Welcome to FORT POINT! Let’s imagine the future open space together.

We want to hear your ideas for the future of the open space network in Fort Point and what the new parks and enhanced waterfront experience can do for your community.

We have three themes that show what the Fort Point open space could look like. Tell us what you think!

This meeting is in a discussion format. Visit each of the three tables (one for each theme) to give us feedback, or you can fill out a scorecard to share your thoughts.

There are additional stations you can visit at your own pace:
- Theme Overview
- Resilience Edge Considerations
- Road Network

WHAT IS THE OPEN SPACE PLAN PROCESS?

**PLANNING PROCESS**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**ENGAGEMENT ROUND #1**
- Community Open House
  - Overview of planning process
  - Exploration of issues and goals
  - Initial program ideas
  - Online survey launch

**ENGAGEMENT ROUND #2**
- Community Open House
  - Feedback summary
  - 3 themes
  - Resilient edge considerations
  - Road network options

**DISCOVERY**
- 8-10 weeks
  - Listening and learning

**THEME DESIGN OPTIONS**
- 14-16 weeks
  - Exploring design options

**FINAL DESIGN & ACTION PLAN**
- 10-12 weeks
  - Finalizing a vision for Fort Point’s open space

**OPEN SPACE PLAN**
What We Heard

138
Total Respondents

Emerging Themes

DESIRE FOR NATURE/WATER CONNECTION
“Create a more inviting waterfront experience.”

IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTIVITY
“Connecting visitors to and from the Fort Point area is critical.”

DESIRE FOR COMMUNITY/OPEN, UNSTRUCTURED SPACE
“Add more community events or unstructured social interaction.”

A PLACE THAT FEELS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL
“I want to see a welcoming place of nature and community without consumerism.”

The first round of community input included an in-person open house, online survey, and participation at several existing events. This feedback provided the foundation for the three theme options presented today.

What do you want to do in the open space?
Programs selected by more than 25% of respondents

Stormwater Gardens / Rain Gardens
Pollinator Garden / Wildflower Meadow
Outdoor Markets
Open Lawn
Overlooks / Viewing Areas
Nature Path / Playscape
Sculpture Garden / Outdoor Gallery
Small Concerts / Events

How do you want the open space to feel?
Images selected by more than 15% of respondents

Urban Wilderness
Community Living Room
Outdoor Gallery
Flexible Space
Fitness Zone

NUMBER OF RANKINGS

Rank #1
Total score: 315

Rank #2
Total score: 297

Rank #3
Total score: 259

Rank #4
Total score: 249

Rank #5
Total score: 178
Existing Amenities

KEY TAKEAWAY

Within walkable distance, there are several parks near Fort Point. It is important to keep in mind what’s still missing and what’s already there.
**Urban Wilderness**

**KEY ELEMENTS**

**Waterfront Amphitheater**
Curves the berm to create a larger waterfront gathering space and a waterfront amphitheater.

**Interpretive Nature Path**
Path through the park weaves beside pollinator and stormwater gardens, shaded along the way by an urban forest.

**Landforms Create Views Towards the Waterfront**
Undulating landforms create elevated moments to see the Channel. This theme offers the option of a potential future bridge to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

**Nature-based Program**
Floating wetlands along the edge of the Fort Point Channel, a pollinator pathway, stormwater gardens, nature play area, and interpretive signage offer active ways to and learn about resilience, ecology, and sustainability.

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**A Street Park:**
Existing playground, dog park, community garden multi-purpose field

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**Existing Green Space**
Proposed Building in 2006 Master Plan
Existing Building
KEY ELEMENTS

Elevated Waterfront Plaza
Elevates the land-side of the berm to create a generous raised plaza at the waterfront, with a waterfront terrace and floating stage at the Channel’s edge.

Raised Necco St.
Elevates Necco Street at the intersection with Wormwood Street, allowing views toward the Channel from further back in the park; the land slopes gradually from Necco Street to A Street.

Shared Path to Water
Creates a pedestrian promenade along Wormwood Street that connects directly to the Channel and waterfront views.

Neighborhood Program “Rooms”
Designed as a series of outdoor “rooms,” the central park space offers a water play area, shaded market plaza, and flexible lawn with an outdoor café.

A Street Park: Existing playground, dog park, community garden multi-purpose field.
**KEY ELEMENTS**

**One Big Open Space**
Maximizes the space on the land-side of the berm to be as flat, continuous, and flexible as possible; landside terraces provide views of the park.

**Smaller Activity Zones**
A mix of smaller-scale activities (dog park, playground, pocket plaza) and shade trees line the flexible lawn.

**Waterfront Overlook**
Offers an elevated overlook towards the Channel, with space for activity barges to pull up below.

**Maximized Space for Flexible Use**
Open Lawn can be used for picnics, frisbee, pick-up sports, events, and concerts; portion of Necco can be closed for events to create a larger contiguous space.

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Existing playground, dog park, community garden, multi-purpose field.
Resilient Edge Condition

IF NOTHING IS DONE, 2070 FLOOD RISK...

