



Why (LOCAL)
Politics Matters!
with Jimmy Tingle

COMMUNITY FORUM

HOW BIG IS TOO BIG?

What do you want for a more livable Cambridge?

Join us for a community meeting. Meet Cambridge neighbors and learn what you can do to bring about change.

**Saturday, January 12, 2019, 4-6 PM
Cambridge Senior Center
806 Mass. Avenue**

**FREE EVENT! RSVP at bit.ly/bigmeeting1
Information and Focused Discussion. Food**

Hosted by friends of Livable Cambridge, Neighborhood Association Leaders, and other volunteer groups



Livable Cambridge

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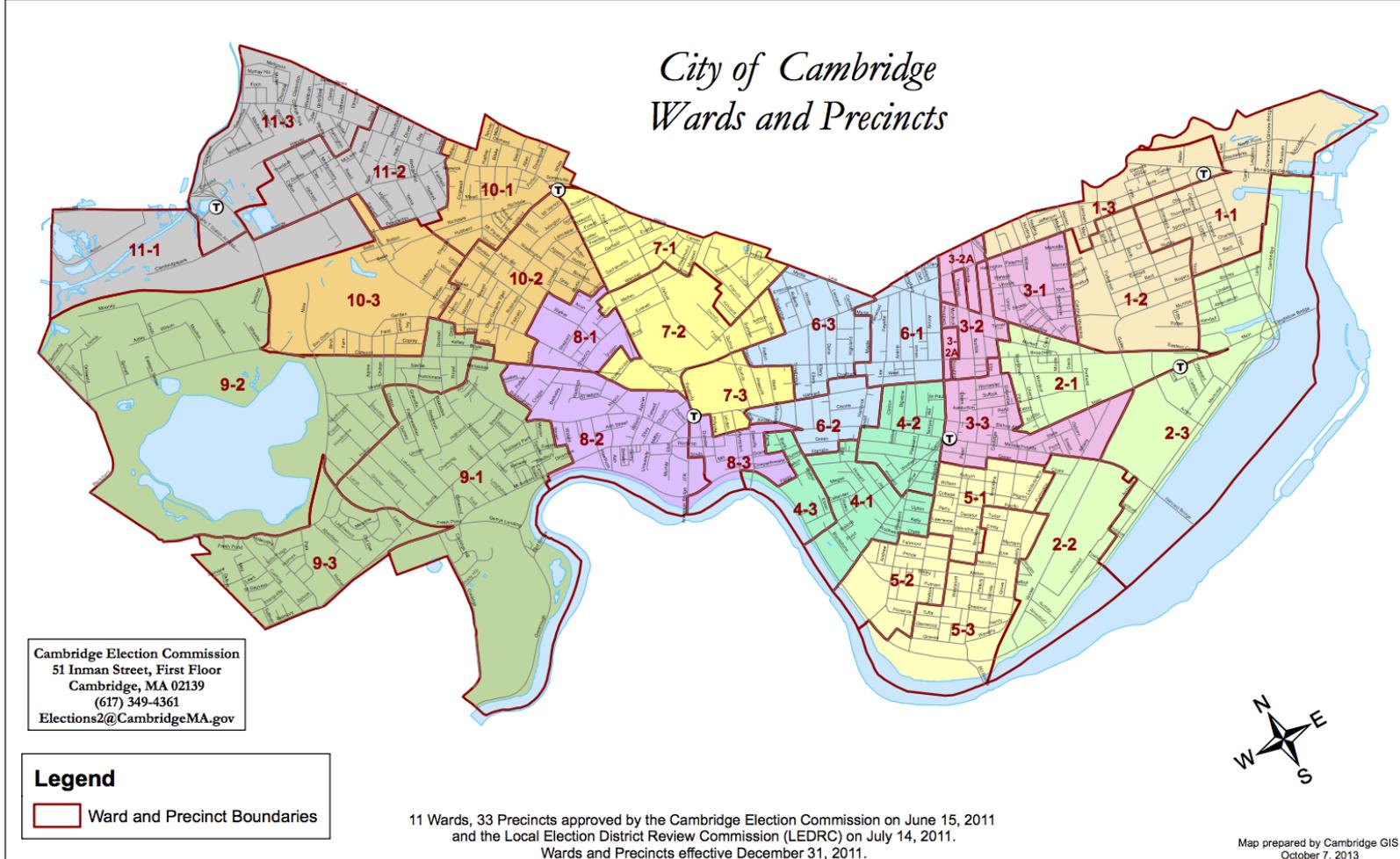
4:15-4:25 Welcome

