

# Welcome to FORT POINT!

Let's imagine the future open space together.

Today is about you!

We want to hear your ideas for the future of the open space network in Fort Point and what they can do for your community.

This meeting is an "Open House" format. That means you can explore the stations at your own pace. There will be a repeated presentation throughout the time. Members of the design team will be stationed around the room to answer any questions.

TODAY'S OPEN HOUSE HAS FIVE STATIONS TO EXPLORE:

1

## Fort Point 101

Learn about the climate change risks affecting Fort Point, and how the sizes of Fort Point's open spaces compare with other parks in the city.

2

## Project Foundation

Learn about the key themes that have come out of past studies and plans and the initial foundational principles identified for the future plan.

3

## What Do You Want to Do?

Take your turn at the gameboard and tell us what activities you want to do at Fort Point.

4

## How Do You Want the Parks to Feel?

Pick out your favorite images that describe your ideal character for Fort Point's open space.

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## Tell Us Anything

Have something you want to share? We're all ears: share whatever is on your mind at this open feedback station.

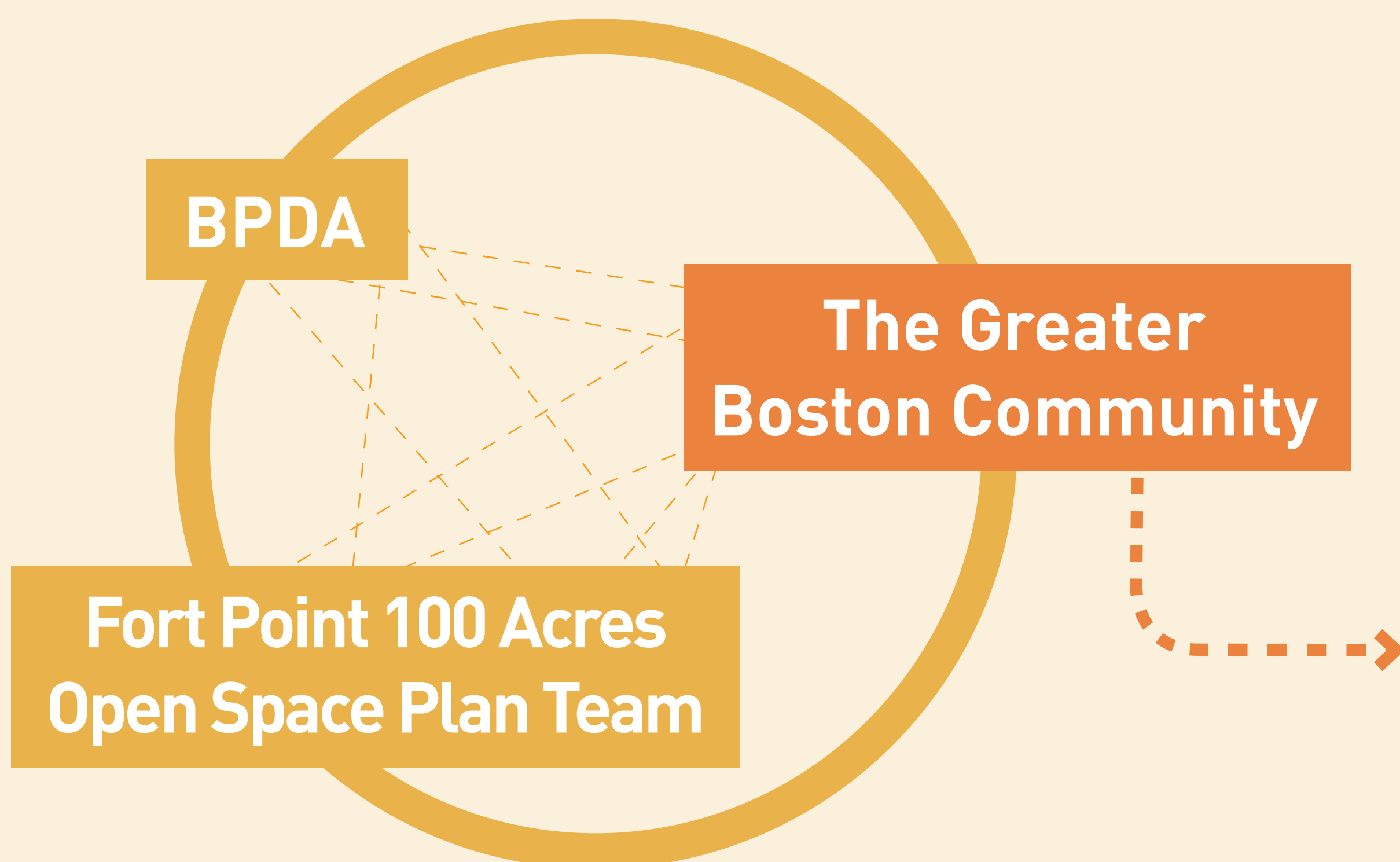


Visit all five stations for a small reward!

# Introduction

## WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE OPEN SPACE PLAN?

Building on previous plans and community input, the design team for the Fort Point 100 Acres Open Space Plan will be working with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to create an imaginative and grounded vision for the Fort Point Channel and open spaces in the Fort Point neighborhood.



**You are an important part of our collaborative team.** This inclusive planning process will engage the Boston community all along the way, including deep engagement with the city's leadership, key stakeholders, and the broader community.

## WHAT IS THE OPEN SPACE PLAN PROCESS?



# EXISTING CONDITIONS

SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT

SEA GREEN PLAYGROUND

FORT POINT CHANNEL

GILLETTE

BOSTON CONVENTION CENTER

FLAHERTY PARK

SOUTH BOSTON



# 2006 OPEN SPACE FRAMEWORK

SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT

SEA GREEN PLAYGROUND

FORT POINT CHANNEL

OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR

OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR

BOSTON CONVENTION CENTER

FLAHERTY PARK

SOUTH BOSTON

## LEGEND

- 100 Acres Open Space Plan Area
- New Park - Concept Design
- ▨ Private Open Space
- Built Park
- Proposed Master Plan Building
- Existing Building to Remain
- Streetscape
- Harbor Walk
- Adjacent Park
- Adjacent Plaza

0 150 300 ft



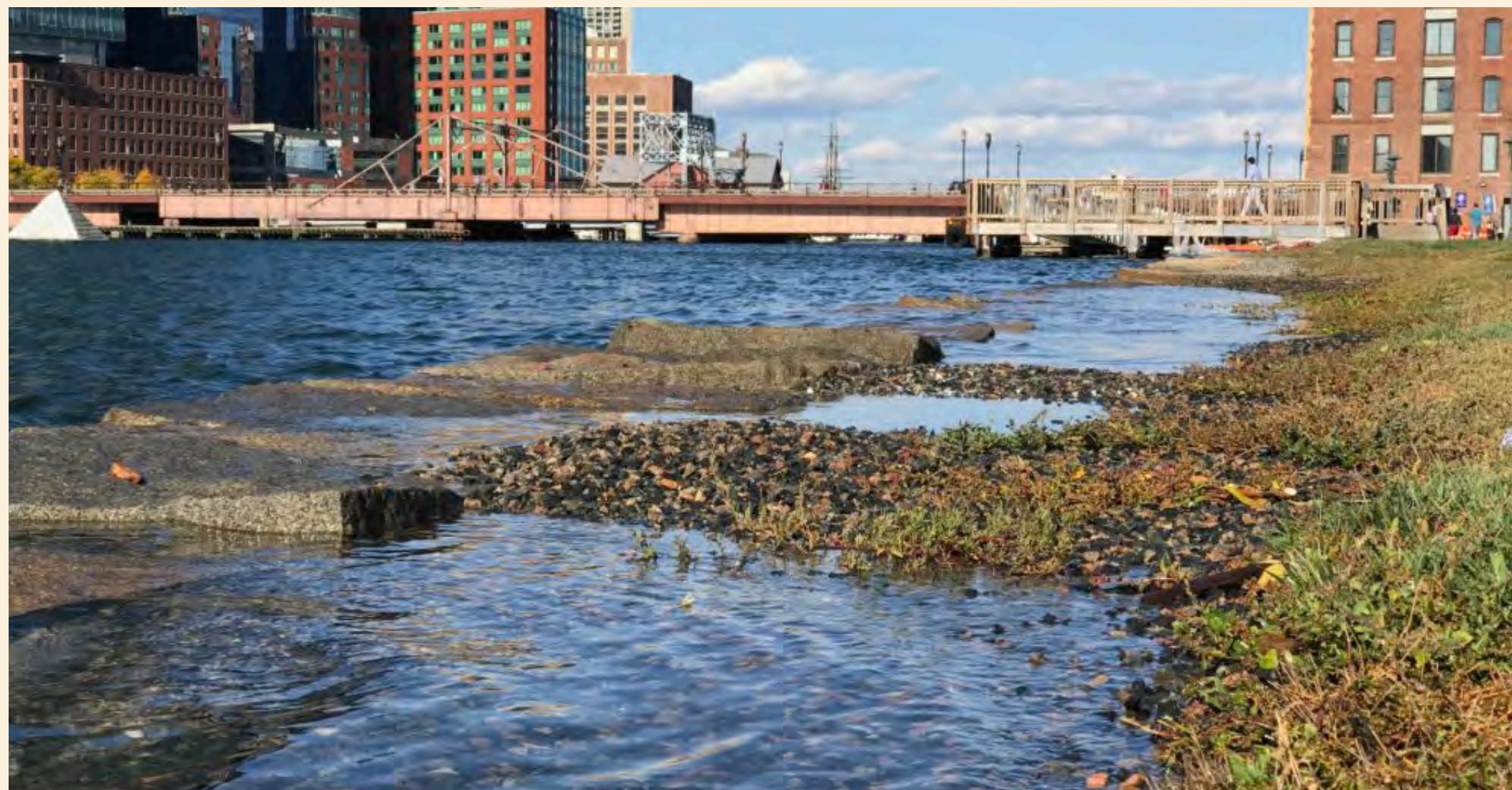
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# Climate Change Risk

## FLOODING

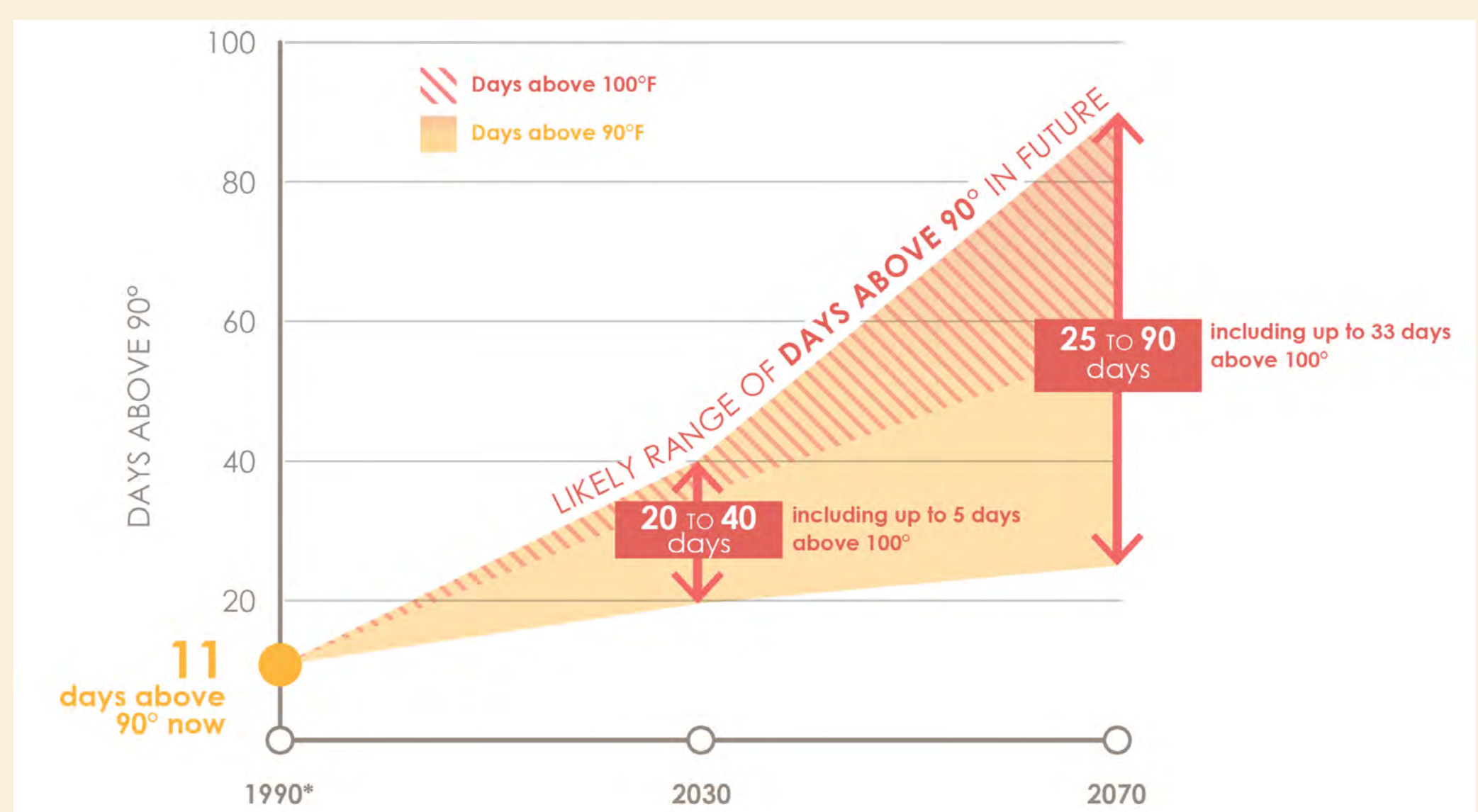


King Tide in Fort Point (2016)

### Fort Point faces flood risk today and this risk will increase in the future

Without action, a significant portion of Fort Point could experience flooding at high tide by the 2070s. A much larger part of the neighborhood could be exposed to flooding in more intense coastal storms.

