

PLAN: Charlestown

Open Office Hours

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Welcome

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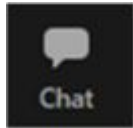
Meeting Format: Open Office Hours

- Quick review of October 8th workshop
- Technical troubleshooting for workshop exercise tools: questions & maps

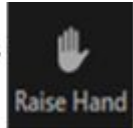
Zoom Tips

Welcome! Here are some tips on using Zoom for first-time users.

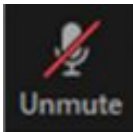
Your controls are at the bottom of the screen



Use the chat to type a comment or ask a question at any time – Members of the PLAN: Charlestown team will moderate the chat



To raise your hand, click on “Participants” at the bottom of your screen, and then choose the “Raise Hand” option in the participant box



Mute/unmute – Participants will be muted during the presentation – the host will unmute you during discussion if you raise your hand and it is your turn to talk



Turns your video on/off

Meeting Recording

At the request of community members, this event will be recorded posted on the PLAN: Charlestown project webpage at **<http://bostonplans.org/PlanCharlestown>** for those who are unable to attend the Zoom event live.

Also, it is possible that participants may be recording the meeting with their phone cameras or other devices. If you do not wish to be recorded during the meeting, please turn off your microphone and camera.

If your camera and microphone are off, you can still participate through the text chat feature.

2020 Census Update and Reminder

Quick Facts:

- As of 7/7, 52.2% (about 175,800) of Boston's households have responded.
- In 2010, the final response rate was 64.4%.

The Census has never been more accessible. You can respond:

- Online (my2020census.gov)
- Over the phone, or by mail.
- 13 different languages available.

Boston depends on your household to respond. For every person not counted, ***nearly \$2,400*** per year for the next ten years is ***lost*** in federal funding.

COVID-19 Resources

Stay up-to-date with COVID-19 related announcements, City of Boston reopening plans, and resources for you and your community at:

boston.gov/coronavirus

Content available in 16 languages.



The screenshot shows the City of Boston website page for COVID-19 resources. The header includes the City of Boston logo, Mayor Martin J. Walsh's name, and a menu icon. The main heading is "CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN BOSTON". Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: "The state has updated guidance on the [Reopening Massachusetts website](#). We also continue to update City-specific guidance for Boston on [our reopening website](#)." To the right of the text, it says "July 12, 2020" and "PUBLISHED BY: PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION". Below the text, there is a section for "MULTILINGUAL CONTENT" with a list of languages: العربية (Arabic), Kriolu (Cabo Verdean creole), 中文 (Chinese), Français (French), Kreyòl ayisyen (Haitian Creole), Português (Portuguese), and Русский (Russian). At the bottom, there is a section for "BOSTON (AS OF FRIDAY, JULY 10)" with the statistics "13,673 CASES | 9,683 RECOVERED".

For all content:

<http://www.bostonplans.org/plancharlestown>

Summary of Workshop

Ted Schwartzberg, AICP, Senior Planner

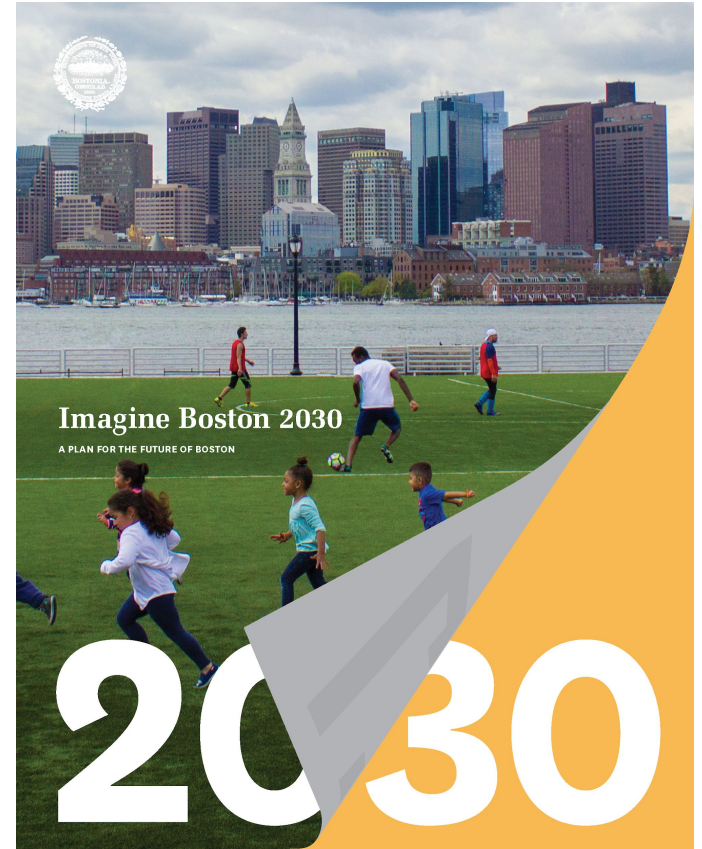


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What is Imagine Boston 2030?

