

PLAN: Mattapan City Resource Fair

February 9, 2019



Today's Agenda

- 1 Plan Process
- 2 Next Steps
- 3 Questions & Comments



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Plan Process

*What is PLAN: Mattapan?
How Are We Engaging?
What Have We Heard?*



What is PLAN: Mattapan?

- Mayoral initiative announced in June 2018 and launched in October 2018
- Comprehensive vision and implementation strategy for Mattapan to guide future growth and investment through lens of “preserve, enhance and grow”
- PLAN: Mattapan will identify short-, mid-, and long-range community goals, focusing on short
- To leverage interest in the Mattapan community to create new opportunities for housing, jobs, improved access and mobility, and other community benefits



BPDA Process & City Planning Team



Boston Planning & Development Agency

Housing – Department of Neighborhood Development (Office of Housing Stability, Boston Home Center, Neighborhood Housing Development), Fair Housing & Equity

Economic Development – Mayor’s Office of Economic Development (Small Business / Main Streets), Office of Workforce Development, Office of Financial Empowerment

Open Space & Parks - Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Conservation Resources (DCR)

Transportation – Boston Transportation Department, Boston Public Works Department, MBTA, MassDOT

Environment/Sustainability/Climate Change City’s Environment Department

Mayor’s Office of Arts & Culture

Boston Centers for Youth & Families

Age Strong Commission

Community Preservation Act (CPA)

Office of Immigrant Advancement

Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS)

Mayor’s Youth Council / Dept of Youth Engagement

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Boston Police Department

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

2018

2019



Open House
10/25

Envisioning
Your
Neighborhood
12/10

City
Resource
Fair
02/09

Visioning &
Scope
03/xx

11/01 & 12/06
Chat with a Planner

01/03, 02/04 & 03/07
Chat with a Planner



Pre-Planning Workshops:

Open House, Visioning
Goal Setting, PLAN Scope

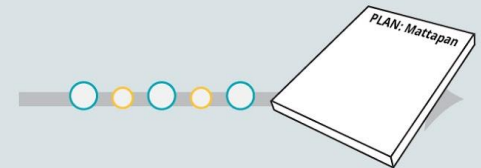
FUTURE PROCESS

2020



Planning Workshop Topics:

Workforce development, Transportation & Mobility
Housing, Jobs and Businesses, Neighborhood Identity
Arts + Culture, Open Space & Climate
City and Neighborhood Resource Fairs



Drafting Plan Recommendations
Reviewing PLAN: Mattapan Drafts
Strategizing implementation



- Community Engagement Process
- Smaller meetings (eg small groups or one-on one)
- Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Chat with a Planner
- Community Outreach
- Attending and hosting events

What Have We Heard? - October 25, 2018



Jobs and Businesses
35%

Open Space and Climate
19.6%

Neighborhood Identity
13.7%

Housing
11%

Other
9.6%

Mobility
8%

Safety
3.1%

Jobs & Businesses



- Commercial Space*
- Diversity of Businesses*
- Jobs*
- Training*

Open Space & Climate Resilience



- Access*
- Playspaces*
- Programming*
- Streetscapes*
- Urban Agriculture*
- Tree Canopy*

Neighborhood Identity



- Arts and Culture*
- Maintaining Community*
- Public Art*
- Public Space Activation*
- Placemaking/
Placemaintaining*

Housing



- Housing Affordability*
- Transitional Housing*
- Homeownership*
- Housing Types*

Other



- Architecture*
- City Services*
- Communication*
- Stone Building*

Mobility



- Transit Access*
- Walkability*
- Bicycles*
- Traffic*

What Have We Heard? - December 10, 2018

SWOT: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats

PLANNING THEME: NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY TEM YO GEN LADEN, IPANTITE KATYE LOS TEMAS: IDENTIDAD DEL VECINDARIO

- "Alley beautification in Mattapan Square"
- "Street fairs and family friendly block parties"
- "There needs to be a draw for people"
- "Strong Caribbean presence"
- "Keep the neighborhood the neighborhood"
- "Diversity in Mattapan"



Neighborhood Identity Includes:
 Arts and Culture / *Artes y Cultura*
 Maintaining Community / *Kenbe Romada / Manteniendo la Comunidad*
 Public Art / *Artes Pùblicas*
 Public Space Activation / *Aktivasyon Espas Pùblik / Activación de Espacios Públicos*
 Placemaking - *Placemaintaining / Mizanplas - Kenbe Espas yo / Creación y Mantenimiento de lugares*

Themes Descriptions

	Theme _____ Facilitator Name / Table # _____	
CURRENT CONDITIONS	STRENGTHS A condition or feature that adds value to the neighborhood	WEAKNESSES A condition or feature that is lacking in the neighborhood
	OPPORTUNITIES Something that could improve the neighborhood or build off of an existing strength	THREATS Something that could negatively impact a neighborhood in the future
FUTURE CONDITIONS		
NOTES		

SWOT Exercise Board

PLAN: Mattapan
Preserve, Enhance, Grow.

