

# **URBAN DESIGN WORKSHOP**

November 27, 2017





Plan Dudley Square Agenda

• Presentation

Table Discussion

PLAN: Dudley Square

**Development Parcel** 

**Designated Parcel** 

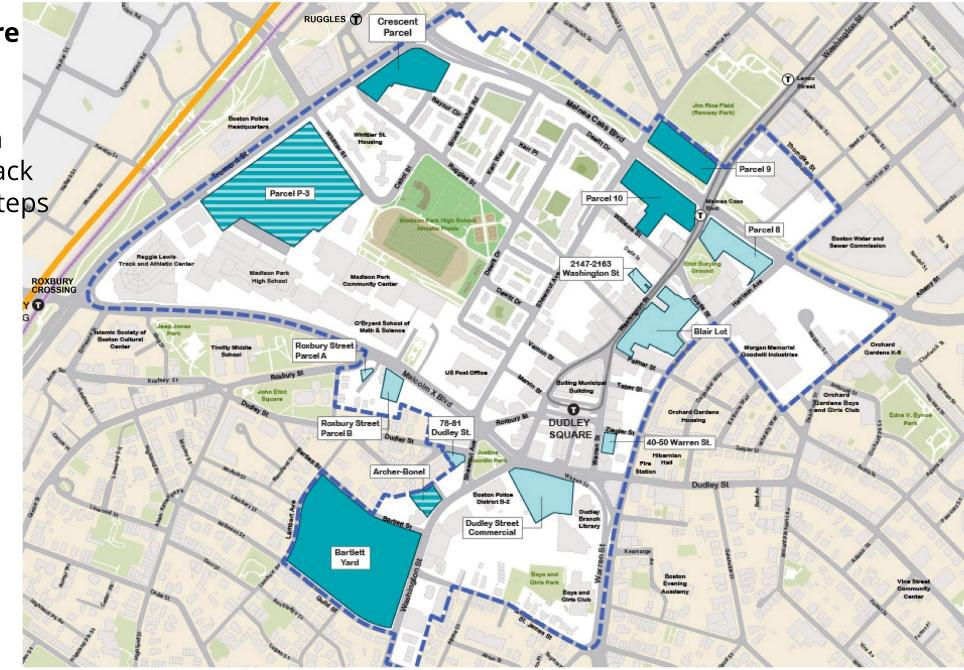
**Designated Parcel** 

Roxbury Boundary

Tentatively

Group Report Back

Wrap Up/Next Steps



**Tonight's Workshop** will emphasize urban design opportunities along the Washington Street Corridor. Design principles that relate to the physical aspects of development including building design and form, public realm, and neighborhood connectivity will be discussed.

Feedback from the workshop will be reflected in the RFPs.

#### Development Program Uses November 21, 2016

A housing analysis for the district was presented and discussed with community members.

### **Drafting**

#### Urban Design November 27, 2017

#### Climate Readiness + Resilency October 16, 2017

Issues surrounding resiliency and sustainability were discussed with workshop participants who then rewrote example RFP language on that topic and added issues that were important to them.

#### Neighborhood Experience June 19, 2017

The activity focused on neighborhood experiences beyond housing and jobs and asked each participant to list 10 activities they engage in when they are not at home or at work. Participants then sorted them into whether they were activities they sometimes, always and never did in Dudley Square and considered their preference for the future in terms of these amenities.

#### Visioning II May 15, 2017

Based on feedback from the March and April Workshops (Housing Creation and Economic Development) this workshop asked participants to visualize prioritized uses on specific city owned parcets.

RFP Drafting + Prioritization February 27, 2017

Five categories and corresponding value statements were created based on the ideas heard at the previous workshop. Participants then prioritized values through a dot exercise Sample RFP language was reviewed and crafted.

#### Creating Housing March 20, 2017

Values and Vision

Each group of participants were given a set of cards with housing details to place on a poster ranking preferences for affordballity levels and housing types.

#### Economic Development + Resource Fair April 24, 2017

Seven industries were examined based on location preference, growth potential and the kinds of jobs within that industry. Participants then positioned the industry cards on an axis based on how prefered the type of jobs were to the community and the potential number of jobs.