Begun in 2015 and completed in 2017, Imagine Boston 2030 (IB2030) is the first citywide plan in 50 years.

It created the guiding principles and framework to guide all growth in the City of Boston. In partnership with the BPDA, the City of Boston can ensure that priorities are carried out through creative and thoughtful land use regulations and guiding principles.



2019 - Fourteen Engagement Events



BPDA staff members attend a meeting hosted by the Charlestown Preservation Society, one of 14 engagement events held in late 2019 in preparation for today's launch of PLAN: Charlestown

The core of Charlestown is historic in nature:
we must preserve this existing fabric.

Overview



- 2019 Pre-process engagement events
- January 2020 Kick-Off Open House
- August 2020 Open Office Hours
- October 8, 2020 Land Use Over Time
- Tonight *Review, and workshop tools troubleshooting*

PLANNING FOR FUTURE PARKS



Parcel Priority Plan

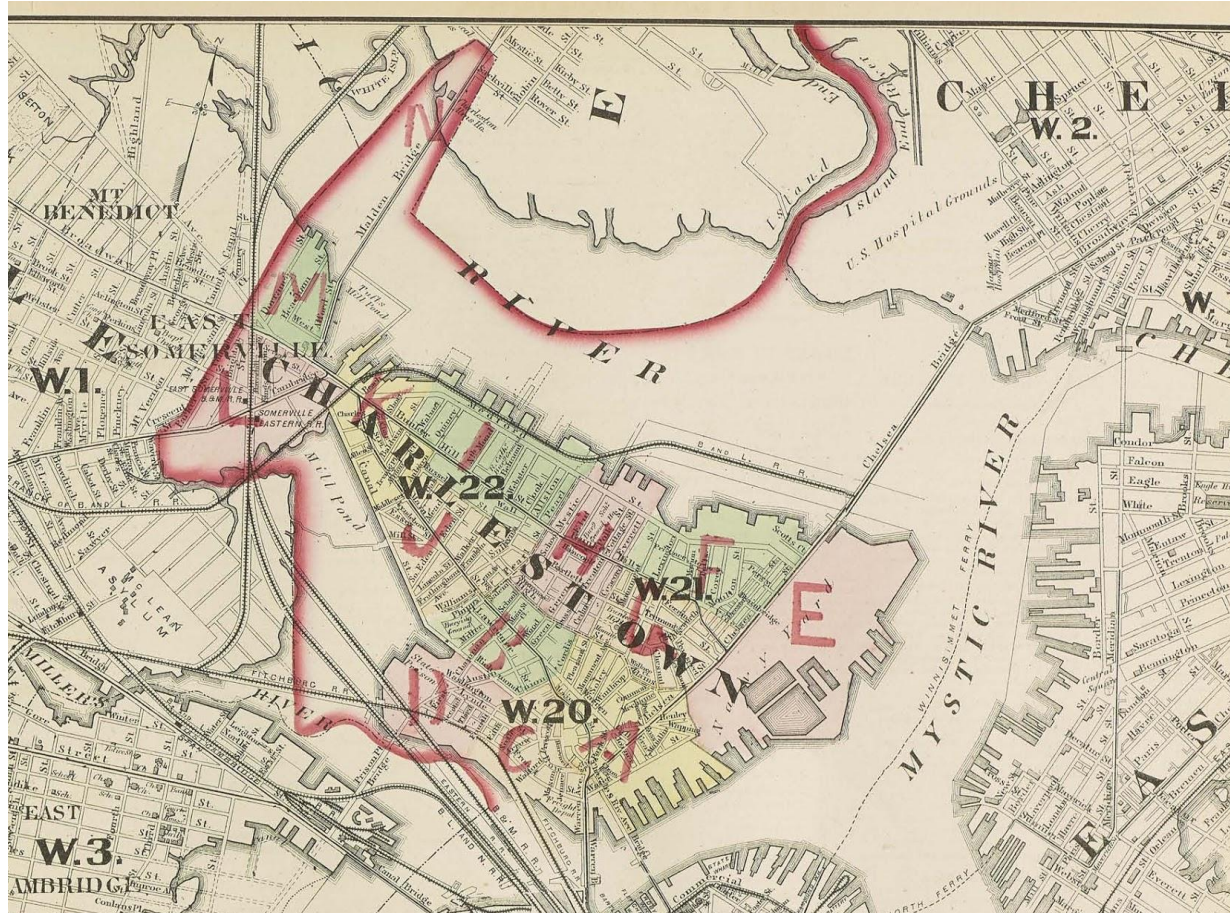
What should the City prioritize?

