

# FORT POINT

100 ACRES OPEN SPACE SYSTEM CONCEPT DESIGN



Public Open House #1

October 26, 2019



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# Welcome & Introductions



# Project Overview





**The Project will guide the development and programming of planned open space within the Fort Point District 100 Acres, and balance recreation and community gathering space with coastal resiliency strategies.**

FORT POINT 100 ACRES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



**Today's  
workshop  
continues  
planning and  
conversations  
that have been  
occurring for  
two decades.**

1999 Seaport Public Realm  
Plan

2000 South Boston Waterfront  
Municipal Harbor Plan

2002 Fort Point Channel  
Watersheet Activation Plan

2006 100 Acres Master Plan &  
subsequent PDA Master Plan

2009 Fort Point District  
Municipal Harbor Plan  
Amendment

Community feedback during  
design process for A Street  
Park

Boston Parks Department  
Open Space Plan

South Bay Harbor Trail Plan

FEMA 2016 Flood Hazard Maps  
for Planning Area

2016 Climate Ready Boston

2016 Boston Research Advisory  
Group Report

Imagine Boston 2030 and IB  
2030 Waterfront

2018 Coastal Resilience  
Solutions for South Boston

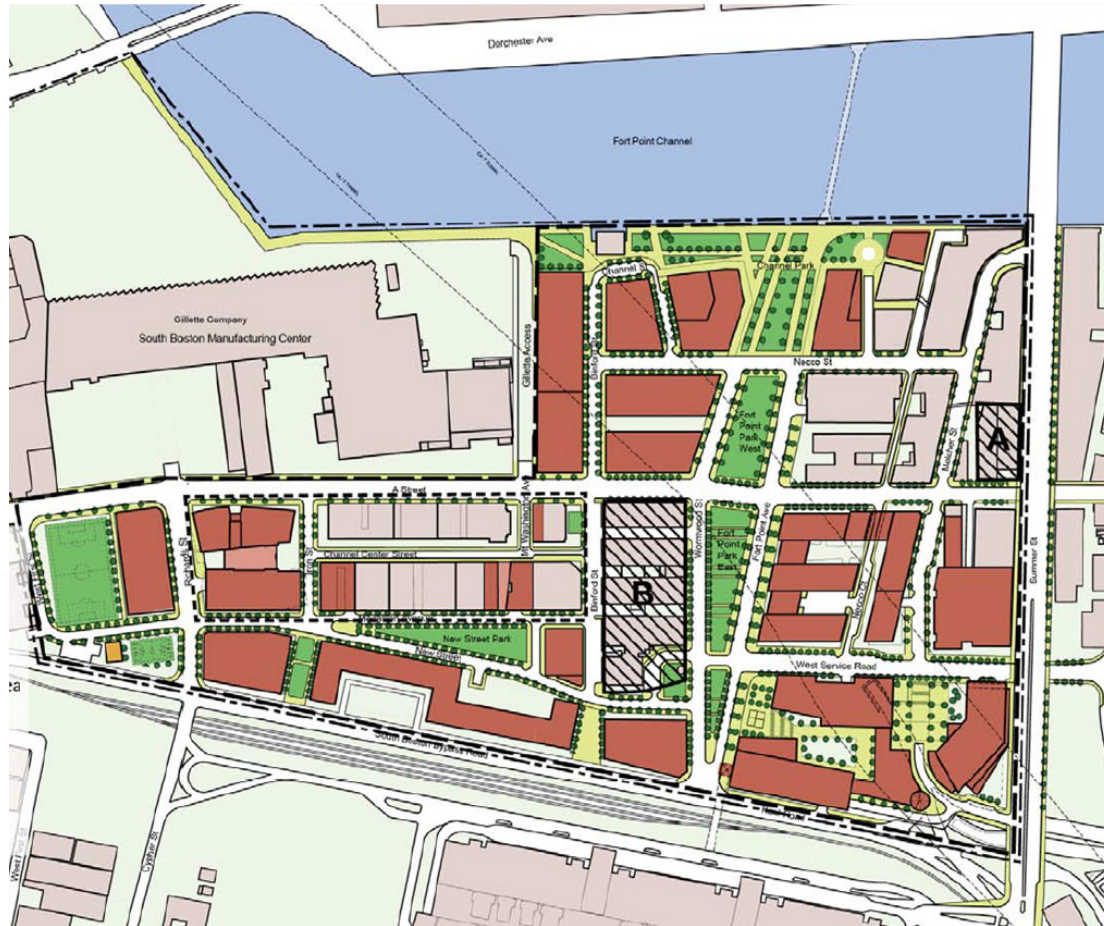
Boston Public Works  
Department Resiliency  
Guidelines

