

Reserved Channel Harborwalk Basin Loop

Harborwalk Visioning Meeting

Boston Harbor Now & Arup

21 May 2026



Agenda

- 5:00pm – Doors open
- 5:40pm – Welcome & introductions
- 6:00pm – Overview of project
- 6:30pm – Interactive activity
- 6:50pm – Debrief and wrap-up
- 7:00pm – Meeting adjourns, project team available for questions

Welcome & Introductions

Before we begin

- Funding for this design and planning process was secured by Senator Collins and Representative Biele as part of the FY25 Fair Share Supplemental Budget.
- There are 2 restrooms in this library, with one accessible restroom. Both are located to the left of the main librarian desk.
- The most accessible entrance/exit is the front doors onto East Broadway, and there are exits to the rear of the building into the garden.

Land Acknowledgement and Ground rules

- Be Present
- Be Generous
- Be Curious
- Be Patient

Collecting Feedback

We will use an online tool called Mentimeter to collect input at different times throughout the meeting.

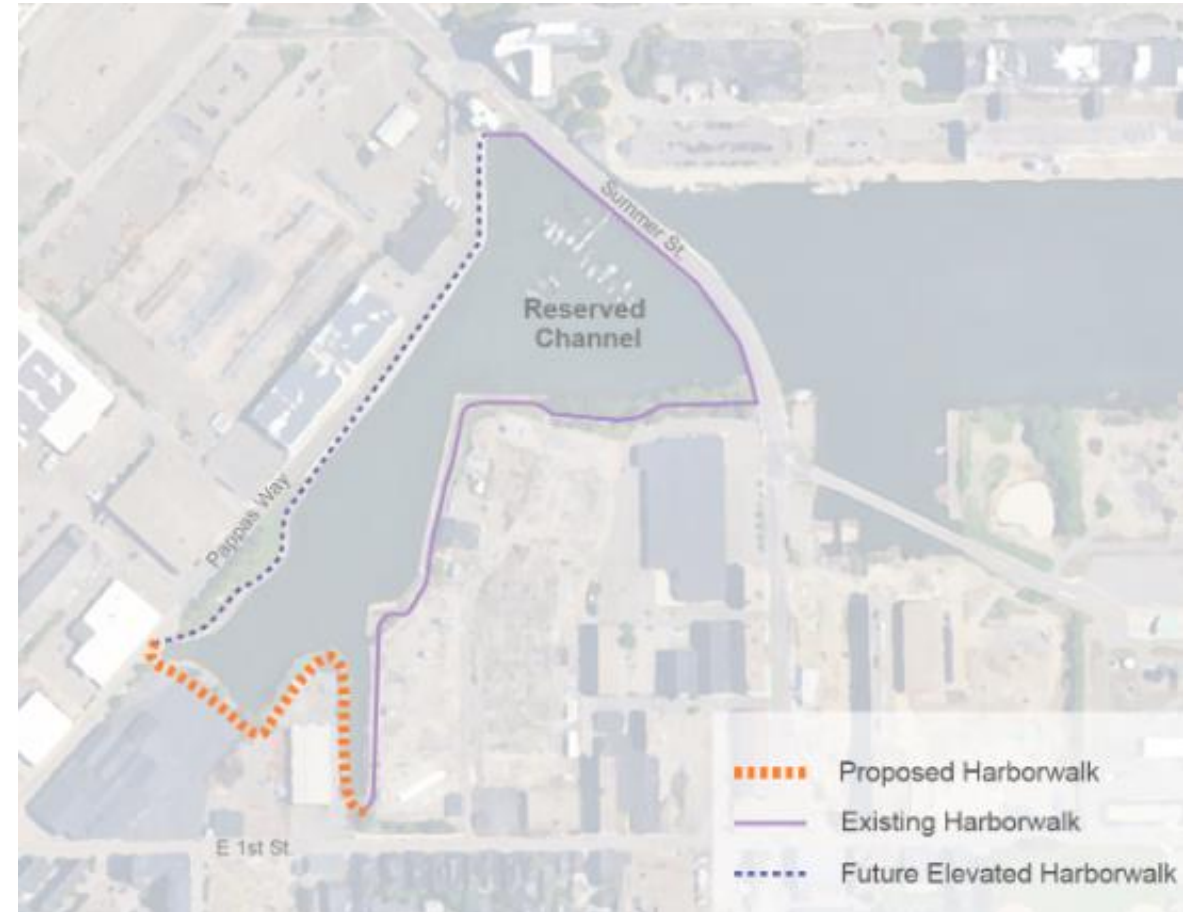
To access the engagement questions, please go to menti.com and enter the numbers on the right, or scan the QR code.