## HEAT



Projected number of days above 90 and 100 degrees until 2070

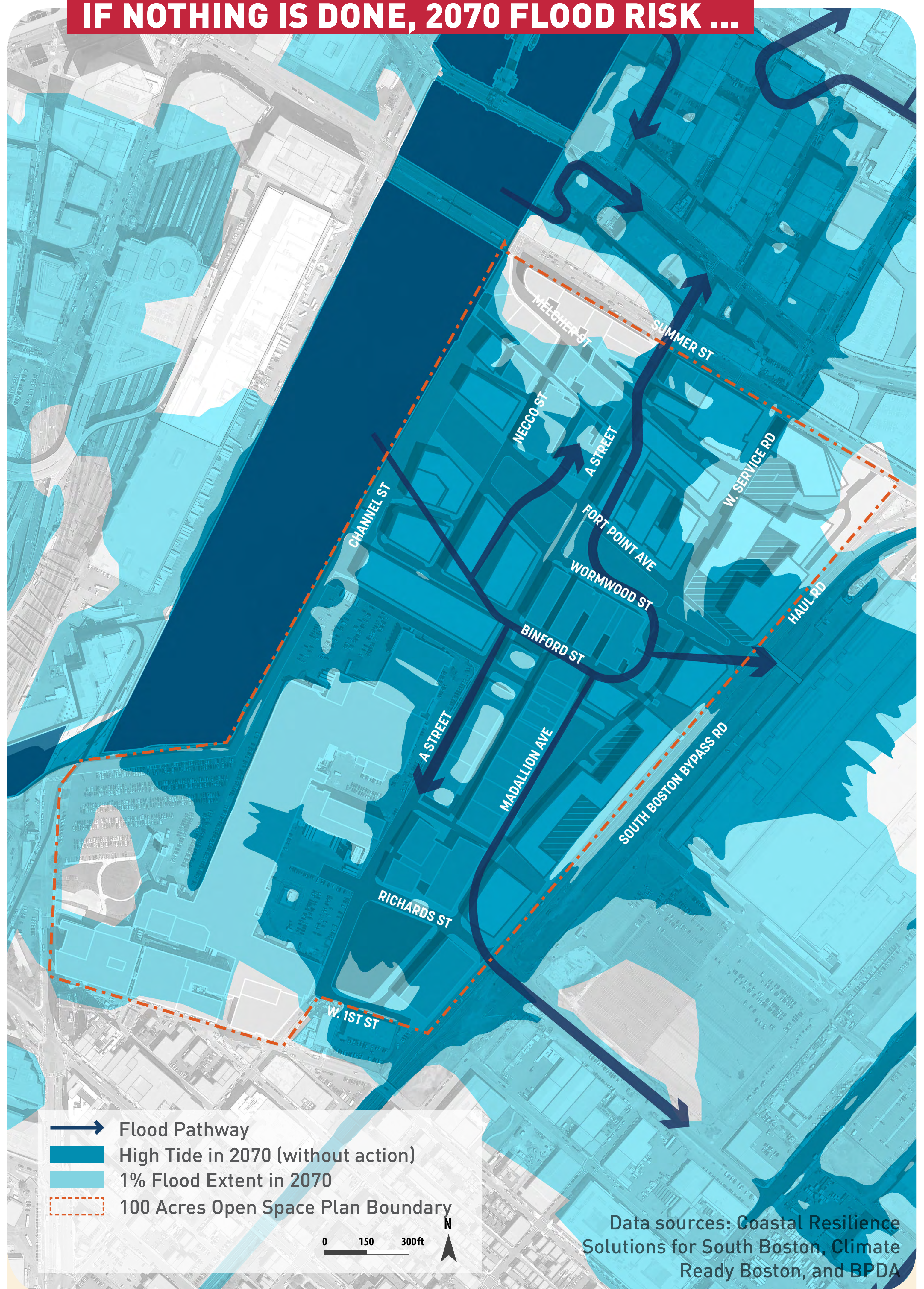
### Higher temperatures and more hot days are also a significant health risk

Scientists project that the number of days above 90 will significantly increase in the coming decades. Hot weather poses health risks, especially for kids, senior adults, and individuals with certain health conditions like asthma.

## KEY TAKEAWAY

Fort Point is at risk of more frequent/intense flooding and hot weather. The 100 Acres Open Space system needs to help the neighborhood stay cool and dry.

## IF NOTHING IS DONE, 2070 FLOOD RISK ...



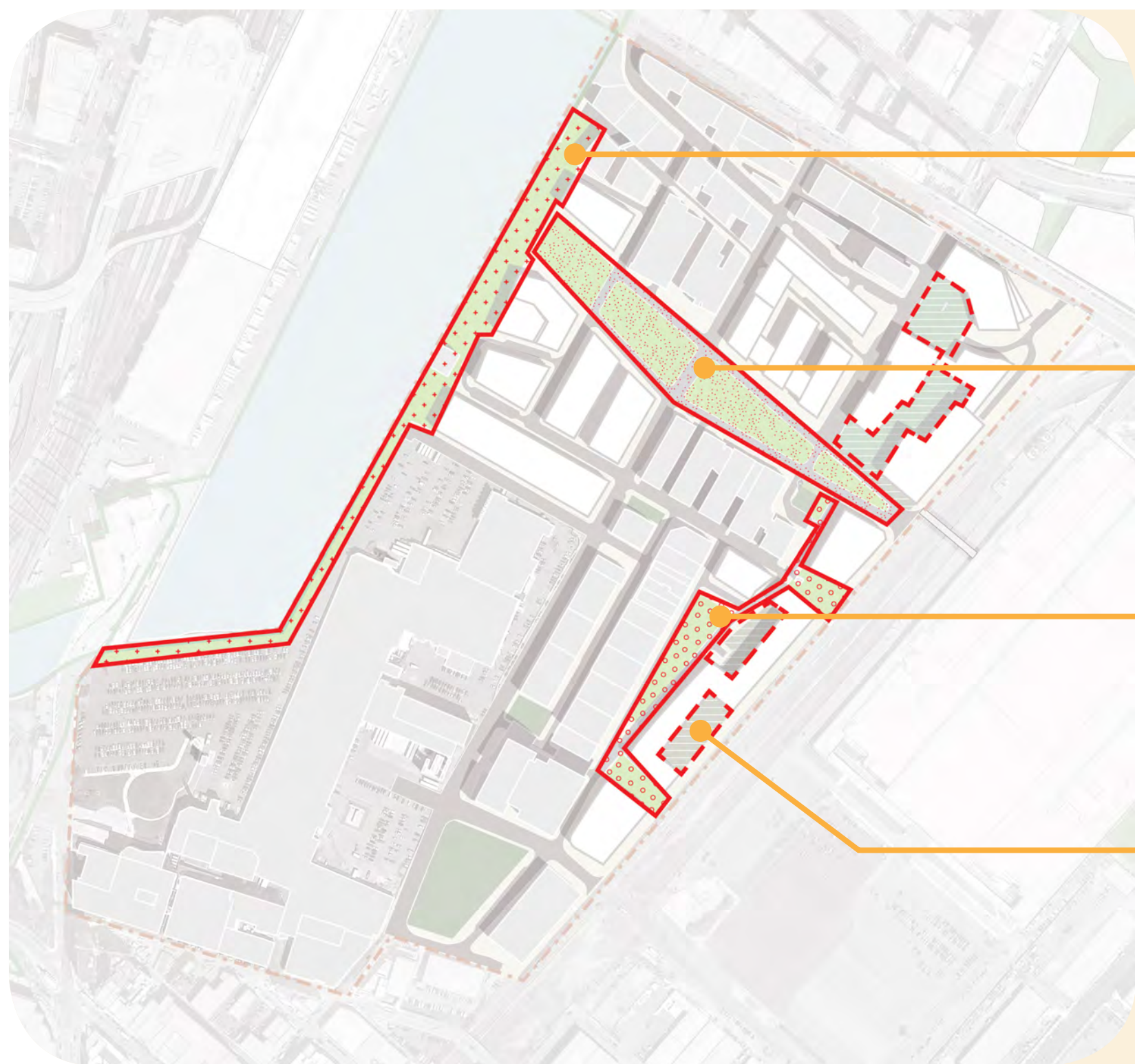
## Integrating Resilience Strategies



Image from Coastal Resilience Solutions for South Boston Report (2018)

Shoreline flood protection, recommended in CRS South Boston, will be integrated into the open space design to buffer against coastal flooding, storm surge, and tidal inundation.

# Park Scale Comparisons



HARBOR WALK / WATERFRONT

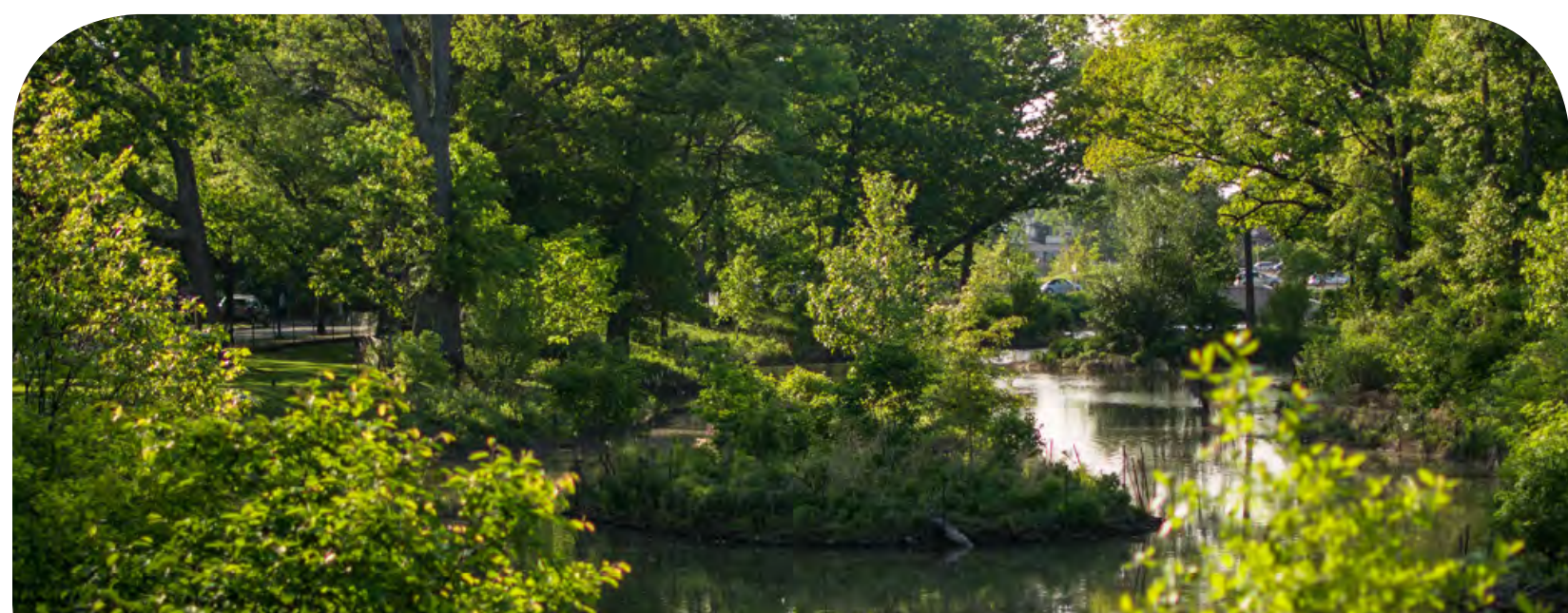
FORT POINT GREEN

INLAND PARKS

COURTYARDS

Compare the Fort Point Open Space scale to other parks in Boston!

Are there any parks that are a perfect fit? Consider the different scales between the water's edge, the central green corridor, and the interior pocket parks.



