

Welcome to FORT POINT!

Let's imagine the future open space together.

We want to hear your ideas for the future of the open space network in Fort Point and what the new parks and enhanced waterfront experience can do for your community.

This meeting is in a discussion format. Visit each of the three tables (one for each theme) to give us feedback, or you can fill out a scorecard to share your thoughts.

We have three themes that show what the Fort Point open space could look like. Tell us what you think!

There are additional stations you can visit at your own pace:

- Theme Overview
- Resilience Edge Considerations
- Road Network

WHAT IS THE OPEN SPACE PLAN PROCESS?



What We Heard

138
Total Respondents

Emerging Themes

DESIRE FOR NATURE/ WATER CONNECTION

"Create a more inviting waterfront experience."

IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTIVITY

"Connecting visitors to and from the Fort Point area is critical."

DESIRE FOR COMMUNITY/ OPEN, UNSTRUCTURED SPACE

"Add more community events or unstructured social interaction."

A PLACE THAT FEELS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

"I want to see a welcoming place of nature and community without consumerism."

The first round of community input included an in-person open house, online survey, and participation at several existing events.

This feedback provided the foundation for the three theme options presented today.

What do you want to do in the open space?

Programs selected by more than 25% of respondents



Stormwater Gardens / Rain Gardens



Pollinator Garden / Wildflower Meadow



Outdoor Markets



Open Lawn



Overlooks / Viewing Areas



Nature Path / Playscape



Sculpture Garden / Outdoor Gallery



Small Concerts / Events

How do you want the open space to feel?

Images selected by more than 15% of respondents



Urban Wilderness
Where Boston comes to explore water and nature

Rank #1
Total score: 315

Community Living Room
Where Boston comes together for food, family, and a sense of home

Rank #2
Total score: 297

Outdoor Gallery
Where Boston comes to celebrate history and experience diverse arts and culture

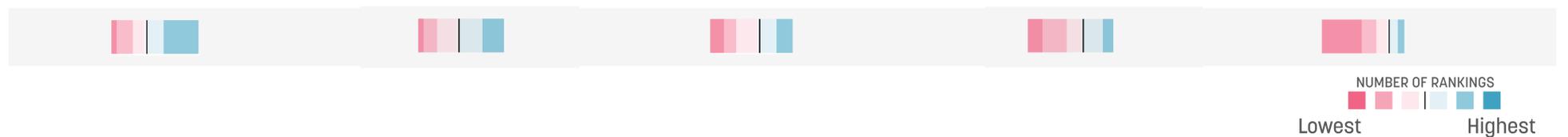
Rank #3
Total score: 259

Flexible Space
Where Boston comes to large social events and spontaneous gathering