### **Community Development**

#### Urban Design + Development Guidelines October 24, 2016

Values + Priorities

January 23, 2017

Group participants shared

ideas and valued in response

experience of Dudley Square

preserved? and What aspects

Square would you like to see

of the experience of Dudley

to guestions asked such as,

"What aspects of the

would you like to see

changed?"

Urban design principles were analyzed with local precedents shown. Participants then examined two design concepts for the Dudley Street Commercial parcel, the 'street wall design concept' and 'central plaza design concept'. These two were based on Next Street's feasibility analysis for commercial and residential development in Dudley.

#### Development Scenarios + Tools for Development

September 19, 2016

Together with Next Street Financial information on financial feasibility, example projects and various development scenarios were discussed.

#### Economic Development II July 18, 2016

Consultants from Next Street Financial, provided economic context. With this information participants discussed how we bring jobs to Dudley Square and what kind of district Dudley Square should be.

#### Economic and Workforce Development

June 20, 2016

City of Boston Chief of Economic Development John Barros and Office of Workforce Development Director Trinh Nguyen along with BPDA staff shared relevant economic and workforce development information.

#### What We Heard + Next Steps

May 16, 2016

All comments received to date were reviewed. They were then sorted into items that can be addressed through development requirements in RFPs for publicly-owned land, and items that can be addressed through other partnerships.

#### Open House

February 22, 2016

Planning imitative kicked off. Over 100 community + stakeholders attend.

## Introduction to PLAN: Dudley Square

#### Walking Tour March 16, 2016

Small groups walked around the study area. Community members shared local knowledge, concerns, and questions with BPDA/City staff

#### Visioning March 21, 2016

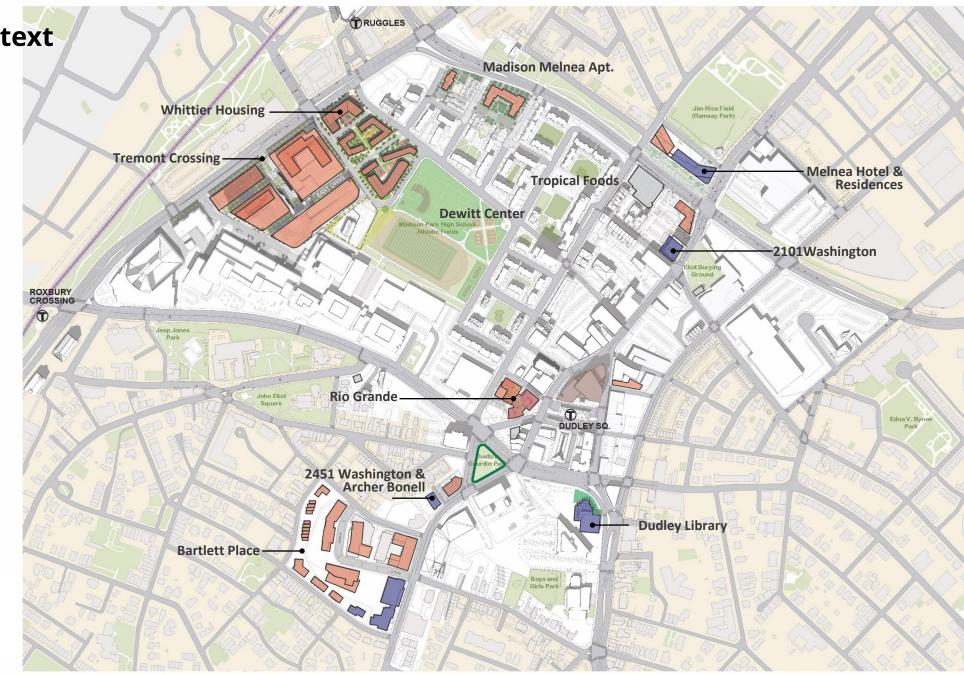
Study goals from original 2004 Roxbury Strategic Masterplan were reviewed. Participants broadly envisioned various land use types.