BACK BAY FENS



CHARLES RIVER ESPLANADE



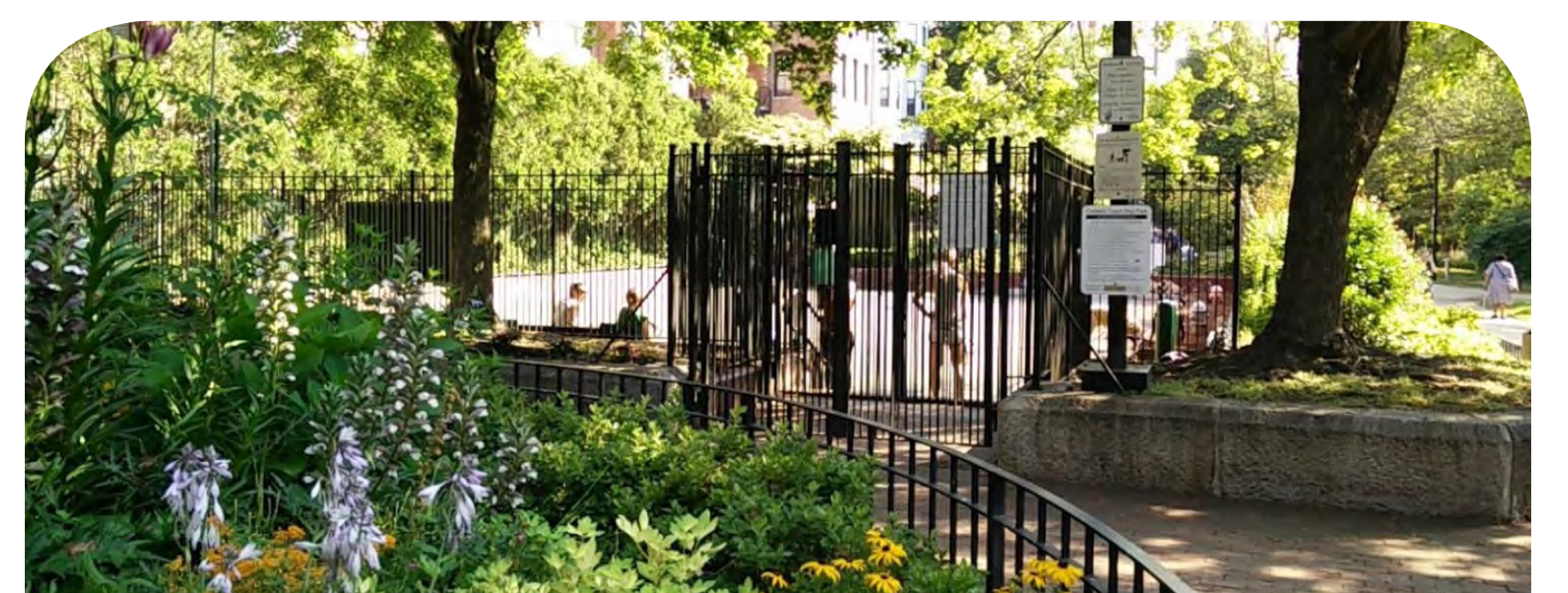
ROSE KENNEDY GREENWAY



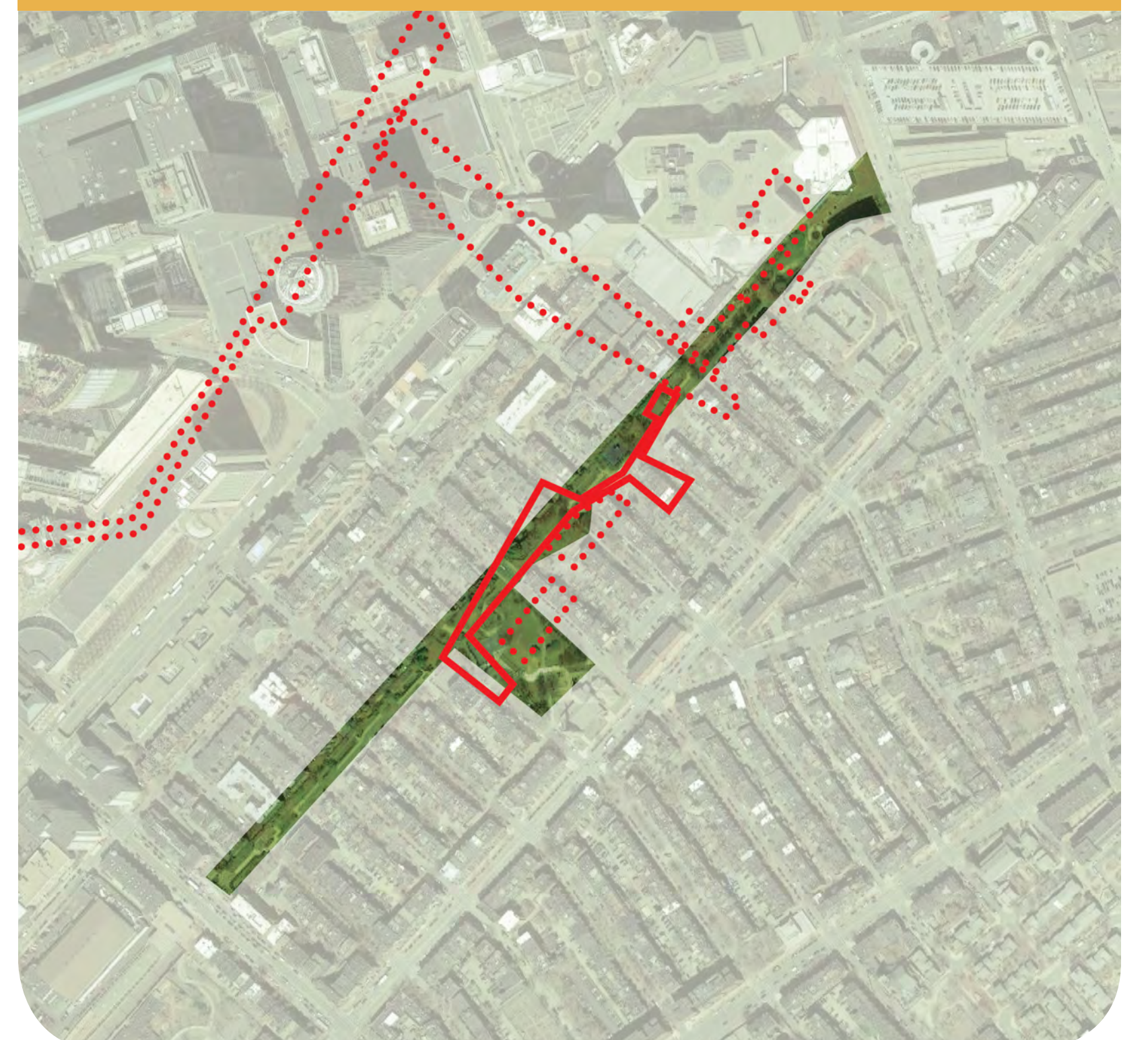
COMMONWEALTH AVE MALL



MALCOLM X PARK



SOUTH WEST CORRIDOR PATH



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# Project Foundation

An aerial photograph of a city waterfront, likely Boston, showing a large-scale construction project. In the foreground, a bridge is under construction, with its steel framework visible. The bridge spans across a body of water. In the background, there are several large, multi-story industrial buildings, some with smokestacks. The sky is overcast, and the overall scene is in shades of green and grey, suggesting an industrial or construction site. The text 'Project Foundation' is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.



# Planning Context

## BUILDING ON PAST ANALYSIS AND INPUT

The planning process for the **Fort Point 100 Acres Open Space Plan** is built on the knowledge and ideas generated through past plans.

The Fort Point Channel and neighborhood have been the subject of many previous projects, and this plan's starting point is understanding the key lessons learned from those projects, while incorporating emerging needs and new opportunities.

**2002**

### Fort Point Channel Watersheet Activation Plan:



Ideas for public uses in the Fort Point channel (e.g., kayaks, islands, festivals), and recommendations for improving connecting existing amenities.

**2015**

### South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan:

Based on existing conditions and projected population/employment growth in South Boston, the plan sets out recommendations to make the waterfront more sustainable by improving active transit options (transit, walking, and bicycling).

**2008**

### South Bay Harbor Trail:

Design for the waterfront trail and associated signage that goes from Ruggles Station in Roxbury to Fan Pier, passing through the Fort Point Channel.

**2009**

### South Boston Waterfront District Municipal Harbor Plan:

Regulatory guidelines for an area within Fort Point, bounded by Fort Point Channel, "A" Street, Gillete, and Necco Court, including uses for the shoreline.

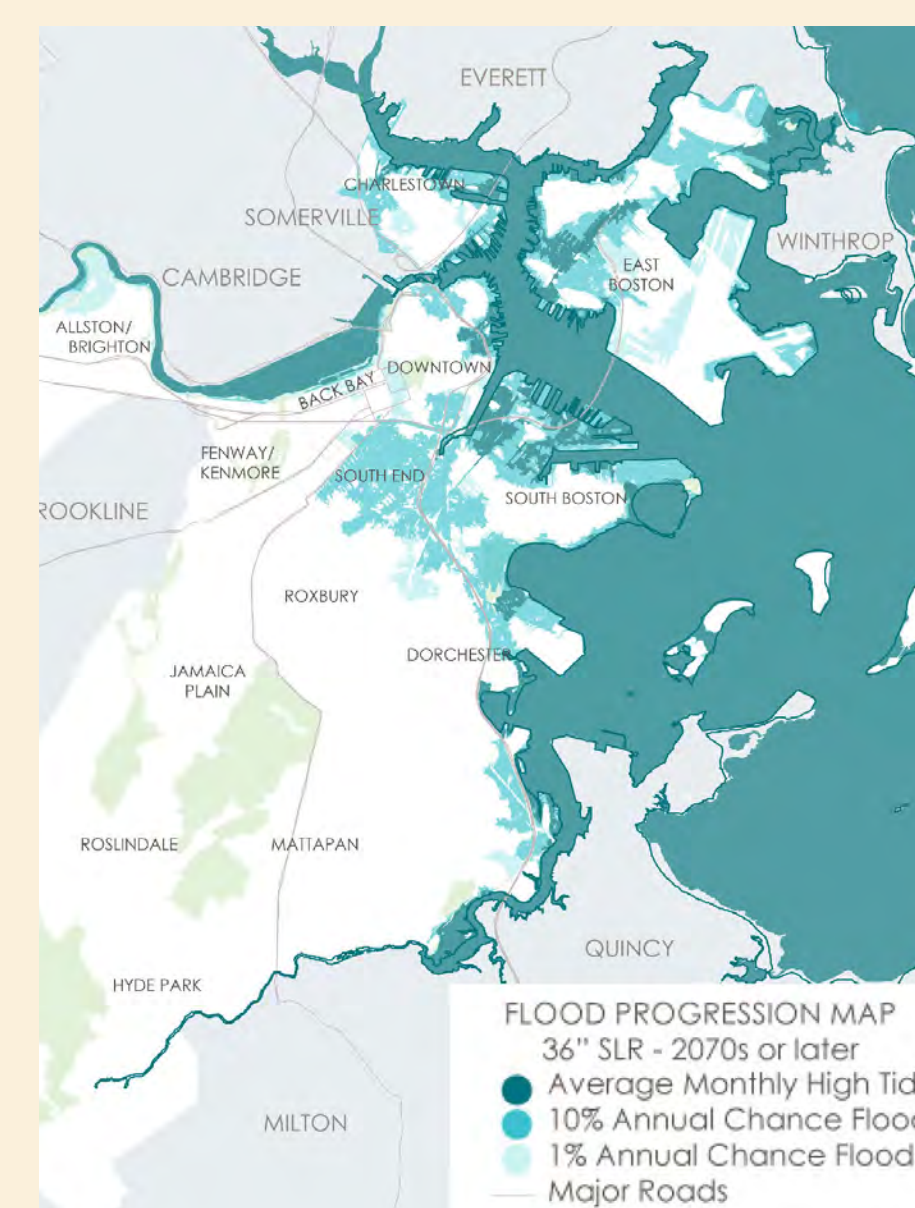
**2012**

### A-Street Park:

Design for A-Street Park, located between the Channel Center Building and Artists for Humanity. The program and amenities were selected through a community process.

**2016**

### Citywide Climate Ready Boston:



This citywide plan identified strategies to mitigate future risks from Boston's changing environment. Key environmental hazards for South Boston include: sea level rise and coastal flooding, stormwater flooding, and extreme temperatures.

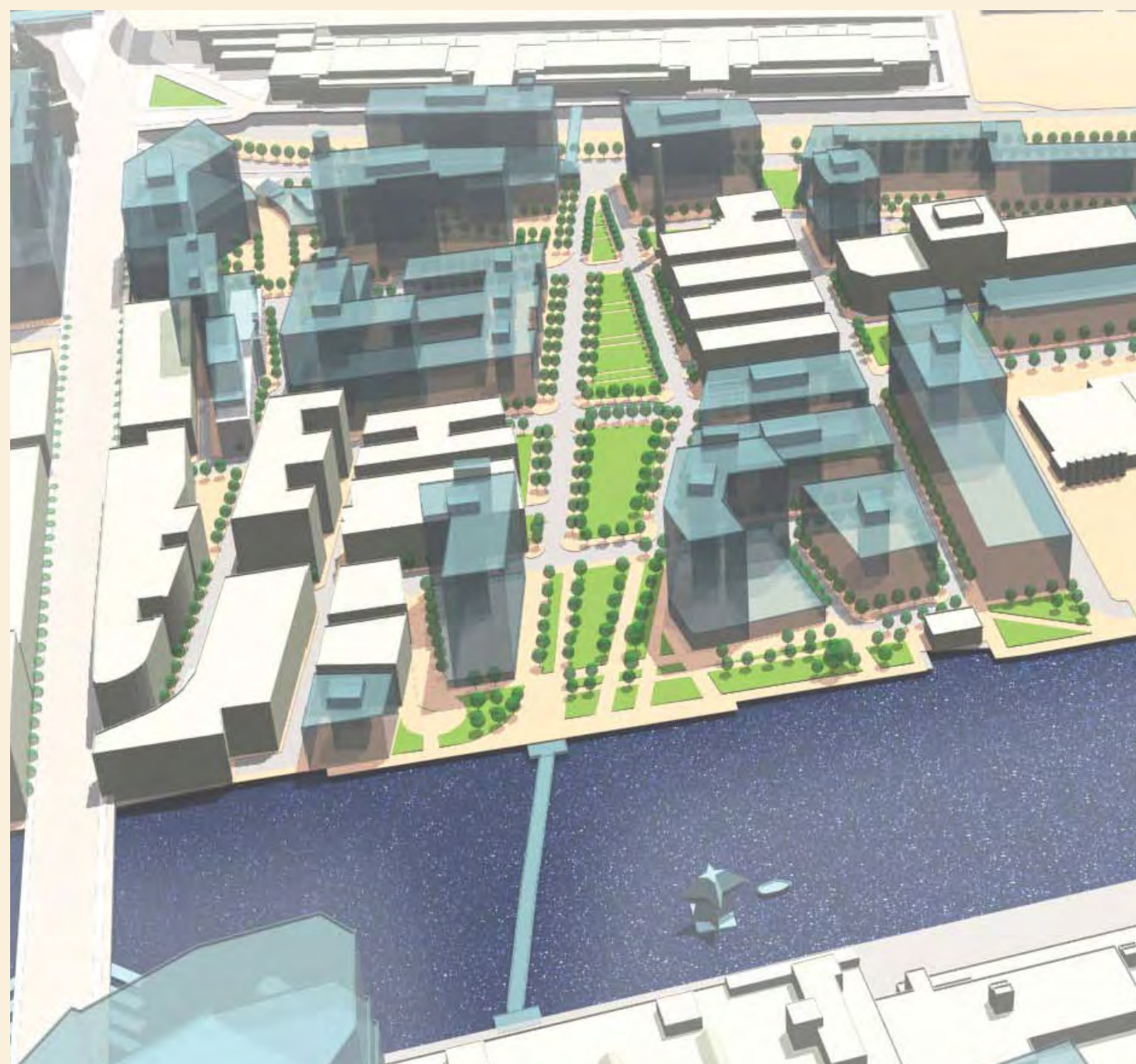
**ONGOING**

### Ongoing Development Projects:

There are many developments currently undergoing construction and design in Fort Point. The Fort Point District 100 Acres Open Space System in South Boston public engagement and concept design project will serve as a guide for future development of open space resources as the 100 Acres is built out.

# Planning Context

2006



## Fort Point 100 Acres Master Plan:

The 100 Acres Plan set forth a vision of creating a historically rooted, 24-hour, mixed-use neighborhood, with recommendations for appropriate land uses, building heights, connections to the harbor, and the open space network.

