125 WARREN STREET RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

125 Warren Street Roxbury

APPLICATION FOR SMALL PROJECT REVIEW

submitted to the

Boston Planning & Development Agency



Regent Development LLC

McKay Architects ~ Adams & Morancy, P.C.



August 3, 2018

Brian Golden, Director Boston Planning & Development Agency Boston City Hall, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201

Dear Director Golden:

It is my pleasure to submit this application for Small Project Review pursuant to Article 80, Section 80E, of the Boston Zoning Code, for the 125 Warren Street Residential Project in Roxbury.

The proposed project is to consist of 41 new residential apartments, primarily market rate, with 5 affordable units and a monetary contribution to the City's IDP fund in accordance with the City's Inclusionary Development Policy. The 41 apartments will be served by 25 on-site garage parking spaces. Located near the heart of historic Dudley Square, the project will help to advance the continuing revitalization of this important neighborhood center.

On behalf of the applicant, Regent Development LLC, and its principal, Joseph Federico, I wish to thank the BPDA for its guidance and assistance to date in this matter. We look forward to continuing to work closely with BPDA staff and other city agencies as we move towards final approval of this project.

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~ Roxbury~

APPLICATION TO THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Pursuant to Article 80E of the Boston Zoning Code

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I. PROJECT SUMMARY

1. **Project Team**

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2. **Project Narrative**

The proposed project consists of a new six-story 41-unit residential building to be situated at 125 Warren Street in Roxbury. The lot size is approximately 14,980 square feet, comprised of three parcels of land, being City of Boston Assessor's Parcels Nos. 1201222000, 1201221000, and 1201210000, and fronts along Warren Street, Regent Street, and St. James Street. The site is currently vacant land with a partial foundation built upon it.

City of Boston Assessor's Parcel No. 1201210000 is Parcel H-1 in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24 ("Parcel H-1"). Parcel H-1 is subject to the covenants and restrictions in the Deed from the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") to The Boys' Club of Boston, Incorporated dated August 30, 1966 and recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds at Book 8065, Page 537 and the Land Disposition Agreement by and between the BRA and The Boys' Club of Boston, Incorporated dated August 30, 1966.

City of Boston Assessor's Parcel No. 1201221000 is Parcel H-3 in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24 ("Parcel H-3"). Parcel H-3 is subject to the covenants and restrictions in the Deed from the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") to The Church of God in Christ dated December 20, 1970 and recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds at Book 8538, Page 423 ("Parcel H-3 Deed") and the Land Disposition Agreement referenced in the Parcel H-3 Deed.

The proposed new building will consist of a ground level garage with spaces for 25 vehicles, and an entrance/egress on the Warren Street side of the site. The ground floor will also contain a bicycle storage room, a trash & recycling room, and the building's residential entry and elevator lobby, also on the Warren Street side. The second through sixth floors would contain the building's 41 residential apartments, with a common rooftop deck.

3. Community Benefits

The proposed project will offer many public benefits to the surrounding neighborhood and to the City of Boston, including:

- the creation of 41 new rental apartments in an attractive low-rise building, including 5 affordable units in accordance with the Inclusionary Development Policy;
- generation of thousands of dollars in revenue annually to the City of Boston once the project is completed in the form of new real property tax payments;
- improvements to the property boundaries including extensive greenscape buffering, site landscaping, and associated public streetscape improvements, including sidewalk widening;
- the expected creation of at least 55 construction industry jobs to complete the proposed project;
- the introduction of new residents to the neighborhood who will help support local businesses and drive the need for increased commercial development in the Dudley Square area.

4. Project Financing and Developer Pro Forma

The applicant has a solid working relationship with many large lenders and intends to finance the project using traditional institutional financing.

Total Development Cost (soft/hard costs): \$12,500,000

Construction Cost (hard cost): \$11,000,000

Disclosure of Beneficial Interests in the Project

Joseph Federico: 100%

Number of Construction Jobs: 55

Estimated Constructions Start: First Quarter 2019 Estimated Construction Completed: First Quarter 2020

5. Urban Design Approach – Building Program, Massing, and Materials

The proposed project will consist of a new six-story building at the connection of Warren Street, Regent Street, and St. James Street. The building will fill the lot that defines the convergence of these streets, connecting the multi-leveled buildings of Warren Street with the elevated single-family homes of St. James Street. Accessible from Warren Street, the first floor will provide parking spaces for 25 vehicles as well as bicycle storage. Also accessible from Warren Street is the residential lobby providing building access and connecting all six floors. Floors two through six will provide 41 residential units. These units will include 19 one-bedroom units, 16 two-bedroom units, and 3 three-bedroom units, as well as 3 multi-leveled townhouse-style units.

