

## **Enterprise Research Campus**

**Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC)** 

January 2, 2018

## **The Opportunity**

A community with tremendous possibilities for invention and collaboration.

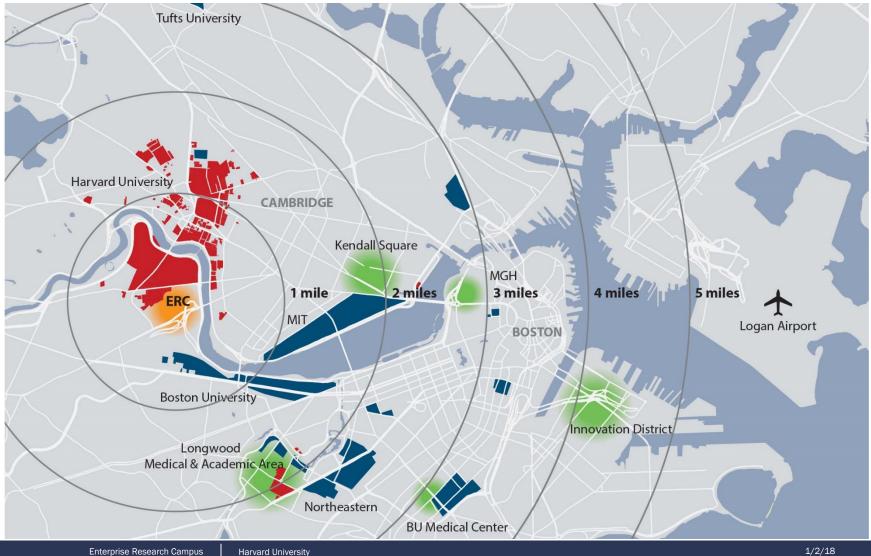


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#### **Metropolitan Context**

#### Nearby institutions and innovation districts.



#### **Planning Context**

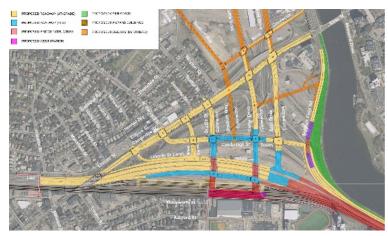


North Allston Strategic Framework (2005)

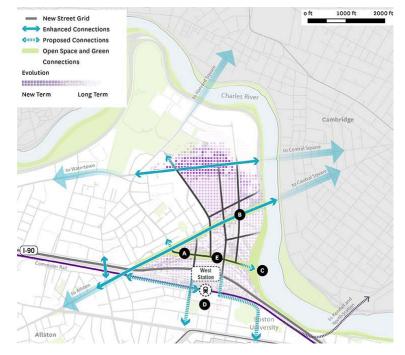


Harvard IMP Long-Term Land Use (2013)

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#### DOT Interchange Concept (2016)

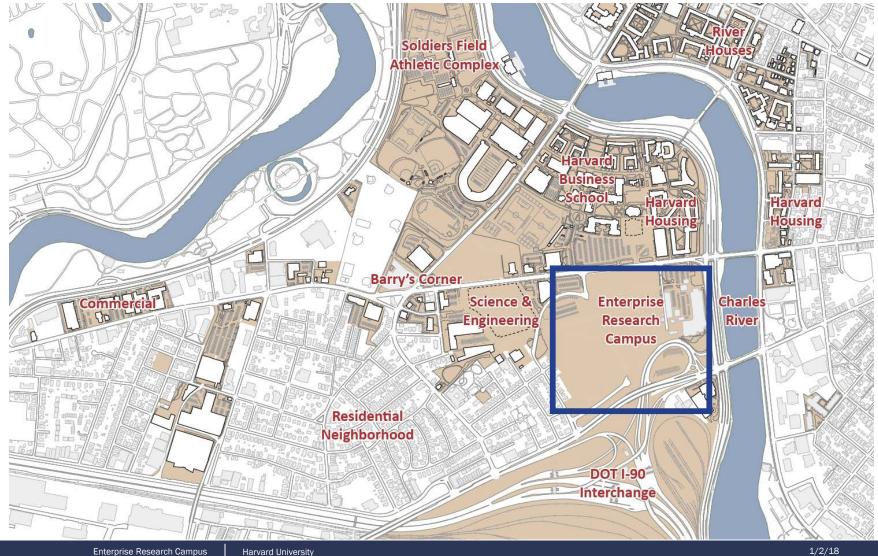


Imagine Boston 2030 (2017)