Rank #4
Total score: 249

Fitness Zone
Where Boston comes for waterfront exercise and active play

Rank #5
Total score: 178



EXISTING CONDITIONS

SOUTH BOSTON
WATERFRONT

FORT POINT CHANNEL

A STREET PARK

SOUTH BOSTON

MELCHER ST

SUMMER ST

NECCO ST

A STREET

W. SERVICE RD

HAUL RD

WORMWOOD ST

BINFORD ST

A STREET

MEDALLION AVE

SOUTH BOSTON BYPASS RD

0 150 300ft



2006 OPEN SPACE FRAMEWORK

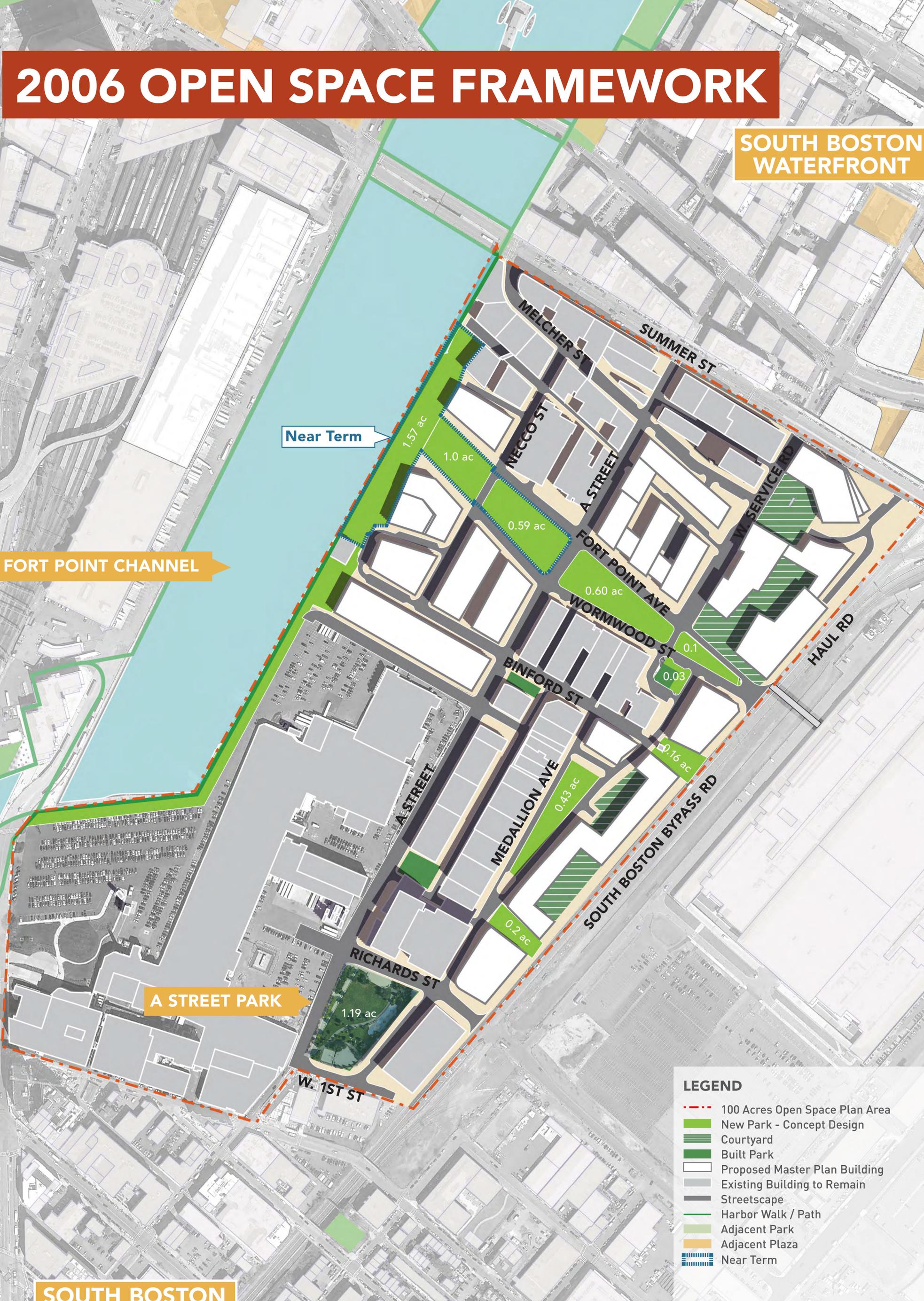
SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT

FORT POINT CHANNEL

Near Term

A STREET PARK

SOUTH BOSTON



LEGEND

- 100 Acres Open Space Plan Area
- New Park - Concept Design
- Courtyard
- Built Park
- Proposed Master Plan Building
- Existing Building to Remain
- Streetscape
- Harbor Walk / Path
- Adjacent Park
- Adjacent Plaza
- Near Term

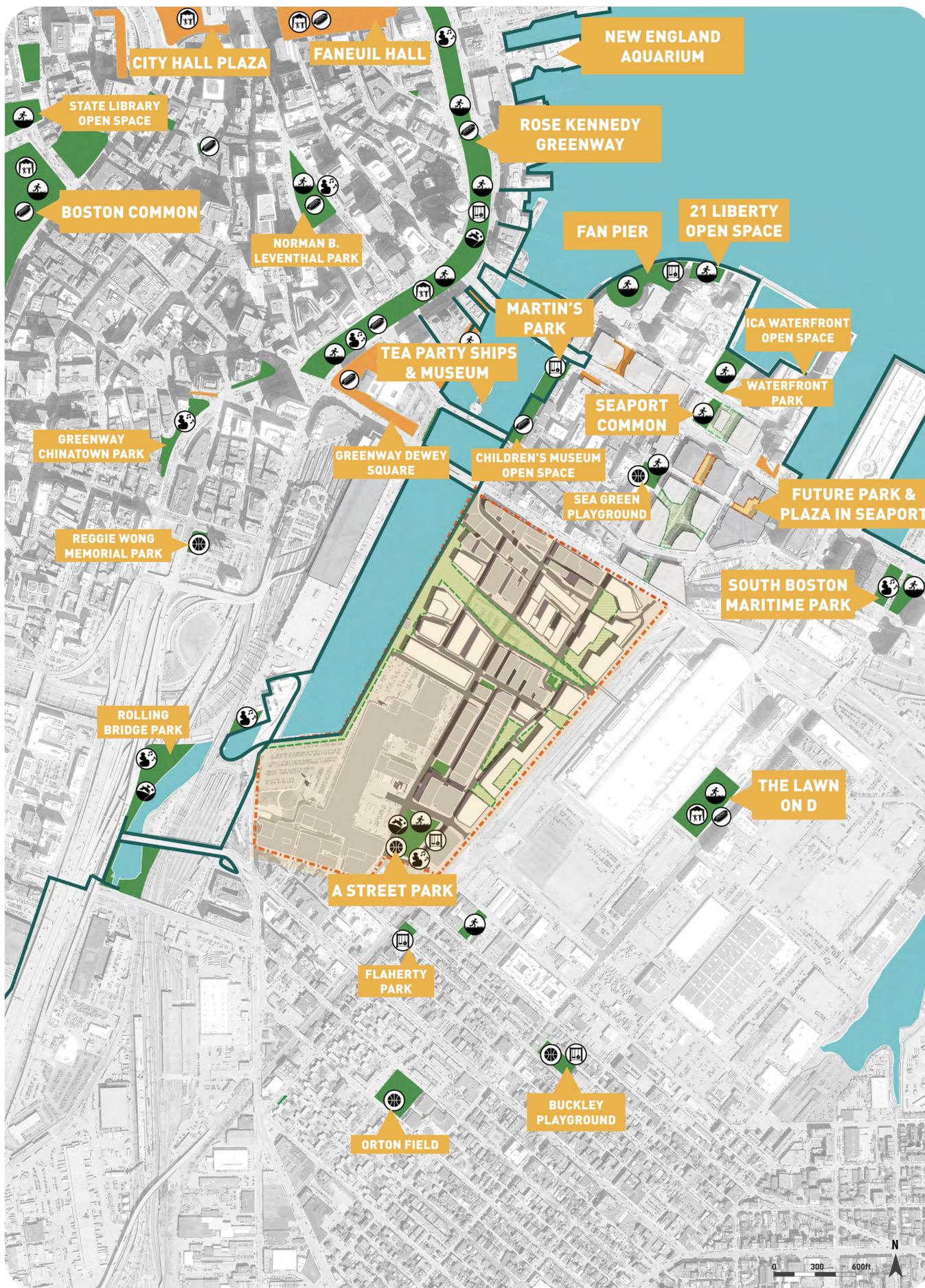
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FORT POINT IN CONTEXT