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Project goals

- Prepare design concepts to pursue future funding opportunities to complete the Basin Loop
- Increase public access to the waterfront
- Enhance public amenities and user experience along the Reserved Channel



Existing Conditions

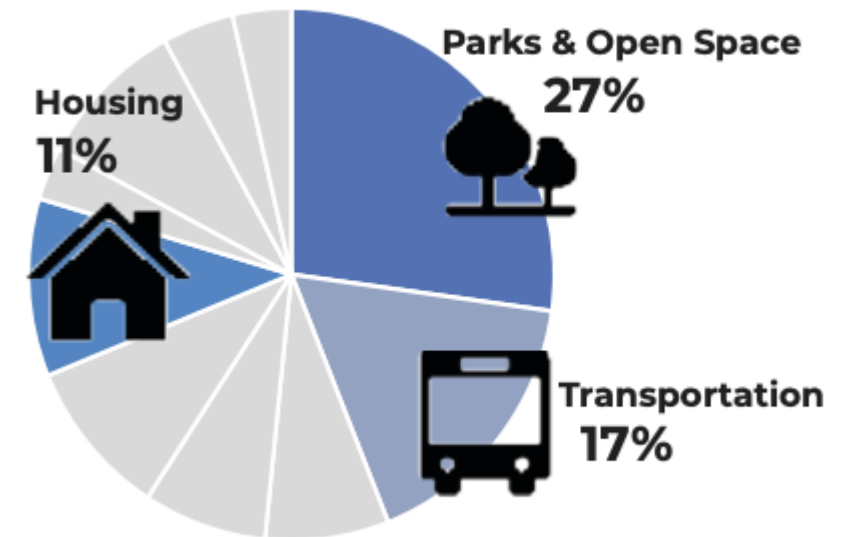
And other planned projects around the basin

- **Eversource** recently completed their Harborwalk segment and created First Street Park, which connected the Harborwalk from E 1st Street to the Summer Street Bridge.
- The planned **Oxford/Pappas** redevelopment will include updates to the Harborwalk along Pappas Way.
- **U.S. Army Corps** is releasing draft storm protection alignments for the entire City in July, which will include parts of the Reserved Channel.

What we've heard

- The local community uses the existing Harborwalk segments along the Channel frequently and has long advocated for a completed loop.
- Adding parks and open space is a priority.
- The Reserved Channel has the potential to become a more vibrant recreational space for the South Boston community and beyond.