### ANALYSIS TAKEAWAYS:

- The proposed street grid generally follows a historic block scale and street pattern.
- Recommends a use mix of residential office, warehouse, research, civic, and retail.

### COMMUNITY TAKEAWAYS:

- “...promote bicycle use and walkability of the area and minimize auto dependency”
- “...identify the Fort Point District as an artist and cultural community.”

2018



## Coastal Resilience Solutions for South Boston:

A district resilience plan following the citywide Climate Ready Boston initiative, Coastal Resilience Solutions for South Boston plan identified near and long-term strategies to reduce risk due to sea level rise and coastal flooding.

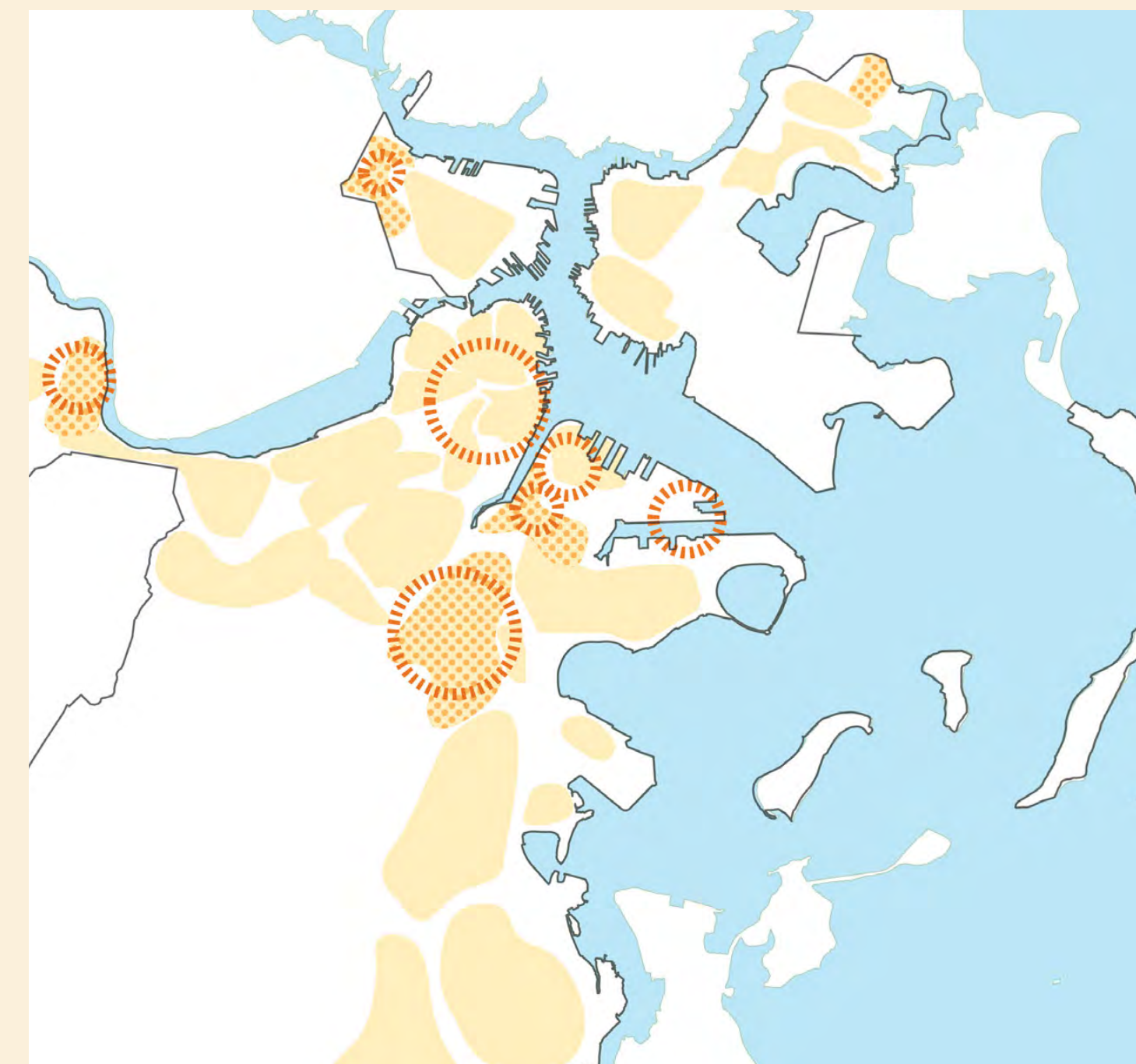
### ANALYSIS TAKEAWAYS:

- The first area expected to flood at least monthly originates at the waterfront within the 100 Acres study area.
- Recommended heights and elevations needed for the water's edge to protect against flooding.

### COMMUNITY TAKEAWAYS:

- Stakeholders expressed that current sight lines to the water are critical to maintain and a preference for flood protection actions that enhance public enjoyment of the waterfront and community connectivity.

2018



## Imagine Boston 2030:

Imagine Boston is a vision document for the entire city of Boston for the next 10 years. The plan identifies opportunities to help Boston's neighborhoods become more affordable, equitable, and resilient.

### ANALYSIS TAKEAWAYS:

- The plan identifies six neighborhoods for future job/housing growth: “The land around [Fort Point Channel]... has the potential to become a vibrant destination with jobs, housing and open space.”

### COMMUNITY TAKEAWAYS:

- Bostonians from all neighborhoods shared ideas about the waterfront. Common themes: increasing water transportation and addressing climate vulnerability.
- “I would like to see all of Boston's waterfronts easily accessible rejuvenated, and well-designed.” - Resident comment via web survey

# Draft Guiding Principles



## Welcoming All

Create an open space system where Bostonians and visitors of all backgrounds feel welcome and find activities they desire.



## Rising to the Challenge

Protect against climate change impacts while celebrating the waterfront and enhancing outdoor comfort.



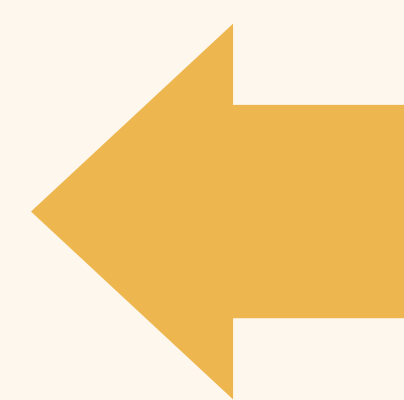
## Seeding a Growing District

Build on the momentum of growth in Fort Point to enable an active and robust open space network.



## Connecting the Points

Create connections across bridges, transit, pedestrian, and bike paths to connect Fort Point's spaces to each other and to the rest of Boston.



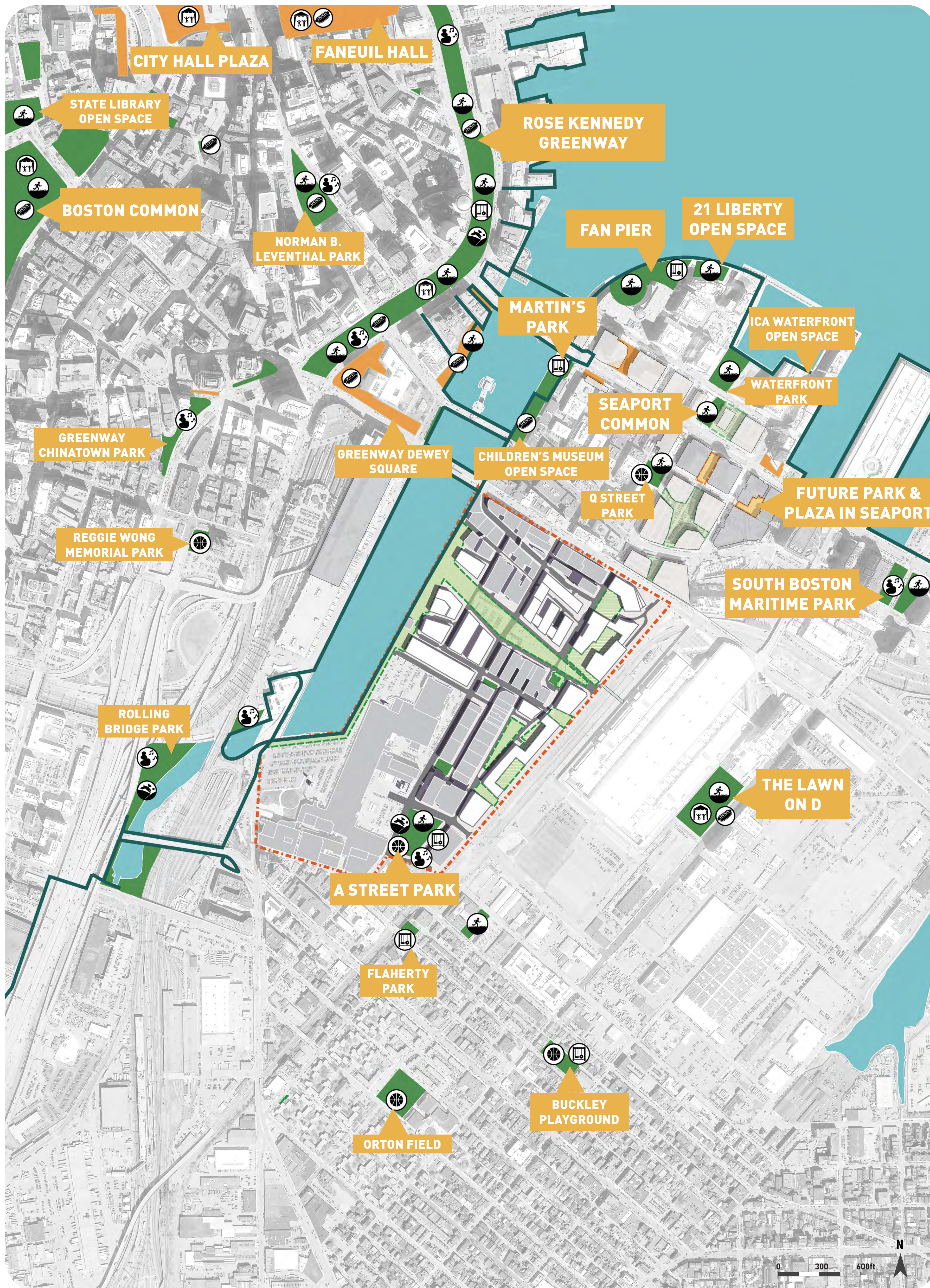
## You Decide!

The input you give today will help us identify additional guiding principles that become the foundation of the future plan.

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**What Do  
You Want  
to Do?**