Existing Amenities



KEY TAKEAWAY

Within walkable distance, there are several parks near Fort Point. It is important to keep in mind what's still missing and what's already there.

- Recreation / Sports
- Open Lawn
- Playground
- Cultural Elements
- Existing Park
- Proposed Open Space in Site Boundary
- Adjacent Proposed Open Space
- Existing Plaza
- Proposed Plaza
- Harbor Walk
- Pop-up Events
- Dog Park
- Food Truck



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21 LIBERTY OPEN SPACE



SEAPORT COMMON



WATERFRONT PARK



SEA GREEN PLAYGROUND



MARTIN'S PARK



A STREET PARK



HARBOR WALK IN FORT POINT

Urban Wilderness

KEY ELEMENTS

Waterfront Amphitheater

Curves the berm to create a larger waterfront gathering space and a waterfront amphitheater

Landforms Create Views Towards the Waterfront

Undulating landforms create elevated moments to see the Channel. This theme offers the option of a potential future bridge to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Interpretive Nature Path

Path through the park weaves beside pollinator and stormwater gardens, shaded along the way by an urban forest

Nature-based Program

Floating wetlands along the edge of the Fort Point Channel, a pollinator pathway, stormwater gardens, nature play area, and interpretive signage offer active ways to and learn about resilience, ecology, and sustainability

Fort Point Channel

Floating Wetlands



Fishing Pier



Amphitheater

Public Art

Ramp on Green Slope

Flexible Lawn

Pollinator Gardens



Picnic Pavilions

Nature Play



Nature Path

Stormwater Gardens

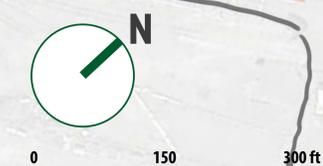


Pocket Dog Park

Community Garden



A Street Park:
Existing playground, dog park, community garden multi-purpose field



- Existing Green Space
- Proposed Building in 2006 Master Plan
- Existing Building

Connect to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

Community Living Room

KEY ELEMENTS

Elevated Waterfront Plaza

Elevates the land-side of the berm to create a generous raised plaza at the waterfront, with a waterfront terrace and floating stage at the Channel's edge

Raised Necco St.

Elevates Necco Street at the intersection with Wormwood Street, allowing views toward the Channel from further back in the park; the land slopes gradually from Necco Street to A Street

Shared Path to Water

Creates a pedestrian promenade along Wormwood Street that connects directly to the Channel and waterfront views

Neighborhood Program "Rooms"

Designed as a series of outdoor "rooms," the central park space offers a water play area, shaded market plaza, and flexible lawn with an outdoor cafe

Fort Point Channel

Floating Stage

Waterfront Terraces

Elevated Plaza

Interactive Fountain

Cafe Plaza

Flexible Lawn

Picnic Pavilion

Flexible Market Space

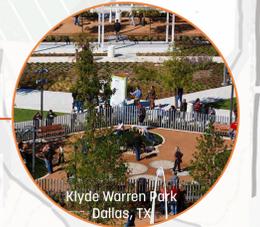
Pedestrian Promenade

Pocket Playground

Plaza under Shade Structure

Dog Park

Community Garden



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0 150 300 ft

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W. 1st Street

Richard's St

Binford St

Wormwood St

Fort Point Ave

A Street

Medallion Ave

West Service Rd

Haul Rd

+15'

Necco St

+9'

+8'

+5'

Chicago Navy Pier
Chicago, IL

Discovery Green
Houston, TX

The Lawn on D
Boston, MA

The West
Denver

Green Square
Midland, Australia

Klyde Warren Park
Dallas, TX

Flex Space/Outdoor Gallery

KEY ELEMENTS

One Big Open Space

Maximizes the space on the land-side of the berm to be as flat, continuous, and flexible as possible; landside terraces provide views of the park

Smaller Activity Zones

A mix of smaller-scale activities (dog park, playground, pocket plaza) and shade trees line the flexible lawn

Waterfront Overlook

Offers an elevated overlook towards the Channel, with space for activity barges to pull up below