**And more!**

# The Framework

100 ACRES PLAN - 2006

Defined the building locations and the dimension, size, and location of green spaces

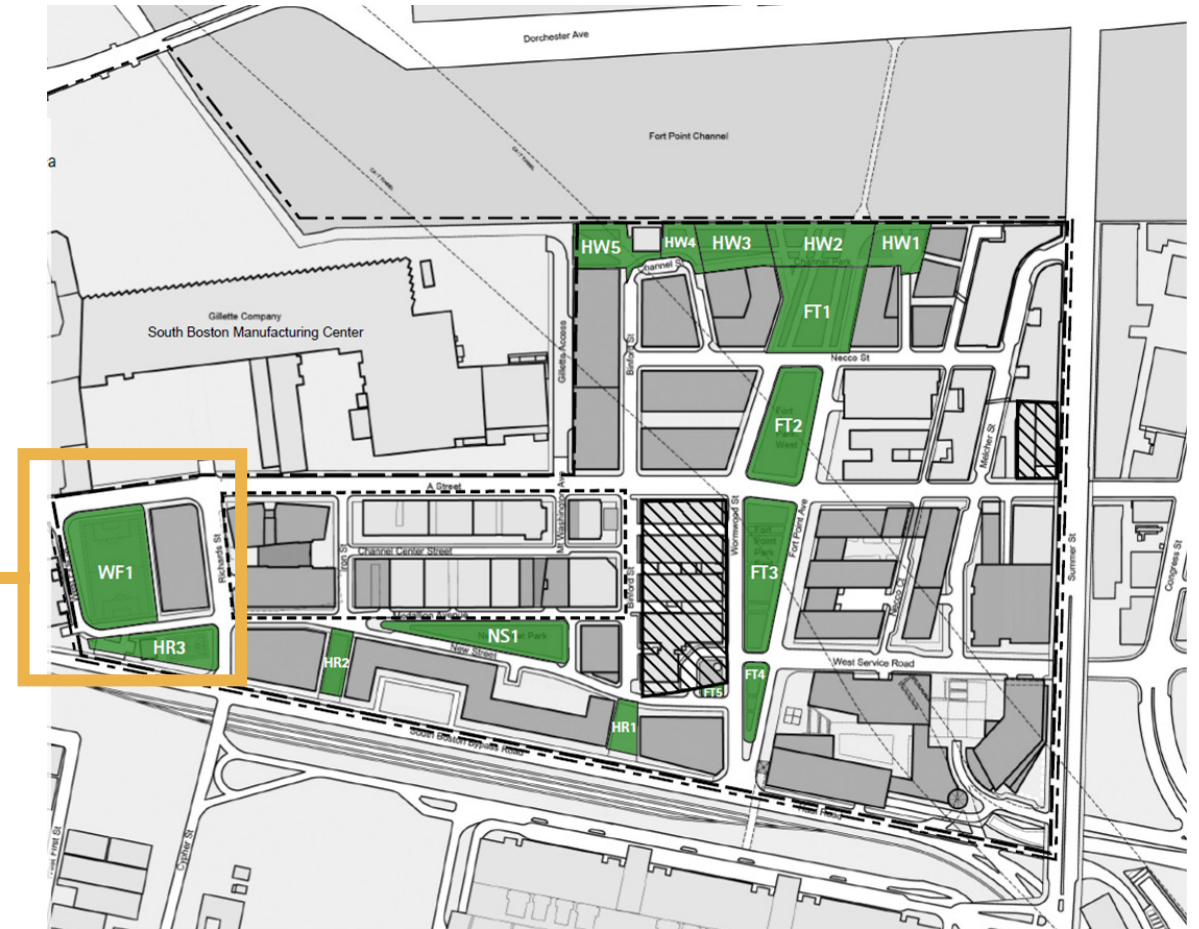
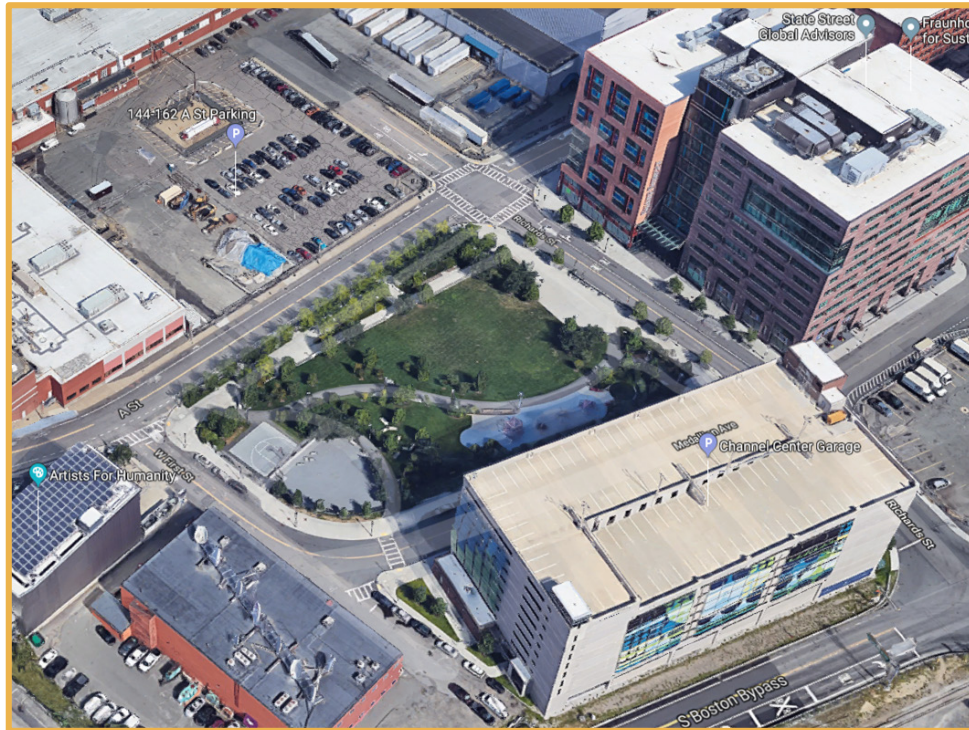