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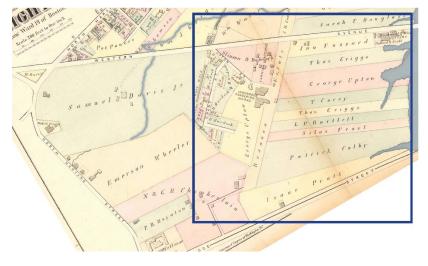
#### Location

#### New district of North Allston.

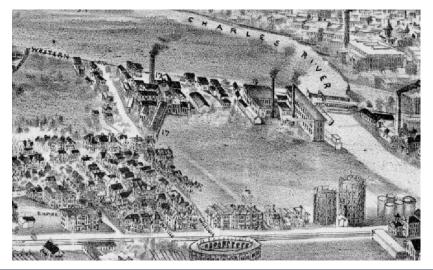


## **Historic Evolution**

#### Tidal Marsh



Industry (1899)



#### Warehouse, Trucking & Auto Uses (1990s)



Transition to ERC (2013)

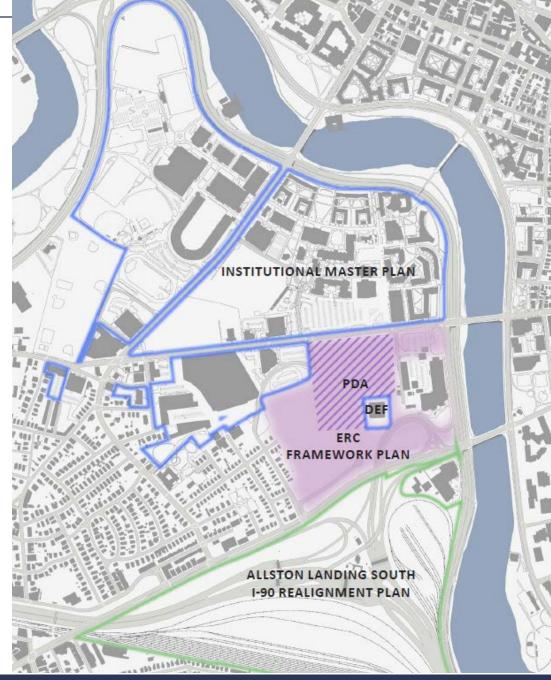


## Existing

- Vacant, fenced and impenetrable to pedestrians
- Largely impervious/minimal vegetation
- Relatively flat
- High water table
- Major regional sewer and water lines, otherwise minimal infrastructure
- Large Sears foundation from former warehouse
- Turnpike loop ramp & elevated Cambridge Street
- Rapidly changing context with construction of Science & Engineering Complex (SEC) and District Energy Facility (DEF)
- Adjacent property leased to Sanofi Genzyme



# Planning at Two Scales



#### Planned Development Area (PDA) Master Plan

Zoning Overlay for 14 Acres

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) increase in Allston Landing North EDA

Does not give right to build a specific building

#### **Framework Plan**

Supporting district context

Living document that will be updated over time

Beyond geography and time frame for which the University is seeking formal approval



#### **Planning Principles**

Create a livable urban district.

Establish a synergistic mix of uses.

Adapt to existing and emerging context.

Promote regional transportation access.

Establish a **balanced parking** program.

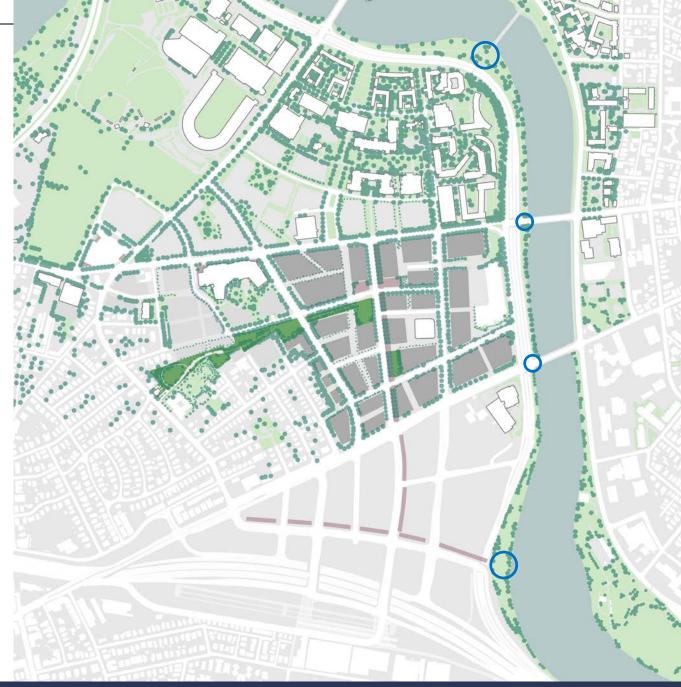
Plan comprehensively for an active public realm.

