles.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

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LEGAL

Attorney Joesph Feaster of McKenzie and Associates, will handle all legal, zoning and contract matters for the project. Mckenzie is the oldest and largest black owned firm in Massachusetts.

FINANCING
Vissor Commercial Capital, an African-American owned firm will be handling our private financing and managing the applications for public funding and tax credit programs.

**OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT**

UHM Properties, is a minority owned firm located in Roxbury.

**PARKING**


**PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS**

One of the central aspects of achieving the project goal of building and activating Parcel 8 requires the involvement of others. We have and will continue to seek and leverage the knowledge and experience of individuals and organizations that share our goal of revitalizing and empowering the community. These values are captured within the Roxbury Cultural District's Mission.

**Community Benefits**

- Partnership and below market space for the Museum Of African American History and King Boston Center
- Contents and Educational programming in conjunction with the Lower Roxbury Black History Project and Northeastern University
- Small commercial space opportunities for local and Micro-businesses
The mission of the district is to find and recognize Roxbury's cultural assets. The four main goals of the district are:

- activating assets and marketing community programming
- economic development
- built environment, and
- governance and sustainability.

**Hiring**

**African American Real Estate Professionals of New England**

AAREP New England, Inc. (AAREP-NE) is Boston's only organization solely dedicated to advancing professionals of color in Commercial Real Estate. Established in 2009, our mission is to increase the population, influence, and stature of professionals of color at all levels within Greater Boston CRE. We use Event Programming, Strategic Industry Relationships, and our Campus Connections initiative as platforms for leading in the intellectual, professional and economic development of Greater Boston CRE professionals of color.

**Builder of Color Coalition**

The Builders of Color Coalition (BCC) convenes minority real estate professionals in Greater Boston's building sector for the purposes of mutual professional development and leveraged access to development projects. BCC collaborates closely with other initiatives working on increasing access and opportunity in Boston's real estate sector.

**Mass Minority Contractor's Association**

To continually strive to be recognized as the unified voice for minority businesses in the construction industry in Massachusetts. As an advocate, MMCA promotes contract opportunities, monitors legislative issues that affect the industry, and provides a forum for minority entrepreneurs to acquire knowledge and network with each other.

**Philanthropic Supporters**

**Boston Foundation**

The Boston Foundation, founded in 1915, is one of the oldest and largest community foundations in the nation.[1] Serving the Greater Boston area, it is made up of some 1,100 separate charitable funds established by thousands of donors over more than 100 years.[1] Funds are set up either for the general benefit of the community or for special purposes, such as supporting individual nonprofit organizations in perpetuity. Today the Foundation is the largest public charity and the largest grantmaker in New England, making more than $130 million in grants in FY2018.[2] Since 2001, the Boston Foundation has also served
as a civic leader by commissioning and publishing research and providing a platform for discussion and progress related to a wide range of challenges facing Boston and the region.

**Hyams Foundation**
The Hyams Foundation is a private, independent foundation with a mission of increasing economic, racial and social justice and power within low-income communities in Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts. Our vision for the future is a society in which systems and structures are transformed to create the conditions for increased collective well-being and produce equitable power, access, opportunities and outcomes, regardless of race.

**Fund II Foundation**
Our mission is to preserve the African-American experience; safeguard human rights; provide music education; preserve the environment while promoting the benefits of the outdoors; and sustain critical American values such as entrepreneurialism. Fund II Foundation makes grants in five areas: 1) Preserving the cultural richness of the African-American experience for future generations 2) Safeguarding human dignity by giving voice to the voiceless and promoting human rights 3)Conserving the environment, promoting outdoor education, and providing the benefits of the great outdoors to people of all ages and backgrounds 4) Affording music education, particularly in primary and secondary schools, to nourish both talent and the soul 5) and sustaining the American values of entrepreneurship, empowerment, innovation and security.

**Barr Foundation**
The Barr Foundation's mission is to invest in human, natural, and creative potential, serving as thoughtful stewards and catalysts. Based in Boston, Barr focuses regionally, and selectively engages nationally, working in partnership with nonprofits, foundations, the public sector, and civic and business leaders to elevate the arts and creative expression, to advance solutions for climate change, and to connect all students to success in high school and beyond. Founded in 1997, Barr now has assets of $1.7 billion, and has contributed more than $838 million to charitable causes since being founded.