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100 ACRES PLAN - 2006

Some projects have been implemented based on the framework.

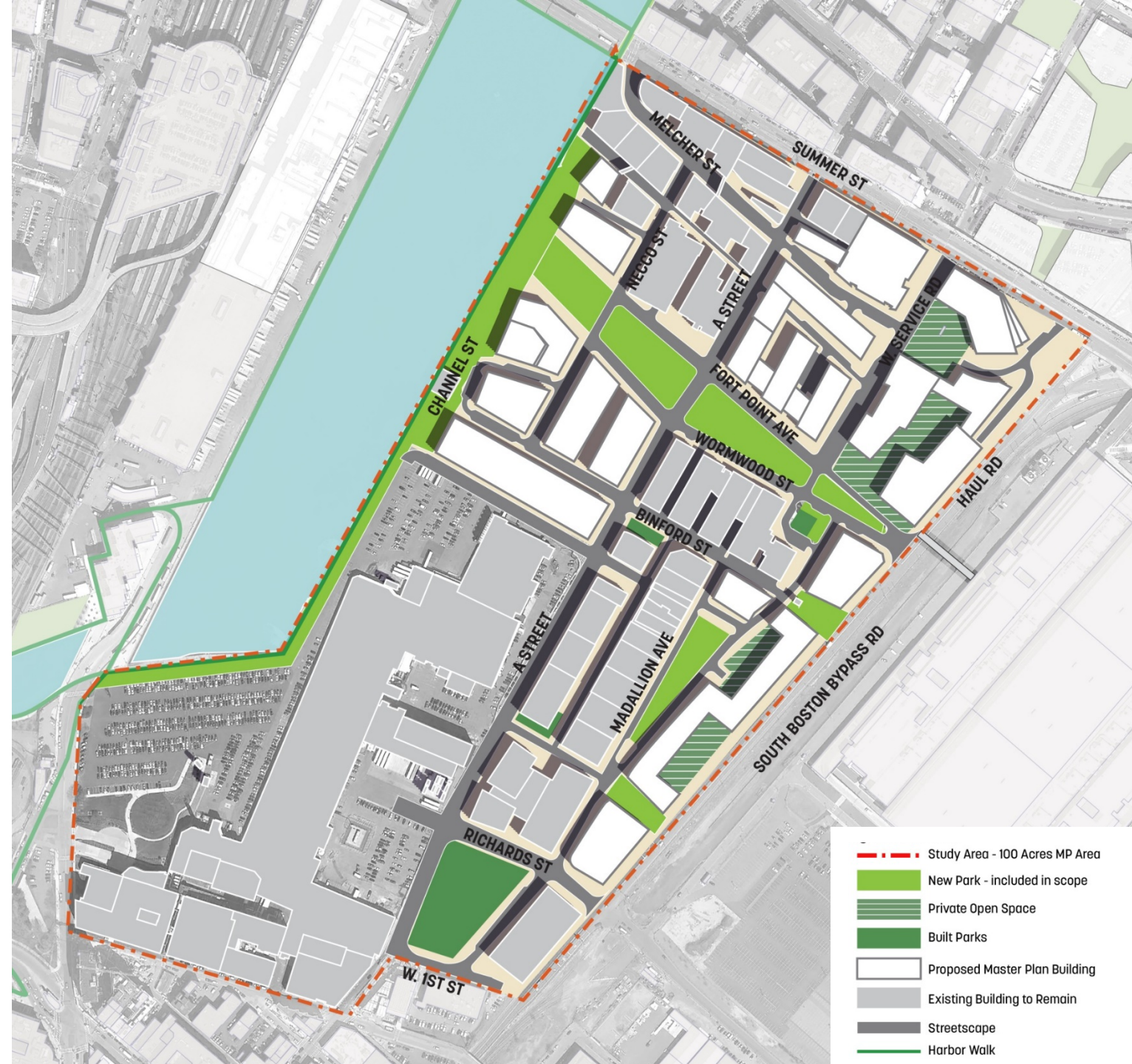
## A Street Park





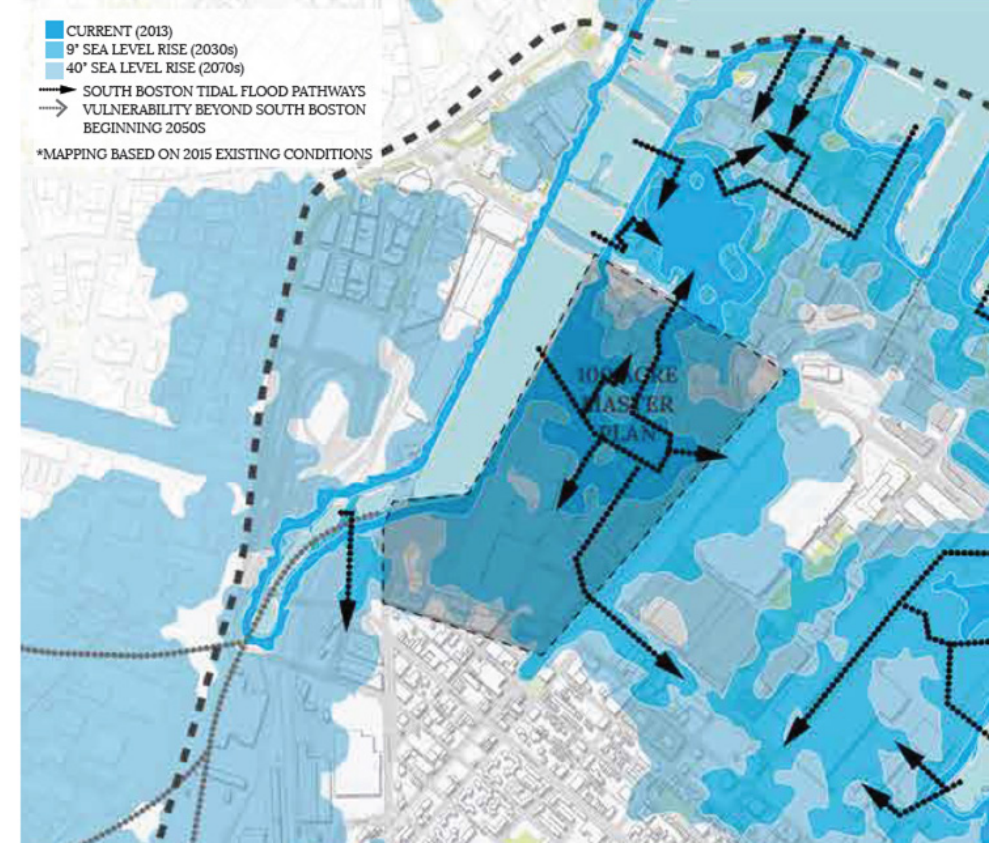
# This project includes...

- Concept design of new public parks and public realm in the 100 Acres study area
- Including landscape design, programming / uses, and new streetscape design
- Integrating resilience / flood protection strategies
- Considering watersheet activation strategies



# Since 2006, sea level rise and resilience have become more recognized urgent issues.

- This project will build on the recommendations of Climate Ready Boston and Coastal Resilience Solutions for South Boston, integrating flood mitigation strategies with the landscape and public realm design
- Will design to target elevations identified in CRS South Boston and integrate current
- Will identify opportunities to integrate shoreline edge protection into the overall concept design, creating an active, accessible, connected waterfront edge



Source: Coastal Resilience Solutions for South Boston

# Project Goals

- Provide a vision and programmatic plan for future development of parks and open space that are **accessible and available to all**.
- Ensure a **diverse and balanced mix of uses** based on community input and user needs.
- Develop a system of open space areas that **relate to each other, the surrounding built context** and the historic Fort Point Channel District.
- Design landscapes that are **adaptive and resilient** to climate change impacts including sea level rise, storm surge, heat island, and stormwater, and contribute to neighborhood flood protection.
- Establish **meaningful connections** to the Fort Point Channel watershed and surrounding open space, streets and linear connections, including Harborwalk and the South Bay Harbor Trail.