RESIDENT PRIORITIES

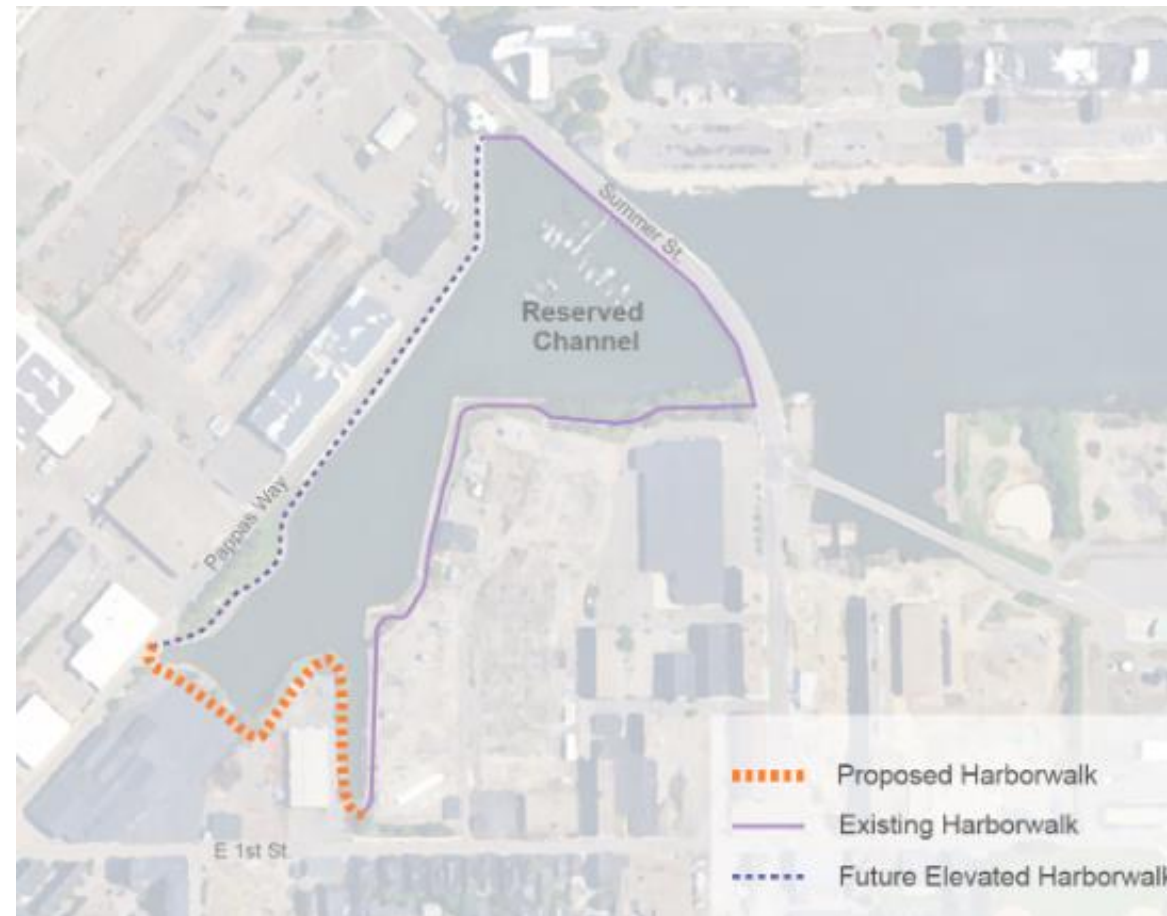
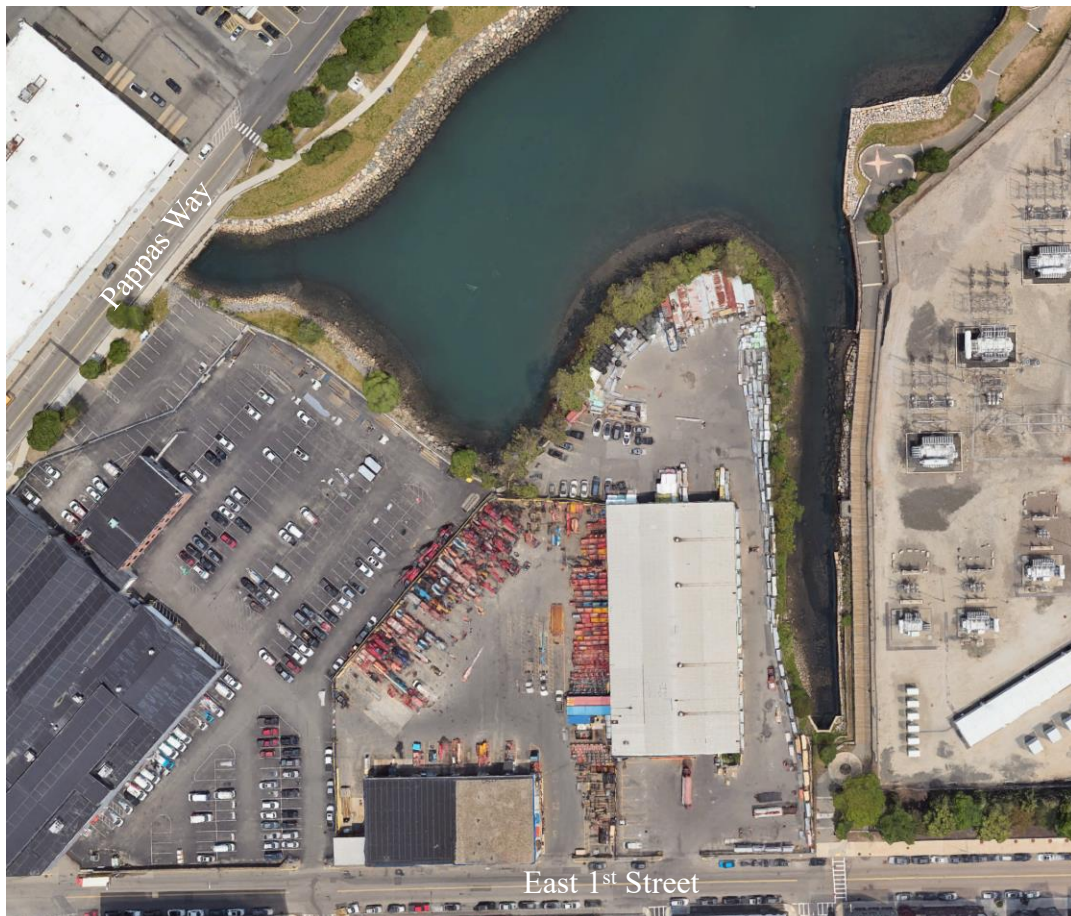