Maximized Space for Flexible Use

Open Lawn can be used for picnics, frisbee, pick-up sports, events, and concerts; portion of Necco can be closed for events to create a larger contiguous space

Fort Point Channel

Art Barge

Waterfront Overlook

Elevated Plaza

Terraced Seating

Flexible Lawn

Temporary Stage Location

Cafe

Dog Park

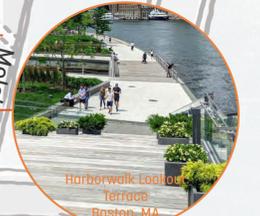
Fitness Stations

Flexible Playground

Pocket Plaza

Multi-purpose recreation

Fitness Stations



A Street Park:
Existing playground, dog park, community garden multi-purpose field



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W. 1st Street

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Binford St

Wormwood St

Fort Point Ave

West Service Rd

Haul Rd

A Street

Medallion Ave

Necco St

Mecher St

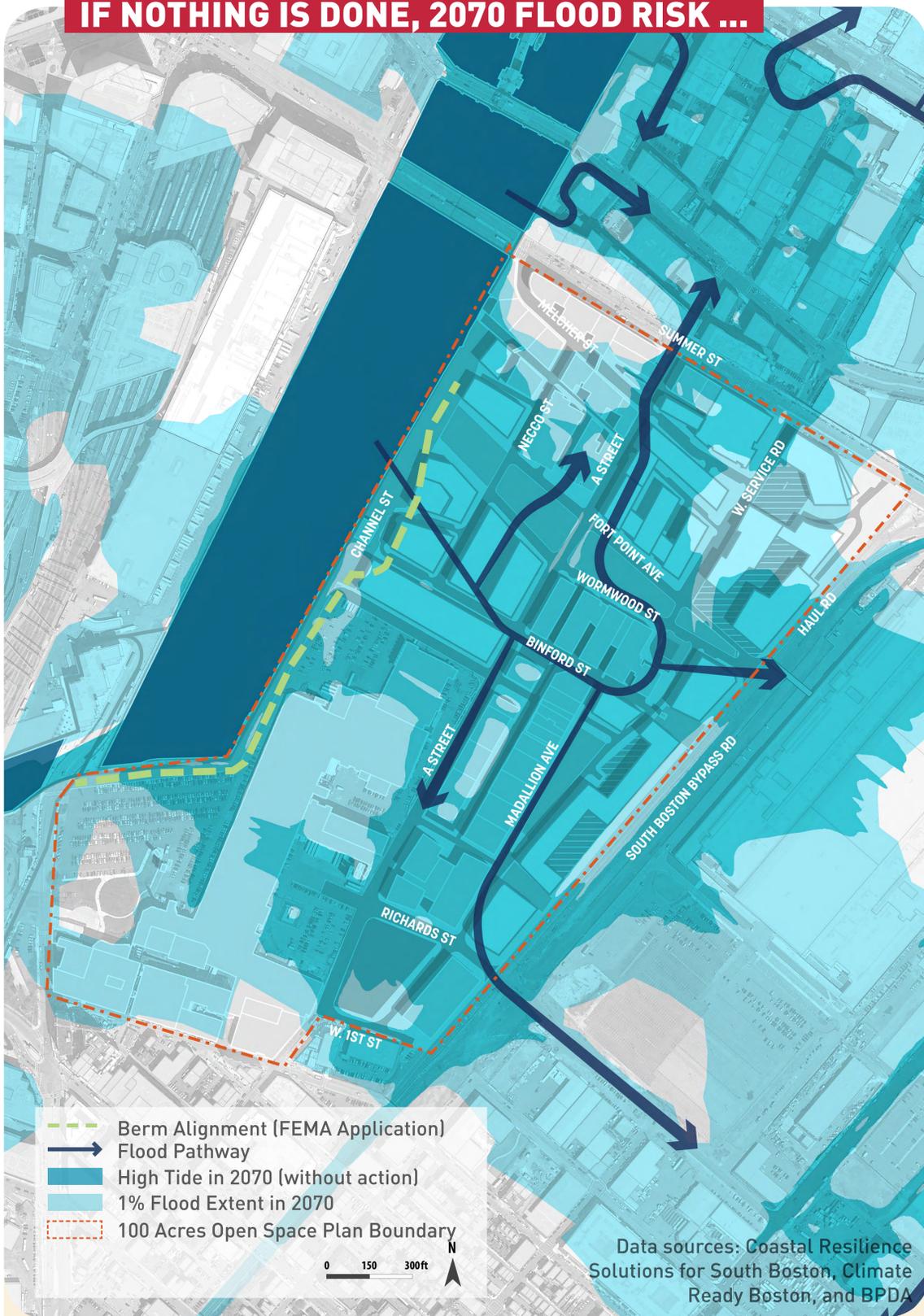
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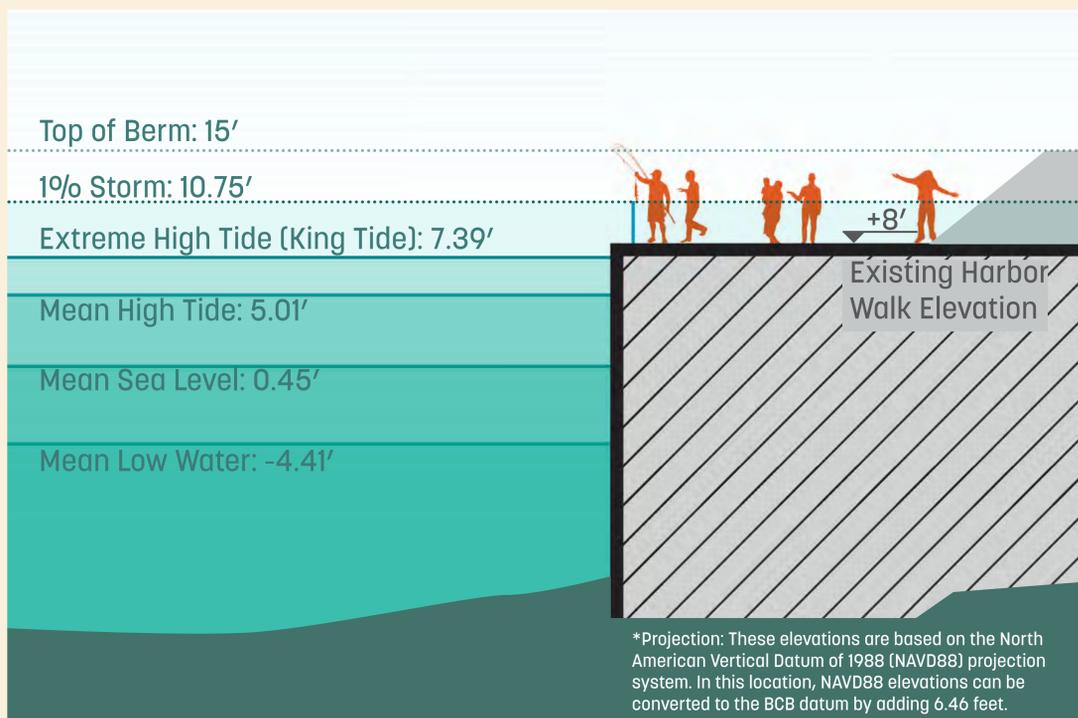
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Resilient Edge Condition