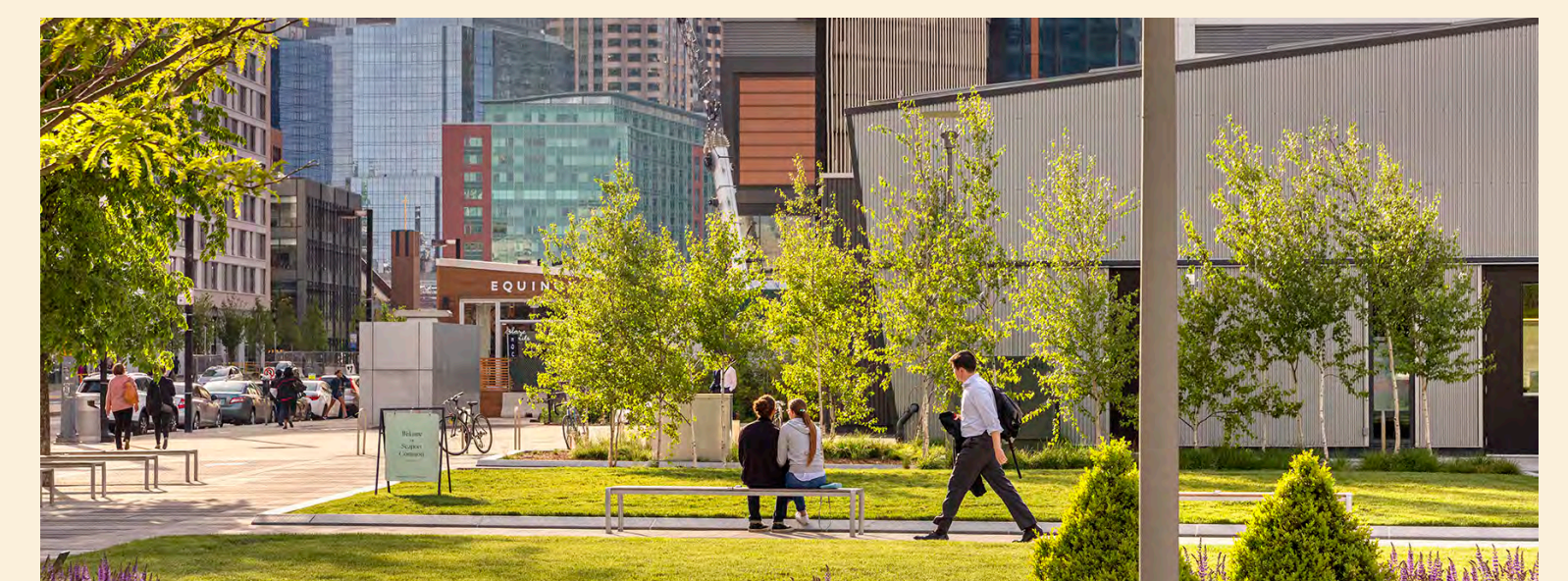
# Existing Amenities



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21 LIBERTY OPEN SPACE



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WATERFRONT PARK



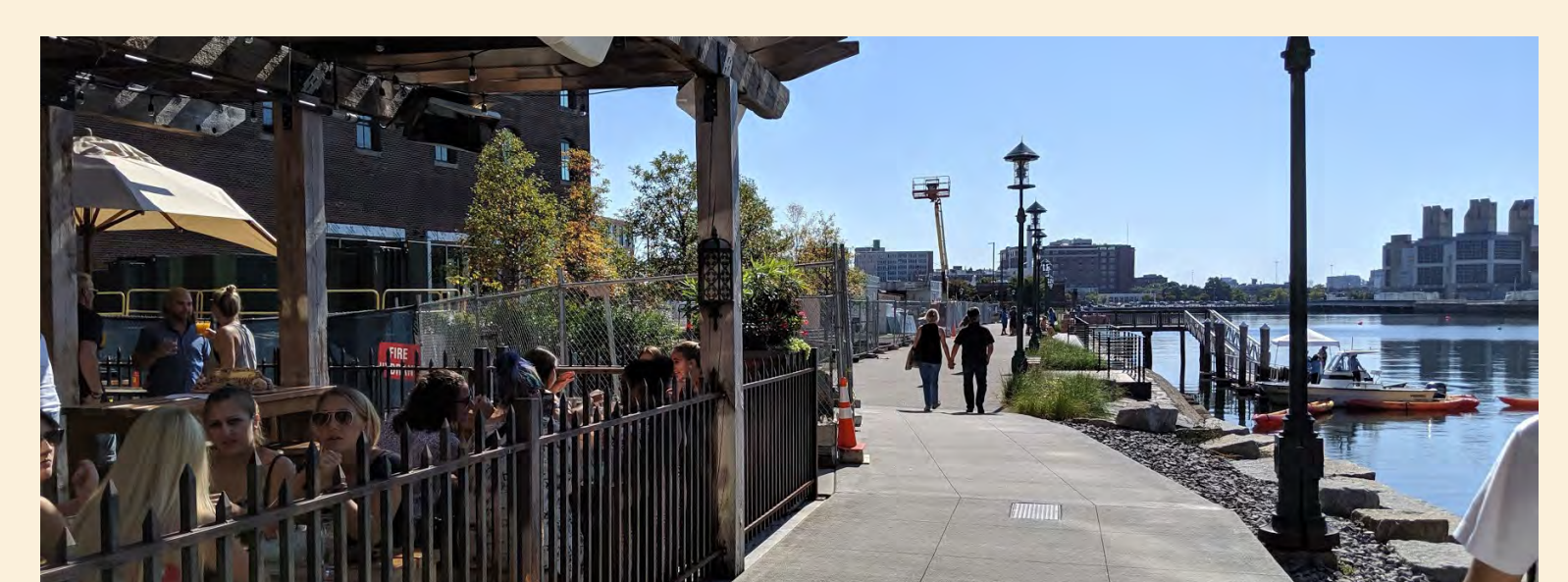
Q STREET PARK



MARTIN'S PARK



A STREET PARK



HARBOR WALK IN FORT POINT

## 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.

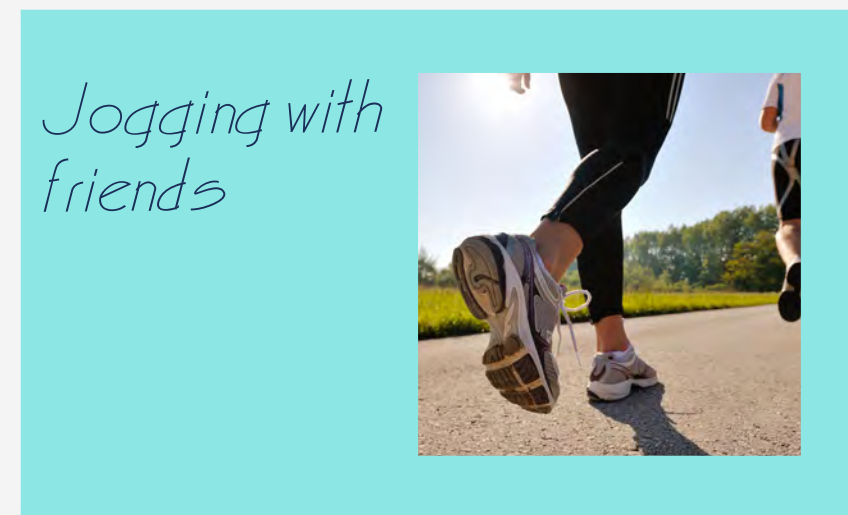
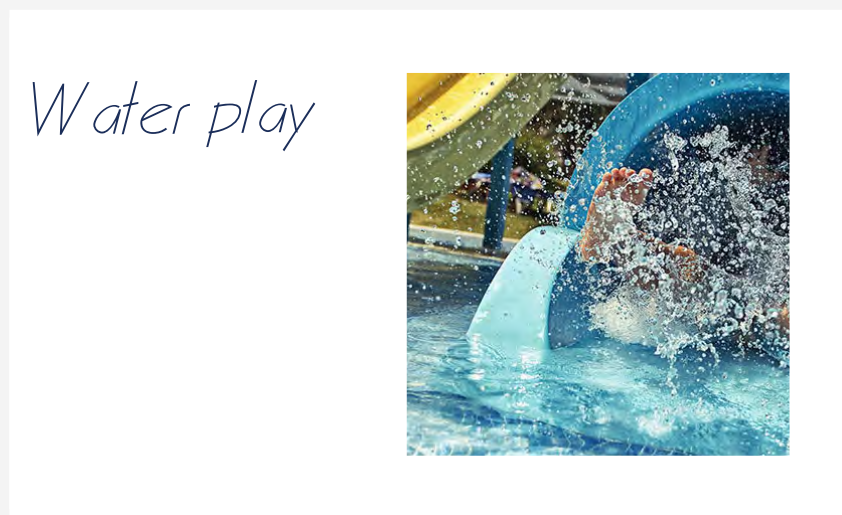
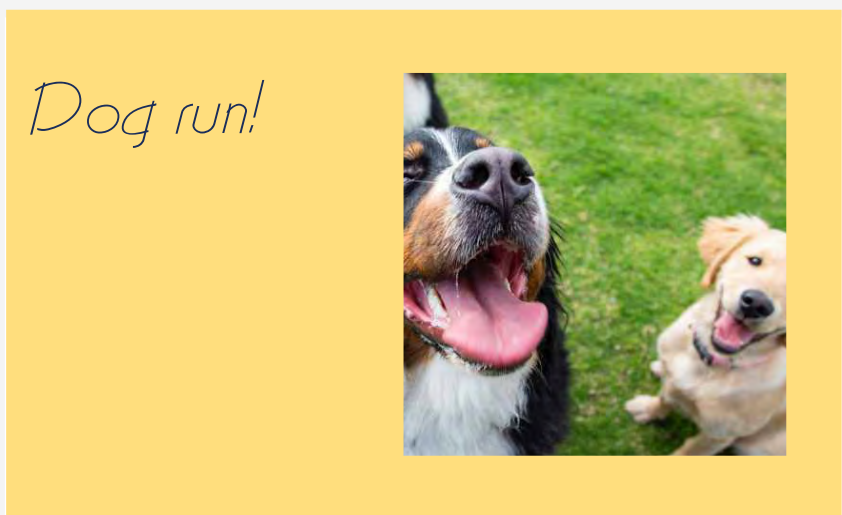
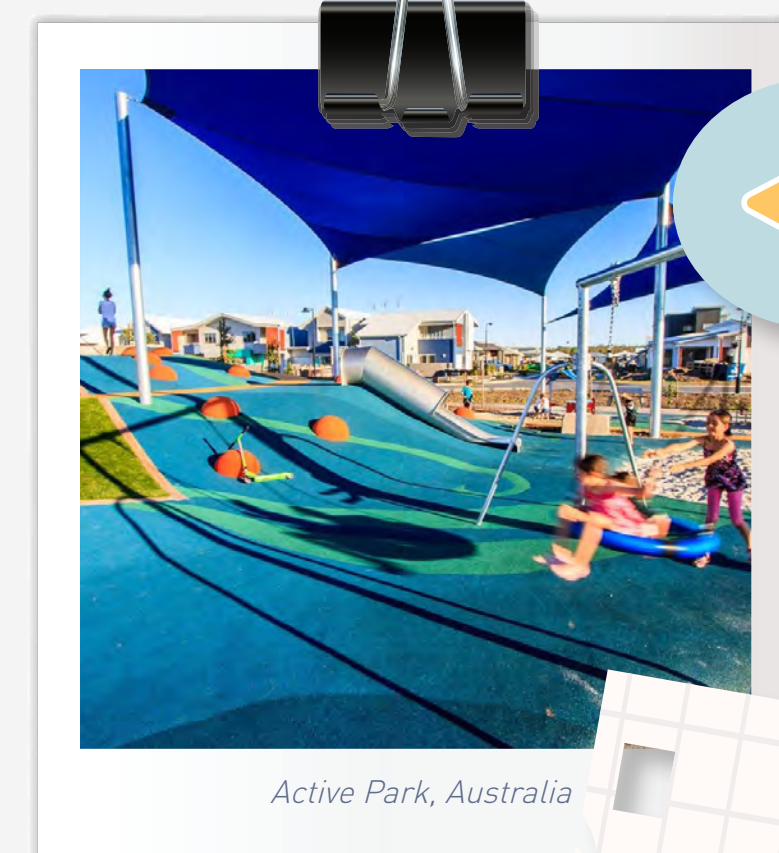
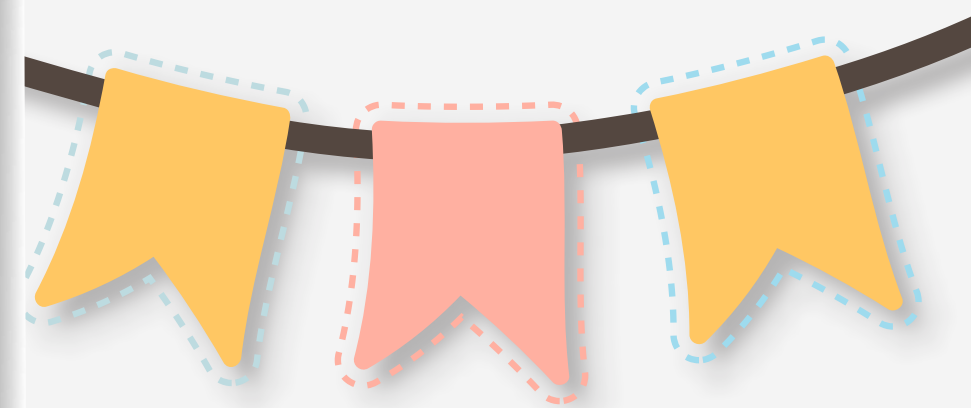
- Recreation / Sports
- Open Lawn
- Playground
- Cultural Elements
- Pop-up Events
- Dog Park
- Food Truck
- Existing Park
- Proposed Open Space in Site Boundary
- Adjacent Proposed Open Space
- Existing Plaza
- Proposed Plaza
- Harbor Walk

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# How Do You Want the Parks to Feel?

# Fitness Zone

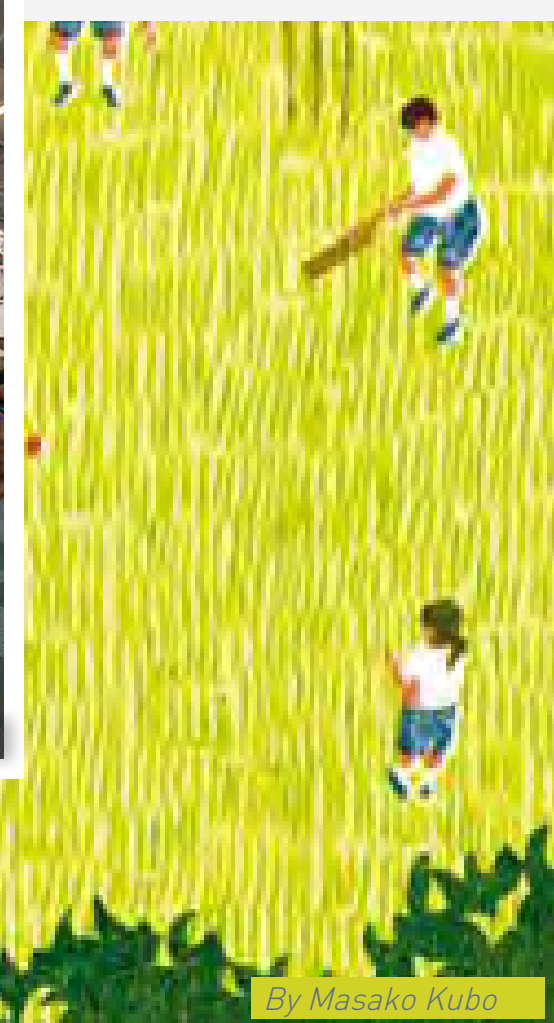
Where Boston comes for waterfront exercise and active play



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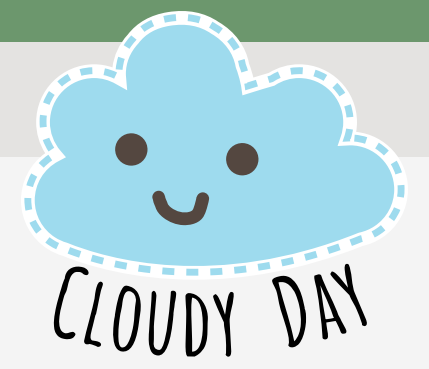
"The purple team,  
the red team,  
the post rain sunshine,  
the uneven shadows on the field,  
the little girl and her daddy,  
the kite they're flying  
the wind without shape,  
the clouds without focus,  
the empty bag of popcorn,  
the game with all the intensity,  
the save that made the game,  
the port without the words..."  
- Gina Thompson

SUNNY DAY



# Urban Wilderness

Where Boston comes to explore water and nature



Big tree!

Frank McDonough Park, Lighthouse Point, FL



Nature Play

Stadium Park, Australia

## Floating Wetland

A floating wetland island is a man-made raft that floats on the water surface and houses native wetland plants. These floating wetlands have plant, soil and root interactions similar to a natural wetland and provide homes to beneficial water cleaning microorganisms.