Where would you like to see more parks?

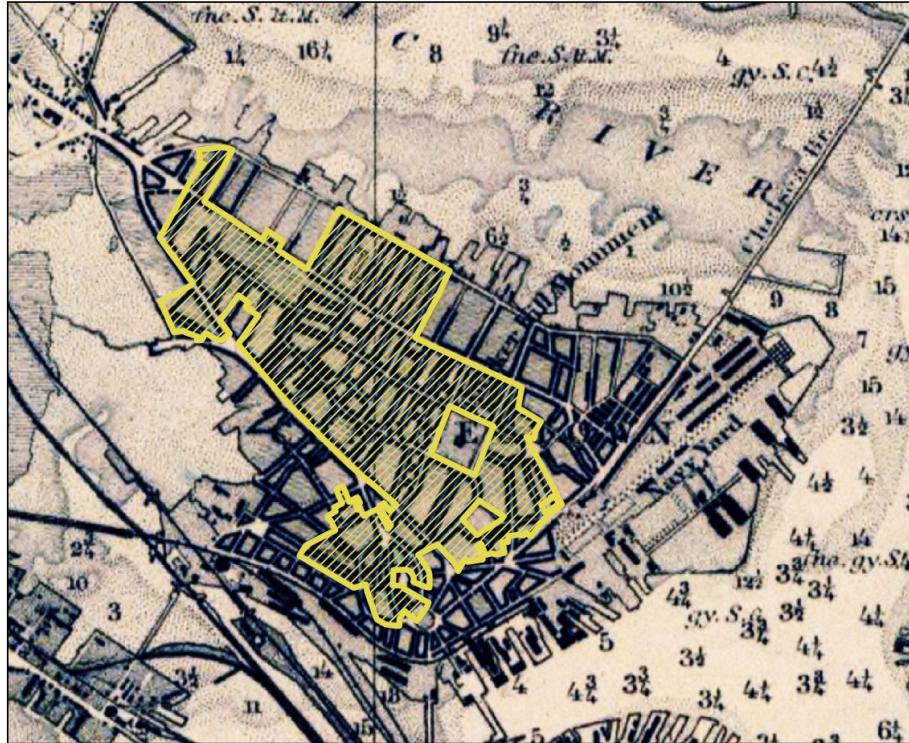
*Help shape the future of Boston's park system by
visiting the virtual open house and taking the survey at:*

boston.gov/parcel-priority-plan

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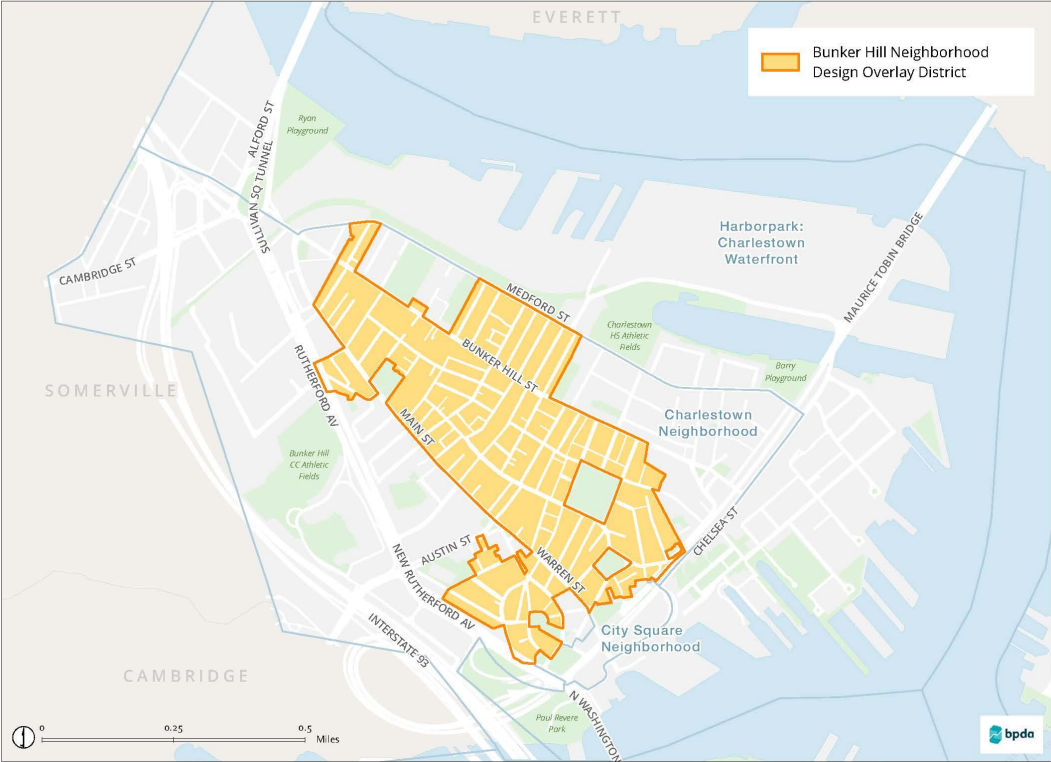