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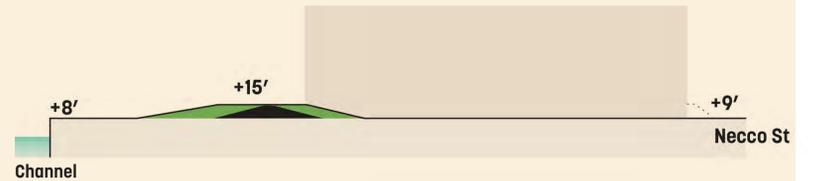
Current Tide, Flood, and Berm Elevations



POTENTIAL BERM OPTIONS

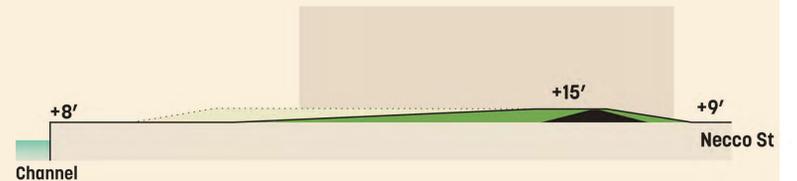
Maximize Programmable Space behind Berm

Balance between transition, flat space, and fill



Gradual Waterfront Slope

Orient more of open space towards water views and connectivity



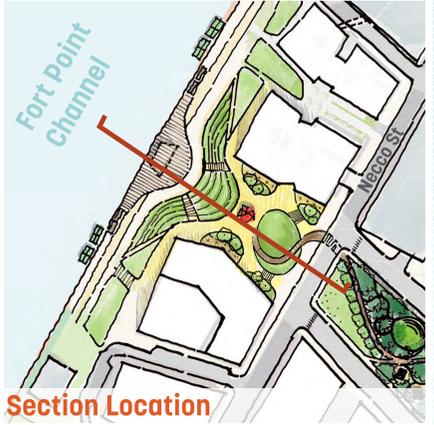
Extended Elevated Plaza

Maximize flat area at the top of berm elevation



- or Clay Core
- High Platform
- Sloping Area
- Other Park Space

RESILIENT EDGE CONDITION - THEME 1: URBAN WILDERNESS

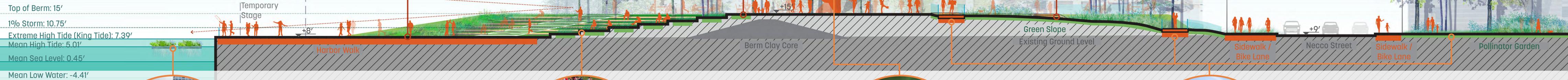


Gradual Waterfront Slope
This theme pulls back the berm from the Harborwalk to create a larger waterfront gathering space and a waterfront amphitheater.

Water's Edge
A waterfront amphitheater steps down from the top of the berm, providing water views and a gathering space that can accommodate a temporary stage.

Elevated Plaza
At the top of the berm, a compact plaza includes seating and opportunities for art.