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POTENTIAL BERM OPTIONS

Maximize Programmable Space behind Berm
Balance between transition, flat space, and fill

Gradual Waterfront Slope
Orient more of open space towards water views and connectivity

Extended Elevated Plaza
Maximize flat area at the top of berm elevation

Current Tide, Flood, and Berm Elevations

Top of Berm: 15’
1% Storm: 10.75’
Extreme High Tide (King Tide): 7.39’
Mean High Tide: 5.01’
Mean Sea Level: 0.45’
Mean Low Water: -4.41’

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Gradual Waterfront Slope
This theme pulls back the berm from the Harborwalk to create a larger waterfront gathering space and a waterfront amphitheater.

Water’s Edge
A waterfront amphitheater steps down from the top of the berm, providing water views and a gathering space that can accommodate a temporary stage.

Elevated Plaza
At the top of the berm, a compact plaza includes seating and opportunities for art.

Land Side
A gradual vegetated slope with accessible pathway connects to the central park.

Floating Wetland
The floating wetlands clean the water and create habitat in Fort Point Channel.

Amphitheater Terraces
The design creates a gradual green slope with terraced seating facing the Channel. This amphitheater could provide seating for events.

Public Art
A public art piece on the elevated plaza can create a focal point for people coming from both the inland park and waterfront side.

Nature Path
Pockets of pollinator gardens are linked by a nature path. The path ramps up on a meadow slope and extends to the elevated plaza, bringing the energy of an urban wilderness to the waterfront.

RESILIENT EDGE CONDITION - THEME 1: URBAN WILDERNESS

Top of Berm: 15’
High Storm: 10.75’
Extremes High Tide (King Tide): 3.29’
Mean High Tide: 5.01’
Mean Sea Level: 0.45’
Mean Low Water: -4.41’

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RESILIENT EDGE CONDITION - THEME 2: COMMUNITY LIVING ROOM

Extended Elevated Plaza
This theme creates an extended elevated plaza at the top of berm height with active programs and water views.

Water’s Edge
A large, hardscape social stair transitions from the top of the berm to the Harborwalk.

Elevated Plaza
At the top of the berm, a generous plaza includes an outdoor café seating, shaded gathering space, and water play.

Land Side
The ground slopes gradually down from the berm to A street, creating a continuous experience.

Floating Stage
A temporary floating stage can host seasonal events at the Fort Point waterfront.

Waterfront Terraces
A large social stair transitions from the top of the berm to the Harborwalk for everyday gathering and events.

Shade Structure
An architectural shade structure at the elevated plaza creates a comfortable environment to visit and stay.

Interactive Fountain
An interactive water play sculpture can serve as a beacon and a destination at the elevated plaza, cooling down visitors on summer days.

Raised Portion of Necco St
The portion of Necco St at the park is raised to maximize the connection and views to the channel. A gradual slope continues down toward A Street.

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Extreme High Tide (King Tide): 7.39’
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Mean Sea Level: 0.45’
Mean Low Water: -4.41’
+8’
+15’

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Maximized flat space for activities behind the Berm
The berm hugs the edge of the Harborwalk to maximize flexible flat space on the land size.

Water's Edge
Terraced seating lines the Harborwalk, with an overlook above.

Elevated Plaza
At the top of the berm, a compact plaza with outdoor seating connects to the overlook.

Land Side
Flat flexible space extends across Necco St. for events large and small.

Art Barge
A seasonal floating barge functions as a temporary gallery, creating a destination connected to the Fort Point arts community.

Waterfront Overlook
A dramatic waterfront overlook provides a high point to enjoy views of the Channel.

Flexible Lawn
Flexible lawn on both side of Necco St can hold different programs, or they can be combined when a portion of Necco Street is temporarily closed.

Necco Street along the park can be temporarily closed to vehicles for bigger events.

Necco Street between Fort Point Ave and Wormwood St is designed as a plaza flush with the sidewalk. The road can be easily pedestrianized and closed during events.

Art Barge
Chicago Floating Museum
Chicago, IL

Zaryadye Park
Moscow, Russia

Harborwalk Lookout Terrace
Boston, MA

Klyde Warren Park
Dallas, Texas

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Road Network

2006 MASTER PLAN
Wormwood Street and Fort Point Avenue are a pair of one-way roadways framing the central park space.

Pros
- Roadways create a clear delineation between public and private spaces.

Cons
- This pair of roadways results in slightly less park acreage and some smaller, less usable wedges of open space than the alternatives below.
- Intersection at Haul Road could be awkward.
- Challenging pair of intersections on A Street with Wormwood St and Fort Point Ave.

ALTERNATIVE A: WORMWOOD ST PRIMARY
Wormwood Street is extended as the primary vehicular connection from the Haul Road to Necco Street. From the Haul Road to A Street, Fort Point Avenue from the 2006 Master Plan becomes a pedestrian connection.

Pros
- Increase in open space acreage from 2006 plan.
- Shorter implementation timeframe due to property ownership.

Cons
- More traffic headed to the Haul Road will cross through the open space.
- Wormwood St. terminates on a building rather than directing views to the waterfront.

ALTERNATIVE B: FORT POINT AVE PRIMARY
Fort Point Ave is the primary vehicular connection from the Haul Road to Necco Street. From A Street to Necco Street, a pedestrian connection is aligned with Wormwood St.

Pros
- Increase in open space acreage from 2006 plan
- Traffic moving toward the Haul Road will not cross the open space.

Cons
- Potential for longer implementation time due to property ownership.