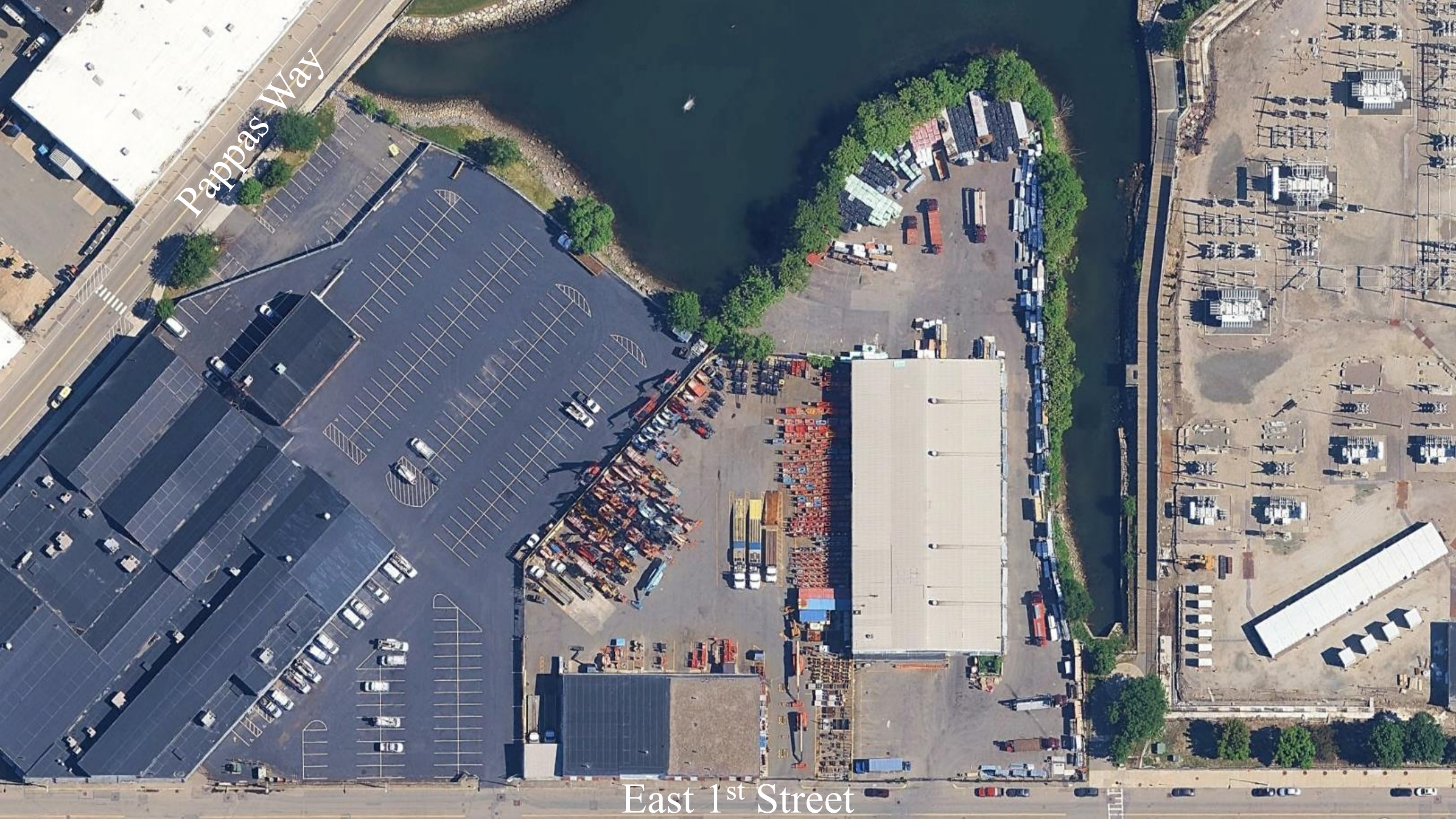
From Coastal Resilience Solutions for South Boston, 2018

Project overview



Design overview





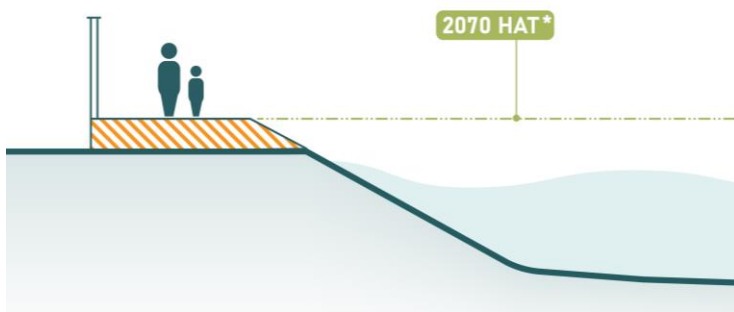
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East 1st Street

