

Charlestown Navy Yard: Harbor Activation through Parcel 5



Vision

■ Establish the Charlestown Navy Yard as a truly public neighborhood that is active and welcoming to new and existing residents and visitors alike.



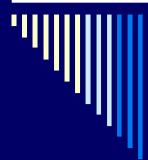
Strategy

- Pursue overall goals articulated in the 2006 Activation Plan
 - Complete Harborwalk, improve signage, increase accessibility
- Create signature destination at Parcel 5
 - Preserve and enhance the Yard's last vacant waterfront parcel for public use
- □ Form Charlestown Navy Yard Partnership to support these plans



Current Situation

- Sporadic development since 1978
- Tourism: NPS and USS Constitution
- Luxury condos and commercial
- □ Poor access, incomplete and disjointed Harbor Walk – perceived as private
- State law requires public amenities
- Development pressure at Pier 5 and Yard's End



Charlestown Navy Yard





Current Plan

- Harbor Plan Amendment paid for by Pier 5 developer under direction of BRA
- Story Loop plan to interpret history, celebrate and activate waterfront
- □ 34,000 sf "Special Destination" required by state waterfront regulations for Pier 5
- No market for such a space: proposes dispersing through Yard to create network of public destinations



Evaluation of the current plan

Strengths

- Addresses entireYard
- Engaged stakeholders and secured public support
- Celebrates rich history of the Yard
- Story Loops engage diverse interests

Weaknesses

- Small, scattered public destinations fail to create signature attraction for the Yard
- Relies on actors with limited capacity
- Overdevelops Yard's End



Parcel 5: Head of the Harbor

- Public park for residents and tourists
- Programmable open space
- Story Loop: Environment and Harbor



Development

- Swap special destination requirement from Pier 5 to Parcel 5
- Convey completed park to Charlestown Navy Yard Partnership (CNYP)
- Implement and sustain public benefits



Operation and Maintenance

- □ Formation of CNYP for operations, programming, promotion
- Generate CNYP revenue through rental for special events, concessions, BRA support, corporate sponsorship
- □ Encourage CNY Business Improvement District



What's At Stake?

- A chance to re-invigorate the Charlestown Navy Yard and promote a mixture of economic activity
- The ability to resolve a long-standing conflict and move forward as a Mayor who can take charge and get things done



A Mayor's Legacy

Parcel 5 and the Yard present a unique opportunity to create usable open space and preserve one of the last remaining pieces of waterfront in the City