#### Transportation + Public Realm April 19, 2016

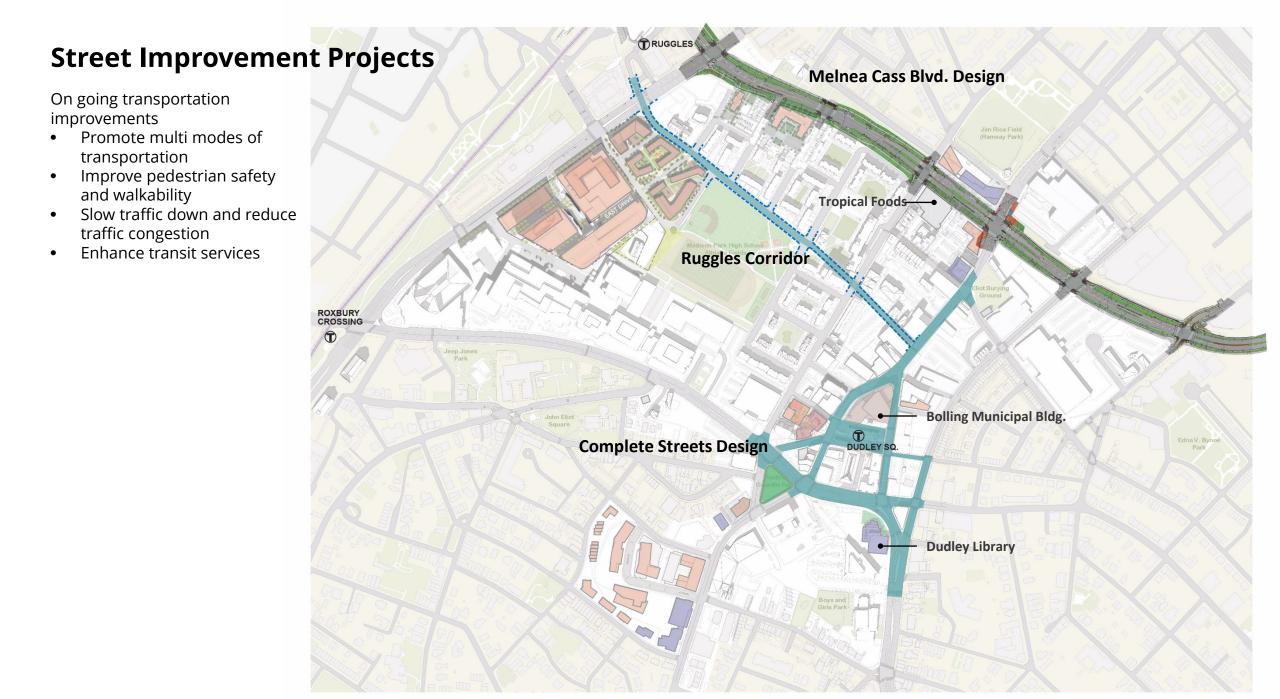
Transportation trends and planning topics were discussed in conjunction with members from Boston Transportation Department.