**Lewis Family Foundation**
The Lewis Family Foundation seeks to empower young people, develop courageous citizens and leaders, level the playing field for educational and job opportunities, and create strong strategic alliances in collaboration of shared vision and goals. They have supported positive endeavors in and around Nubian Square and Roxbury for years.

**Activating Partners**

**Museum of African American History**
The Museum of African American History is New England’s largest museum dedicated to preserving, conserving and interpreting the contributions of African Americans. The Museum has preserved two historic sites and two Black Heritage Trails that tell the story of organized black communities from the Colonial Period through the 19th century. Exhibits, programs, and education activities at the Museum
showcase the powerful stories of black families who worshipped, educated their children, debated the issues of the day, produced great art, organized politically and advanced the cause of freedom.

**King Boston Center**

THE KING CENTER FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE, slated to launch this summer at the Boston Public Library branch in Roxbury, will be the action component of King Boston's two-pronged strategy to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King. The goal of the King Center is to reduce economic disparities by race in Boston. Since 2018, King Boston community meetings, teach-ins and essay contests have engaged and activated a broad community of constituents to work for economic justice. Based on resident feedback, the King Center's initial focus will be employment and micro business development.

The King Center will engage residents with data about the systemic issues they face and solicit their input to shape effective strategies. The Center will convene leaders of Boston nonprofits, philanthropy and government agencies working on issues of economic justice to collaborate with residents to review policies, programs, and practices that seek to reduce economic disparities.

**Lower Roxbury Black History Project Northeastern University**

On 9 November 2006, Northeastern University President Joseph E. Aoun met with members of the Black Ministerial Alliance of Massachusetts at the People's Baptist Church to discuss possible collaborations between Northeastern and Lower Roxbury clergy. During the meeting, Reverend Michael E. Haynes suggested the University create a history of the African American community in Lower Roxbury. The Archives and Special Collections at Northeastern University Libraries houses and carefully curates a diverse and growing collection of historical records relating to Boston's fight for social justice; preserving the history of Boston's social movements, including civil and political rights, immigrant rights, homelessness, and urban and environmental justice. Focussed on the history of Boston's African American, GLBTQ, Latino/a and other communities, as well as Boston's public infrastructure, neighborhoods and natural environments.

**Roxbury Heritage State Park**

Roxbury Heritage State Park is a history-themed heritage park in the oldest part of Roxbury, a former town annexed in 1868 by Boston, Massachusetts. It is anchored by the Dillaway–Thomas House, a large colonial structure built in 1750 and thought to be the oldest surviving house in Roxbury. The location includes an adjacent 1-acre (0.40 ha) landscaped park with views of the Boston skyline, and is part of the Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston.

The Roxbury Heritage State Park (RHSP) Signature Park Project was one of six urban park projects identified as a priority for rehabilitation. These projects were selected to help revitalize urban neighborhoods by opening up or upgrading green spaces for outdoor recreation and by rehabilitating historic community landmarks.

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MALIA LAZU
The Urban Labs
June 22, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey DuBard
New Urban Collaborative
315 A Street, Suite A
Boston, MA 02210
via: e-mail

Re: Gateway Nubian (Parcel 8), Roxbury, MA

Dear Mr. DuBard:

Thank you for sharing your draft design submission and pro-forma for the City of Boston’s RFP for the Parcel 8 lot in Nubian Square. The project’s design, partnerships and strong connection to the history of Roxbury suggest it will be catalytic to the Square. MHIC is pleased to support your submission to the City and would be happy to participate in the financing of the project.

MHIC has a variety of financing tools that could be put to use in realizing your vision for Gateway Nubian. In addition to traditional predevelopment and construction loan financing, and Low-income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) investment, MHIC is very active in the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program. In fact, we have provided NMTC financing for numerous projects in the Square, including the Eustis Street Firehouse, 7 Palmer Street, 2201 Washington Street, the Bolling Building, Hibernian Hall and Morgan Memorial Goodwill. NMTC would be a key resource in financing the commercial component of the development that will house the Museum of African-American History and the King Boston Center. Your project concept also appears like a great fit for our Healthy Neighborhoods Equity Fund (HNEF). MHIC just launched HNEF II, which will provide economic equity to transit-oriented development projects that contribute positively to the social determinants of health. Anticipated health improvements could be achieved at Gateway Nubian through: transit-oriented development reducing motor vehicle dependence; urban design promoting community engagement; increased homeownership and wealth-building opportunities; and reuse of an underutilized site, including adding cultural facilities that will contribute to the local economy and create firm connections with the community.