PLANNING PROCESS

PUBLIC MEETINGS

**DISCOVERY**

8-10 WEEKS

Listening and learning

**CREATING THE VISION**

14-16 WEEKS

Exploring design options

**ACTION PLAN**

10-12 WEEKS

Finalizing a vision for Fort Point's open space

SEPT

OCT ●

NOV

DEC

2020

JAN ●

FEB

MAR

APR ●

MAY

**ENGAGEMENT ROUND #1**

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

- Overview of planning process
- Exploration of issues and goals
- Initial program ideas
- Online survey launch

**ENGAGEMENT ROUND #2**

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

- Summary of analysis
- Program summary
- Design options

**SHARE DRAFT PLAN**

**OPEN SPACE PLAN**



# Today's Workshop



# We hope to hear from you...

## Program:

What do you want to DO at Fort Point?

## Character/Theme:

What overall feel/identity would you like to see/experience?

## Priorities:

What is most important to prioritize in the open space that will be available?

## Inclusion:

What would make the waterfront feel more welcoming to more people?

## Other Ideas:

What else is on your mind related to this project? We're all ears!



# How your feedback will be used

November

## Combine & Analyze Feedback

We will combine all ideas/feedback from this round of engagement, including today's meeting, the online survey, a traveling workshop that will visit other community meetings/events, stakeholder meetings, and user intercept surveys.



December - January

## 3 Design Options

Your feedback, along with site analysis findings, will be used to develop 3 different design options:

- These options will show different designs for the 100 Acre's parks and waterfront open space.
- All will meet target elevations and performance standards for district flood mitigation, but will have different characters, uses, and programs.
- We'll share these 3 options at the next round of engagement in mid December or mid January. Share your thoughts about what you like and don't like about each option—and anything that's missing.



January - February

## Combine & Analyze Feedback



## Draft Plan

We'll then combine the three options and new ideas into an overall draft plan.

**All of the information and feedback opportunities shared today are available online:**

**[www.tinyurl.com/fortpointsurvey1](http://www.tinyurl.com/fortpointsurvey1)**

The survey will be open through 11:59 pm on Tuesday, November 5.

Share this link with your family, friends, and neighbors/co-workers!



**Automatic slideshow  
between presentations**

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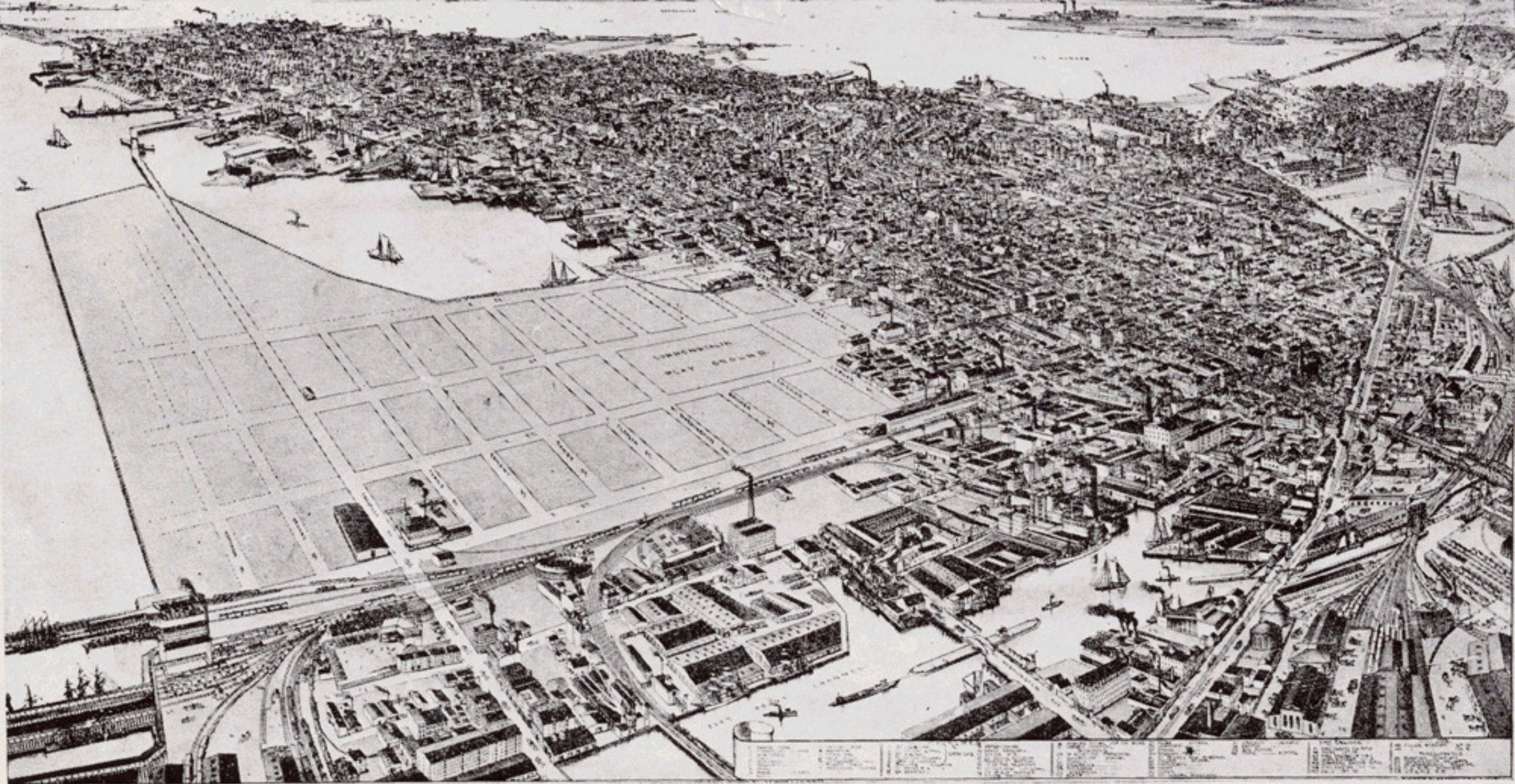
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Fort Point and the Seaport were previously tidal mudflats. They were filled in in the late 1800s to make new land.