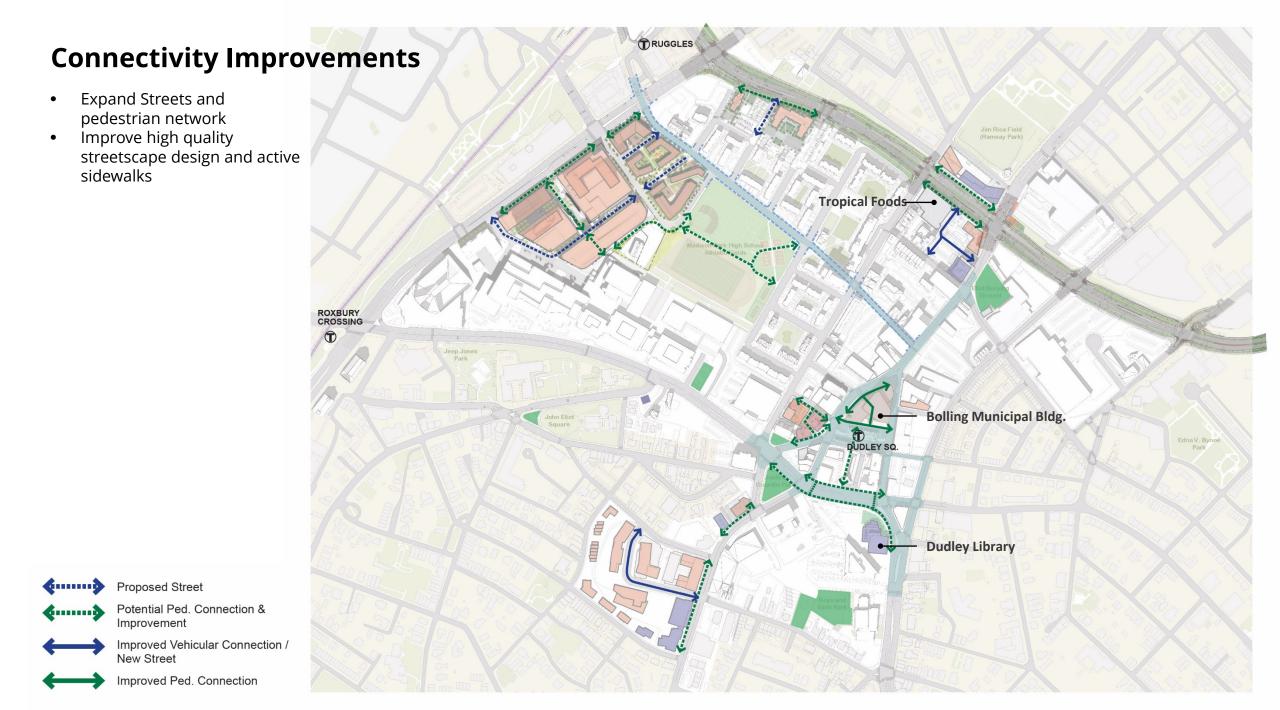
## **Development Context**

- More than 1,400 units of housing opportunity
- More than 400 affordable units
- Retail/commercial spaces
- Art & culture, civic and entertainment spaces