Create a robust system of open space.

Support development with comprehensive infrastructure.

Demonstrate leadership in environmental sustainability and resilience.

## Illustrative Framework Plan



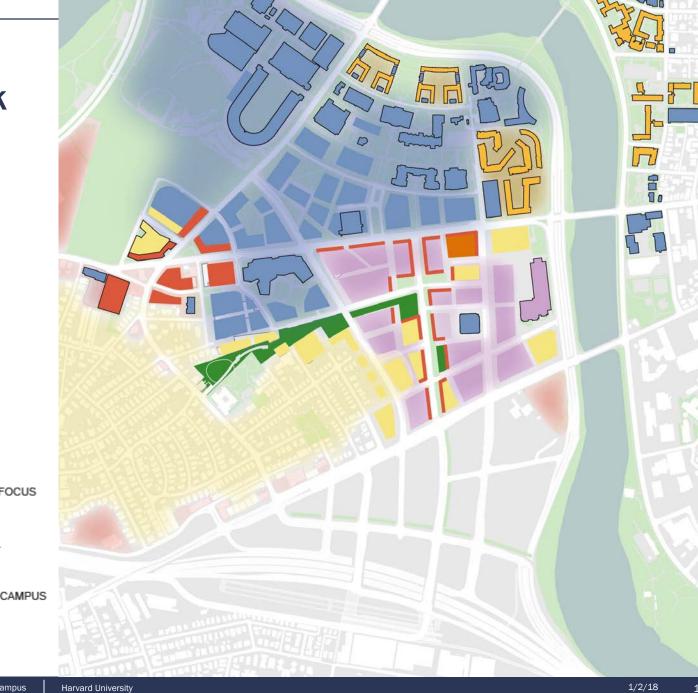


SECONDARY LANDSCAPE

## **Streets** Framework



## Land Use Framework





#### **PDA Context**



#### Program

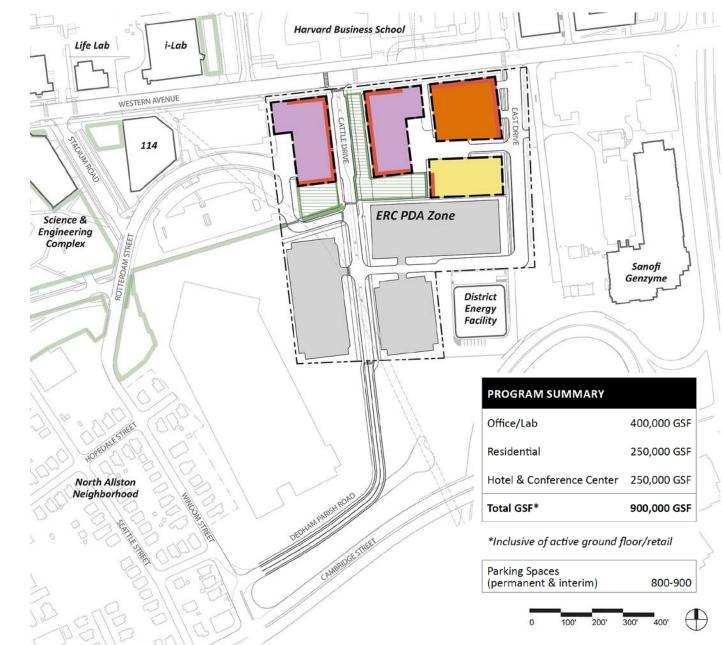
Active ground floors at key locations.

Pads illustrate maximum dimensions - footprints will be designed within.

PDA Master Plan heights represent maximums. Specific heights will be presented in the PDA Development Plan for each project.

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) 2.0, text amendment to allow up to 4.0 FAR in Allston Landing North EDA.