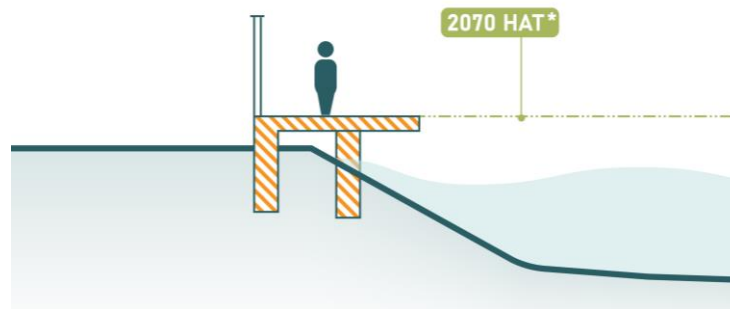
Design options

Current ideas being considered

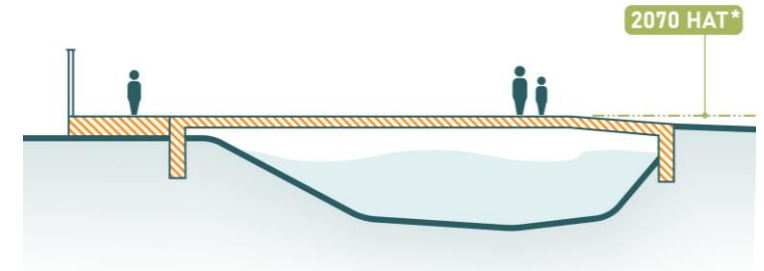
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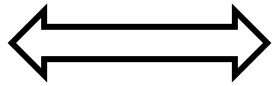


Path over water



Pedestrian bridge

Harborwalk Design Principles



Width: At a minimum 10 feet



Elevation: Raised above 2070 tidal flood elevation



Design Guidelines: Follow Boston Harbor Now's Harborwalk 2.0 design guidelines to center equity, access, and resilience (more on next slide)

Signage

Vegetation

RESILIENCE

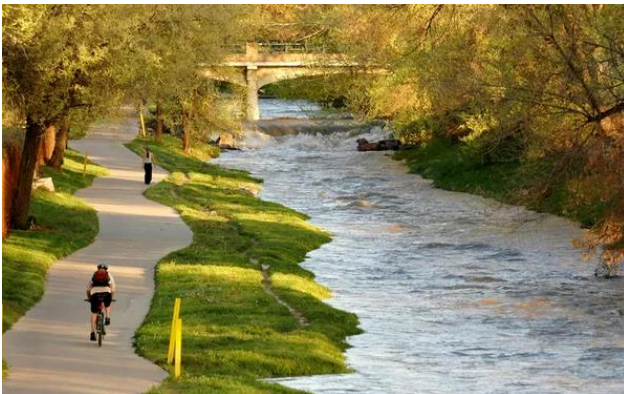
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ACTIVATION

