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

Today is about you!
We want to hear your ideas for the future of the open space network in Fort Point and what they can do for your community.

This meeting is an “Open House” format. That means you can explore the stations at your own pace. There will be a repeated presentation throughout the time. Members of the design team will be stationed around the room to answer any questions.

TODAY’S OPEN HOUSE HAS FIVE STATIONS TO EXPLORE:

1. **Fort Point 101**
   Learn about the climate change risks affecting Fort Point, and how the sizes of Fort Point’s open spaces compare with other parks in the city.

2. **Project Foundation**
   Learn about the key themes that have come out of past studies and plans and the initial foundational principles identified for the future plan.

3. **What Do You Want to Do?**
   Take your turn at the gameboard and tell us what activities you want to do at Fort Point.

4. **How Do You Want the Parks to Feel?**
   Pick out your favorite images that describe your ideal character for Fort Point’s open space.

5. **Tell Us Anything**
   Have something you want to share? We’re all ears: share whatever is on your mind at this open feedback station.

PASSPORT Visit all five stations for a small reward!
Introduction

WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE OPEN SPACE PLAN?

Building on previous plans and community input, the design team for the Fort Point 100 Acres Open Space Plan will be working with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to create an imaginative and grounded vision for the Fort Point Channel and open spaces in the Fort Point neighborhood.

You are an important part of our collaborative team. This inclusive planning process will engage the Boston community all along the way, including deep engagement with the city’s leadership, key stakeholders, and the broader community.

WHAT IS THE OPEN SPACE PLAN PROCESS?

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

- **CREATING THE VISION**
  - 14-16 WEEKS
  - Exploring design options

- **ACTION PLAN**
  - 10-12 WEEKS
  - Finalizing a vision for Fort Point’s open space

- **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
      - Summary of analysis
      - Program summary
      - Design options

  - SHARE DRAFT PLAN

2020
Climate Change Risk

**FLOODING**

Fort Point faces flood risk today and this risk will increase in the future

Without action, a significant portion of Fort Point could experience flooding at high tide by the 2070s. A much larger part of the neighborhood could be exposed to flooding in more intense coastal storms.

**HEAT**

Higher temperatures and more hot days are also a significant health risk

Scientists project that the number of days above 90 will significantly increase in the coming decades. Hot weather poses health risks, especially for kids, senior adults, and individuals with certain health conditions like asthma.

**KEY TAKEAWAY**

Fort Point is at risk of more frequent/intense flooding and hot weather. The 100 Acres Open Space system needs to help the neighborhood stay cool and dry.

**IF NOTHING IS DONE, 2070 FLOOD RISK**

Shoreline flood protection, recommended in CRS South Boston, will be integrated into the open space design to buffer against coastal flooding, storm surge, and tidal inundation.
Park Scale Comparisons

Compare the Fort Point Open Space scale to other parks in Boston!
Are there any parks that are a perfect fit? Consider the different scales between the water’s edge, the central green corridor, and the interior pocket parks.
Project Foundation
Building on Past Analysis and Input

The planning process for the Fort Point 100 Acres Open Space Plan is built on the knowledge and ideas generated through past plans.

The Fort Point Channel and neighborhood have been the subject of many previous projects, and this plan’s starting point is understanding the key lessons learned from those projects, while incorporating emerging needs and new opportunities.

2002
Fort Point Channel Watersheet Activation Plan:
Ideas for public uses in the Fort Point channel (e.g., kayaks, islands, festivals), and recommendations for improving connecting existing amenities.

2008
South Bay Harbor Trail:
Design for the waterfront trail and associated signage that goes from Ruggles Station in Roxbury to Fan Pier, passing through the Fort Point Channel.

2009
South Boston Waterfront District Municipal Harbor Plan:
Regulatory guidelines for an area within Fort Point, bounded by Fort Point Channel, “A” Street, Gillete, and Necco Court, including uses for the shoreline.

2012
A-Street Park:
Design for A-Street Park, located between the Channel Center Building and Artists for Humanity. The program and amenities were selected through a community process.

2015
South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan:
Based on existing conditions and projected population/employment growth in South Boston, the plan sets out recommendations to make the waterfront more sustainable by improving active transit options (transit, walking, and bicycling).

2016
Citywide Climate Ready Boston:
This citywide plan identified strategies to mitigate future risks from Boston’s changing environment. Key environmental hazards for South Boston include: sea level rise and coastal flooding, stormwater flooding, and extreme temperatures.

ONGOING
Ongoing Development Projects:
There are many developments currently undergoing construction and design in Fort Point. The Fort Point District 100 Acres Open Space System in South Boston public engagement and concept design project will serve as a guide for future development of open space resources as the 100 Acres is built out.
Planning Context

Fort Point 100 Acres Master Plan:
The 100 Acres Plan set forth a vision of creating a historically rooted, 24-hour, mixed-use neighborhood, with recommendations for appropriate land uses, building heights, connections to the harbor, and the open space network.

ANALYSIS TAKEAWAYS:
• The proposed street grid generally follows a historic block scale and street pattern.
• Recommends a use mix of residential office, warehouse, research, civic, and retail.

COMMUNITY TAKEAWAYS:
• “…promote bicycle use and walkability of the area and minimize auto dependency”
• “…identify the Fort Point District as an artist and cultural community.”

Coastal Resilience Solutions for South Boston:
A district resilience plan following the citywide Climate Ready Boston initiative, Coastal Resilience Solutions for South Boston plan identified near and long-term strategies to reduce risk due to sea level rise and coastal flooding.

ANALYSIS TAKEAWAYS:
• The first area expected to flood at least monthly originates at the waterfront within the 100 Acres study area.
• Recommended heights and elevations needed for the water’s edge to protect against flooding.

