

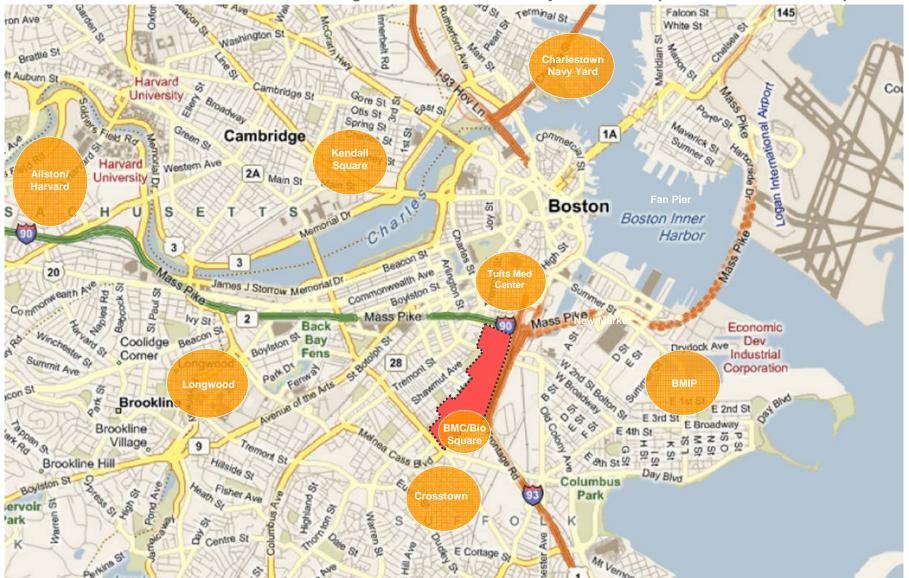
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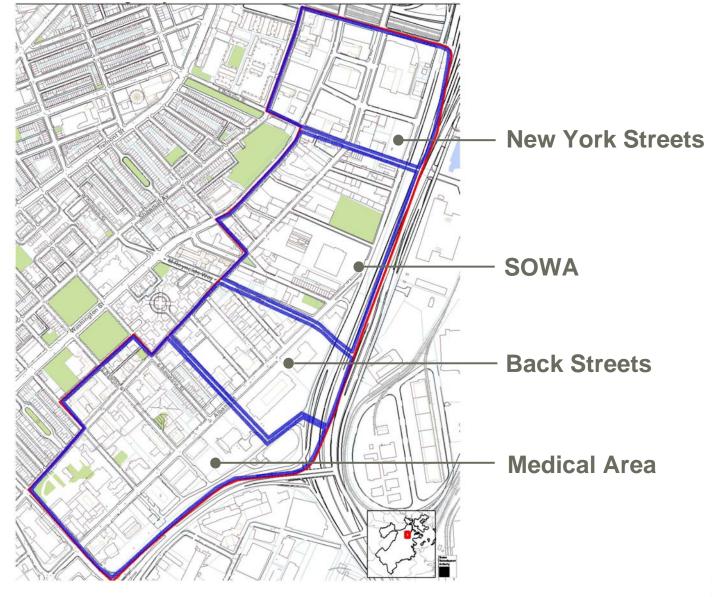
#### Driving Forces - Harrison Albany Corridor's Importance for Bio-Tech Expansion







2 Sub-Areas







- (Re)direct growth establish collective vision
- Balance market interests versus neighborhood concerns
- Land use control

Objective is to not restrict or over-regulate growth

Encourage (re)development in key areas through incentives and bonuses

Protect sensitive uses from development pressures (potential through incentive zoning)

Revise and/or create new zoning to guide growth

Bring consistency to existing regulations – zoning and landmarks



### Regulate build-out to transportation capacity of enhanced network

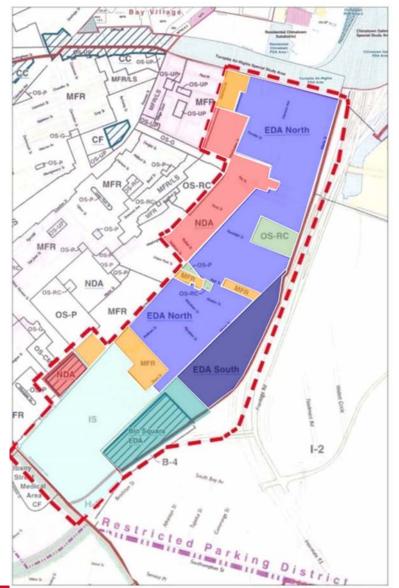
Parking demand management potentially through shared/structured parking