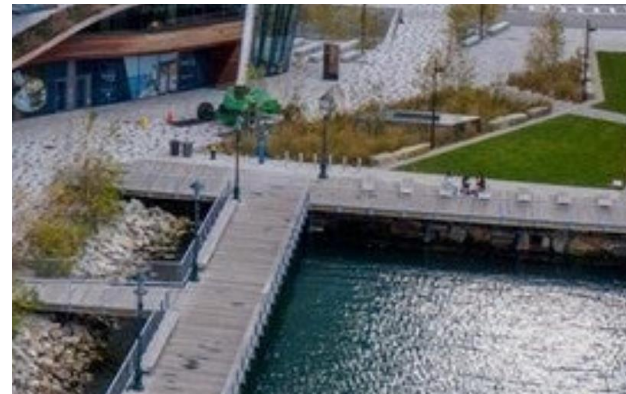
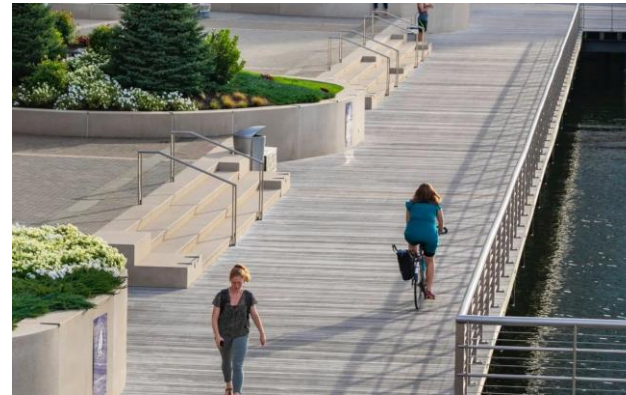
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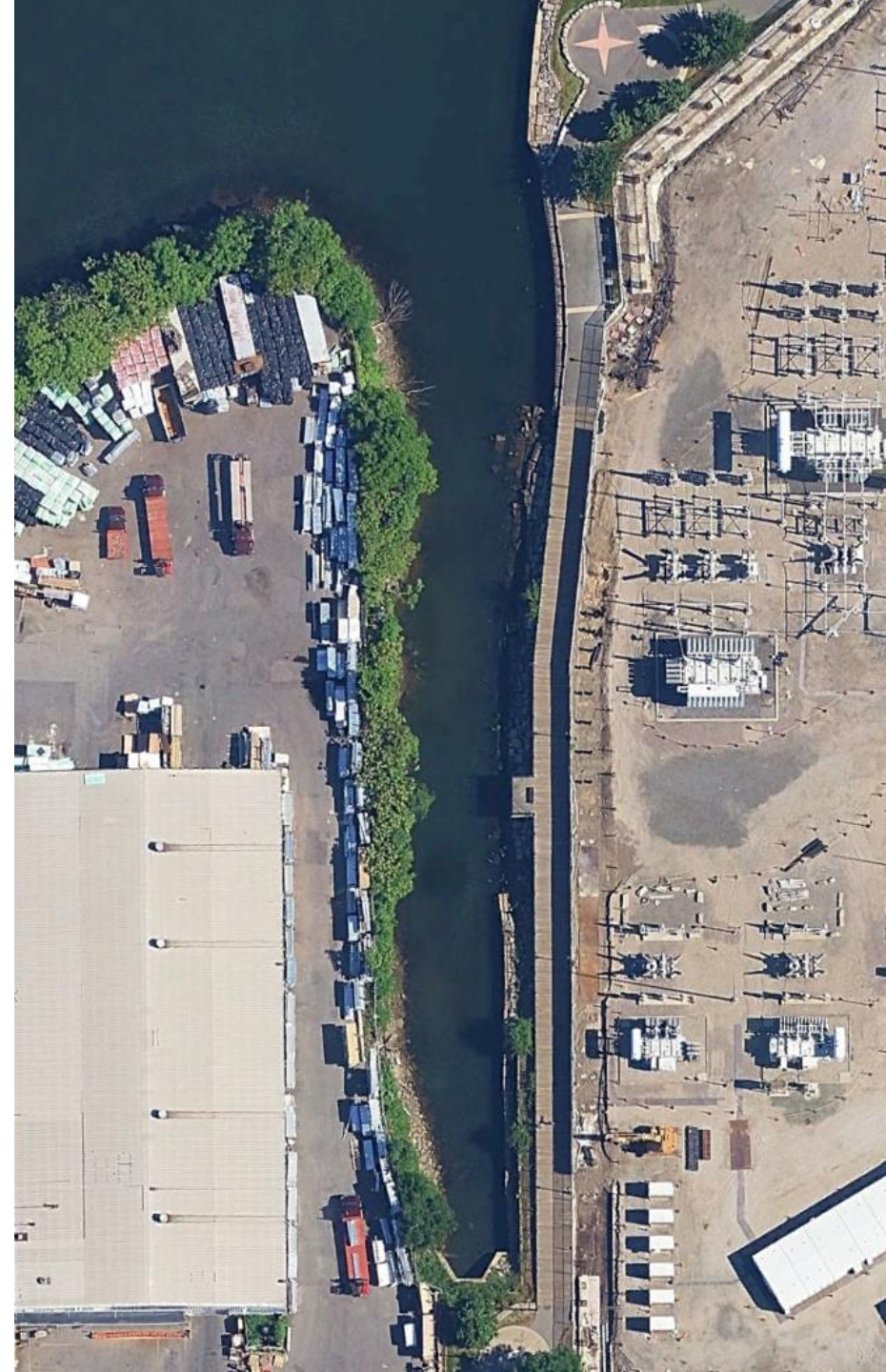
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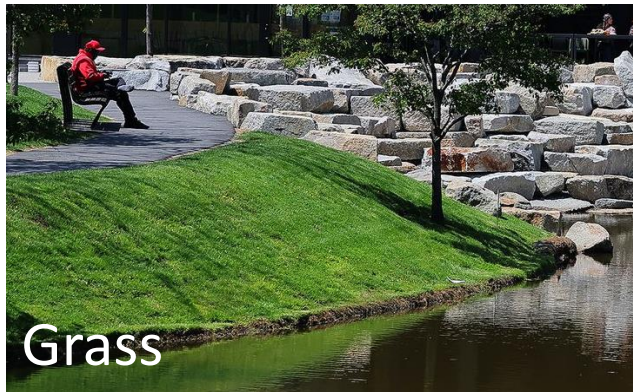
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Pedestrian Bridge