We are very interested in supporting your development of Parcel 8 and feel strongly that it will improve the quality of life in this area. We wish you the best of luck with this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kathleen McGilvray
Director of Investment
Jefrey DuBard  
New Urban Collaborative LLC  
183 West Canton Street, Suite 4  
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Jefrey:

It has been a great pleasure to begin working together on how we might create a permanent home for King Boston and the King Center for Economic Justice in Nubian Square and within the Gateway Nubian project. We think the potential of developing this building with the other activating partners, feels in line with our values and spirit of economic justice and community. This space can serve as a new landmark and destination for cultural, residential, and local entrepreneurship.

We are looking forward to continuing this journey together and happy that you thought of us as a partner. I cannot think of a time when this work is more important and appropriate than now.

Sincerely,

Imari Paris Jeffries  
Executive Director, King Boston
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SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT IN ROXBURY’S NUBIAN SQUARE COMMUNITY

Boston is a city currently divided between those who can afford to live comfortably within the Hub, and those who cannot. The rapidly rising cost of living in the city is causing the economic gap to widen further, but the opportunity to be a home owner is a path to a better future in so many ways for members of the lower half of the income spectrum. Meanwhile, the climate is changing, and the City of Boston intends to lead the way in proliferation of responsible building techniques.

Sustainable buildings not only reduce consumption of energy, water and materials and provide healthy environment for their occupants but also benefit the surrounding community. A sustainable, high-performance building presents a positive image of an environmentally responsible construction to the public, which contributes to educating the neighborhood and attracting green and sustainable investments. Our intent and goal for this project is to evaluate and implement measures to reduce energy and water consumption, to improve the efficiency and useful life of building systems and infrastructure, and to reduce the burdens imposed by this development on city services, the environment, and the public health.
The Integrated Design Process provides a means to explore and implement sustainable design principles effectively on a project while staying within budgetary and scheduling constraints. It relies upon a multi-disciplinary and collaborative team whose members make decisions together based on a shared vision and a holistic understanding of the project. It follows the design through the entire project life, from pre-design through occupancy and into operation.¹

The project design and construction team will conduct an early-design energy and sustainability charrette to define project sustainability goals, and to identify opportunities to achieve synergies between disciplines and building systems to design and construct a high-performance building. The project team will meet at least once a month to review the process, evaluate the project status and assure that the implemented strategies and the next steps align with the sustainability and energy efficiency goals.

**Elements of High-Performance Building Design**

1. Integrated and total energy approach: Early-design goal-setting and energy modeling
2. Passive design: orientation, layout and envelope design
3. Reduced Internal Loads
4. Efficient equipment and systems
5. Renewable energy implementation
6. Efficient operation
7. User education and awareness
8. Measurement and Verification

**Passive Design**
- High-performance envelope systems (designed to Passive House principles)
- Optimum orientation for daylighting and mixed-mode ventilation

**Occupant Wellbeing**
- Superior ventilation
- Utilizing low-emitting materials
- Providing view to the outdoors
- Optimum thermal comfort

**Internal Load Reduction**
- LED lighting
- Energy Star equipment and appliances
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures

**Energy Efficient Systems**
- High-efficiency VRF system or Air-source Heat Pump
- High-efficiency electric water heaters
- 100% outside air energy recovery units providing ventilation air to residential and commercial areas

**Resiliency**
- Cool: mitigate urban heat island effect by adding green and living roofs, vegetation to the site and using light-colored surfaces
- Absorb: flood mitigation by using pervious surfaces, rain gardens, green roofs, and storm-water management.
- Protect: elevate mechanical and electrical equipment and systems above the first floor
- Connect: the project site is centrally located and links the occupants and visitors with public transportation and bike routes and bike sharing programs which can help with reducing occupants' and visitors' green house gas footprint.

**Measure and Verify**
- Central building control and monitoring system
- Occupant feedback loop
- Energy and water monitoring display
The project will be designed to comply with the Massachusetts Building Energy Code and to exceed the energy performance requirements of the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code. The design team consists of LEED specialists and energy analysts who engage in design conversations early in the programming and conceptual design phases to better understand the interplay of design options and decisions, and to assist the project team in achieving energy targets. Building energy models will be developed and used to evaluate various pathways for achieving the targeted energy savings and required performance improvements. The current prediction for savings, excluding the renewable energy generation, is at least 35% in energy, compared to ASHRAE 90.1-2013 Baseline, and at least 25% in energy cost or source energy and GHG emissions, compared to ASHRAE 90.1-2010, for 10 possible LEED points.