Land Side
A gradual vegetated slope with accessible pathway connects to the central park.



Floating Wetland
The floating wetlands clean the water and create habitat in Fort Point Channel.
Chicago Riverwalk Floating Wetland
Chicago, IL



Amphitheater Terraces
The design creates a gradual green slope with terraced seating facing the Channel. This amphitheater could provide seating for events.
Tom Hanafan Park
Council Bluffs, IA



Public Art
A public art piece on the elevated plaza can create a focal point for people coming from both the inland park and waterfront side.
The Space Whale,
The Pier Group with Matthew Schultz, Android Jones and Andy Tibbetts from Reno, NV

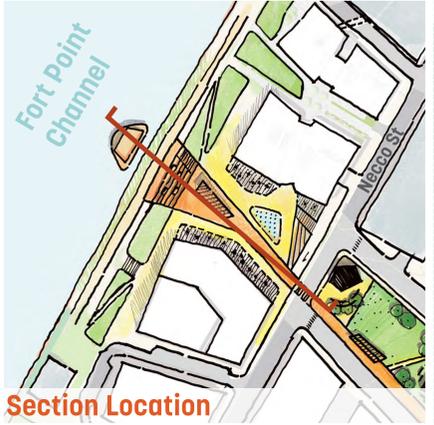


Nature Path
Pockets of pollinator gardens are linked by a nature path. The path ramps up on a meadow slope and extends to the elevated plaza, bringing the energy of an urban wilderness to the waterfront.
Facebook HQ,
Menlo Park, CA



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RESILIENT EDGE CONDITION - THEME 2: COMMUNITY LIVING ROOM

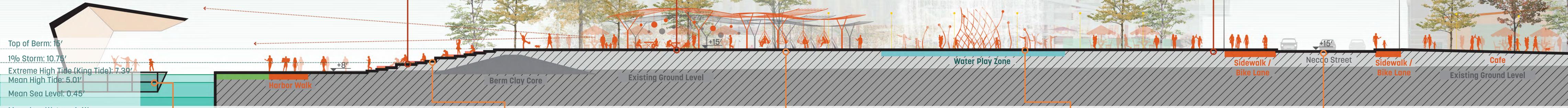


Extended Elevated Plaza
 This theme creates an extended elevated plaza at the top of berm height with active programs and water views.

Water's Edge
 A large, hardscape social stair transitions from the top of the berm to the Harborwalk.

Elevated Plaza
 At the top of the berm, a generous plaza includes an outdoor cafe seating, shaded gathering space, and water play.

Land Side
 The ground slopes gradually down from the berm to A street, creating a continuous experience.



Floating Stage
 A temporary floating stage can host seasonal events at the Fort Point waterfront.

Floating Stage, Rhine River Basel, Switzerland



Waterfront Terraces
 A large social stair transitions from the top of berm to the Harborwalk for everyday gathering and events/

Navy Pier Chicago, IL



Shade Structure
 An architectural shade structure at the elevated plaza creates a comfortable environment to visit and stay.

Smale Riverfront Park Cincinnati, OH



Interactive Fountain
 An interactive water play sculpture can serve as a beacon and a destination at the elevated plaza, cooling down visitors on summer days.

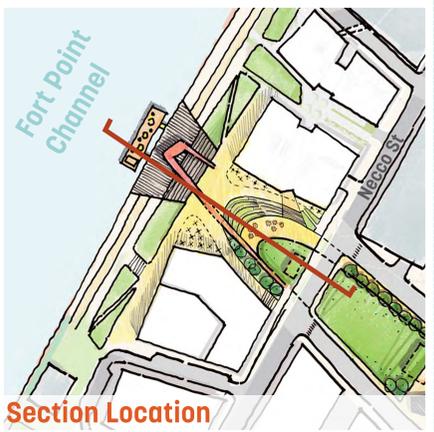
Mist Tree by Doug Hollis, Discovery Green Houston, TX

Raised Portion of Necco St
 The portion of Necco St at the park is raised to maximize the connection and views to the channel. A gradual slope continues down toward A Street.



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RESILIENT EDGE CONDITION - THEME 3: FLEXIBLE SPACE / OUTDOOR GALLERY

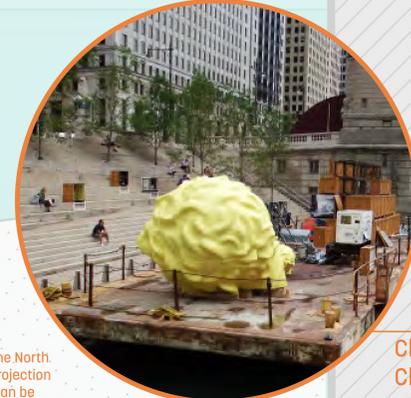
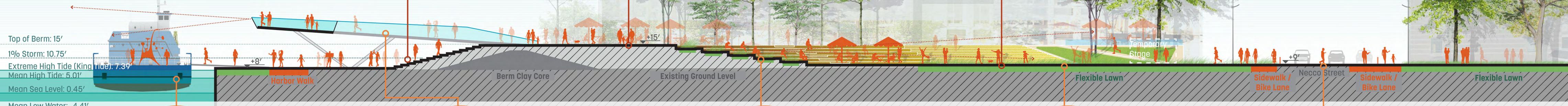


Maximized flat space for activities behind the Berm
 The berm hugs the edge of the Harborwalk to maximize flexible flat space on the land size.