The building's tallest point will be anchored on Warren Street, providing a sweeping visual connection with both the surrounding Roxbury neighborhood and downtown Boston. As the elevation rises along St. James Street, the building's height drops to approach the scale of its surroundings. The building's design takes advantage of the site's elevational change along St. James Street by providing separate front entrances to each of the townhouse-style units fronting on St. James Street, beginning on the second floor. The building is set back from the lot line to conform to the Complete Streets Program. Along Warren Street, the building is set back 3 feet from the lot line. Along St. James Street, the building is set back 5 feet from the lot line. On the ground floor, the rear of the building is set back 64 feet from the lot line, at the location of a substantial area of landscaped open space for use by building residents, with the rest of the building being set back 88 feet. This set back will for neighbors on St. James Street to maintain their visual sight lines.

The building's skin will be a composition of brick, glass fenestration, Hardie board paneling, and stone block. Windows will be a combination of operable and fixed sashes. The materials of the façade are inspired by the buildings neighboring it along Warren Street.

The architectural massing reinforces both the geometry and elevational differences of the site. Its form takes advantage of expansive views, while its materiality and articulation begin to break it down into a scale more appropriate to its surroundings. Final elevation studies will continue to be reviewed by the BPDA as the design process evolves.

6. Traffic, Parking, and Access

The project will include 25 garage parking spaces in a ground-level garage accessed via Warren Street, and will also take advantage of the proximity of the site to Dudley Square's multimodal public transit options, including bus and Silver Line access to routes 1, 8, 14, 15, 19, 23, 28, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 66, and Express Routes 170 and 171, with connections to the Ruggles and Roxbury

Crossing rapid transit stations, as well as the Green Line. The site is also in close proximity to Hubway/BlueBikes stations at Walnut Avenue & Warren Street, and in Dudley Square.

7. Anticipated Permits and Approvals

Agency Name	Permit or Action
Boston Planning & Development Agency	 Article 80 Small Project Review Affordable Housing Agreement Design Review Approval Urban Renewal Approvals
Boston Water and Sewer Commission	Local Sewer and Water Tie-in and Site Plan Approval
Boston Inspectional Services Department	 Zoning Board of Appeal Approval Building Permit Certificate of Occupancy

II. BOSTON ZONING CODE DATA

Zoning District: Dudley Square Economic Development Area

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Min. Lot Area	none	14,980 s.f.	No
Min. Lot Area/Add'l D.U.	none	14,980 s.f.	No
Min. Lot Width	none	135.35 ft. (Warren St.)	No
Min. Lot Frontage	none	135.35 ft. (Warren St.)	No
Max. FAR	2.0	2.9	Yes
Max. Building Height	55 ft.	48 ft.	No
Min. Open Space	none	5,883 s.f.	No

Min. Front Yard Setback	none	0-3 ft.	No
Min. Side Yard Setback	none	3-6 ft.	No
Min. Rear Yard Setback	20 ft.	40 ft.	No

Off-Street Parking Requirements Per Table H of Article 50

Residential Parking:

36 market rate units: 1 space per unit = 36 spaces 5 IDP (affordable) units: .7 space per unit = 3.5 spaces

Total spaces required: 40 Total spaces provided: 25

Yes

<u>Use Regulations</u>: Multifamily dwelling is an allowed use on the second story and above. Accessory residential parking is an allowed use on the first story.