4:25-5:00 Cambridge Neighborhood Views

5:00-5:30 Discussion and Questions with
Neighborhood Group Leaders

5:30-6:00 ****Jimmy Tingle****

City of Cambridge Wards and Precincts



Thanks to all the Cambridge Neighborhood Group leaders (and their various steering committees) for sending the array of ideas and photos on a Livable Cambridge specific to their neighborhoods.

Thanks to Cambridge issues groups: ABC, Cambridge Residents Alliance, and Green Cambridge for adding their perspectives

A HUGE debt to Jimmy Tingle who is donating his time to present later at this event! .

Our debt to the Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods and its President, Gary Dmytryk, for helping to support this event.

One of the things that quickly struck me—and that, I think, becomes apparent to most newcomers and visitors—after moving to the Boston area is how *small* it is for a “big city” in the United States. It is of course very dense compared to most places in this country; among cities over 100,000 in population Boston [ranks seventh](#) in population density ([Cambridge is fifth](#)), and among the fifty states Massachusetts is the [third](#) most densely populated.



“[W]e need to encourage **smart** growth across the state... *and*, in the face of profound inequality, systemic racism, and a rigged economy — we *also* need to **protect tenants** who are **facing displacement** while putting new tools in the hands of municipalities to help fund the production and preservation of deeply affordable housing.

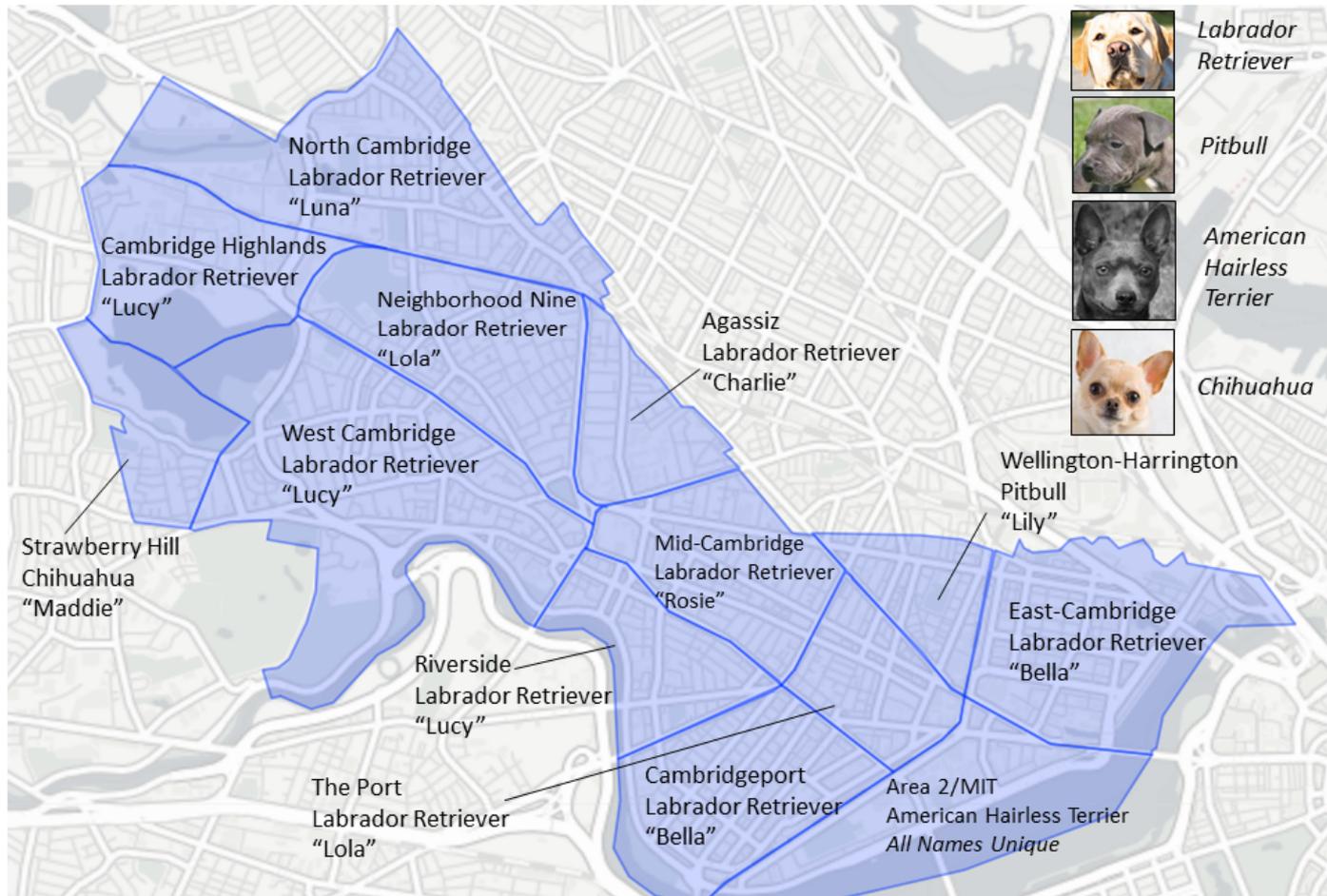
I also recognize **we cannot rely exclusively on market-oriented**, neoliberal strategies if we hope to make progress in the face of this ongoing housing emergency.”
(State Representative Mike Connelly. 12. 2018).