NDOD



This map depicts the Charlestown Neighborhood Design Overlay District in yellow, over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 1878 Boston Harbor Chart

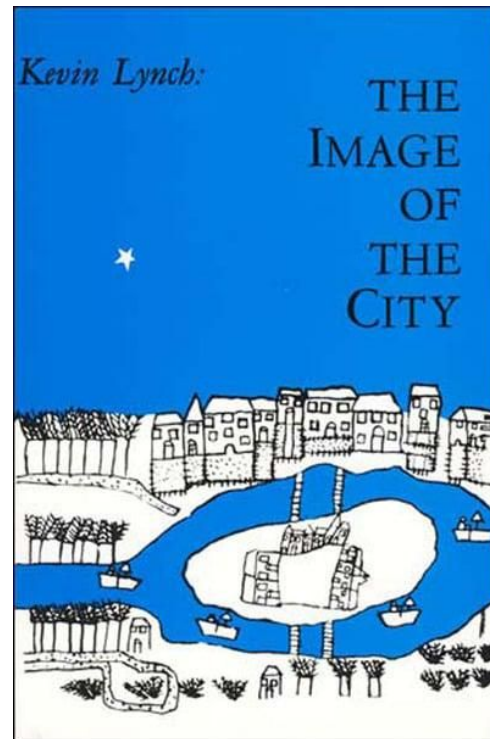
Current NDOD Boundary Map



Understanding Place

Kevin Lynch's methods - historic areas

- How do we take in information about our surroundings?
- How do we process that information to build mental maps?
- How do we orient ourselves to know where we are?
 - *How do we identify different parts of a city or neighborhood?*



Mental Maps Put it All Together



Pleasant Street (2020)

Paths



Main Street (2020)

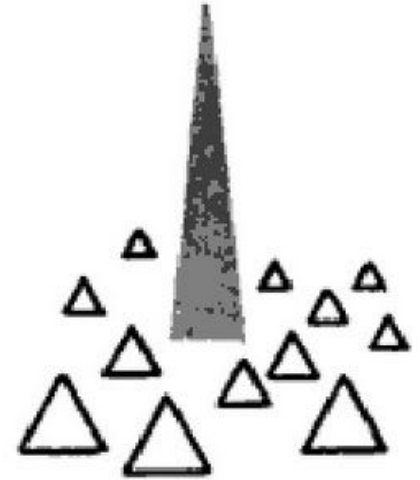
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Orienting Landmarks



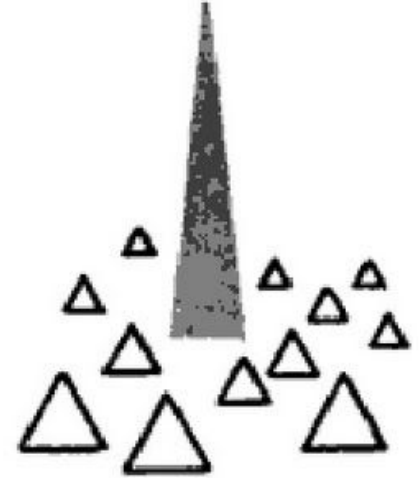
Bunker Hill Monument (1973)