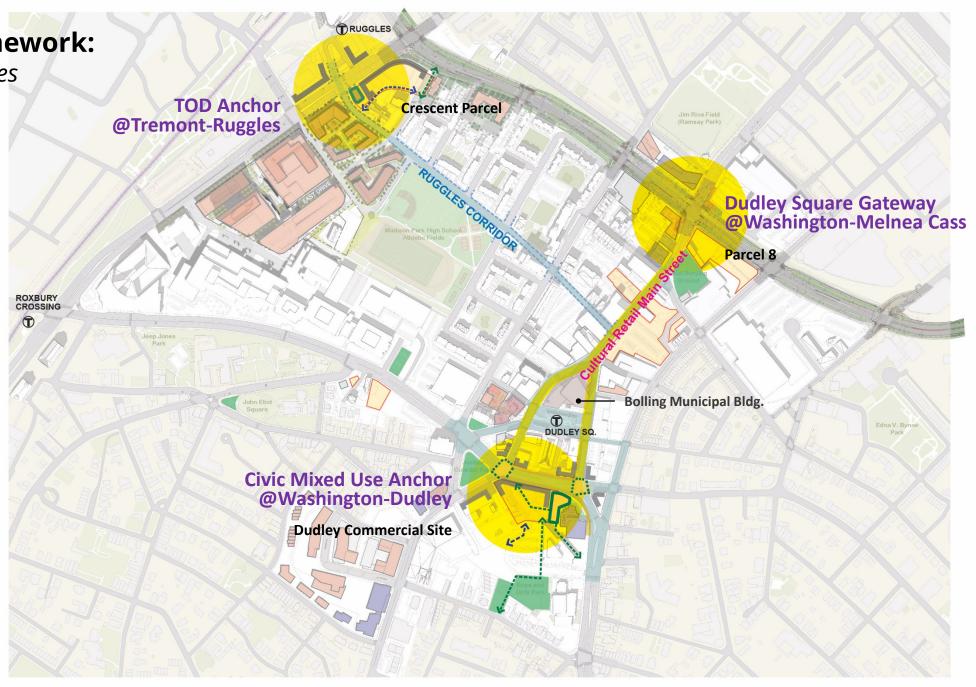
Planned Development Under Construction

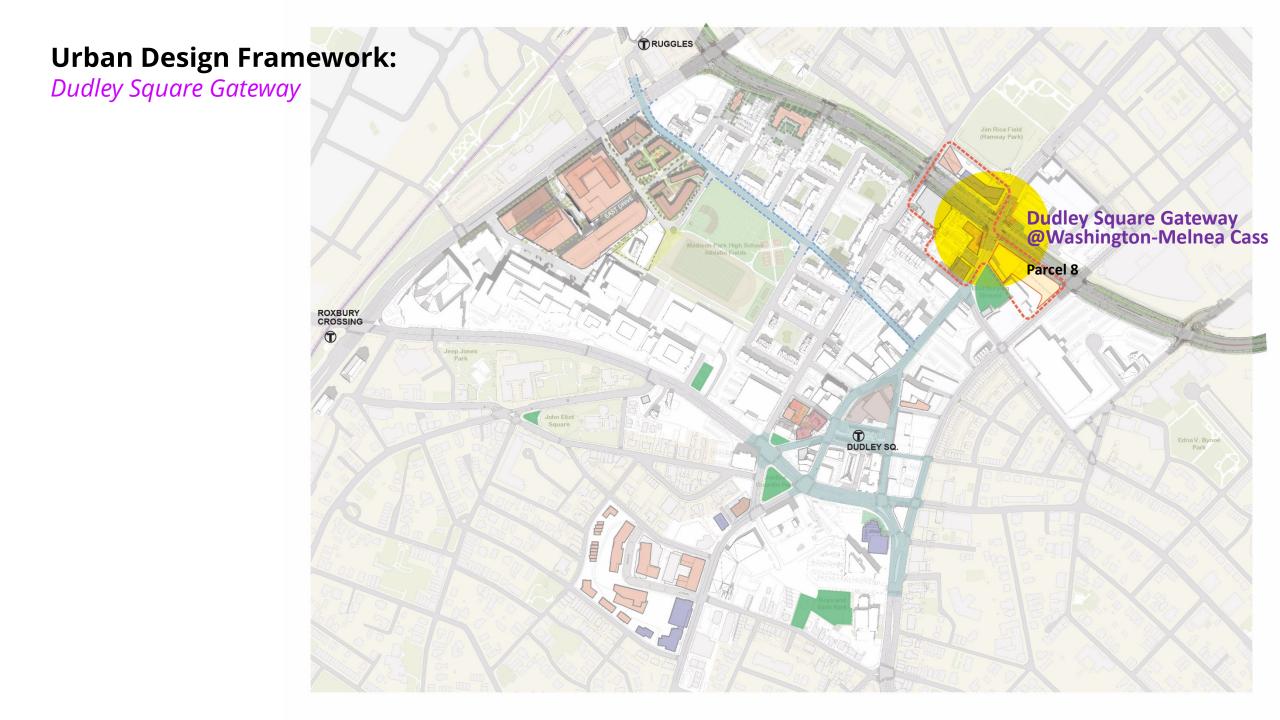




**Urban Design Framework:** *Connecting Opportunities* 

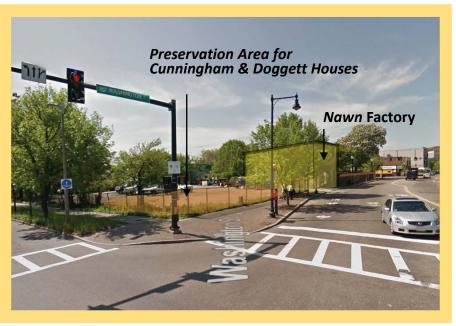
 To craft the holistic approach and ensure the coherence among developments