Manage vehicular traffic demand

Relieve pressure on major intersections by adding key connections

Enhance perception of walking distances to nearby rapid transit stations





Harrison Albany Corridor Zoning Districts: Summary Zoning Chart				
Zoning District	Generally Allowed Uses	FAR	Max. Height (ft.)	Comments
EDA North	Offices, commercial, retail, artists mixed use, manufacturing, schools, hotel	4.0	70	
EDA South	Offices, commercial, retail, artists mixed use, manufacturing, schools hotel	4.0	150	
Bio Square EDA / PDA	Medical research labs, offices, hotels, parking	4.0 5.0 / PDA	150	
NDA	Offices, commercial, retail, artists mixed use	3.0	70	
MFR	Multi-family, townhouses, rowhouses	2.0	70	
IS	Educational, labs, health care, businesses, arts	4.0	120	
os-RC	Active and passive recreational uses	N/A	N/A	

EDA - established to encourage economic growth, jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities

Bio Square EDA - established to encourage development of medical research campus

NDA - established as buffer area separating residential areas from industrial areas

MFR - established to encourage multi-family housing

IS - established to encourage campuses for major institutions



#### **Harrison Albany Strategic Plan – Transportation**

## Connectivity

Parking

Street Character

Bicycles

Public Transportation















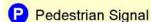


**Herald Street** 

# **Study Area Limits & Existing Traffic Controls**

East Berkeley Stree -93/ SE Expressway Mass Ave S

**LEGEND** 



S Signal





#### **NEW YORK STREETS SUB-AREA**





1000 WASHINGTON ST



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



39 TRAVELER ST



PROJECT PLACE





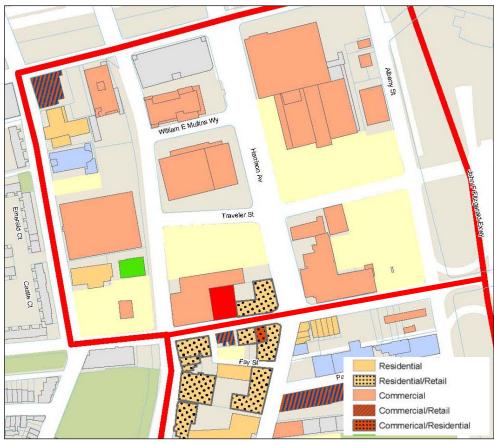
#### 9 VISION FOR NEW YORK STREETS

#### **NEW YORK STREETS SUB-AREA**

#### The Vision:

The New York Streets sub-area should emphasize its location as the vital physical and economic link between the City's downtown, Chinatown, and South End neighborhoods with convenient access to South Boston and the regional roadway system. Future development should provide exciting new 18-hour uses within a pedestrian-friendly public realm that includes a finer grain of city blocks that allow for enhanced transportation access and circulation. Non-residential uses should provide new jobs for Boston residents.





1888 Boston Proper Bromley Base Map

Existing New York Streets Sub-district



#### 10 SUMMARY AND URBAN DESIGN IMPLICATIONS

#### **NEW YORK STREETS SUB-AREA**

LEGEND:

Narrow Width of Harrison Ave

Continue Character of Washington Street as a Boulevard

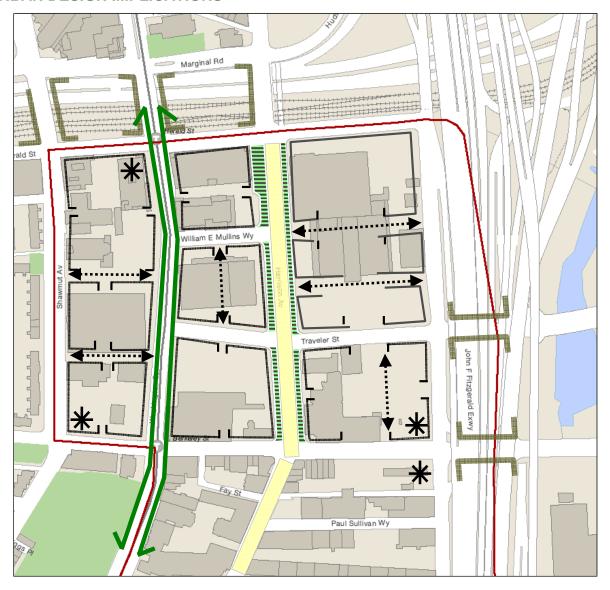
←..... Easements for Pedestrian and/or Vehicular Circulation

Establish Streetscape
Standards to Improve
Pedestrian Realm

Improve/Beautify
Pedestrian Connections
Between Neighborhoods

Note Key Locations for "Gateway" Structures

Maintain Continuous Streetwall





PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED HARRISON



**CONTINUE BLVD CHARACTER** 



**BRIDGE BEAUTIFCATION** 



FRAGMENTED PEDESTRIAN REALM





#### 11 VISION CONCEPT – SUGGESTED GENERAL LAND USE PATTERN

#### **NEW YORK STREETS SUB-AREA**

#### LEGEND:

MIXED-USE:

•Residential
•Institutional Housing
•University Affiliates,
Senior Living

Hotel

·Ground Floor Retail

MIXED-USE:

Commercial / Office

•Institutional Housing
•University Affiliates,
Senior Housing

Hotel

•Ground Floor Retail

MIXED-USE:

•R&D, institutional

BackStreets

·Commercial / Office

Creative Economy

•Light Manufacturing

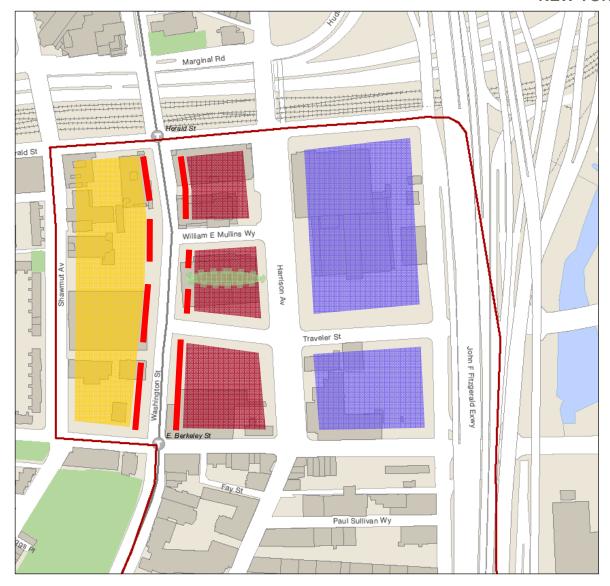
•Live/Work

Institutional Housing

 University Affiliates, Senior Living

·Hotel

OPEN SPACE





STREETSCAPE



MID-RISE HOUSING



**RETAIL AT GRADE** 

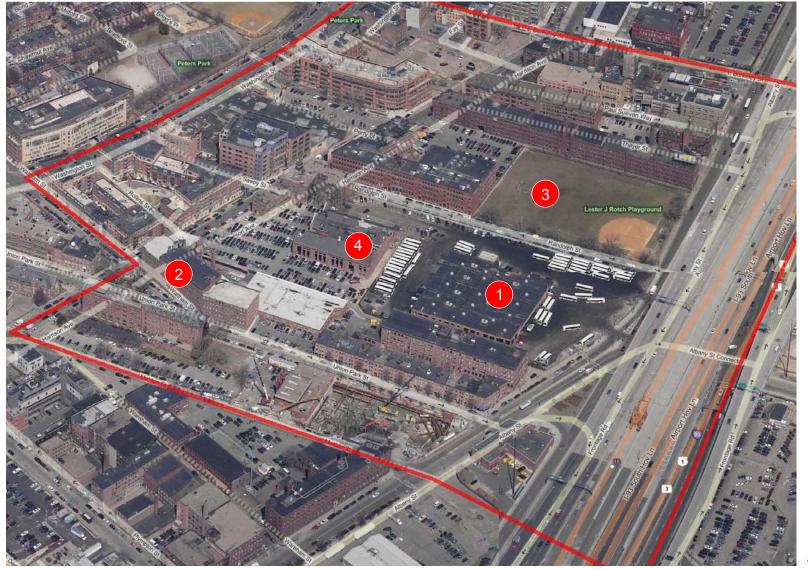


**R&D/MEDICAL/INSTITUTIONAL** 





12 SOWA SUB-AREA





MBTA BUS GARAGE



560 HARRISON AVENUE



ROTCH FIELD



FORMER POWER STATION





#### 13 SUMMARY AND URBAN DESIGN IMPLICATIONS

#### LEGEND:

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
CATHEDRAL COMPLEX
AS TOURIST ATTRACTION

EASEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIAN AND/OR VEHICULAR CIRCULATION

ESTABLISH STREETSCAPE/OPEN SPACE STANDARDS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN REALM

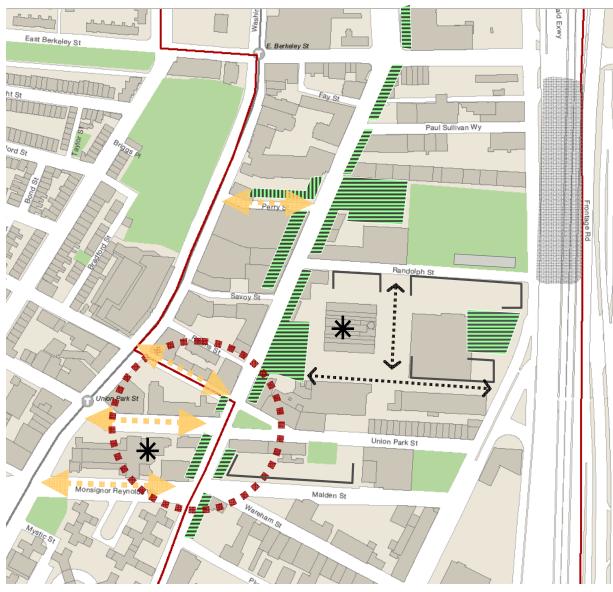
IMPROVE/BEAUTIFY
PEDESTRIAN
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN
NEIGHBORHOODS

NOTE LOCATION OF NOTABLE STRUCTURES

GUIDELINES FOR NEW BUILDINGS:

- MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS STREETWALL

EXPLORE POTENTIAL FOR MBTA BUS OPERATIONS, COMMUTER OR TOUR BUS PARKING, RESIDENT/BUSINESS PARKING



#### **SOWA SUB-AREA**



**IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN REALM** 



**PUBLIC OPEN SPACE** 



**ACCESS STREET - MSGR REYNOLDS WAY** 



**EXPLORE ELEMENTS OF CONTINUITY** 

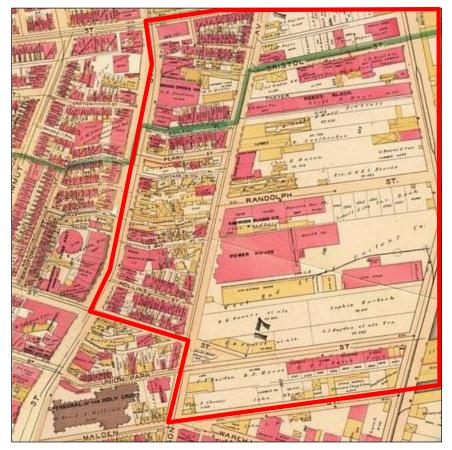


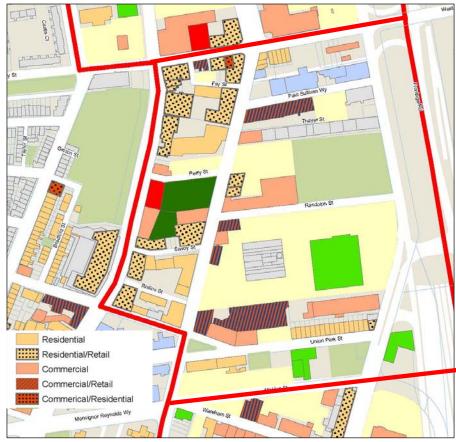


#### 14 VISION FOR SOWA SUB-AREA

#### The Vision:

The SOWA sub-area should maintain the feel of a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood. Existing historic resources and industrial character should be preserved while fostering a diverse range of uses including housing, commercial, artist space and strategically-located retail. Streetscape improvements should be focused to improve the pedestrian experience and reinforce connections to public transit.





1890 Boston Proper Bromley Base Map

Current Land-Use Diagram





#### 15 VISION CONCEPT – SUGGESTED GENERAL LAND USE PATTERN

#### **SOWA SUB-AREA**

#### LEGEND:



#### MIXED-USE:

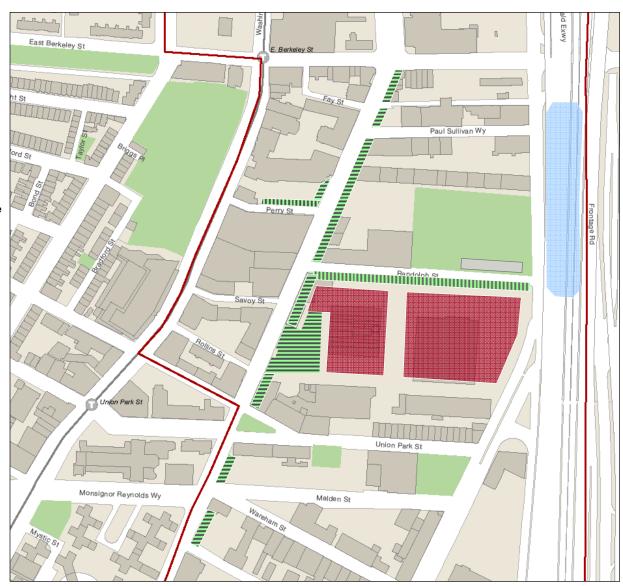
- Creative Economy
- ·Commercial / Office
- ·Light Industrial
- ·Residential