## Public Realm

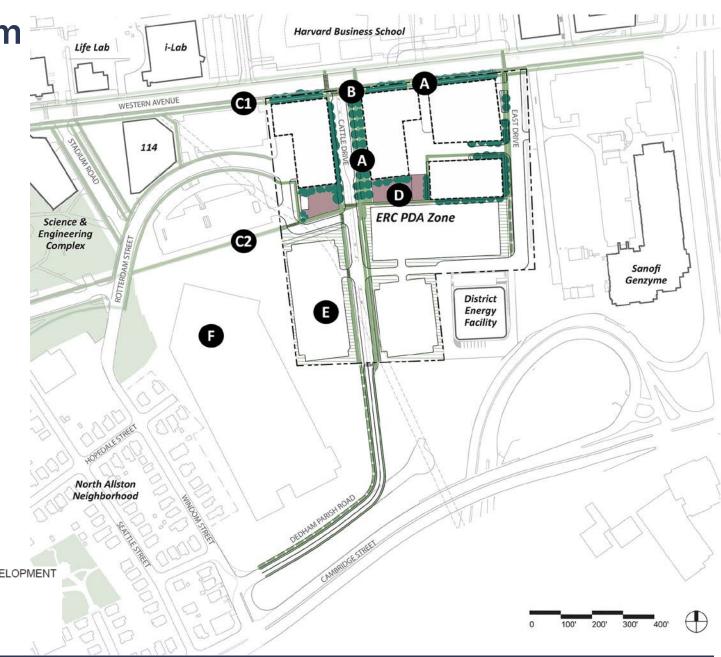
- A. Tree planting and landscaping where none exists today.
- B. Entry to district at Western & Cattle.
- C. Tie-in to surrounding public realm improvements.
- D. Streetscape & open spaces adjacent to development completed.
- E. Interim parking and circulation conditions to be landscaped.
- F. Undeveloped site areas to be secured and screened.

PUBLIC REALM FRAMING DEVELOPMENT

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CIRCULATION



#### **PDA Illustrative Plan**



#### The Vision

"The enterprise research campus is a bold development: a new innovation district offering a **broad mix of uses, including new spaces to live, work, play,** research, adapt, innovate, and collaborate..."

Executive Vice President - Katie Lapp, Harvard Gazette, March 2016

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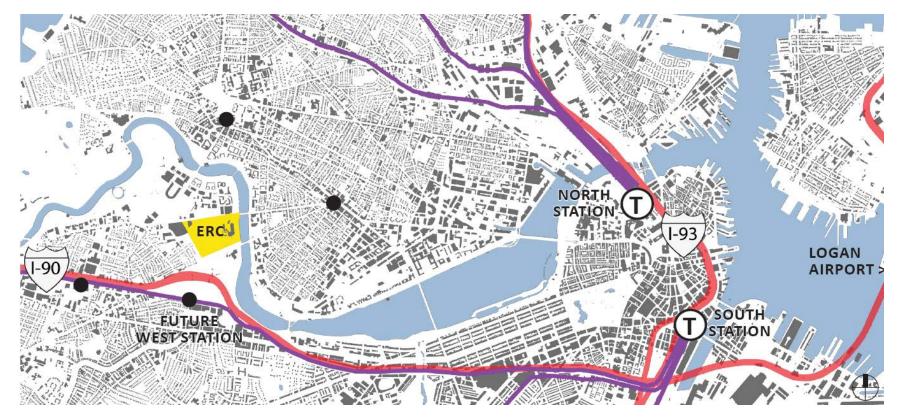
Bruce Katz and Julie Wagner

at BROOKINGS

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## **Metropolitan Context/Transportation Access**

#### Undeveloped land adjacent to highway and rail.



- COMMUTER RAIL
- HIGHWAY

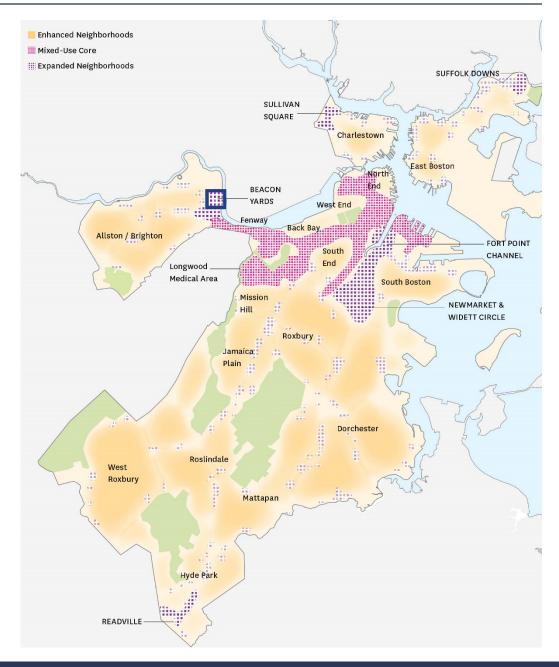
ERC



#### **Poised for Growth**

Identified as a place for "Expanded Neighborhoods"

-Imagine Boston 2030



## **Circulation**

North-south streets to tie to I-90 project.

Streets segments constructed adjacent to development.

Potential interim connection south to Cambridge Street.

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Existing shuttle and MBTA bus systems enhanced.

Parking below buildings and interim surface parking (total of 800-900 spaces).