Energy Conservation measures will include: high-performance glazing and envelope system, reduced lighting power density, High-efficiency HVAC systems, and low-flow hot water fixtures (lavatory, and shower) to reduce hot water demand.

The mechanical system for the building will be designed so that each residential unit and commercial space have control over their energy consumption. The equipment installed will be high-performance, energy-efficient, and will not include any CFC (chlorofluorocarbon) refrigerants that deplete the ozone layer.

The key to energy efficiency in new constructions and ultimately the design and construction of an high-performance building or community is to implement a comprehensive integrative design process. Our sustainable design approach is summarized in four steps:

- **Conserve** energy by including passive design strategies to reduce the internal loads and by specifying high-efficiency appliances, office equipment, HVAC equipment and distribution systems to meet the heating, cooling and ventilation needs.
- **Harvest** energy by including renewable energy sources such as photovoltaics and solar thermal to increase energy security and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
- **Control** energy consumption by utilizing early-design predictive energy modeling and energy tracking to be used as an energy management tool throughout the design and construction phases as well as occupancy, and by employing active controls, such as daylight and occupancy sensors, to manage loads based on occupant’s behavior and availability of natural resources.
- **Measure** energy consumption, commission all heating, cooling and ventilation systems to ensure that they operate at specified peak efficiency and verify that the predictive model and energy efficiency goals were met. Use this step as an ongoing educational tool for the building users.

2. ENERGY PERFORMANCE
Parcel 8 will be designed and built to achieve a Platinum Certification under the Building Design and Construction v4 rating system for New Constructions. A preliminary checklist showing how we intend to achieve this certification is included.

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### Totals

Certified: 40 to 49 points,  Silver: 50 to 59 points,  Gold: 60 to 79 points,  Platinum: 80 to 110
According to the Urban Land Institute, resilience is defined as "the ability to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from, and more successfully adapt to adverse events." With the release of the City of Boston’s Climate Ready Boston report, along with research from A Better City, the Resilient Design Institute, Boston Green Ribbon, and others, businesses and residences alike have the tools and resources to mitigate against and adapt to climate change. Boston Harbor Now found that Superstorm Sandy could have flooded 6% of Boston in 2012 had it occurred at high tide. Therefore, development of actionable resilience strategies is a necessary step in design and construction of any new project.

Utilizing the Climate Smart™ Boston tool developed by the Trust for Public Land, our resiliency strategies are summarized in 4 categories: cool, absorb, protect, and connect.

**COOL**

As shown on the following map, the project site is located in an area with a high Heat Vulnerability Index (15-18), and therefore, strategies such as white roofing or green roofing, cool paving from light colors, and increased ground level vegetation can help to reduce the effects of heat island and extreme temperatures. Horizontal surfaces in this project will be covered by vegetation - such as green roof - materials with high solar reflectance and solar PV arrays.

**ABSORB**

Pervious pavers, bioswales and/or rain gardens, and green roofs are the proposed strategies for this project to manage heavy rainfall and flooding when combined sewer systems are under stress. These systems can also be designed to harvest rain water, offsetting potable water usage for non potable uses - e.g., washing machines, toilets, irrigation.

**PROTECT**

Mechanical and main electrical equipment will be elevated above the first floor so that they are protected from potential flooding events.

**CONNECT**

The best method for decreasing the risks of climate change is by preemptively lowering its effect through green house gas reduction strategies. Linking occupants with public transportation, offering discounts for ride- and bicycle-sharing, and by offering rental bicycles can help reduce green house gas production and can let occupants and visitors fully experience the history and beauty of the area.
The project site is located in an Empowerment Zone and provides access to quality transit and encourages alternative transportation. The occupants of Parcel 8 will have access to several nearby transit lines, including 10 MBTA bus routes traveling from and to Nubian Station, which gives them the opportunity to travel through Roxbury, and Boston. These transit services provide more than 400 "weekday" and over 250 "weekend" trips. The bicycle storages and racks will be provided throughout the project and the development site; with a Bike Score of 76, the immediate neighborhood provides a direct connection between the project site and a variety of basic services.
Building Envelope
The building envelope will be designed and constructed following the requirements of Passive House Standards. The facade will achieve a maximum infiltration rate of 0.6 ACH@50 Pascals. High R-values insulations will be specified for the exterior walls and roofs to reduce heat loss and thermal bridging through the building envelope.