Zoning Context

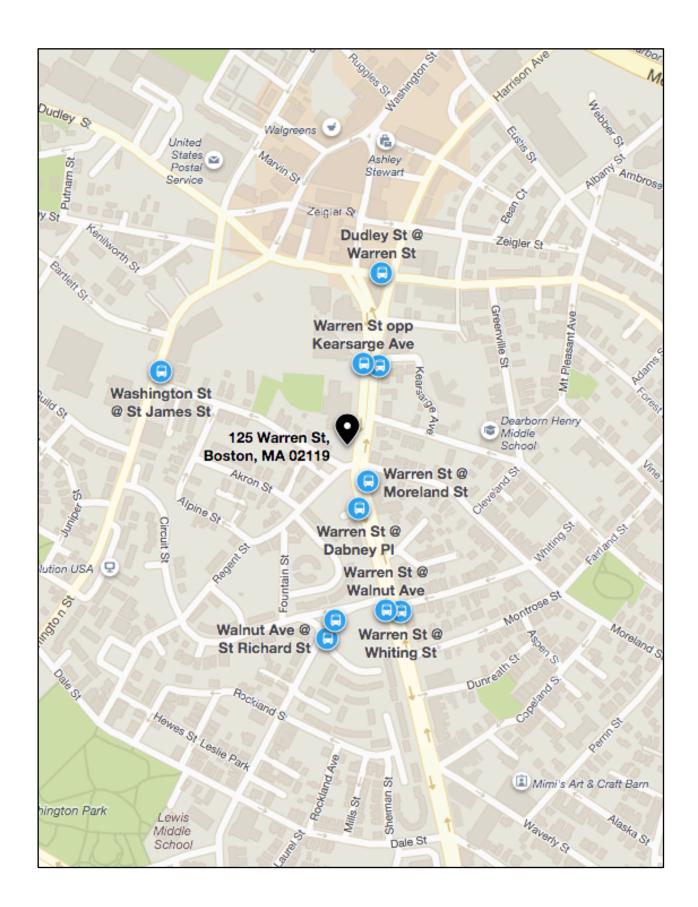
The site is located within the Dudley Square Economic Development Area ("EDA"), which recognizes the extent to which Dudley Square has served as a regional business and commercial center. As noted in Article 50, while Dudley Square still serves that function, there are opportunities for new construction and for rehabilitation of existing structures to further expand opportunities for commercial and retail development in this center. This project would generate an over \$12 million private investment in the Dudley Square and greater Roxbury neighborhood, and would, in addition, generate related retail and commercial activity owing to the influx of new residents. As a result, this project, combined with other development activity encouraged and guided by the Dudley Square EDA, will provide greater opportunities for neighborhood business development which can provide jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities to the Roxbury community, consistent with the mission statement of the EDA zoning.

Urban Renewal Approvals

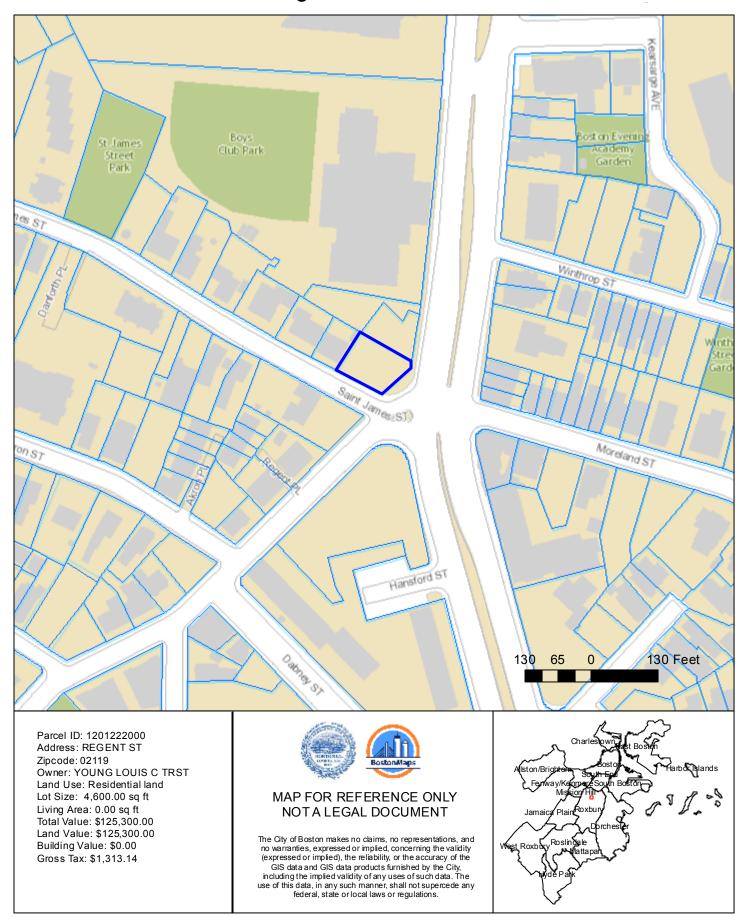
Since the site includes Parcel H-1 and Parcel H-3, the following urban renewal actions will be required:

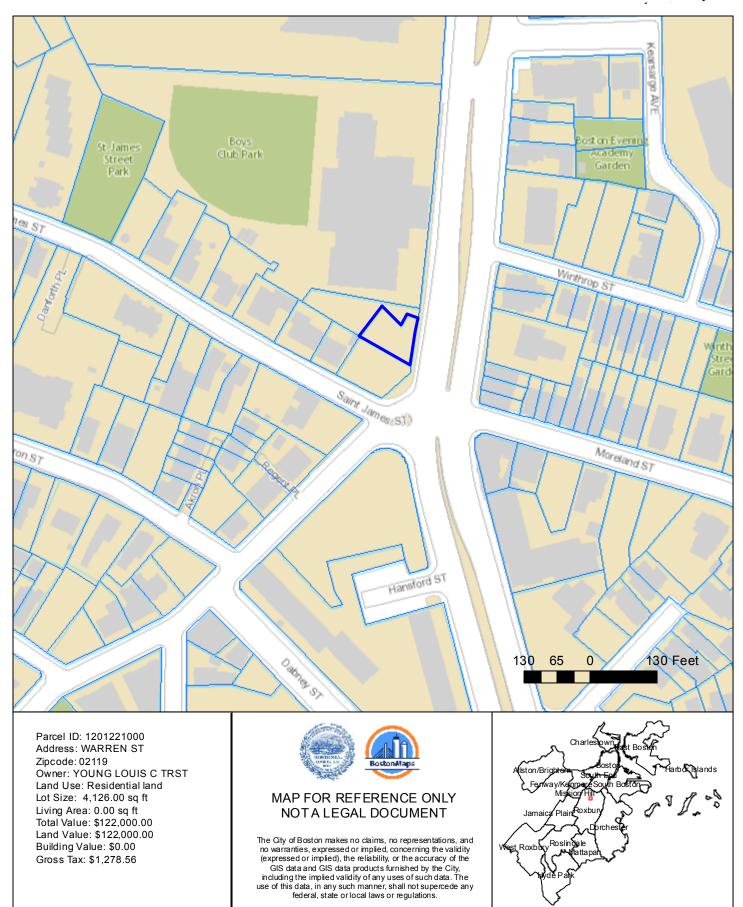
- (1) BRA approval of the transfer of Parcel H-1 and Parcel H-3 to the applicant;
- (2) the adoption of a minor modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan;
- (3) the execution of an Amended and Restated Land Disposition Agreement; and
- (4) upon completion, the issuance of a Certificate of Completion pursuant to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Land Disposition Agreement.

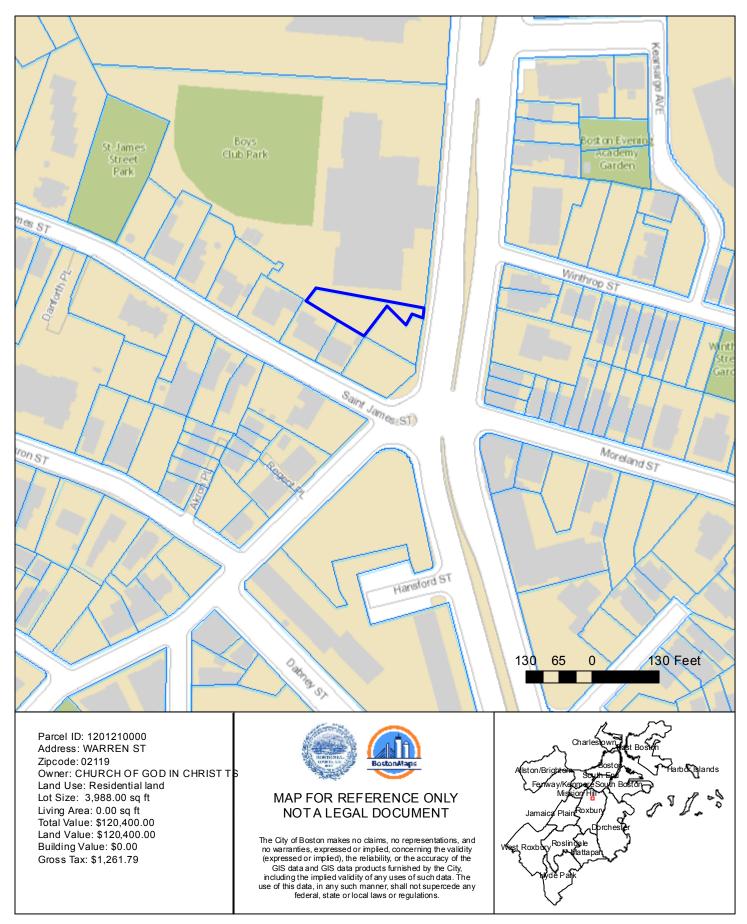
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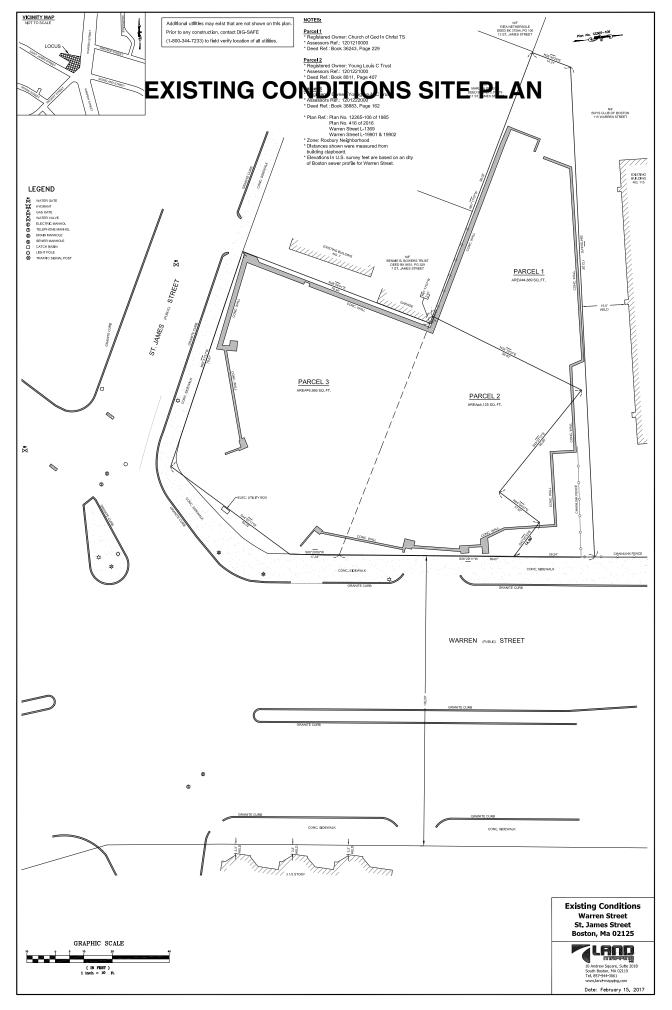