Establish Streetscape/Open Space Standards to Improve Pedestrian Realm



Potential Area for Parking Needs and/or MBTA Operations





LIVE WORK PROTOTYPE



LIVE WORK PROTOTYPE



STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

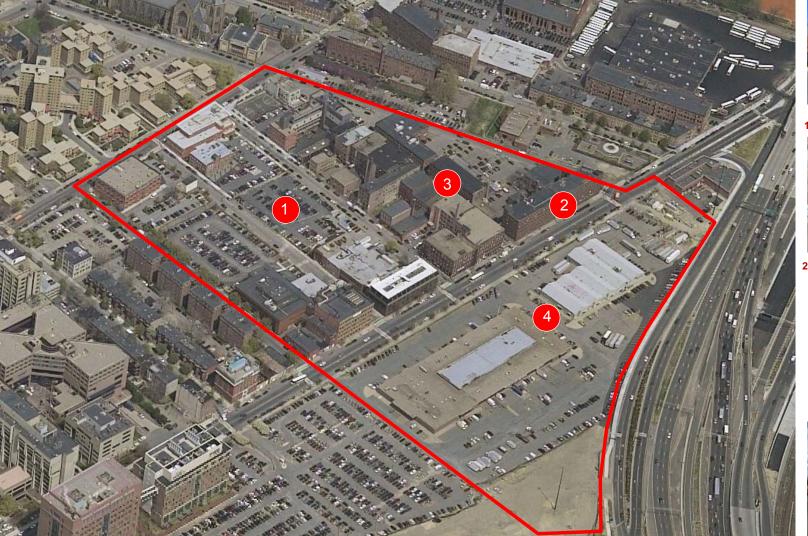


**POTENTIAL PARKING / BUS AREA** 





16 BACK STREETS SUB-AREA





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WAREHAM STREET



FLOWER MARKETS

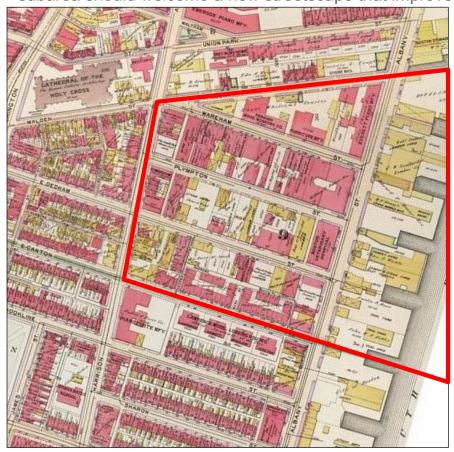


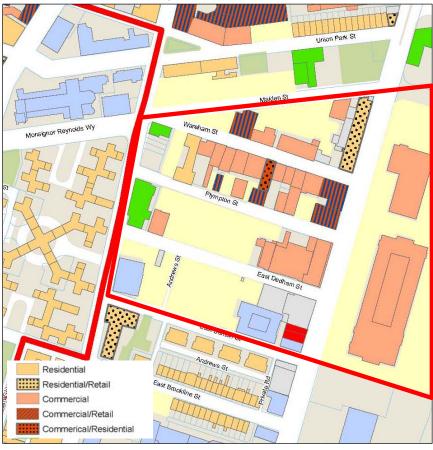
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#### 17 VISION FOR BACK STREETS BACK STREETS SUB-AREA

#### The Vision:

The Backstreets sub-area should continue to preserve the light industrial uses while encouraging complementary commercial and research uses that create new jobs. The architectural character of future development should reinforce the existing scale, incorporate new green technologies, and set an example for quality contemporary design in a historic context. The subarea should welcome a new streetscape that improves the aesthetics and safety for pedestrians and vehicles.





1890 Boston Proper Bromley Base Map

Current Land-Use Diagram





#### 18 SUMMARY AND URBAN DESIGN IMPLICATIONS

#### **BACK STREETS SUB-AREA**

LEGEND:

Take Advantage of Cathedral Complex as Tourist Attraction

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Easements for Pedestrian and/or Vehicular Circulation



Establish Streetscape Standards to Improve Pedestrian Realm



Develop Street Use Guidelines that Support Creative Economy Uses Including Need for Loading



Improve/Beautify Pedestrian Connections Between Neighborhoods



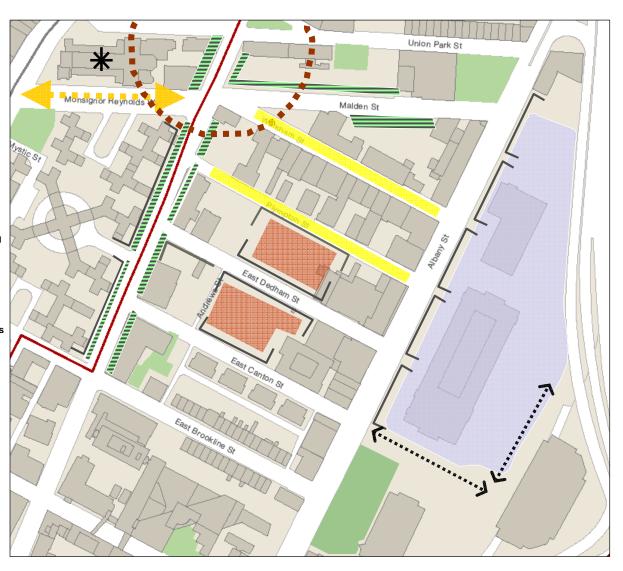
Explore Future Use Options that Integrate Existing and New Economy Uses