SOUTH BOSTON IN 1893

During the Big Dig, the 100 Acres site was used as a staging area...





**Fort Point, 1930**



FAIRCHILD AERIAL SURVEY, INC. N. Y. C.

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**Fort Point, 1925**





Fort Point, 1929



**Melcher Street, 1971**



**Firehose Pressure  
Test in Fort Point,  
1929**



**Northern Ave.  
Bridge, 1930**



**A Street Park**

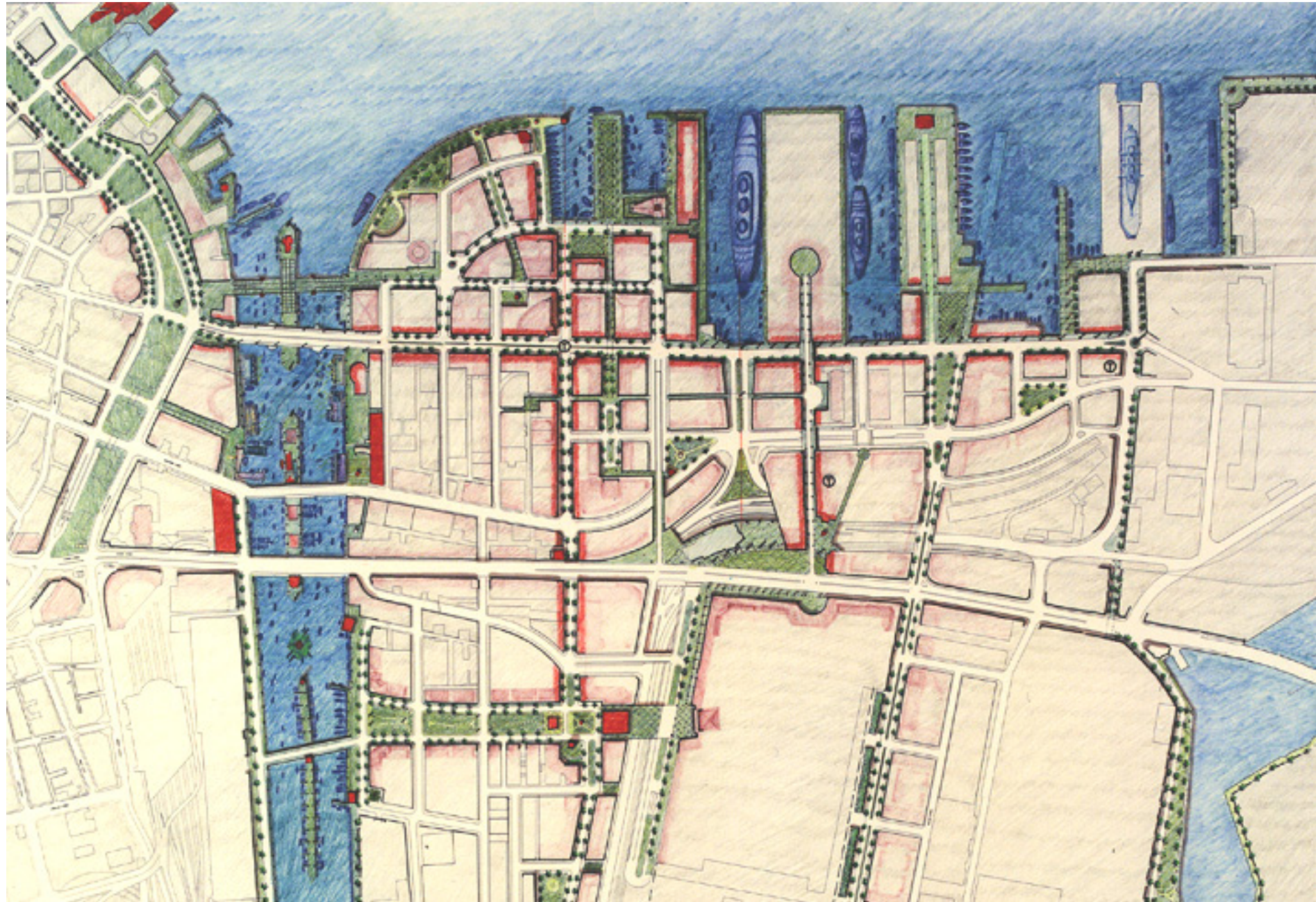


**Artists for  
Humanity**



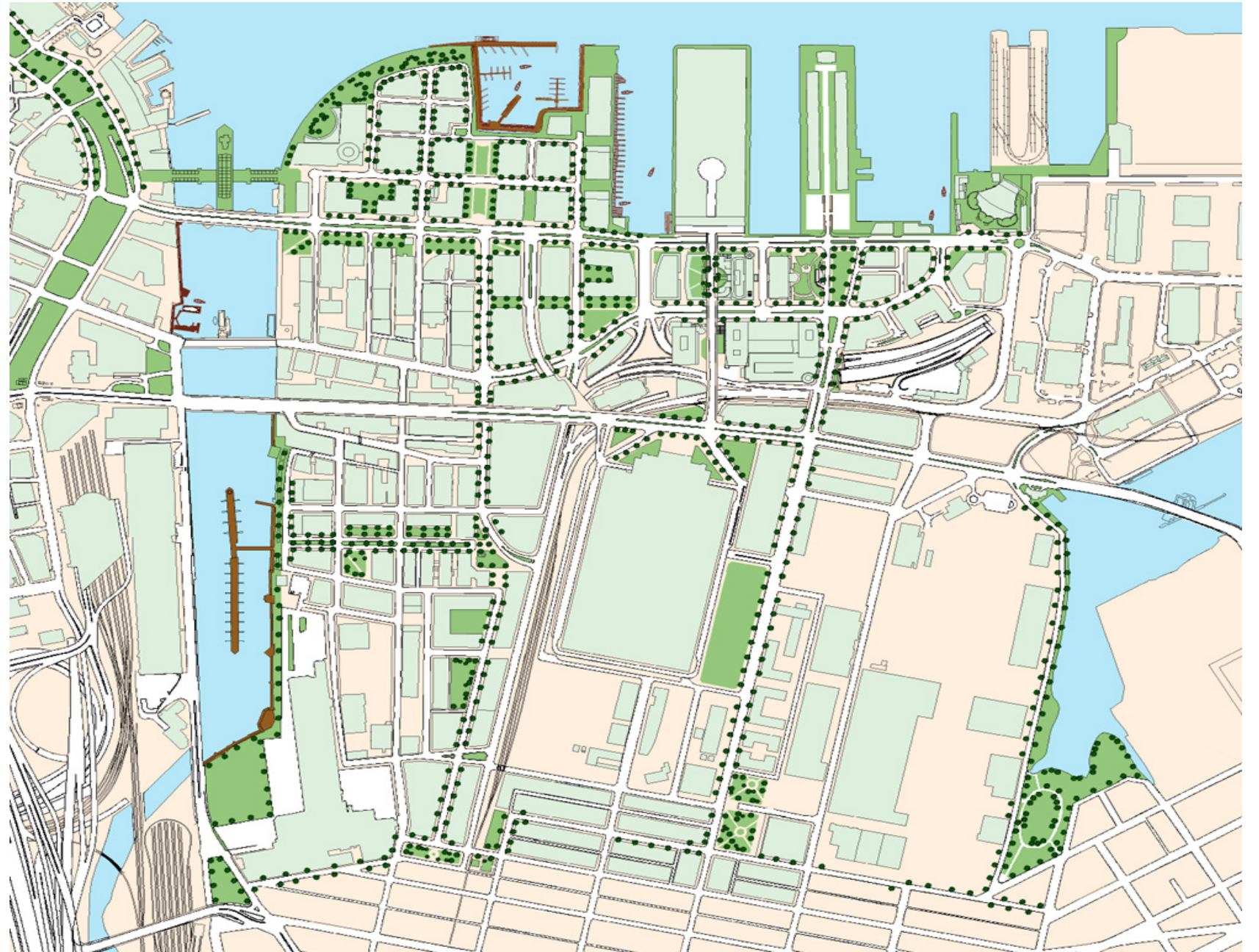