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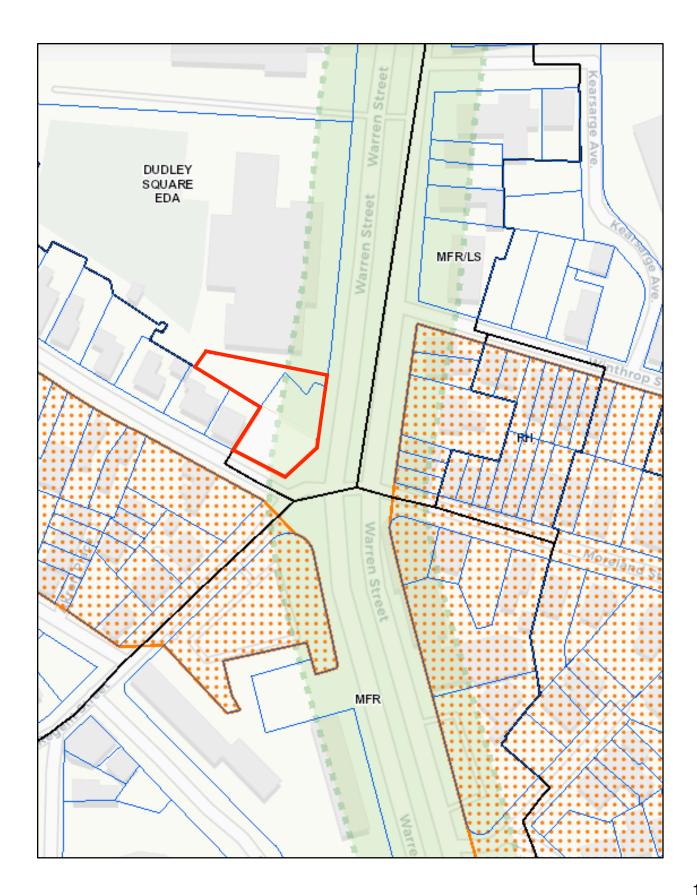