Edge Conditions



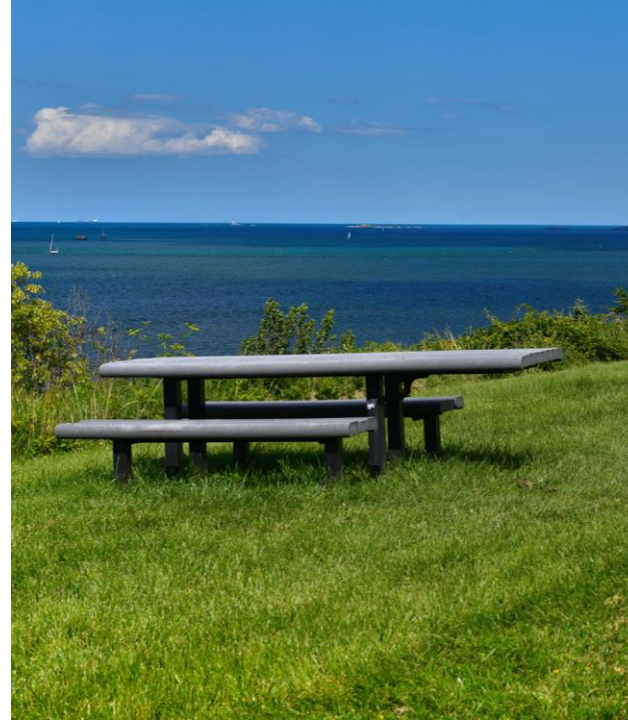
User groups

- Walkers/runners
- Cyclists
- Scooters
- Strollers
- Pets
- People with disabilities
- People looking for a place to relax



Potential amenities

- Shade structures
- Benches
- Accessible Tables
- Pet station



Interactive activity



Small group activity (20 minutes)

- Consider how you use the Harborwalk
- Turn & talk – have a discussion with neighbors in groups of 3
- Facilitators will float between multiple small groups to listen and answer any questions
 - Introduce yourself
 - What is your relationship to the Reserved Channel Harborwalk today
 - Identify your uses of the Harborwalk and the themes/design elements you are most interested in

