## Charlestown Redevelopment Plan: Charlestown Redevelopment Charles Briefing Opportunities

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# What will it take to make the Charlestown Navy Yard a success?

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## Recommendations

- Establish connections but maintain unique character
- Balance land use options to serve diverse populations
- Ensure public process in decision-making
- Develop public-oriented anchor at Head of the Harbor



## **Residents & Visitors**

- Serve locals
- Attract tourists
- Encourage other 'visitors' (e.g., employees, metro residents)



## **Residents & Visitors (cont'd)**

- Keys for success:
- Offer variety & balance of uses
- Keep CNY distinct from downtown Boston



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## **Stakeholder Issues**

- Placing high value on open space
- Economic vibrancy
- Greater preferences for public facilities
- Changing the character of the yard and harbor



CNY Redevelopment

### Plan Briefing

## Open Space & Public Access

Balance Economic Development, Open Space & Public Facilities:

- Assess amount of open space
- Control number and types of businesses
- Thoughtfully site businesses, open space, public facilities
- Pursue public-private partnerships

## Public Process, Accountability, Transparency

BRA Considerations:

- Internal conflicts
- Tensions with Charlestown residents

 Communication with the State and other levels of government

#### Resolutions for the BRA

Internally:

• Conflicts resolved at approval of CNY Waterfront Activation Plan

Charlestown residents and the public at large:

- Ensure transparency with public processes
- Charge neighborhood associations with enforcement

With the State:

• Legally binding mutual agreement

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#### How to Move Forward?

#### Organizational opportunities

- Public/private partnerships
- CDC development (Friends of Charlestown Navy Yard)

#### Project financing opportunities

- Fines and penalties
- Maintenance districts
- Deed requirements

#### Programmatic opportunities

- Phasing of functions and temporary uses
- Continuing festivals and other programming

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## In closing, the larger considerations:

- Public space Once it's gone, it's gone
- BRA and development transparency
  - Matters of process
  - Perception A deal is a deal
  - There are other developers
- Your legacy

# Thank you