Water's Edge
 Terraced seating lines the Harborwalk, with an overlook above.

Elevated Plaza
 At the top of the berm, a compact plaza with outdoor seating connects to the overlook.

Land Side
 Flat flexible space extends across Necco St. for events large and small.



Art Barge
 A seasonal floating barge functions as a temporary gallery, creating a destination connected to the Fort Point arts community.

Chicago Floating Museum
 Chicago, IL



Waterfront Overlook
 A dramatic waterfront overlook provides a high point to enjoy views of the Channel.

Zaryadye Park
 Moscow, Russia



Terraced Seating
 Facing the central lawn space, the terrace could serve as amphitheater seating facing the temporary stage.

Harborwalk Lookout Terrace
 Boston, MA



Flexible Lawn
 Flexible lawn on both side of Necco St can hold different programs, or they can be combined when a portion of Necco Street is temporarily closed.

Klyde Warren Park
 Dallas, Texas

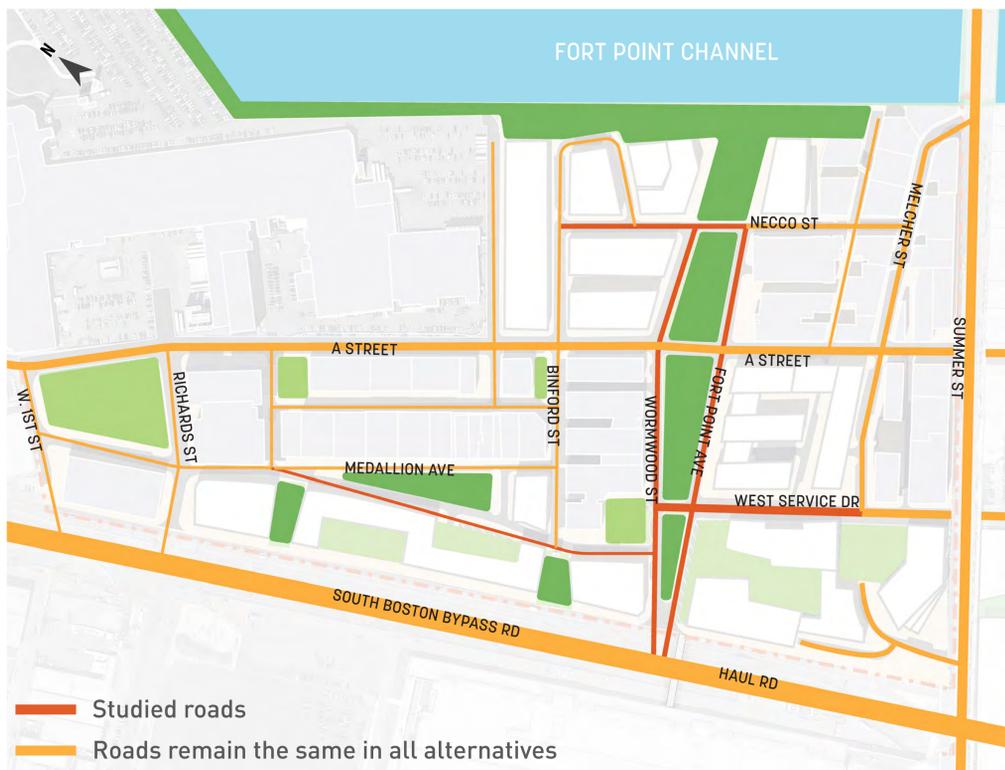
Necco Street along the park can be temporarily closed to vehicles for bigger events

Necco St between Fort Point Ave and Wormwood St is designed as a plaza flush with the sidewalk. The road can be easily pedestrianized and closed during events.