Well-Insulated Window Frames and Glazing
Extensive thermal modeling will be conducted to evaluate the selection of several glass and window frame systems, including double and triple pane glass. The window system will consist of thermally broken frames and low-e double or triple pane glass with gas fills customized to meet the project specific needs.

Mechanical Systems
Heating, cooling and domestic hot water will be provided via high-efficiency equipment such as high-efficiency condensing boilers or VRF system. As the highly insulated building envelope drops the space conditioning loads, the HVAC equipment can be reduced in capacity and size. The entire building will be mechanically ventilated via Energy Recovery systems. A minimum effectiveness of 75% will be targeted to minimize energy use and improve the fresh air delivery to occupied spaces. Mufflers or other sound attenuation details are designed into the ventilation system to reduce bothersome mechanical noise, significantly reducing the occupants’ desire to turn the system down or off. This ensures continuous fresh air to the space without disruption to the tenants. Demand Controlled Ventilation: Carbon Dioxide sensors will be installed in densely occupied areas or in the return air duct to measure the CO₂ levels and adjusts the amount of ventilation air provided to match actual occupancy levels.

Lights and Appliances
Properly designed daylighting elements such as light shelves, photo sensors and strategically placed glazing will help reduce lighting costs, reduce glare and improve productivity. Energy Star certified equipment and appliances will be specified and installed. All lighting fixtures will be high-efficiency LED type.

Water Conservation
Low-flow and Low-flush plumbing fixtures will be installed throughout the project to reduce the potable water use. Rainwater will be potentially harvested and will be used for flushing of toilets in the commercial portion as well as irrigation.

Building Automation
An advanced building automation system will be incorporated to ensure that long-term building performance can be measured and optimized. Digital interactive displays will be installed in common areas to enhance the experience of occupants and increase their engagement.

Occupant Wellbeing
The mechanical systems will be designed to comply with the ASHRAE 55-2010, the indoor temperature, and humidity conditions standard, and to provide superior ventilation throughout the building, following the requirements of ASHRAE 62.1-2010 sections 4 through 7. Adhesives, sealants, and paints used inside the building will be selected to be low-VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) products and specified wood products will have no added urea-formaldehyde. All spaces where hazardous gases or chemicals may be present or used, i.e. housekeeping closets, will be designed with full height walls, exhaust ventilation and door closer. Building entrances will be provided with walk-off mats to remove dirt and debris from the shoes of people entering the building and will be cleaned and maintained by housekeeping weekly while space is vacant. High-efficiency MERV 13 filters will be provided in the main outside air handling unit for superior air particulate filtration.
# Climate Resiliency Checklist

**NOTE:** Project filings should be prepared and submitted using the online Climate Resiliency Checklist.

## A.1 - Project Information

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## A.3 - Project Team

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<td>Jeffrey Dubard:</td>
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## A.3 - Project Description and Design Conditions

- **List the principal Building Uses:** Commercial and Residential
- **List the First Floor Uses:** Lobby/Commercial
- **List any Critical Site Infrastructure and or Building Uses:**

### Site and Building:

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<th>Site Area:</th>
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### Article 37 Green Building:

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**PLAN: NUBIAN SQUARE**
Building Envelope

When reporting R values, differentiate between R discontinuous and R continuous. For example, use “R13” to show R13 discontinuous and use R10c.i. to show R10 continuous. When reporting U value, report total assembly U value including supports and structural elements.

<table>
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<td>Foundation Wall:</td>
<td>10 ci (R)</td>
<td>Slab Edge (at or below grade):</td>
<td>R10=24”(R)</td>
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Vertical Above-grade Assemblies (%’s are of total vertical area and together should total 100%):

| Area of Opaque Curtain Wall & Spandrel Assembly: | (%) | Wall & Spandrel Assembly Value: | 0.036-0.040 (U) |
| Area of Framed & Insulated / Standard Wall: | >60 (%) | Wall Value | R-22 to R-25 (R) |
| Area of Vision Window: | <40 % | Window Glazing Assembly Value: | 0.27(U) |
| Area of Doors: | % | Door Assembly Value: | R=1.3/ 77=U |