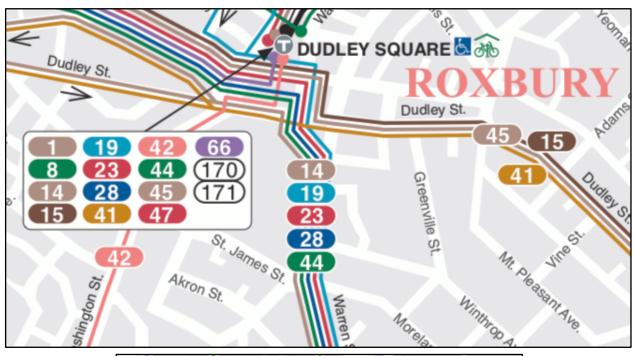


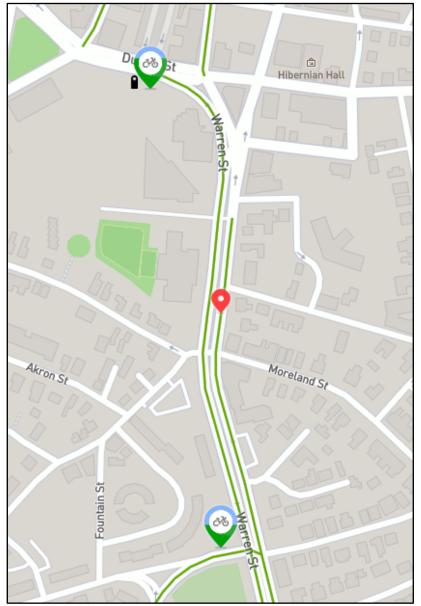


ZONING MAP

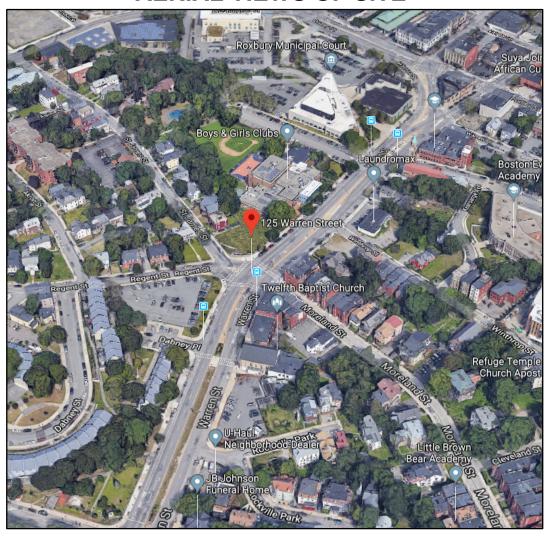


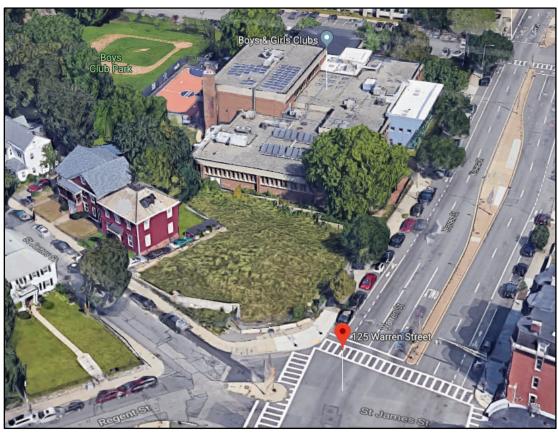
MBTA AND HUBWAY/BLUEBIKES PROXIMITY MAP





AERIAL VIEWS OF SITE





STREET VIEW FROM WARREN STREET



STREET VIEW FROM ST. JAMES STREET



TWO STREET VIEWS FROM REGENT STREET





HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF SITE



A view of the front façade of Church of the New Jerusalem at 3 Regent Street at Joseph Warren Square, at the corner of St. James Street in Roxbury, Massachusetts, built in 1874. A bell tower rises from the entranceway, behind which a turret stands on the St. James Street side of the church. On the façade, an arched window contains three quatrefoil round windows. This Swedenborgian church was established in 1870 and was later called the Roxbury Society of the New Jerusalem. The congregation disbanded in 1957, and the church was sold in 1958 and later occupied by the Church of God in Christ.



PROPOSED SITE USE PLAN Site Plan (L-1.1) 1" = 10 ft WARREN STREET Development 125 Warren Street Roxbury, MA L-1.1

PROPOSED SITE LANDSCAPE PLAN



LANDSCAPE PLAN 125 WARREN STREET

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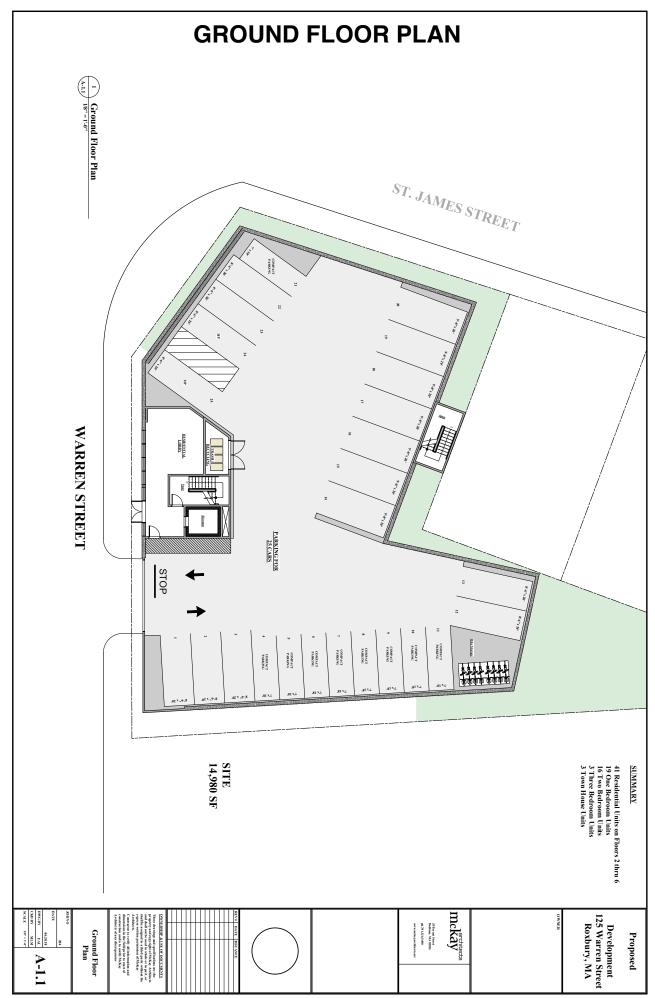


