



BOSTON HARBOR NOW

Today the Harbor is critical to the health and well-being of our citizens and economy. Together, we can lead the nation in building a 21st-century waterfront – a waterfront that provides unprecedented opportunities for public use and is well-adapted to climate change.

The Challenge

- The waterfront is booming with new development, but often in ways that are not available to everyone.
- Sea level rise and more frequent flooding are putting thousands of people, buildings, and businesses at risk.
- The Harbor and the Islands have not gotten the attention or funding they deserve. It's for and about people.

The Solution

- Boston Harbor Now works at the intersection of people and nature to advocate for open space, public infrastructure, and private sector development that will enhance public access to the Harbor and protect the City from the impacts of climate change.
- We seek to activate the Harbor by connecting it with our cities, towns, and neighborhoods, and by protecting water-dependent uses.
- We build and broaden the constituency for the Harbor by engaging people through programs, and by getting them down to the water and out on the Islands.
- Finally, we work as a catalyst, partnering to promote, program, and build exemplary parks and waterfront facilities at key locations throughout the Harbor.

Our Strengths

Boston Harbor Now is the only non-profit organization that focuses on Boston Harbor as a whole, working for change that benefits everyone. We promote collaboration between the public and private sectors, drawing on our years of success with the Harbor Cleanup and with the creation of the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park (2,000 acres) and the Harborwalk (43 miles). We are uniquely positioned to leverage investments by the private sector and public agencies, including the City of Boston, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the National Park Service.

What You Can Do

The magnitude of the challenge must be matched by dramatic increases in impact on the Harbor and significant support to help us implement transformative, landscape-scale projects. We urge you to participate.

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