Maintain Continuous Streetwall



Explore Redevelopment Opportunities for Creative Economy





**BALANCE USES & PEDESTRIANS** 



**REUSE OF SURFACE PARKING** 



TWO-SIDED ALBANY STREET



STREETSCAPE CONTINUITY





#### 19 VISION CONCEPT – SUGGESTED GENERAL LAND USE PATTERN

#### **BACK STREETS SUB-AREA**

#### LEGEND:



#### MIXED-USE:

- Creative Economy
- ·Commercial / Office
- ·Light Industrial



#### MIXED-USE:

- •R&D, Institutional
- BackStreets
- ·Commercial / Office
- •Creative Economy
- ·Light Manufacturing



#### **BIOSQUARE:**

- ·R&D, Institutional
- Medical



**MUNICIPAL USES** 





**R&D/MED/INSTITUTIONAL** 



R&D / MEDICAL



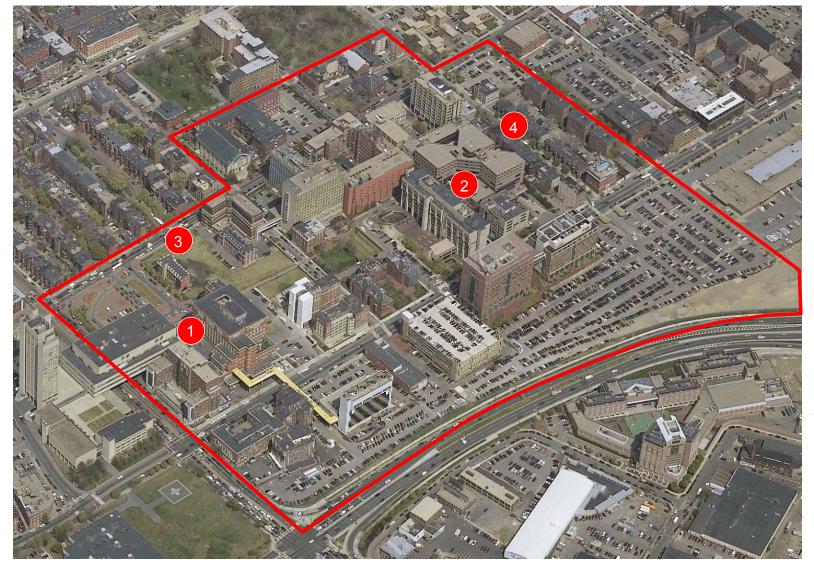
**R&D / MED / INSTITUTIONAL** 



R&D / MED - INFILL









**HARRISON AT SPRINGFIELD** 



**EAST NEWTON STREET** 



**BUMC QUADRANGLE** 



**EAST BROOKLINE STREET** 

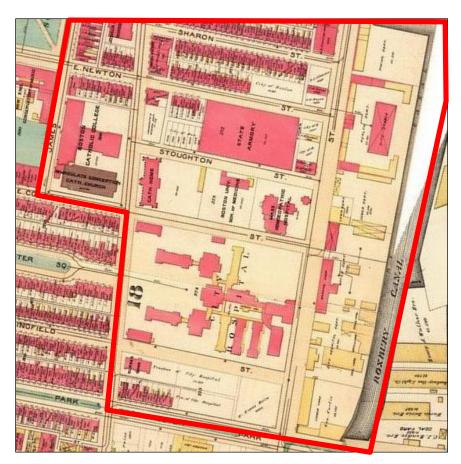


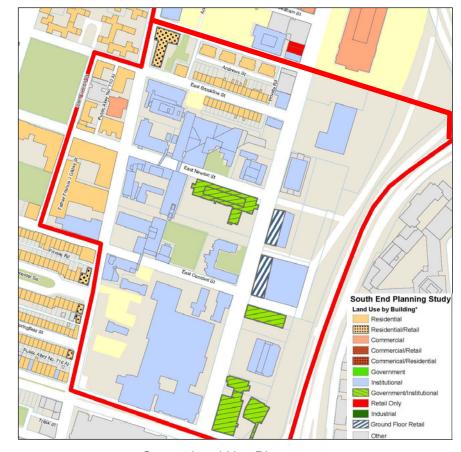


#### 21 VISION FOR SOUTH END MEDICAL SUB-AREA

#### The Vision:

The BU Medical sub-area should continue to strive for smart growth that blends the hospital and universities' historic and modern campus with the adjacent residential and light industrial uses while improving its regional transportation access. Opportunities for job training and job creation for Boston residents should continue to be promoted.