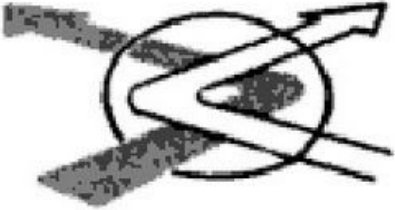
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Bunker Hill Monument in background (1925)



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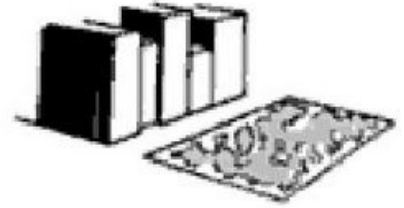


The Neck: 1770 Boston Harbor Map

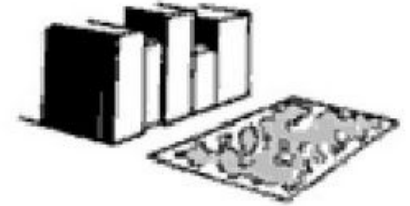
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Chelsea Street (2020)

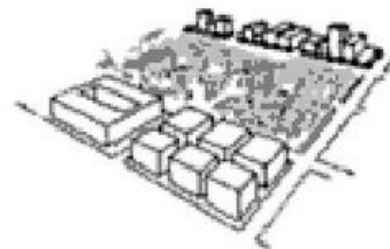


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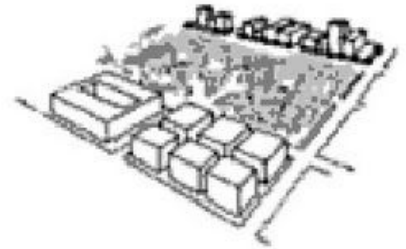
Rutherford Avenue (2020)