How Big is Too Big?

- Cambridge plans to grow considerably in size over the next decade and beyond. This is an important issue because the city is already, the fifth for populations of over 100,000 (<https://bostonography.com/2012/density/>).
- Cambridge, under current zoning, is expected to grow by 20,800 residents by 2030; with a proposed new Super-Inclusionary housing initiative, the number of new residents by 2030 would increase to 24,300.
- These 24,300 new city residents represent a population increase of 22% above the city's current population of 113,000 residents.
- The city is proposing adding 12,500 new residential units on top of the current 54,713 units to house the proposed new city residents - a 23% increase in housing units in the city.
(Source: Envision: Planning Board Presentation 9.25.18).
- This large-scale growth (a nearly one quarter increase in population and housing) is being urged by the city staff, without the input of residents, even though Cambridge is already one of the most-dense cities in the country.
- What are the ramifications of this massive increase in building and new residents on traffic, schools, infrastructure, the environment, city finances, and overall livability?

Cambridge is a Diverse Place of Diverse Interests

- We have differences (one size does not fit all) but lots of commonalities
- Our neighborhoods define and represent both owners & renters
- Our neighborhoods are for people born here and those who moved here
- Our neighborhoods include people of means and people
- Our neighborhoods define and represent both owners & renters
- Our neighborhoods include people of means and people getting by



CAMBRIDGE NEWS

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Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods

TREE CANOPY COLLAPSING

\$260 Million + 50 years gets us back to today

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Even worse, the annual rate of tree canopy loss has increased 50% in the last four years. This is worrisome as canopy loss makes Cambridge hotter, dirtier, louder, smellier, and less healthy. Trees reduce ozone, absorb toxic gases and carcinogenic particles, get more stormwater into the ground, remediate carcinogens and pesticides in the groundwater and soil, and also keep our waterways cleaner by reducing pollution and sediment from erosion. Finally, they sequester carbon, inhibiting climate change which is already increasing the rate of tree loss.

Cambridge City Councillor Quanton Zondervan, who served on the city's Climate Protection Action Committee, from 2008 through 2017, said, "When the 2009 tree canopy study results were presented by the Community Development Department, it was a real feel good story. We were positive that our tree canopy would soon grow to cover 35% of Cambridge. We were alarmed when the 2014 canopy study instead showed a steep decline. This is when I made our tree canopy a personal priority."