### **Urban Design Framework:** Dudley Square Gateway Opportunities at Washington-Melnea Cass

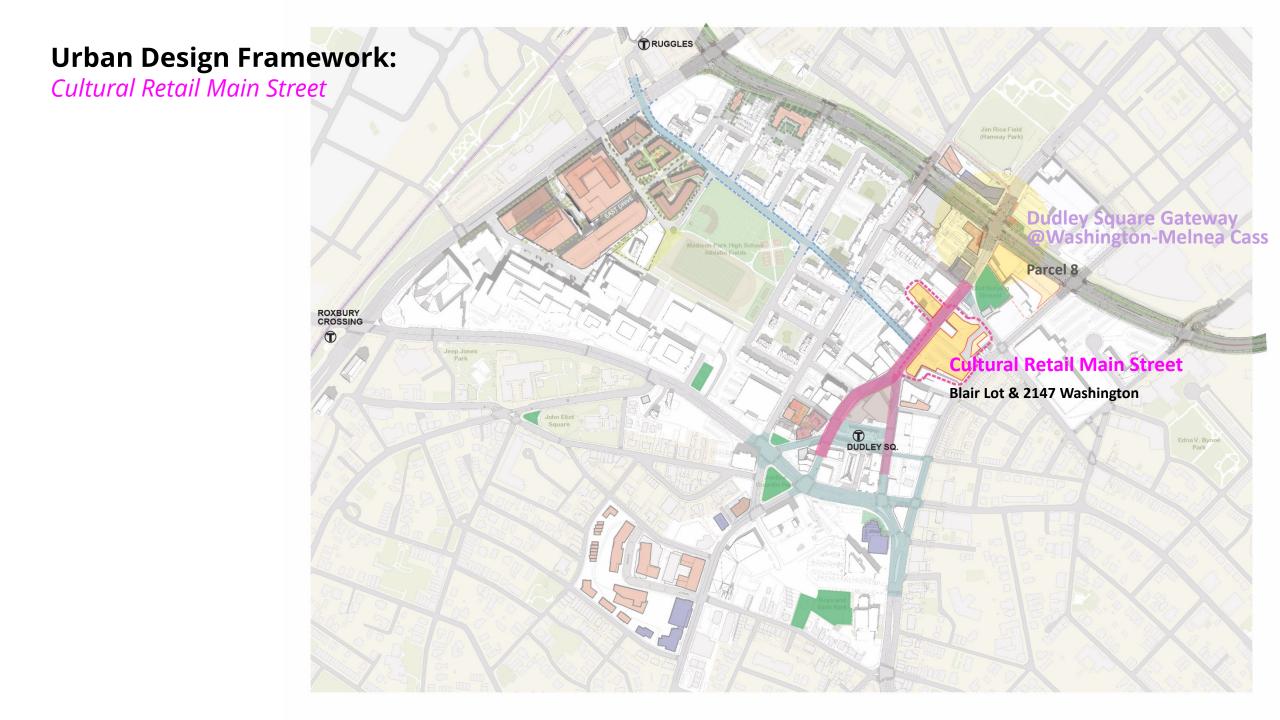
### Parcel 8









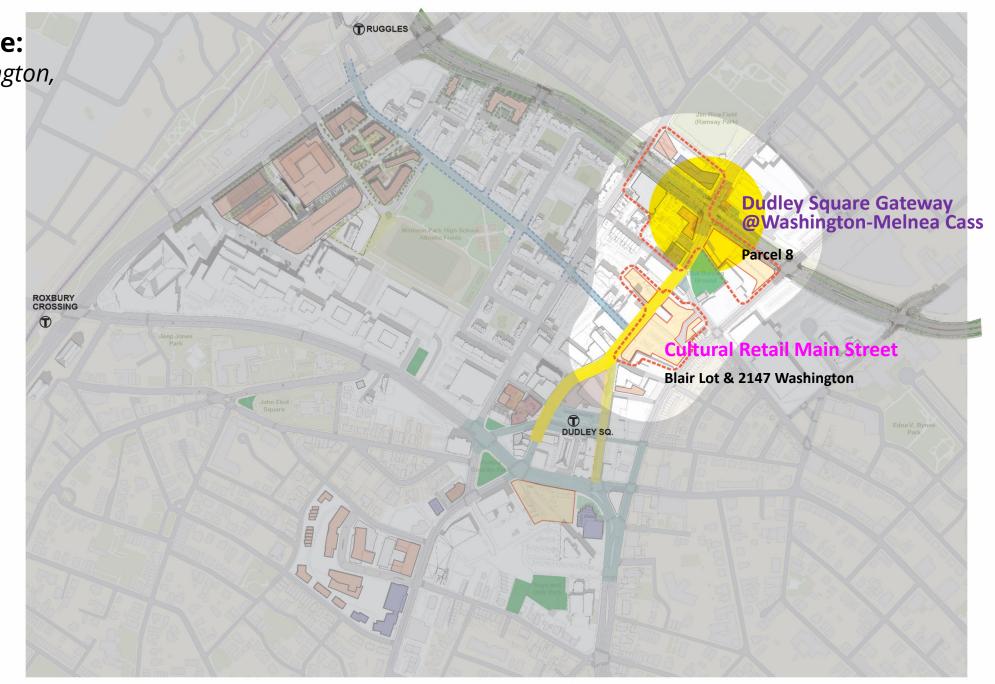


### Urban Design Framework: Cultural Retail Main Street Opportunities along Washington St.



**Workshop Exercise:** 

Blair Lot, 2147 Washington, & Parcel 8



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### **Workshop Exercise:** *Heights that reinforce the Opportunities*