Energy Loads and Performance

For this filing – describe how energy loads & performance were determined

Heating and cooling loads and sizing will be determined by the MEP design team. The DOE II based energy simulation program, eQuest 3.65, will be used in to generate the estimated annual energy use and savings associated with each proposed option as compared to the ASHRAE 90.1-2013 Baseline model.

| Annual Electric: | Estimate: 10 kWh/SF (kWh) | Peak Electric: | (kW) |
| Annual Heating: | Estimate: 0.5 therm/hr/SF | Peak Heating: | (MMbtu) |
| Annual Cooling: | Estimate: 0.3 Tons/hr/SF | Peak Cooling: | (Tons) |
| Energy Use - Below ASHRAE 90.1 - 2013: | 35 % | Have the local utilities reviewed the building energy performance?: | Yes / no |
| Energy Use - Below Mass. Code: | 35 % | An energy charrette will be held at SD stage |

Energy Use Intensity: 25-30 (kBtu/SF)

Back-up / Emergency Power System

| Electrical Generation Output: | Estimate: 150 kW | Number of Power Units: | 1 |
| System Type: | Combustion Engine (kW) | Fuel Source: | Diesel |

Emergency and Critical System Loads (in the event of a service interruption)

| Electric: | TBD (kW) | Heating: | (MMbtu/hr) |
| Cooling: | (Tons/hr) | | |
B - Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Net Zero / Net Positive Carbon Building Performance

Reducing GHG emissions is critical to avoiding more extreme climate change conditions. To achieve the City’s goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 new buildings performance will need to progressively improve to net carbon zero and positive.

B.1 - GHG Emissions - Design Conditions

For this Filing - Annual Building GHG Emissions:  Estimate: 60-100 (Tons)

For this filing - describe how building energy performance has been integrated into project planning, design, and engineering and any supporting analysis or modeling:

We will start the energy analysis early on, during the schematic design phase, and we evaluate several envelope alternatives as well as multiple HVAC and electrical energy efficiency measures. In order to reduce the annual energy consumption and GHG emissions of this building, the design team will implement a series of integrated strategies, and energy efficiency measures in the design of this project.

Describe building specific passive energy efficiency measures including orientation, massing, envelop, and systems:

High performance building envelope, optimum orientation and self-shading, green roofs.

Describe building specific active energy efficiency measures including equipment, controls, fixtures, and systems:

Reduced interior lighting power density, High performance lighting controls, High-efficiency HVAC system, Variable volume fans and pumping system

Describe building specific load reduction strategies including on-site renewable, clean, and energy storage systems:

Solar PV will be installed. Environmental and financial feasibility of CHP will be evaluated.

Describe any area or district scale emission reduction strategies including renewable energy, central energy plants, distributed energy systems, and smart grid infrastructure:

Describe any energy efficiency assistance or support provided or to be provided to the project:

The project is eligible for MassSave incentive program.

B.2 - GHG Reduction - Adaptation Strategies

Describe how the building and its systems will evolve to further reduce GHG emissions and achieve annual carbon net zero and net positive performance (e.g. added efficiency measures, renewable energy, energy storage, etc.) and the timeline for meeting that goal (by 2050):

The building envelope design will follow the Passive House standard and HVAC and DHW systems will be potentially all-electric (the environmental and financial feasibility of all-electric vs hybrid system will be evaluated). Portion of the roof will be covered with PV. In the future, occupants have the opportunity of purchasing electricity from a renewable-generation plant to further reduce GHG emissions. Or purchase green power from an off-site PV farm and achieve net zero emissions. When the building systems components need to be replaced, the new systems, in all likelihood, will be more energy efficient than the initial systems.
C - Extreme Heat Events

Annual average temperature in Boston increased by about 2°F in the past hundred years and will continue to rise due to climate change. By the end of the century, the average annual temperature could be 56°F (compared to 46°F now) and the number of days above 90°F (currently about 10 a year) could rise to 90.

C.1 - Extreme Heat - Design Conditions

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What Extreme Heat Event characteristics will be / have been used for project planning:

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<th>Days - Above 100°F:</th>
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<td>Number of Heatwaves / Year:</td>
<td>10 #</td>
<td>Average Duration of Heatwave (Days):</td>
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Describe all building and site measures to reduce heat-island effect at the site and in the surrounding area:

The building roof is a combination of high-albedo materials, green roof and solar PV. Sidewalks and hardscape area will consist of light-colored paving and vegetated areas. Parking is located below grade.