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Road Network



2006 MASTER PLAN

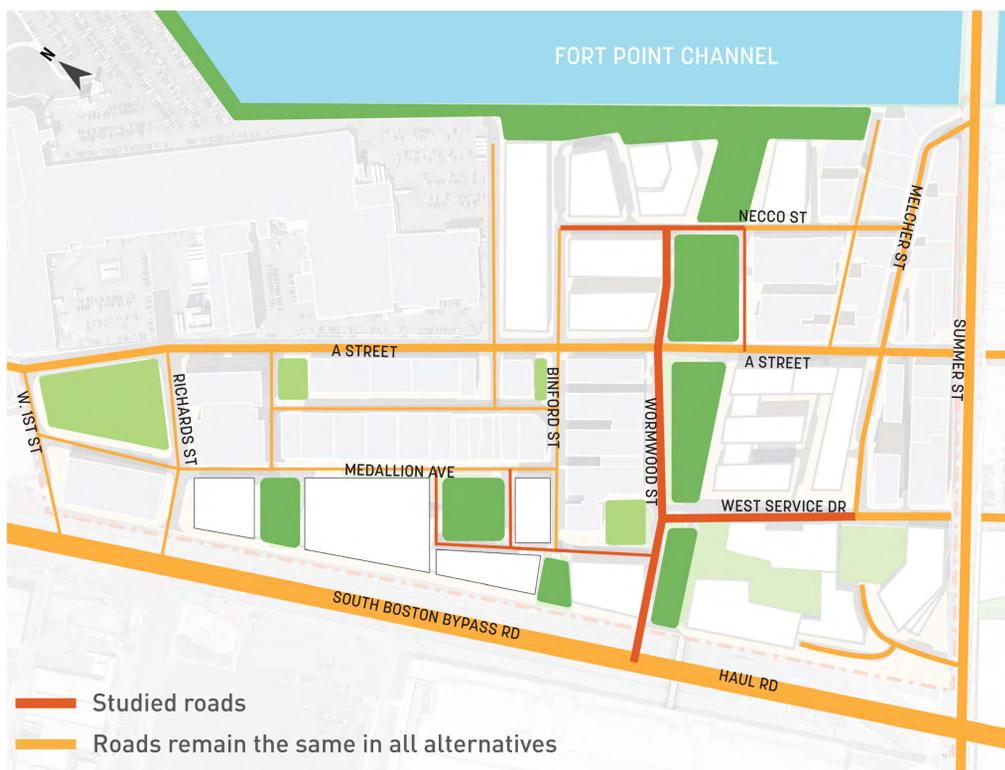
Wormwood Street and Fort Point Avenue are a pair of one-way roadways framing the central park space.

Pros

- Roadways create a clear delineation between public and private spaces.

Cons

- This pair of roadways results in slightly less park acreage and some smaller, less usable wedges of open space than the alternatives below.
- Intersection at Haul Road could be awkward.
- Challenging pair of intersections on A Street with Wormwood St and Fort Point Ave.



ALTERNATIVE A: WORMWOOD ST PRIMARY

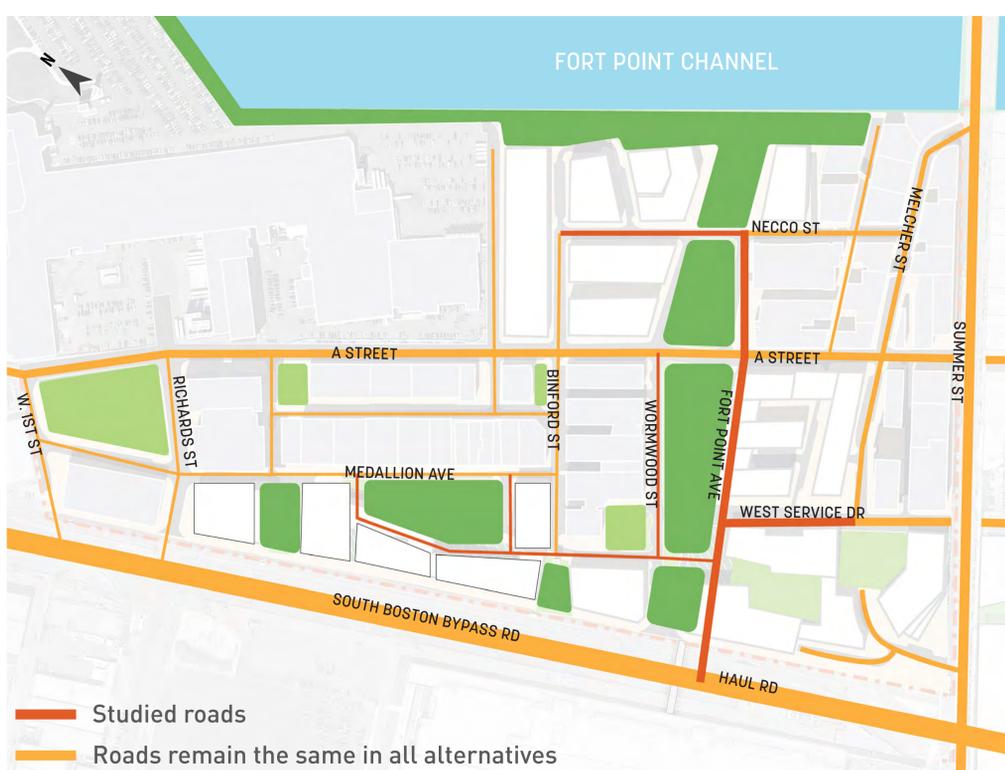
Wormwood Street is extended as the primary vehicular connection from the Haul Road to Necco Street. From the Haul Road to A Street, Fort Point Avenue from the 2006 Master Plan becomes a pedestrian connection.

Pros

- Increase in open space acreage from 2006 plan.
- Shorter implementation timeframe due to property ownership.

Cons

- More traffic headed to the Haul Road will cross through the open space.
- Wormwood St. terminates on a building rather than directing views to the waterfront.



ALTERNATIVE B: FORT POINT AVE PRIMARY

Fort Point Ave is the primary vehicular connection from the Haul Road to Necco Street. From A Street to Necco Street, a pedestrian connection is aligned with Wormwood St.

Pros

- Increase in open space acreage from 2006 plan
- Traffic moving toward the Haul Road will not cross the open space.

Cons

- Potential for longer implementation time due to property ownership.