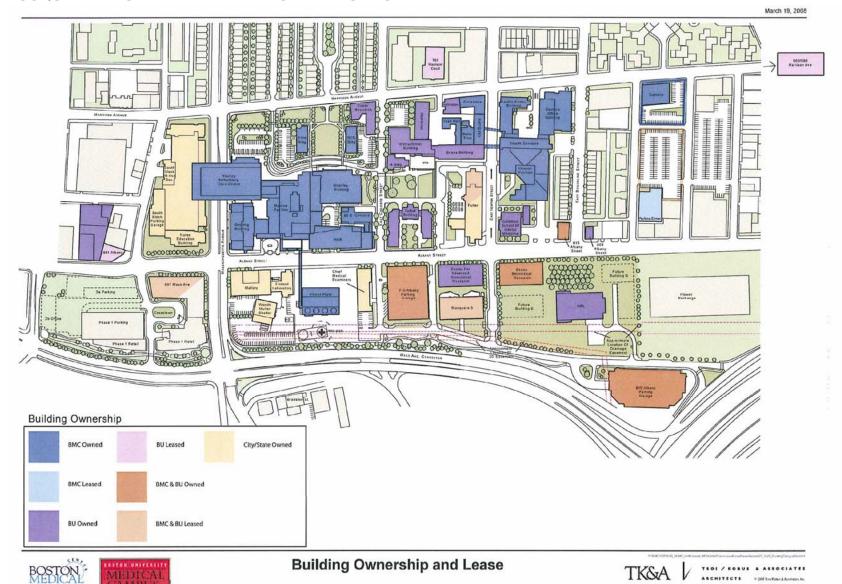


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#### **BIOSQUARE MASTER PLAN - DEVELOPMENT SITES**







#### 23 SUMMARY AND URBAN DESIGN IMPLICATIONS

#### **MEDICAL SUB-AREA**

#### LEGEND:

Pedestrian Realm Improvements: Paving, Lighting, Wayfinding Elements



Improve Pedestrian Quality of Mass Ave Intersection



Explore Elements of Continuity Between Subdistricts and Along Corridors



Improve Relationship of Institutional Uses to public Street Including Access to Retail



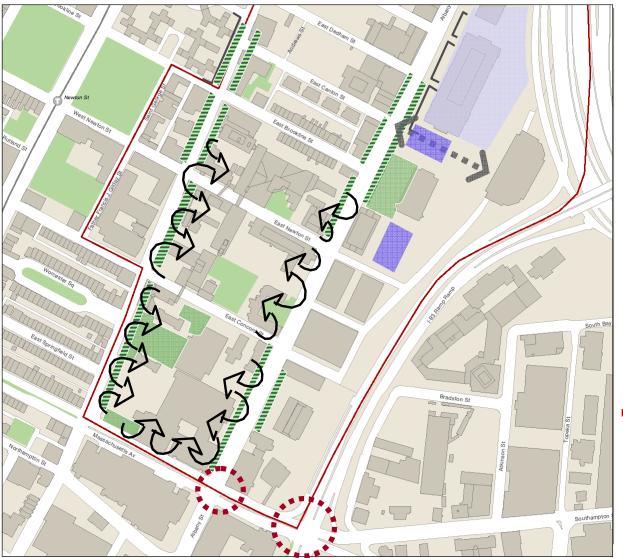
Explore Opportunities for New Development – Incorporate New Use while Preserving Existing Activities



Explore Redevelopment Opportunities for BioTech, Parking, Creative Economy and/or Residential Uses



Investigate Opportunities to Extend South End Street Grid





**ACCESS AND ACTIVE USE** 



**IMPROVE AUTO CIRCULATION** 



MASS AVE PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT



**EXPLORE ELEMENTS OF CONTINUITY** 





# **Next Steps:**

- Explore options relative to density, massing and heights.
- Review transportation / parking / loading policies.
- Correlate development scenarios with traffic and parking capacity implications.
- Test real estate market implications.
- Suggest zoning and urban design recommendations.