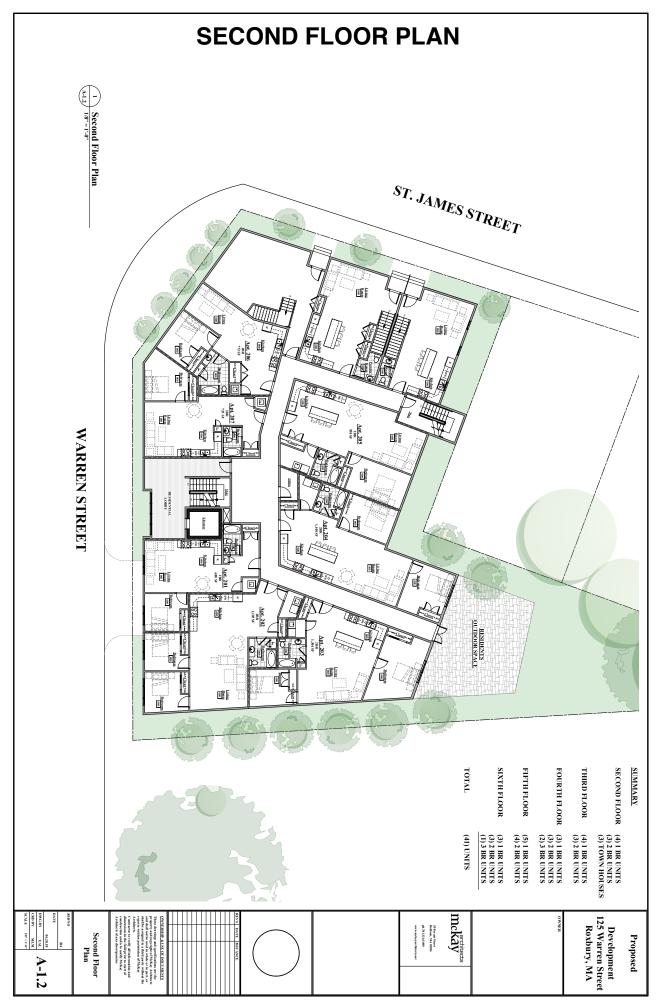




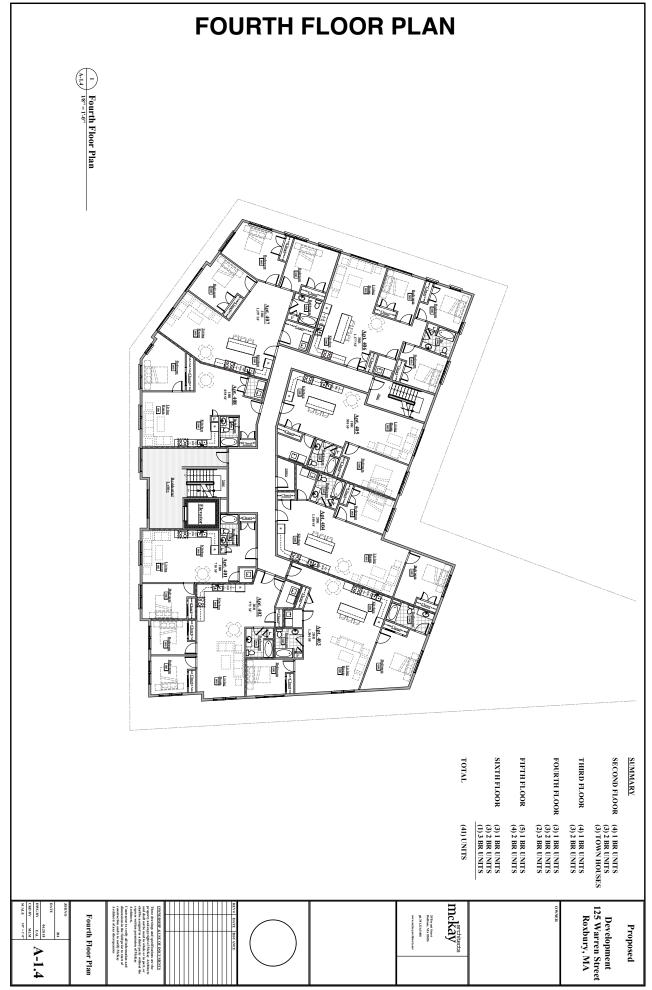
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