Thought Lot

Share any additional Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, or Threats about themes your table is not directly discussing.

- At the top of the post-it, write the theme you note is about.
Themes: Jobs & Employment, Housing, Neighborhood Identity, Open Space & Climate, Mobility, or write in your own theme.
- Write your note.
- Place your post-it in a box below.

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Thought Lot

STRENGTHS

Housing

- Increase affordable housing
- Provide senior housing
- Increase ownership

Neighborhood Identity

- More programming
- Public art
- Community events
- Historical society

Transportation & Mobility

- Improve access
- Improve design of streets for people
- Improve public realm

Open Space & Climate

- Create more open space
- More programming
- Improved Access
- Improved Safety

WEAKNESSES

Housing

- Displacement
- Gentrification
- Affordability
- Density

Neighborhood Identity

- Inaccessible development
- Gentrification
- Displacement

Transportation & Mobility

- Gentrification with improved access
- Traffic conditions

Open Space & Climate

- Gentrification
- Climate Change
- Affordability
- Access

OPPORTUNITIES

Housing

Homeownership
Community
Diversity

Transportation & Mobility

Blue Bikes
Trolley Line
Walk to transit

Neighborhood Identity

History of Mattapan
Diversity
Arts
Community

Open Space & Climate

Neponset Greenway
Access to Parks

THREATS

Housing

Lack of senior housing
High rents
Rising Rents

Neighborhood Identity

Language barriers
Limited community space
No arts and culture space

Transportation & Mobility

Pedestrian safety and experience
Travel time
Limited Access
Limited Frequency

Open Space & Climate

Public safety
Limited programming
Public realm needs improvement

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Next Steps

Resource Fair Format
Save the Date

Process Overview



WHAT WE HAVE DONE

FUTURE PROCESS

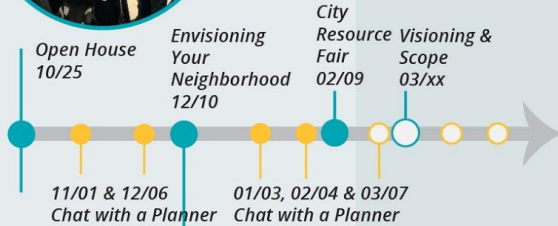
2018

2019

2020



We are here



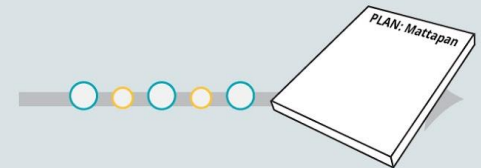
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Office of Neighborhood Services

Housing

Boston Home Center
Fair Housing + Equity
Department of Neighborhood Development
Office of Housing Stability

Open Space + Climate Resilience

Greenovate Boston (COB Environment Dept)

Jobs + Businesses

Office of Small Business Development
Office of Workforce Development
Mattapan Main Streets

Mobility

Blue Bikes
Boston Transportation Department + Vision Zero
Boston Public Works Department (Cummins Project)

Save The Date!



Vision Statement Workshop

March 21st

Stay tuned for more details!

Make sure you have signed in (please print)



3 Questions + Comments

Stay In Touch!



Project webpage

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Save the Date

March 21

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Planning

- What is Planning?
- Planning Initiatives
 - Climate Change & Environmental Planning
 - Downtown & Neighborhood Planning
 - Regulatory Planning & Zoning
 - Transportation & Infrastructure Planning
 - Institutional Planning
 - Urban Design
 - Urban Renewal

PLAN: Mattapan

Latest Update
[Past Meetings](#)

Summary & Goals

Guided by Imagine Boston 2030, PLAN: Mattapan is a City planning initiative that seeks to ensure that we preserve wisely, enhance equitably, and grow inclusively. Through these three principles of “preserve, enhance, and grow,” the City’s planning team will work with the community to create a comprehensive vision for the Mattapan planning area and guide future growth and investment.

PLAN: Mattapan will work closely with the community to review past planning efforts, and identify needs and opportunities for improvements which will support the long-term equitable growth and sustainability of the neighborhood. Focuses will include, though are not limited to, economic development (jobs

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Mattapan

EVENTS

09 Feb PLAN: Mattapan City Resource Fair