Districts

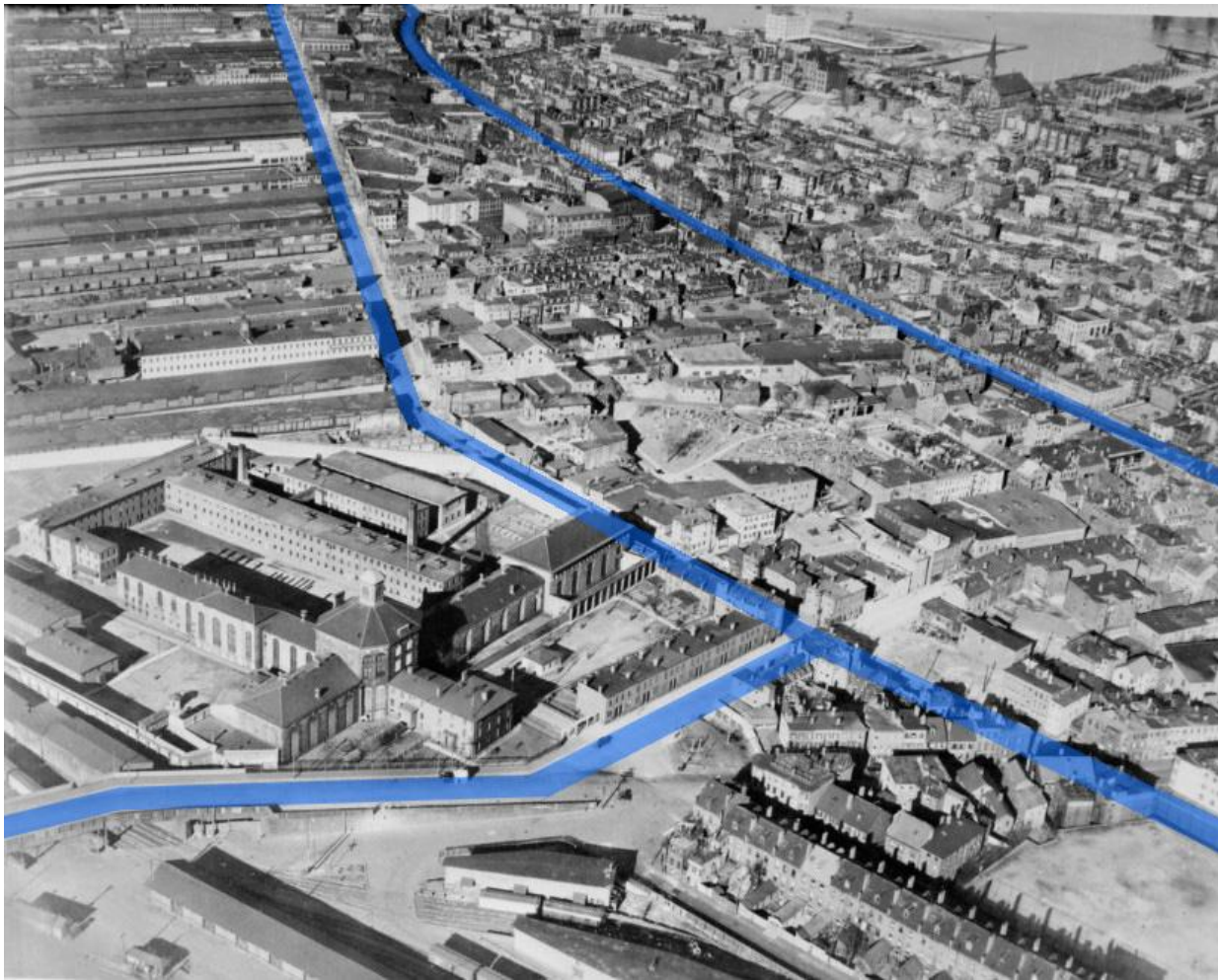


From Sullivan Square (1901)