COMMUNITY TAKEAWAYS:
• Stakeholders expressed that current sight lines to the water are critical to maintain and a preference for flood protection actions that enhance public enjoyment of the waterfront and community connectivity.

Imagine Boston 2030:
Imagine Boston is a vision document for the entire city of Boston for the next 10 years. The plan identifies opportunities to help Boston’s neighborhoods become more affordable, equitable, and resilient.

ANALYSIS TAKEAWAYS:
• The plan identifies six neighborhoods for future job/housing growth: “The land around [Fort Point Channel]…has the potential to become a vibrant destination with jobs, housing and open space.”

COMMUNITY TAKEAWAYS:
• Bostonians from all neighborhoods shared ideas about the waterfront. Common themes: increasing water transportation and addressing climate vulnerability.
• “I would like to see all of Boston’s water fronts easily accessible rejuvenated, and well-designed.” - Resident comment via web survey
Draft Guiding Principles

Welcoming All
Create an open space system where Bostonians and visitors of all backgrounds feel welcome and find activities they desire.

Rising to the Challenge
Protect against climate change impacts while celebrating the waterfront and enhancing outdoor comfort.

Seeding a Growing District
Build on the momentum of growth in Fort Point to enable an active and robust open space network.

Connecting the Points
Create connections across bridges, transit, pedestrian, and bike paths to connect Fort Point’s spaces to each other and to the rest of Boston.

You Decide!
The input you give today will help us identify additional guiding principles that become the foundation of the future plan.
What Do You Want to Do?

Short on time? Give your feedback online: www.tinyurl.com/fortpointsurvey1
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.

Recreation / Sports  Pop-up Events
Open Lawn  Dog Park
Playground  Food Truck
Cultural Elements

Existing Park
Proposed Open Space in Site Boundary
Adjacent Proposed Open Space
Existing Plaza
Proposed Plaza
Harbor Walk
How Do You Want the Parks to Feel?
Fitness Zone

Where Boston comes for waterfront exercise and active play

- Kayaking
- Biking
- ActiveWaterfront
- ActivePark
- Dog run
- Water play
- Jogging with friends
- Brooklyn Bridge Park, NYC
- Box Hill Gardens, Melbourne
- Camden Park, Australia
- Cumberland Riverfront Park, Nashville
- Stadium Park, Australia
- Solvallsparken, Uppsala, Sweden
- Wilmington Waterfront Park, Los Angeles, CA
- Cincinnati John G. and Phyllis W. Smale Riverfront Park

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- Gina Thompson

"Sunny day, great playground!"

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- Gina Thompson
Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky.
- Kahlil Gibran
Outdoor Gallery
where Boston comes to celebrate history and experience diverse arts and culture

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By Monica Ramos
Imagination Playground, NYC
My Dragon, by Dirclumsy
Greetings to the Sun by Nikola Bašić
Poster of Koandro
Artist Unknown
Abstract Ballerina
Iceberg, Gianna Stewart
Artificial Coral Reef, Jerry Beck and others
Pyramid, Don Eyles
Mirror, Jeppe Hein
Sail-in Cinema, Toronto
Illuminated River in London
Story Pod, Newmarket, Canada
SOS by A+J Art + Design
Wormwood Park, 2016
By Laurie Anderson
VR Art Pop-up Space

Water Activation
Art by Fort Point Artists
Welcome Music Performance
Art & History Education
Informal Music Performance
Light Installation
Virtual reality environments are usually visual experiences.

By Laurie Anderson
Art Fair!
Buildable Playground!

Music!
Food!

Floating Theater
Murals

Artists and arts organizations from around the world
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Calm summer breeze,
Flowers swaying softly,
Picnic in the park.

#StorySaturday

Flexible Space
Where Boston comes to large social events and spontaneous gathering

Calm summer breeze,
Flowers swaying softly,
Picnic in the park.

#StaySaturday

Lucky Day

Dog Park!

Movable Furniture

Pocket of Social Space

Active Waterfront

Yoga

Drawing Club

The Lawn on D, Boston
Nevy Yard, Chicago
Metcalfe Park, Sydney, Australia
Nevy Yard, Philadelphia

Dog Park!

Picnic!
Community Living Room
Where Boston comes together for food, family, and a sense of home

Flexible Space
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Artist Unknown
From Daimaru Yu Annual Report

The Lawn on D, Boston
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The Lawn on D, Boston

Dog Park!

Movable Furniture
Pockets of Social Space
Active Waterfront
Yoga
Lawn games
Drawing club

Little park that I pass through,
I carry off a piece of you
Every morning hurrying down
to my work-day in the town;
Carry you for country there
to make the city ways more fair.
I take your trees, and your breeze,
your greenness, your cleanness,
some of your shade, some of your sky,
some of your calm as I go by;
your flowers to trim, the pavements grim;
your space for room in the jostled street
and grass for carpet to my feet.
your fountains take and sweet bird calls
to sing me from my office walls.
All that I can see, I carry off with me.
But you never miss my theft,
so much treasure you have left.
As I find you, fresh at morning,
so I find you, home returning -
nothing lacking from your grace.
All your riches wait in place
- Helen Hoyt

Community Garden!

Food
Market!

Playful waterfront

Family Friendly beer garden

Community Garden!
Create Your Own Board!

1. Grab a personal board
2. Pin 4 images that capture your vision for Fort Point’s Open Spaces
3. Write a tagline that describes your theme
4. Share your picks! Take a photo of your board
Drop off your passport here!

Tell Us Anything

Short on time? Give your feedback online: www.tinyurl.com/fortpointsurvey1