C.2 - Extreme Heat - Adaptation Strategies

Describe how the building and its systems will be adapted to efficiently manage future higher average temperatures, higher extreme temperatures, additional annual heatwaves, and longer heatwaves:

The building will include high performance heating, cooling, and ventilation, lighting controls, building system controls, healthy/resilient materials, and energy recovery.

Describe all mechanical and non-mechanical strategies that will support building functionality and use during extended interruptions of utility services and infrastructure including proposed and future adaptations:

The building will be provided with emergency generator sized for life safety systems.

D - Extreme Precipitation Events

From 1958 to 2010, there was a 70 percent increase in the amount of precipitation that fell on the days with the heaviest precipitation. Currently, the 10-Year, 24-Hour Design Storm precipitation level is 5.25". There is a significant probability that this will increase to at least 6" by the end of the century. Additionally, fewer, larger storms are likely to be accompanied by more frequent droughts.

D.1 - Extreme Precipitation - Design Conditions

10 Year, 24 Hour Design Storm: 5.25 In.

Describe all building and site measures for reducing storm water run-off:

Vegetated roofs, Infiltration galleries and areas; Rainwater re-use tank for roof runoff.
D.2 - Extreme Precipitation - Adaptation Strategies
Describe how site and building systems will be adapted to efficiently accommodate future more significant rain events (e.g. rainwater harvesting, on-site storm water retention, bio swales, green roofs):
Vegetated roofs; rainwater re-use tank within building for collecting and re-using stormwater runoff. Critical building systems located above the 1st floor elevation. Primary electrical utility service conduits are water tight. Backflow prevention will be included for the stormwater system consistent with plumbing code requirements.

E - Sea Level Rise and Storms
Under any plausible greenhouse gas emissions scenario, sea levels in Boston will continue to rise throughout the century. This will increase the number of buildings in Boston susceptible to coastal flooding and the likely frequency of flooding for those already in the floodplain.

Is any portion of the site in a FEMA SFHA? Yes / No
Current FEMA SFHA Zone Base Flood Elevation: Ft BCB

Is any portion of the site in a BPDA Sea Level Rise - Flood Hazard Area? Use the online BPDA SLR-FHA Mapping Tool to assess the susceptibility of the project site.

If you answered YES to either of the above questions, please complete the following questions. Otherwise you have completed the questionnaire; thank you!

E.1 - Sea Level Rise and Storms - Design Conditions
Proposed projects should identify immediate and future adaptation strategies for managing the flooding scenario represented on the BPDA Sea Level Rise - Flood Hazard Area (SLR-FHA) map, which depicts a modeled 1% annual chance coastal flood event with 40 inches of sea level rise (SLR). Use the online BPDA SLR-FHA Mapping Tool to identify the highest Sea Level Rise - Base Flood Elevation for the site. The Sea Level Rise - Design Flood Elevation is determined by adding either 24” of freeboard for critical facilities and infrastructure and any ground floor residential units OR 12” of freeboard for other buildings and uses.

Sea Level Rise - Base Flood Elevation: Ft BCB
Sea Level Rise - Design Flood Elevation: Ft BCB
First Floor Elevation: Ft BCB
Site Elevations at Building: Ft BCB
Accessible Route Elevation: Ft BCB

Describe site design strategies for adapting to sea level rise including building access during flood events, elevated site areas, hard and soft barriers, wave / velocity breaks, storm water systems, utility services, etc.: 

Describe how the proposed Building Design Flood Elevation will be achieved including dry / wet flood proofing, critical systems protection, utility service protection, temporary flood barriers, waste and drain water back flow prevention, etc.: 

Accessible Route Elevation: Ft BCB
Describe how occupants might shelter in place during a flooding event including any emergency power, water, and waste water provisions and the expected availability of any such measures:

Describe any strategies that would support rapid recovery after a weather event:

E.2 - Sea Level Rise and Storms – Adaptation Strategies
Describe future site design and or infrastructure adaptation strategies for responding to sea level rise including future elevating of site areas and access routes, barriers, wave / velocity breaks, storm water systems, utility services, etc.:

Describe future building adaptation strategies for raising the Sea Level Rise Design Flood Elevation and further protecting critical systems, including permanent and temporary measures:

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For questions or comments about this checklist or Climate Change best practices, please contact: John.Dalzell@boston.gov
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