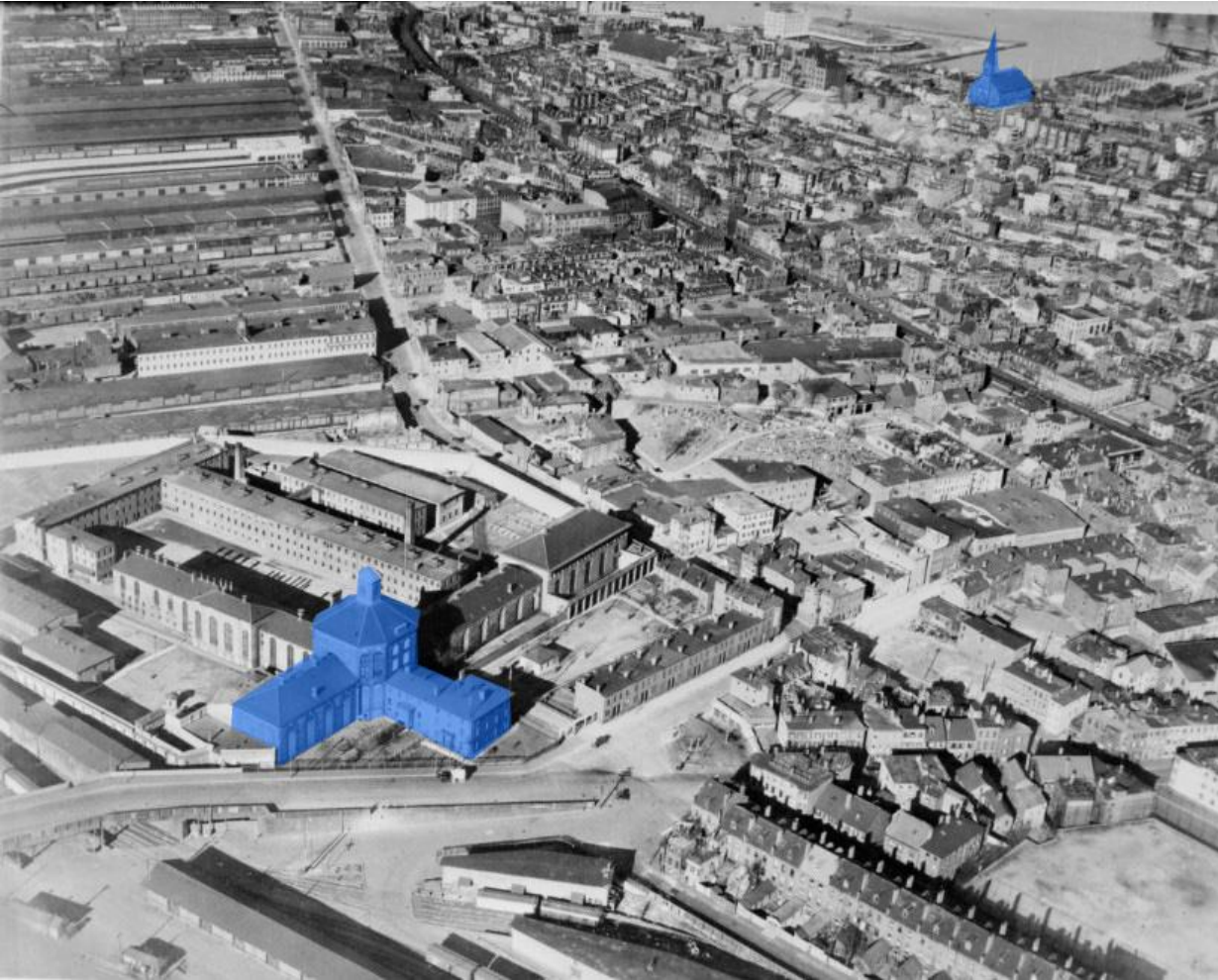
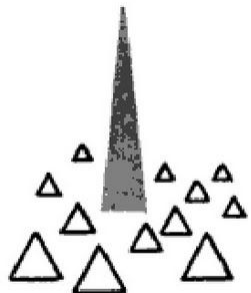
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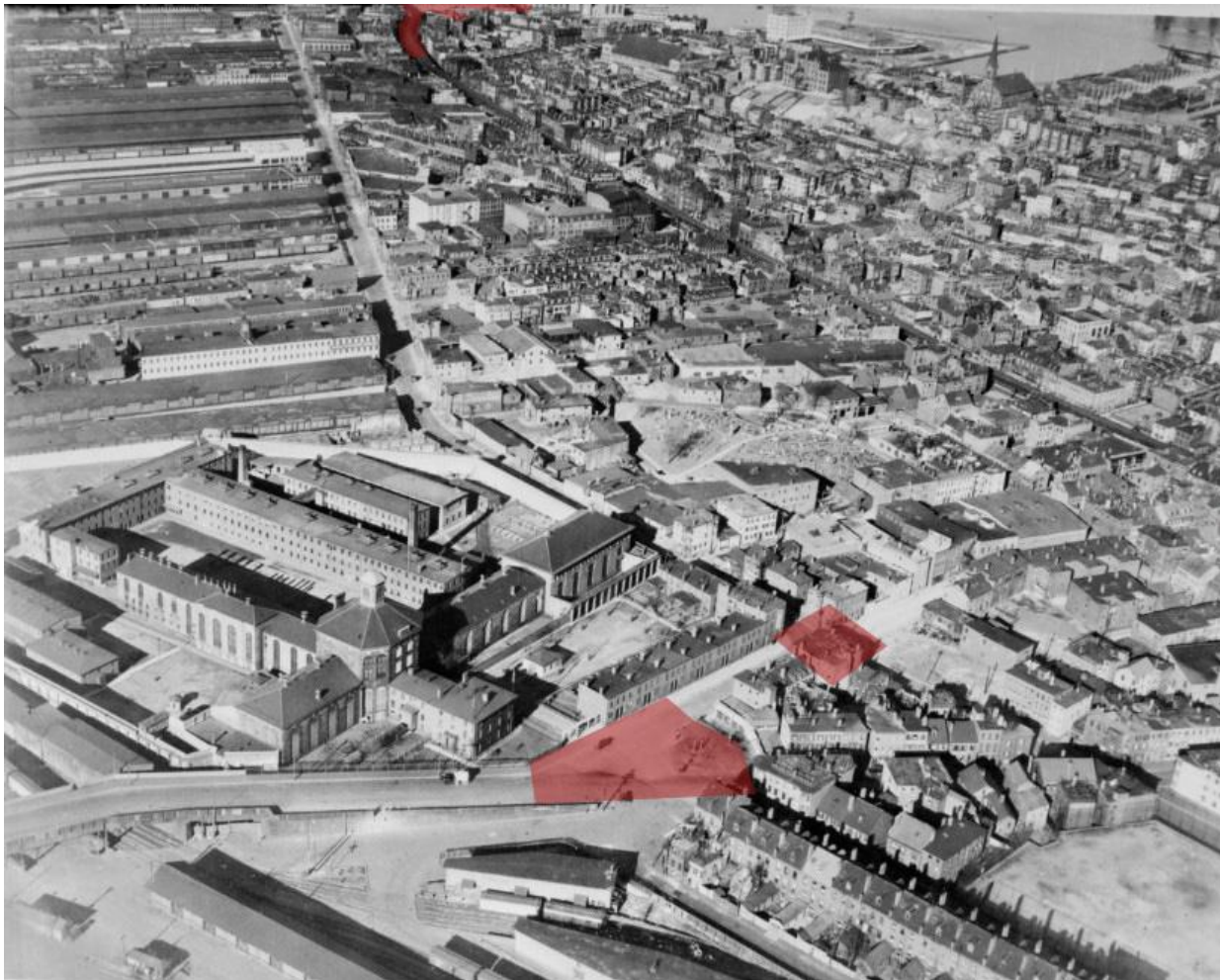
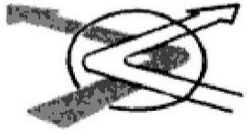
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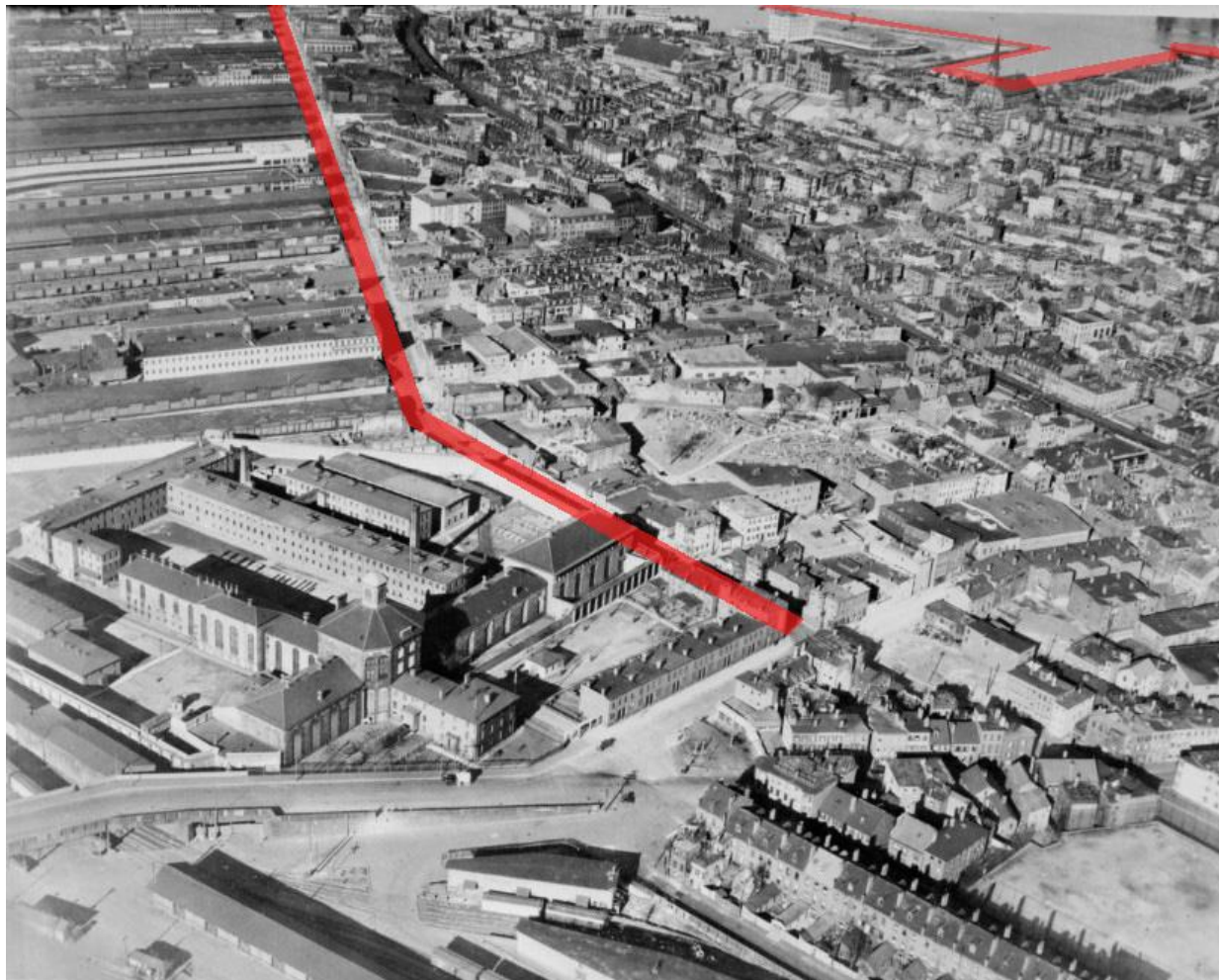
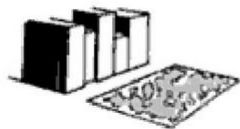
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Online Workshop Tools

- Online input tools will be available through October 31st
- Links to the historic area feedback tool & the Parks Parcel Priority tool:

www.bostonplans.org/plancharlestown

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Thank you!

*for more information about this planning process
visit: bostonplans.org/PlanCharlestown*