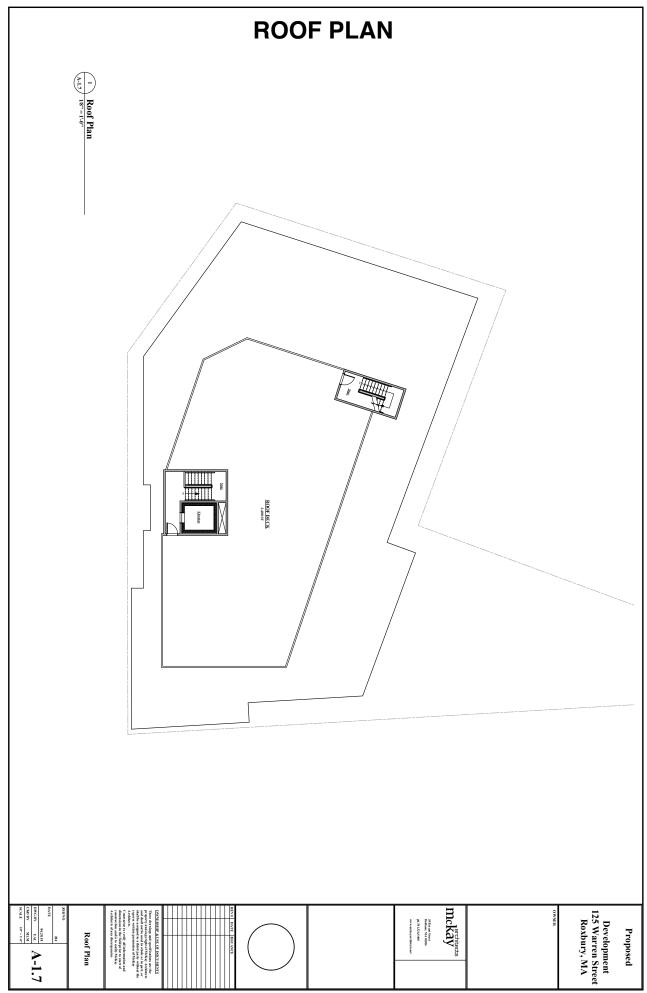






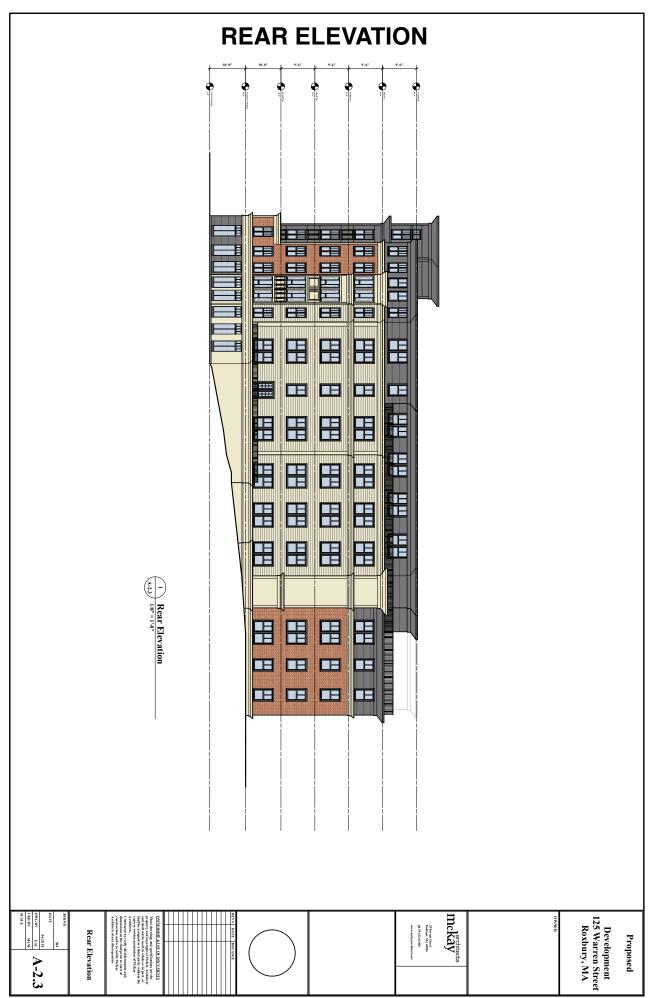
















CURRENT VIEW OF SITE