Debrief



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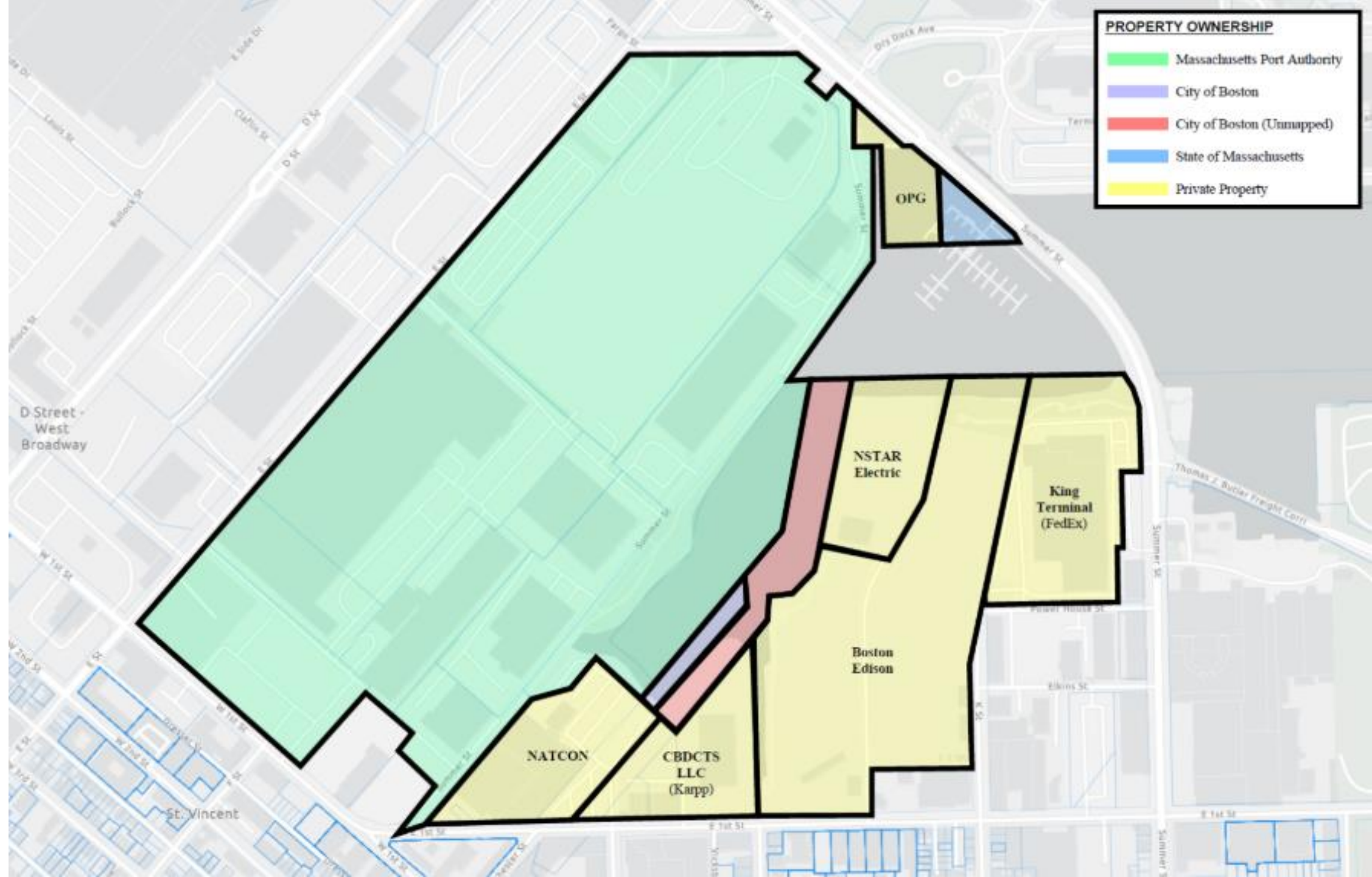
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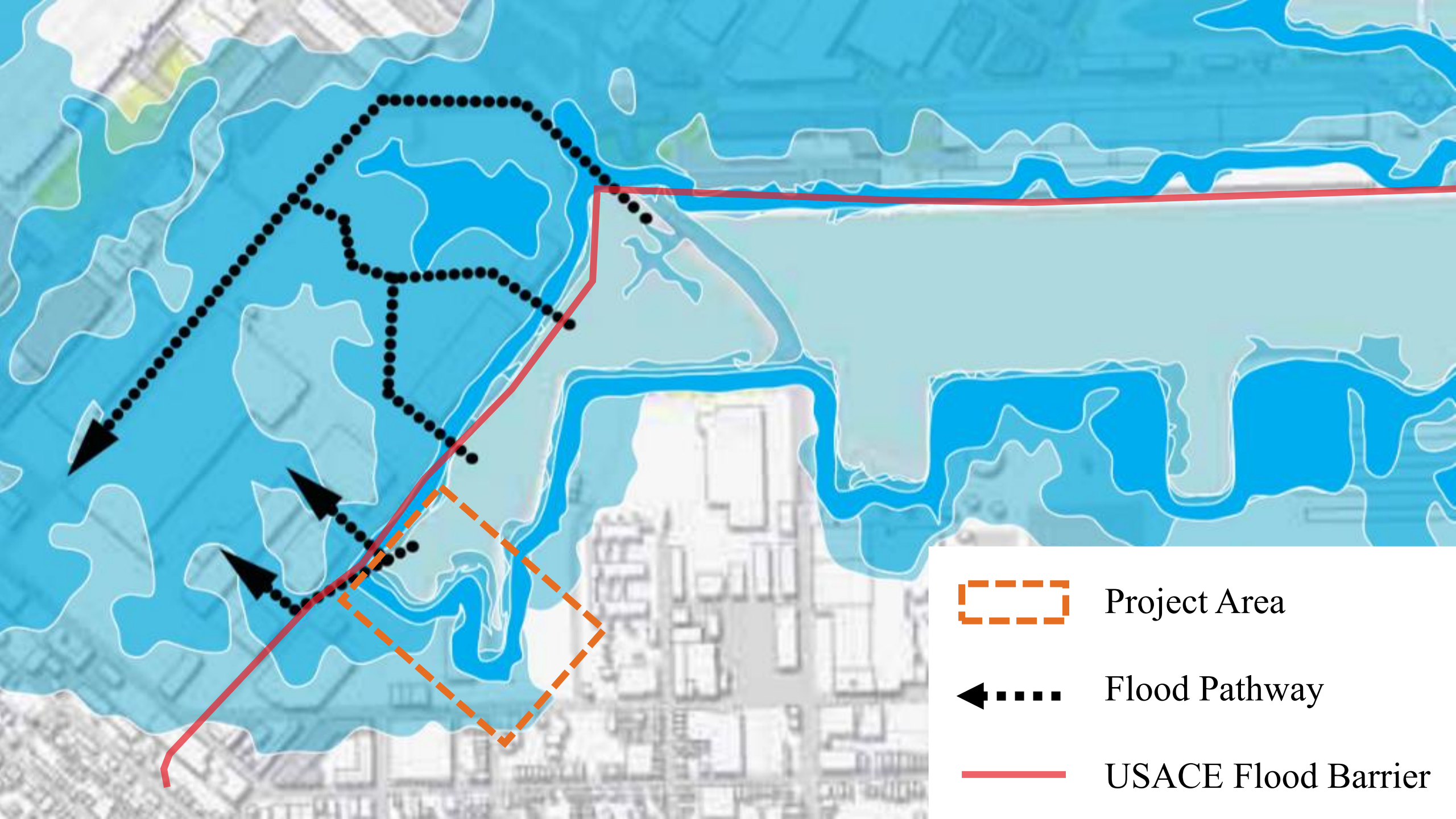
- Please feel free to reach out to if you have questions or would like to submit further comments on this project!
- We will have another public meeting on this project this summer.

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PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

- Massachusetts Port Authority
- City of Boston
- City of Boston (Unmapped)
- State of Massachusetts
- Private Property



Project Area



Flood Pathway



USACE Flood Barrier