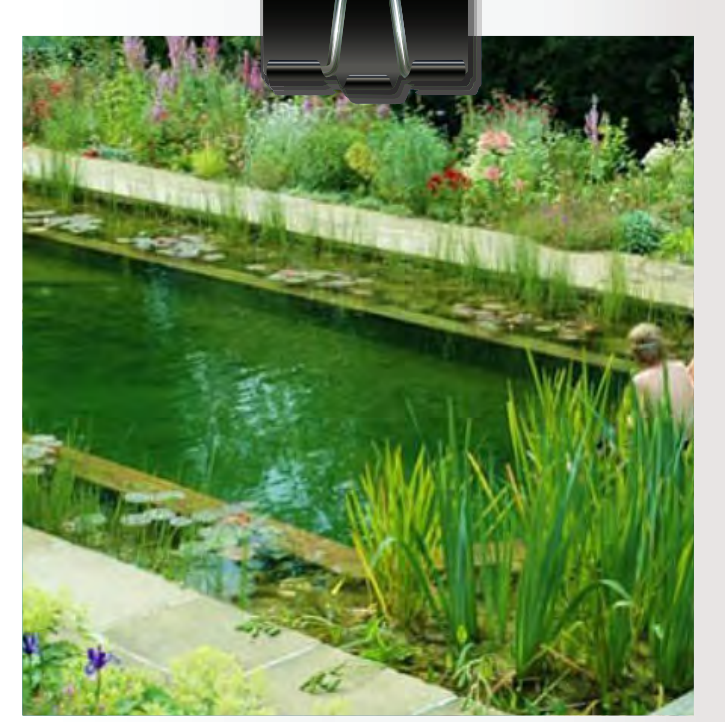
## Nature Learning



"Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky."  
- Kahlil Gibran

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## Rain Garden



Filtered wetland pool



South Coast, Botanic Garden, CA

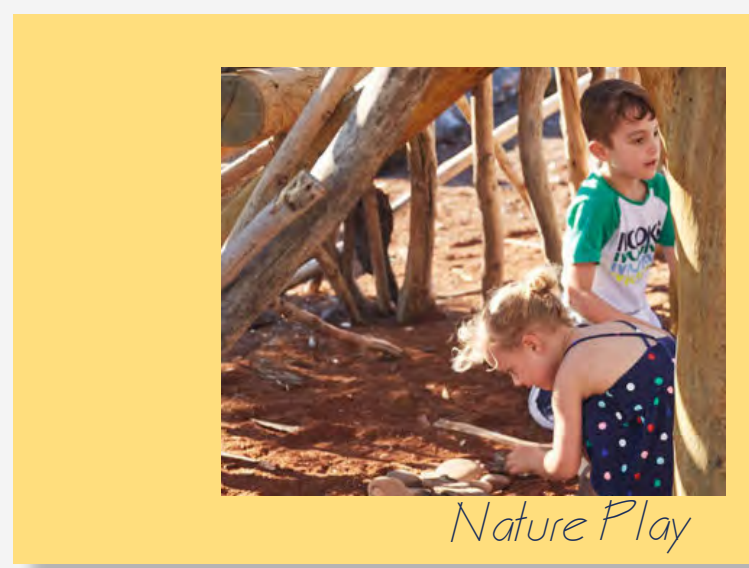
## Urban Forest



Garden work!



Meadow land



Nature Play



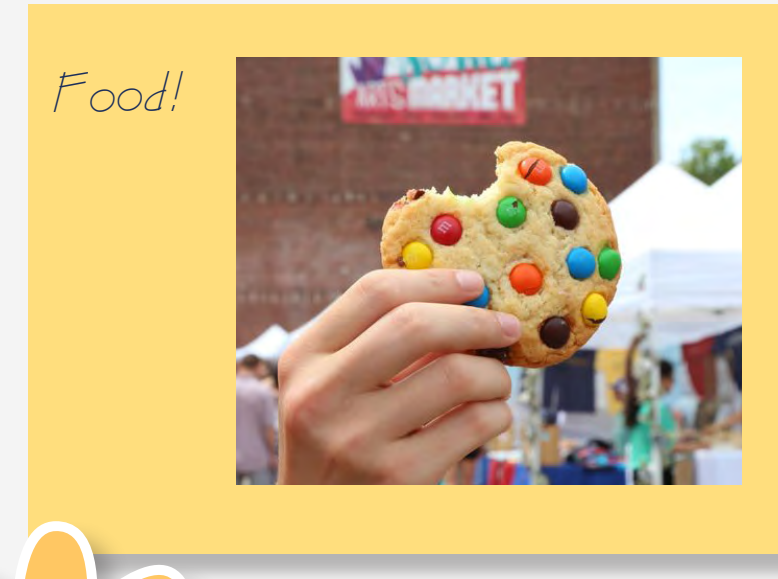
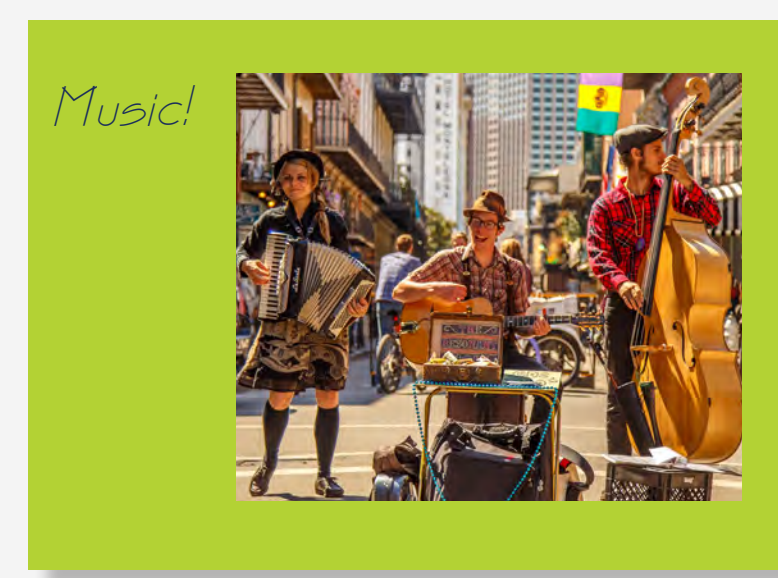
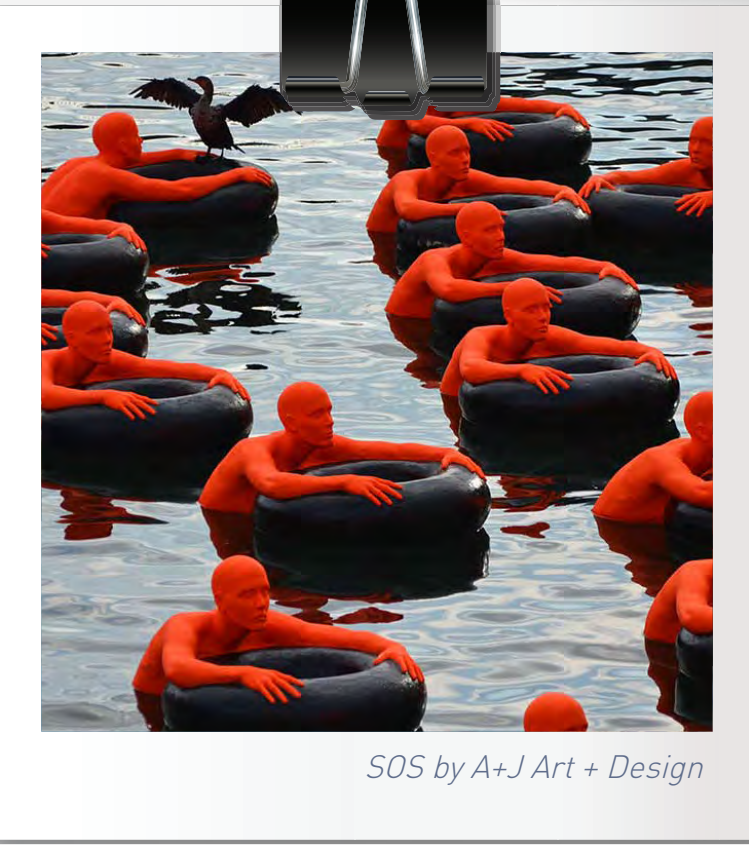
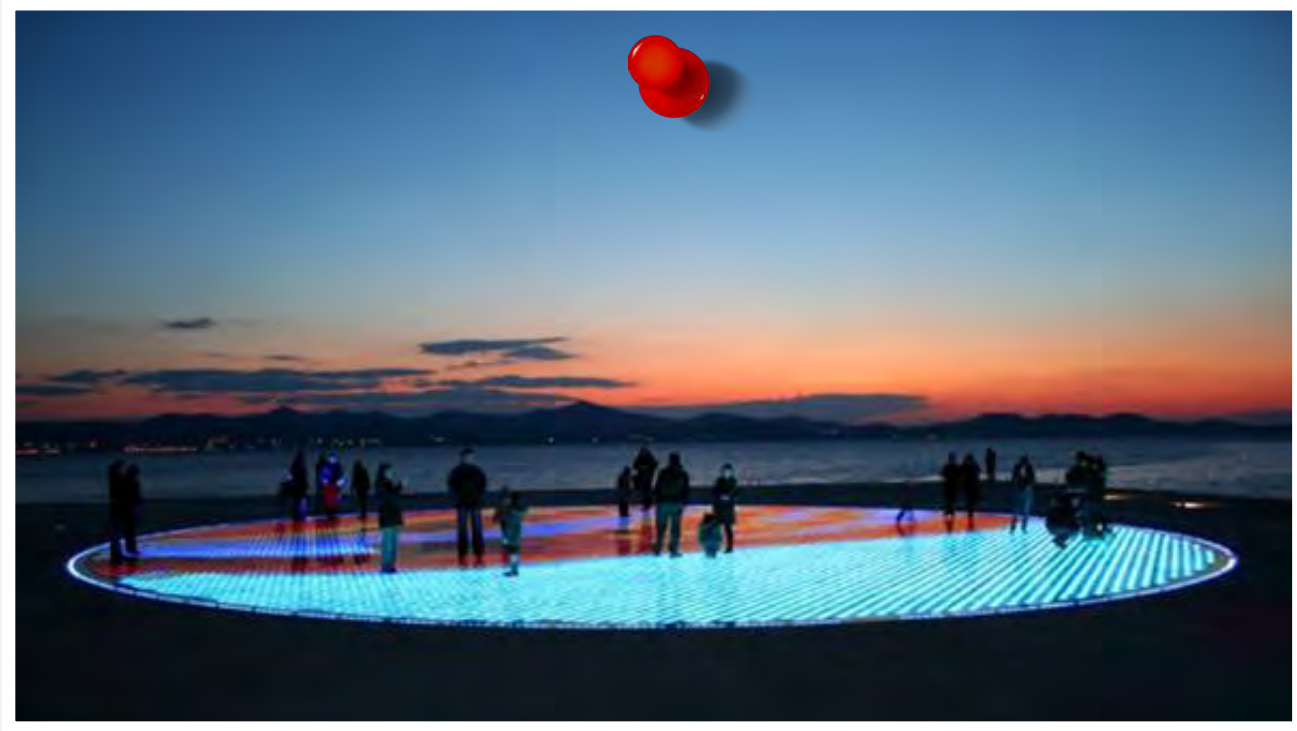
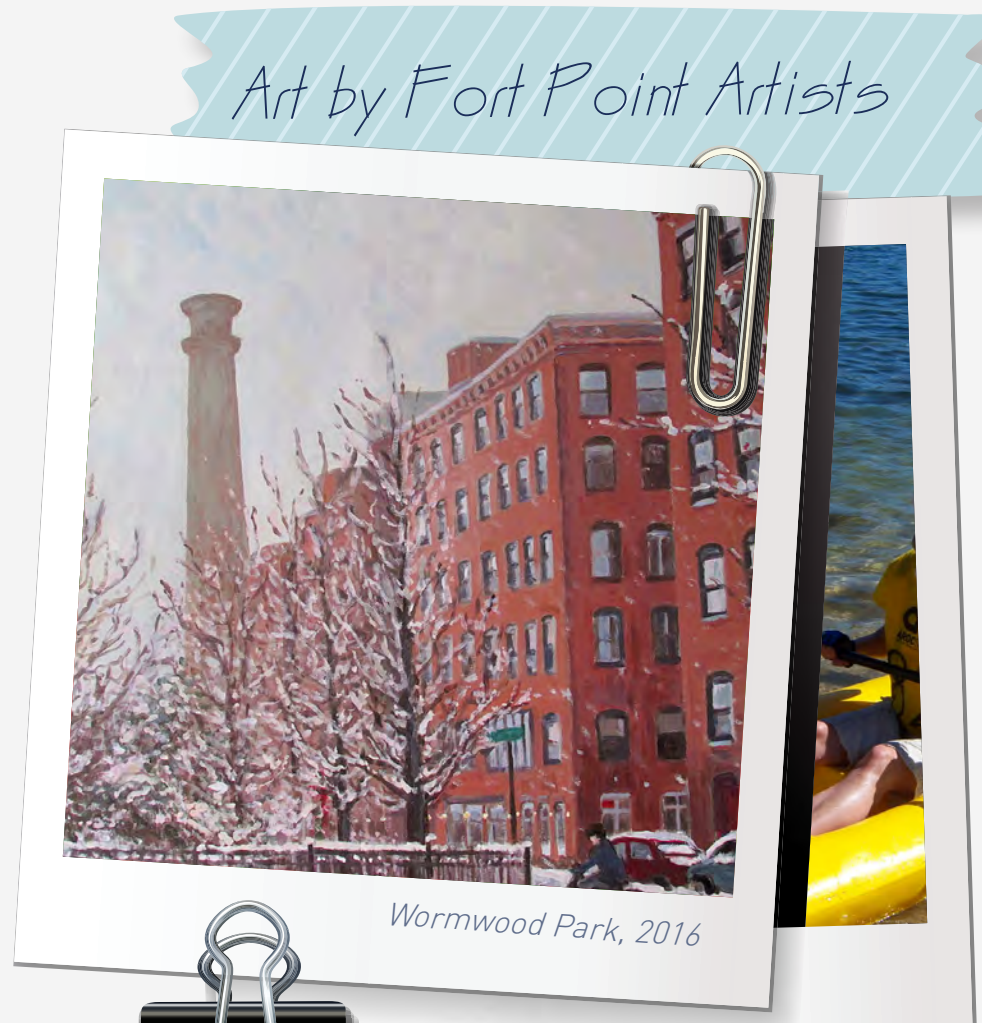
Salt Marsh



