

Original (1965) Goals and Planning Objectives | South Cove

The Plan contains five (5) basic goals:

1. To promote and expedite public and private development;
2. To cause the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the South Cove as a stable neighborhood compatible in function and design with the neighboring Central Business District, the Back Bay, and the South End
3. To preserve and strengthen the residential character of the area in such a way as to promote and insure its future;
4. To facilitate efficient use of land in the area for housing, commercial and institutional use;
5. To strengthen and expand the real property tax base of the city.

Supporting these goals are twelve (12) planning objectives:

1. To improve the quality and condition of existing residential property through rehabilitation techniques so that all housing conforms with the standards set forth in Chapter VIII of this plan;
2. To remove deteriorated and deteriorating buildings which depress the physical condition and character of the area;
3. To intensify utilization of land to achieve more economically and socially productive uses;
4. To provide sites for the necessary expansion and reorganization of medical and educational facilities;
5. To assemble and make available suitable sites for private development, and to so guide the development of private and public land uses that they do not conflict unduly with the functioning of each other;
6. To meet the housing needs of minority groups and moderate income families;
7. To create decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, providing adequate levels of amenities, convenience, usefulness and livability for the occupants thereof;
8. To provide sites for appropriate community facilities;
9. To provide for improved traffic circulation, particularly with regard to abutting land uses, by separating through traffic from local service traffic, and by clarifying the street pattern;
10. To develop a system of pedestrian and vehicular ways that will allow effective access to all points in the area;
11. To improve street conditions and utilities and the landscaping of public areas;
12. To prevent future obsolescence, deterioration, and congestion.

Original (1971) Goals and Planning Objectives | Park Plaza

The Plan contains eight (8) basic goals:

1. To facilitate the creation of a high-density, 18-hour, mixed use transit- oriented community in the heart of the city;
2. To facilitate the redevelopment of existing garages, obsolete public buildings, and private development opportunities.
3. Preserve and enhance historic resources
4. Create improved connections to the and through the district, recognizing its role as a hinge between downtown and, Chinatown, South Cove, and Back Bay.
5. To support the expansion of the area's institutional uses;
6. To provide higher economic uses to replace existing underutilized garages and other non contributing buildings ;
7. To increase the tax revenue by redeveloping underutilized parcels.

Supporting these goals are nine (9) planning objectives:

1. To create a new and active network of public and semipublic spaces that maximizes the connectivity of this "hinge" district to Downtown, Chinatown, Bay Village, Back Bay, and Boston Common and Public Garden.
2. To promote the redevelopment of the State Transportation Building into a mixed use, high density transit oriented development with through block pedestrian connections and a mix of active ground floor public uses.
3. To promote the potential redevelopment of aging Motormart Garage and Beach Street garage to new mixed use developments.
4. To provide a lively mixture of mutually reinforcing uses with emphasis on residential and daytime plus evening activities;
5. To improve the public realm surrounding local entertainment and theaters by providing wide sidewalks and supporting a mix of complementary ground level uses;
6. To support the development of institutional use buildings that contribute to the public realm through active ground floor uses that animate the street edge ;
7. To carefully integrate the new development especially in the relationship of the buildings along Boylston Street with the adjacent Boston Common and Public Garden
8. To minimize the impact of new development on abutting residential neighborhoods of Bay Village and Chinatown;
9. To minimize impact of new development on the historic resources in the district.

Proposed (2015) Goals | South Cove

Below are suggested themes for a proposed set of 2015 goals for the South Cove Urban Renewal Area. These themes and draft language were informed directly by the Chinatown Master Plan (CMP) and with input from knowledgeable staff from the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA). We ask for your feedback on these proposed goals and also assistance in creating supporting planning objectives. Thank you.

Housing

- Expand the number and range of housing options (CMP)
- Strengthen the residential character of Bay Village and Chinatown by increasing residential density and diversifying housing type and mix of income (BRA)

Public Realm

- Foster a more sustainable and greener community (CMP)
- Expand civic spaces and increase the number of open spaces and park (CMP)
- Strengthen the pedestrian and public realm connections between this area to the surrounding neighborhoods of the downtown, South End, Back Bay and South Bay (BRA)

Neighborhood Connectivity

- Reaffirm Chinatown's connection with its neighbors (CMP)
- Increase public safety, improve the pedestrian environment, and engage in transportation planning to address community needs (CMP)
- Promote the area's diverse and vibrant mixed use character while improving connections to the neighboring Central Business District, the Back Bay, and the South End (BRA)

Economic Development

- Identify, create, and prepare community members and businesses for economic development opportunities which will serve the needs of the local community, including residents, institutions, the Downtown and Theater Districts (CMP)
- Promote greater economic vitality of the area by aligning and balancing growth of institutional uses with commercial development and community development (BRA)

Please assist us with creating supporting planning objectives!