**Summer Street Bridge**

# 1999 South Boston Seaport Plan



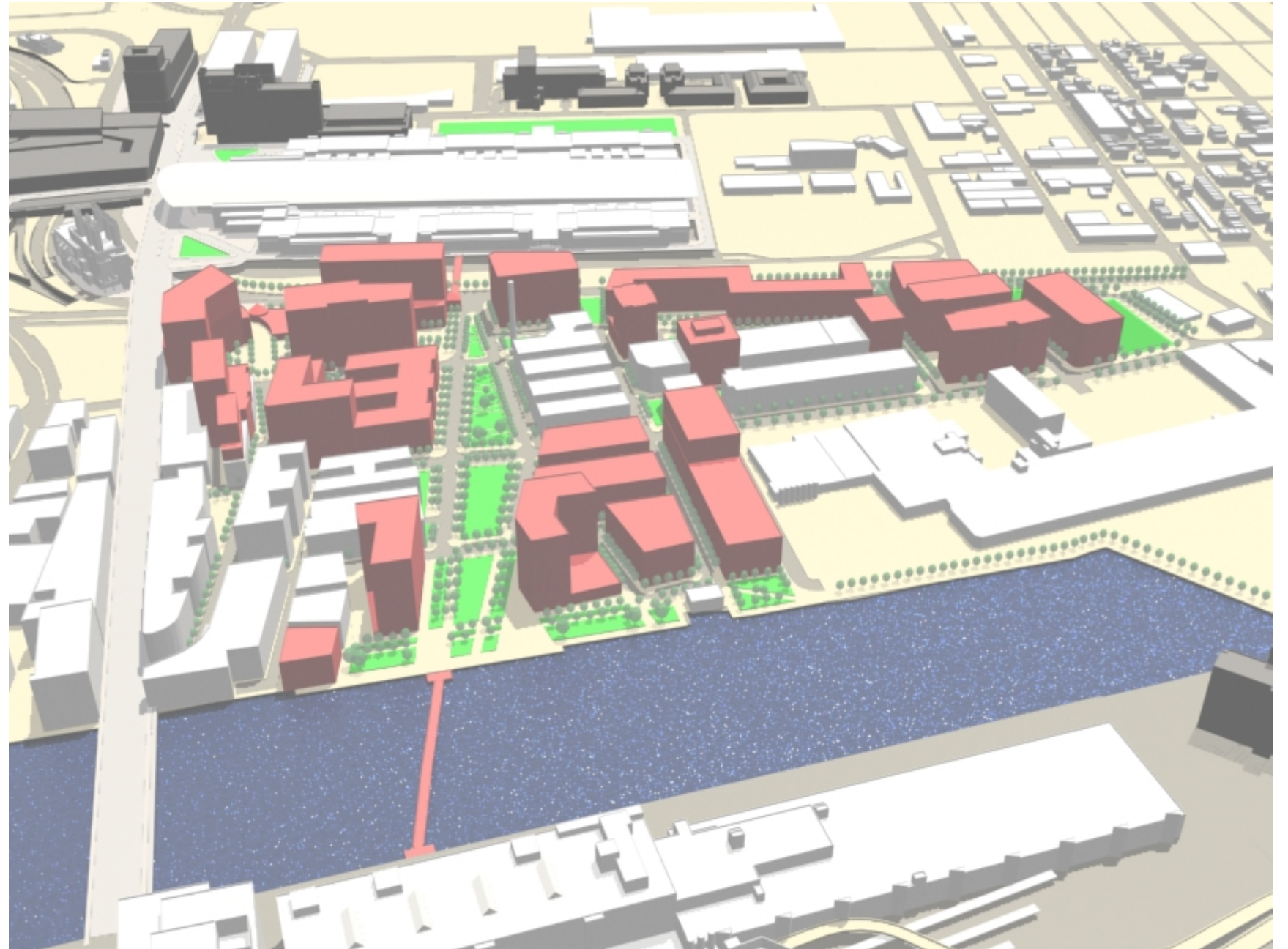


# 2000 Municipal Harbor Plan





# 2006 100 Acres Master Plan





# South Bay Harbor Trail



# 2018 South Boston Waterfront Open Space Plan