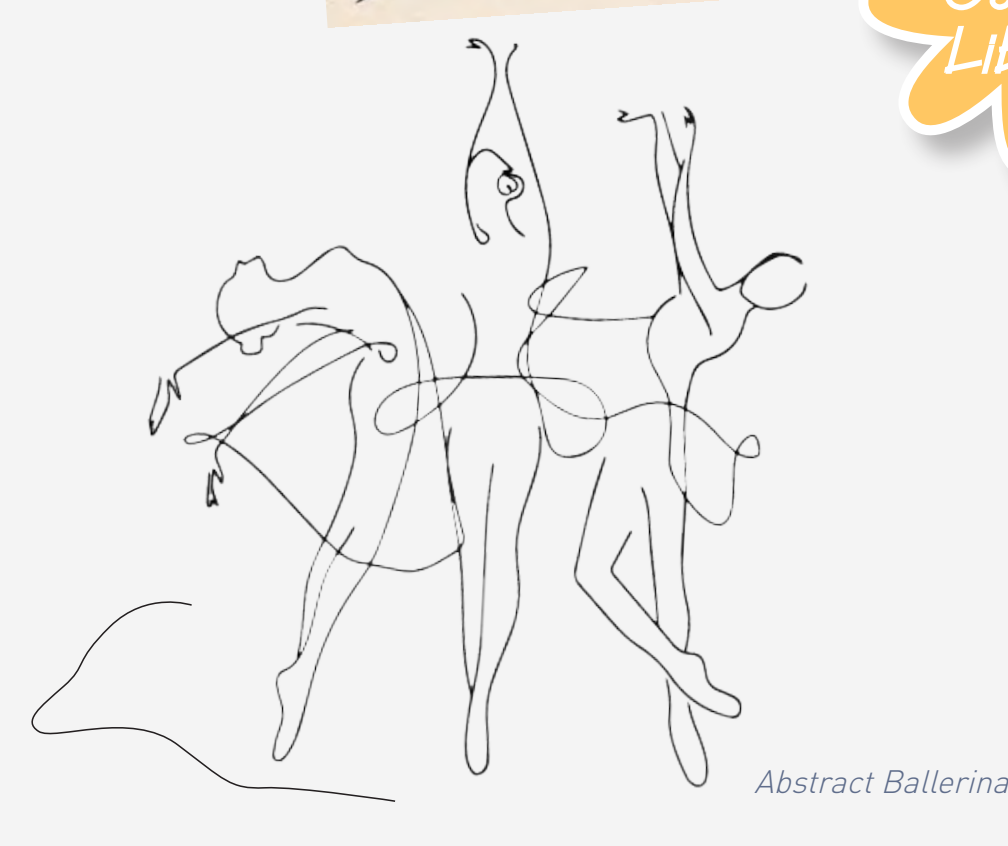


# Outdoor Gallery

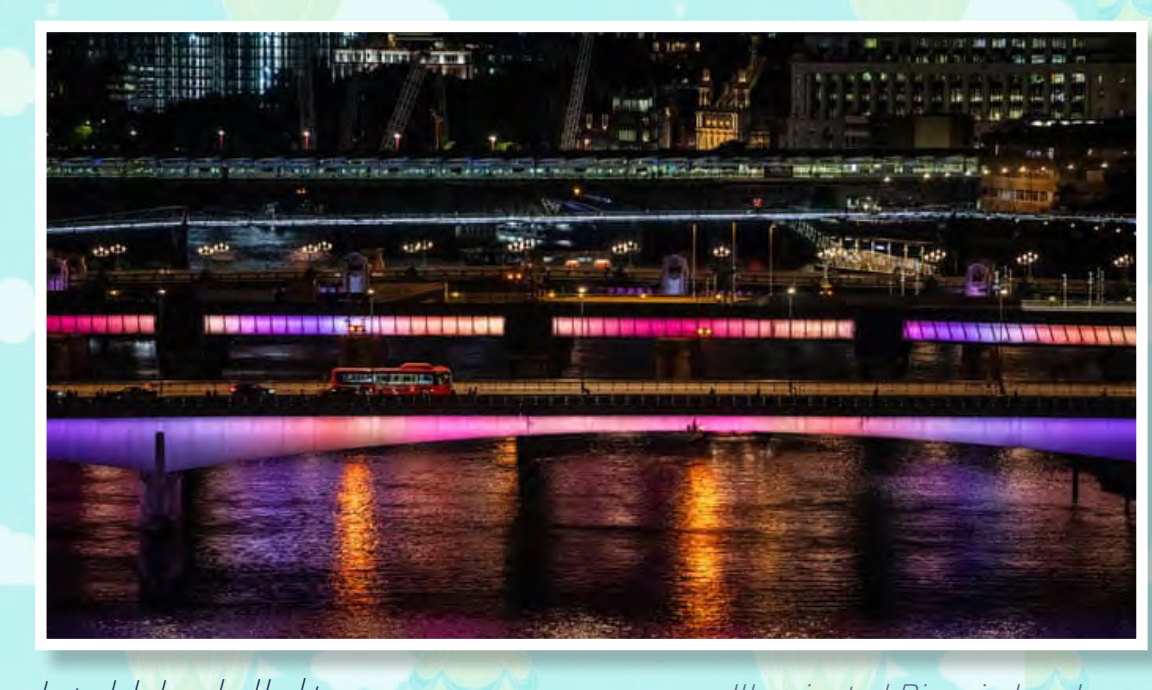
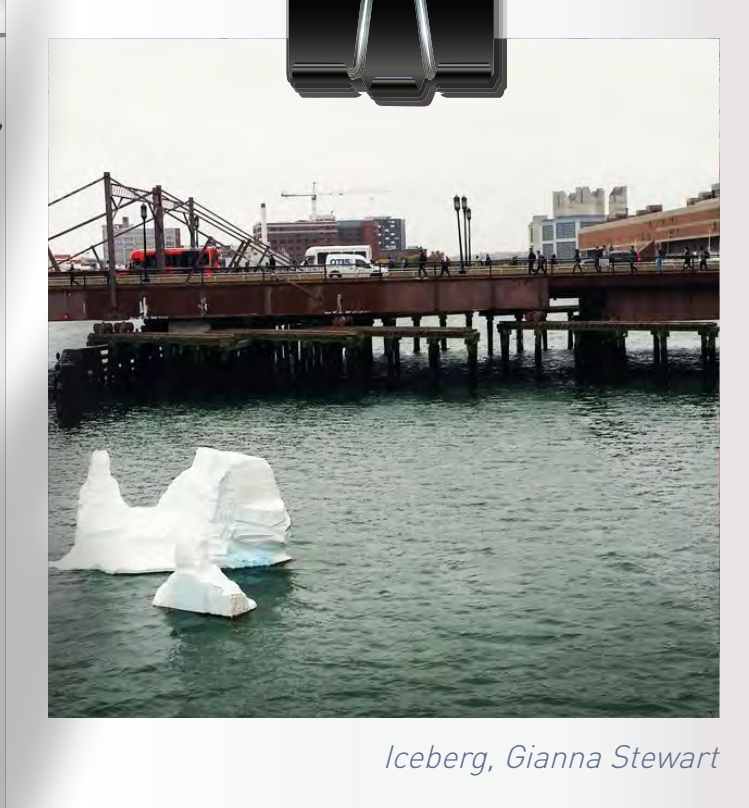
where Boston comes to celebrate history and experience diverse arts and culture



## Water Activation



Let your life be your art.  
 Allow the golden, glistening moments to weave themselves into an intricately crafted tapestry of experiences.  
 Thread by thread  
 Intertwining past, present, and future  
 Into one awe-inspiring spectacle for the universe  
 To behold here, now!" - Alix Kolof



Virtual reality environments are usually visual experiences.



# Flexible Space

Where Boston comes to large social events and spontaneous gathering



Picnic



Artist Unknown



NOTES

Calm summer breeze,  
Flowers swaying softly,  
Picnic in the park.  
#StorySaturday



From Daimaru Yu Annual Report



LUCKY DAY

Dog Park!



Movable Furniture

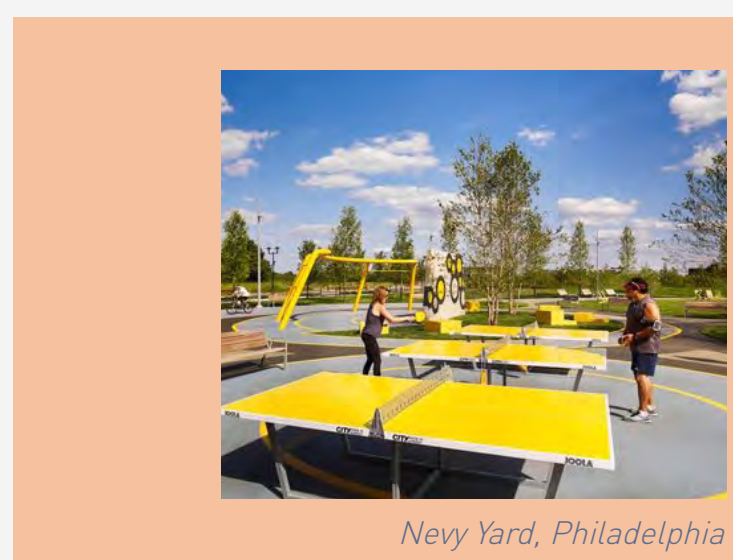
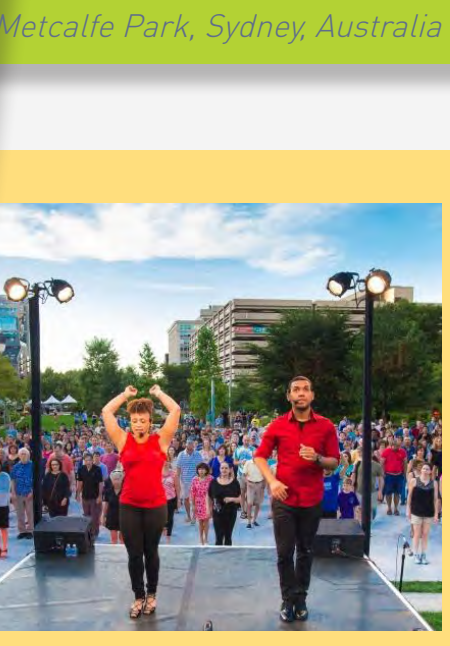


The Lawn on D, Boston

Pockets of Social Space

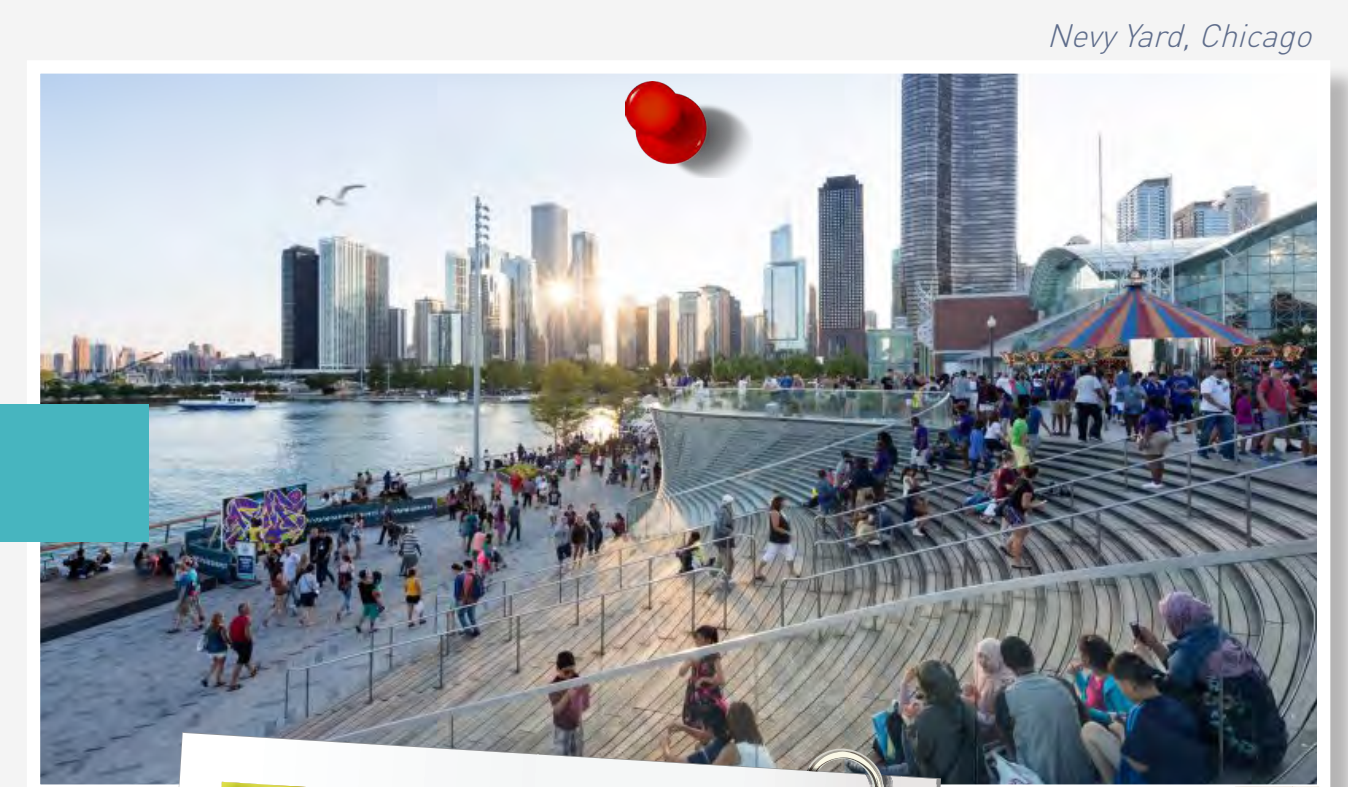


The Lawn on D, Boston



Navy Yard, Philadelphia

Active Waterfront



Navy Yard, Chicago



Yoga



Lawn games



Drawing club

# Community Living Room

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



Food Market!



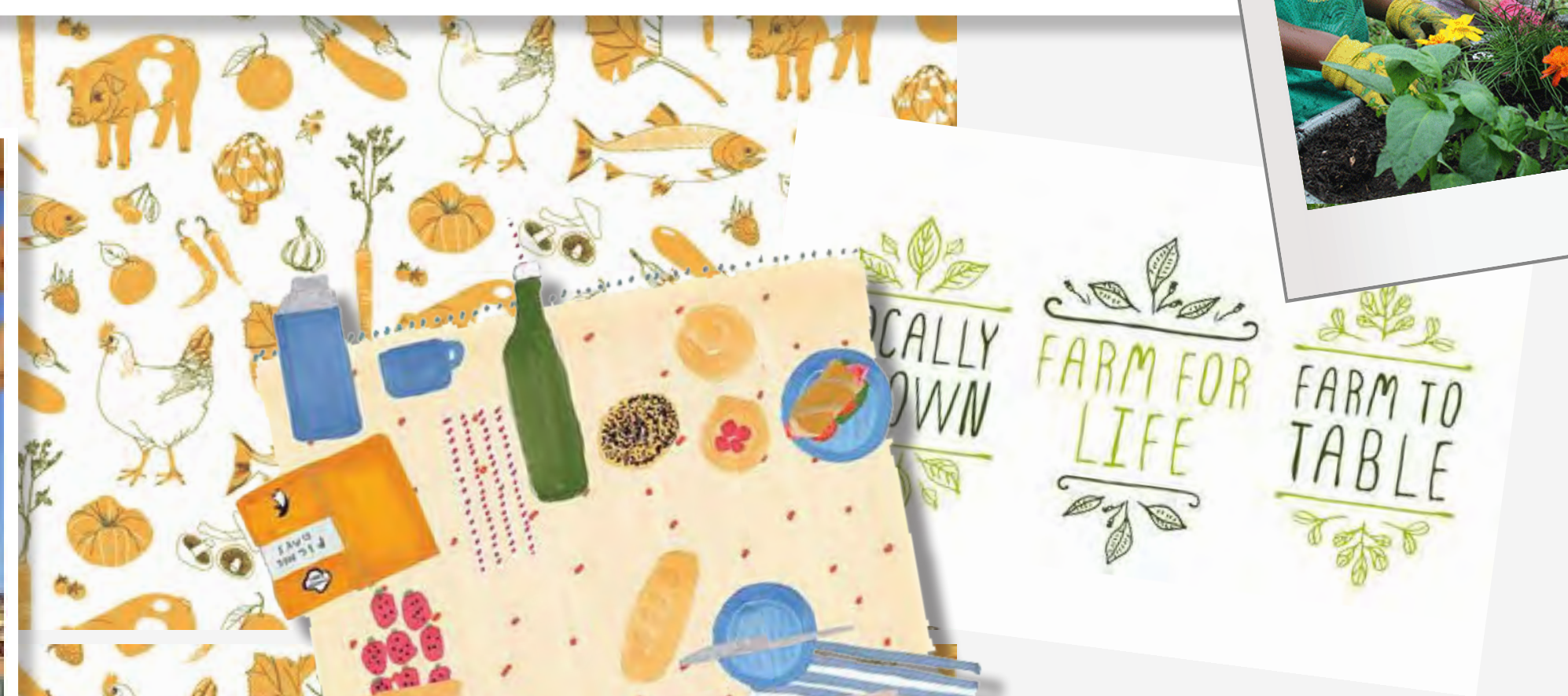
Shared Table



Community Garden!



Bay Meadows Persimmon Park, San Mateo, CA

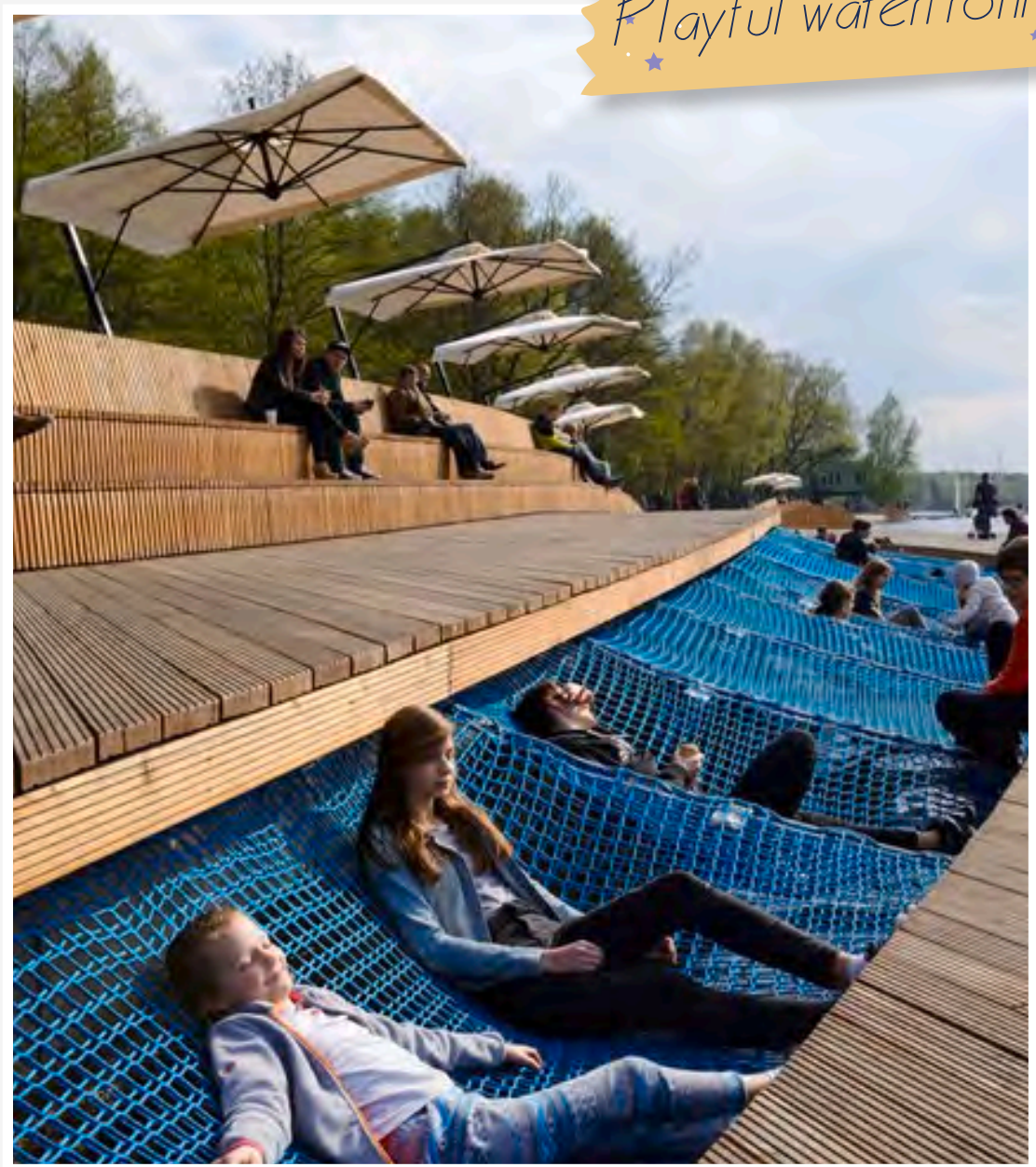


By Grace Lee



Drake's, Sacramento

Family friendly beer garden



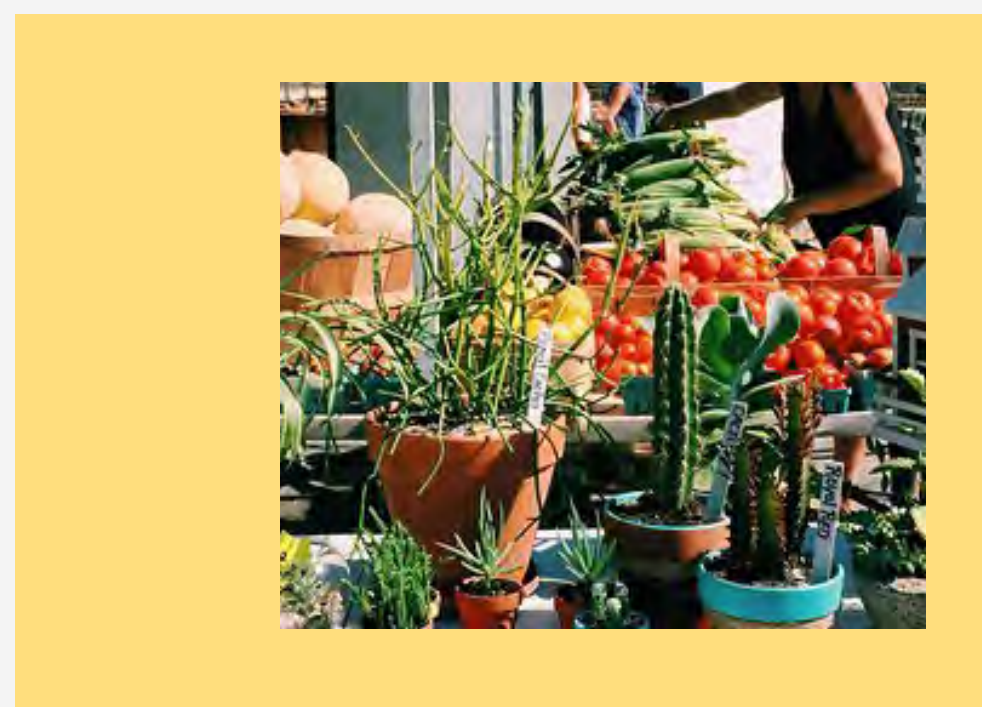
Playful waterfront

Propany Lake, Poland



Root Bench, Yang Ju Lee

Little park that I pass through,  
I carry off a piece of you  
Every morning hurrying down  
To my work-day in the town:  
Carry you for country there,  
To make the city ways more fair,  
Your greenness, your cleanness,  
I take your trees, and your breeze,  
Your greenness, some of your sky,  
Some of your calm as I go by:  
Your flowers to trim, the pavements grim,  
Your fountains take and sweet bird calls  
And grass for carpet to my feet.  
To sing me from my office walls,  
All that I can see, I carry off with me.  
But you never miss my theft,  
So much treasure you have left,  
As I find you, fresh at morning,  
So I find you, home returning,  
Nothing lacking from your grace,  
All your riches wait in place.  
- Helen Hoyt

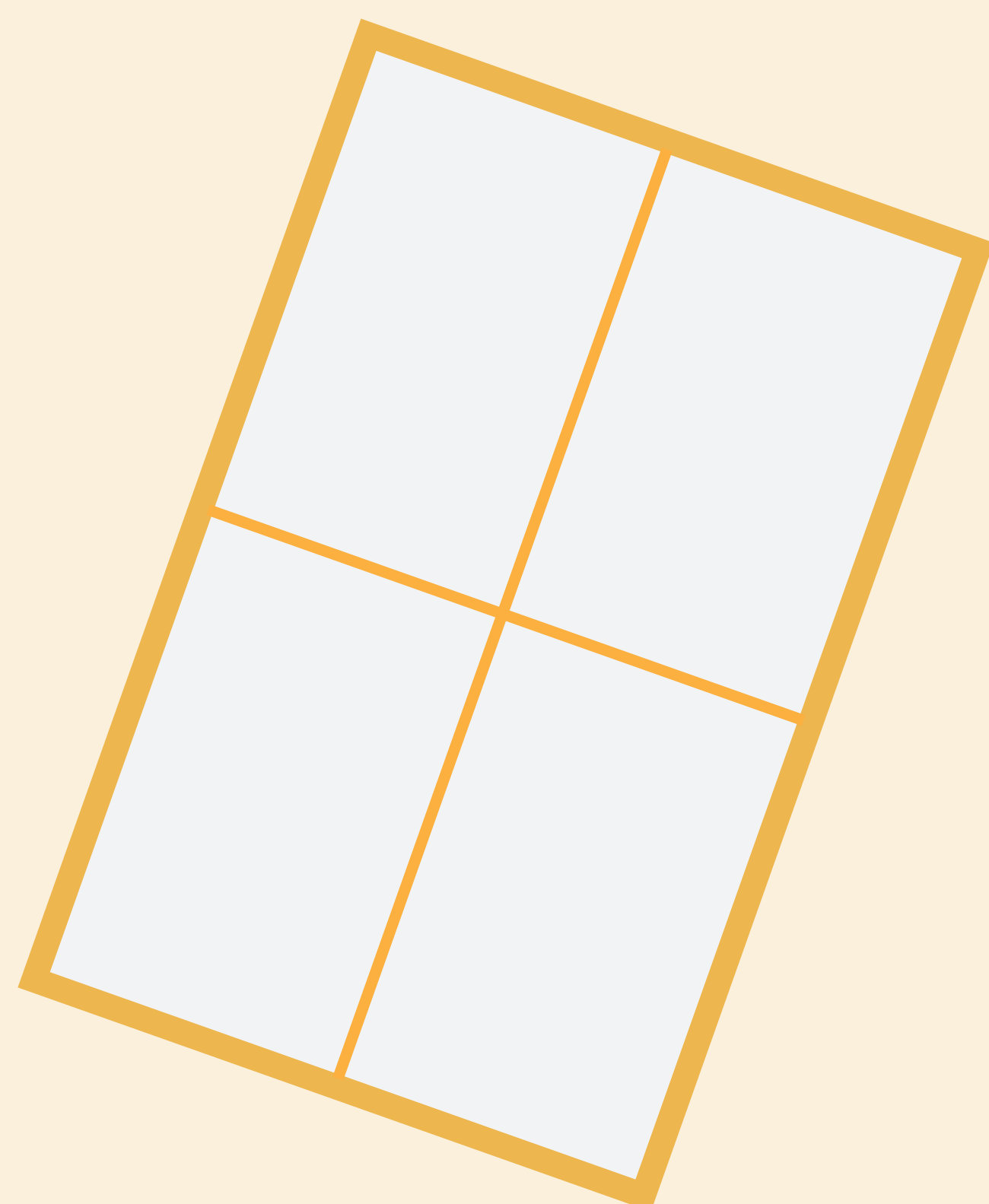


By Ryo Takemasa



# Create Your Own Board!

1



Grab a personal board

2



Pin 4 images that capture your vision for Fort Point's Open Spaces

3



Write a tagline that describes your theme

4



Share your picks! Take a photo of your board



Drop off your  
passport here!

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Tell Us  
Anything