The University of Vermont (UVM) "Spatial Analysis Lab", which did all the studies, cites its expertise saying, in part, that it is "not your average academic GIS Lab. We excel at building production systems capable of extracting information from vast amounts of data and back that up with relentless quality assurance and quality control procedures. ... Turnaround time for projects is often months, not

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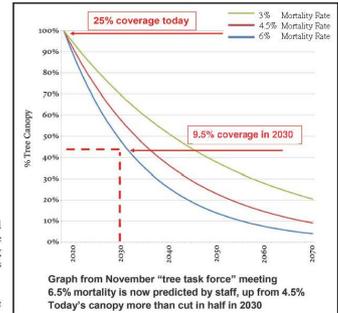
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Planting new trees doesn't work
The City of Cambridge plants about 500 trees each year at a cost of about \$2,000 per tree. Task force staff analysis shows a five-fold planting increase to 2,500 trees each year still results in massive canopy decline. In the period from today to 2030, they showed a 40% loss while spending \$55 Million for tree planting.

If, starting before the task force finishes, the annual loss of trees were cut nearly in half with the same number planted each year, the loss begins to reverse after eight years. The canopy is restored to today's level in about 52 years, in 2071, with planting costs alone of \$260 Million (in today's dollars). The cost of preserving existing trees is extra. Planting 5,000 trees per year for the first five years reduces the

time to 38 years.

Competing with construction.
In 2016, Earthwatch reported that Cambridge had 21,890 tree wells with 1,258 not containing a live tree, about half of what's needed for one year's planting.



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Graph from November "tree task force" meeting
6.5% mortality is now predicted by staff, up from 4.5%
Today's canopy more than cut in half in 2030



Massive tree clearance on 1.2 acres of Coolidge Hill for multi-million dollar profit
\$33.5 million total PURCHASE of 175 (land), 177 (house), & 181 (land) Coolidge Hill
\$4.7 million sale of new house built at 175 Coolidge Hill
\$3.7 million sale after renovation of 177 Coolidge Hill
\$4.8 million sale of land at 181 Coolidge Hill that developer clear-cut for 5 possible units
\$12.8 million total SALE by developers Mark Boyes-Watson & Muircairn Glennallen

OPINION

Call for Moratorium by Susan Ringler

Councillor Zondervan's effort to simply record the number of trees cut down in Cambridge is not nearly enough. We need to stop the destruction of our large trees NOW. The city's Tree Task Force reported data showing we have passed the tipping point and our tree canopy is in irreversible decline. They show that the rate at which we are losing large trees means we can't plant our way out of this mess!

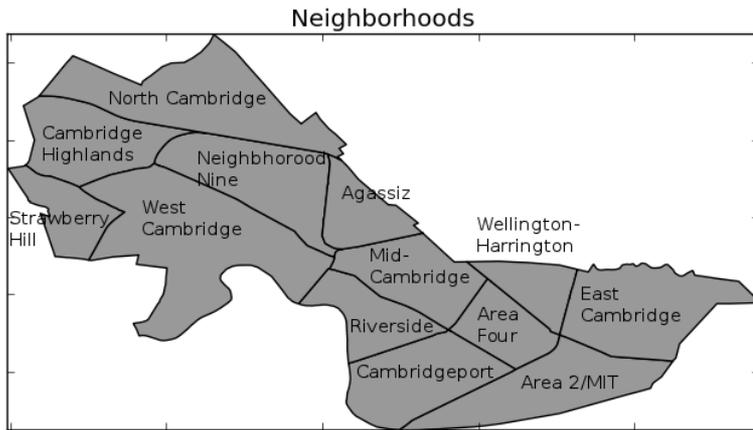
Public Hearing to change our Tree Law 5:30pm Jan 9th at City Hall by Councillor Zondervan

Other municipalities across the nation and next door to Cambridge have tree protection laws. Cambridge lets anyone cut down any of their trees. Only big developers have to plant saplings afterwards. Because we are in crisis, with the tree task force saying that most of the tree loss is on private property, I proposed the first amendment to our 2004 tree law to at least find out who, why, and where trees are being cut down. It requires a permit be filled out with the type and size of tree removed, the reason for the removal, photographs of the

tree documenting the reason for removal, the date, the contractor(s) involved, and the name and address of the property owner. The permit will be granted, but we'll have a chance to help folks, or convince them, to save their trees. But we will need to do more, including changing the tree planting formula in the law for developers. It is critical to show support for protecting our tree canopy now. See page 2 for how you can make your voice heard. We cannot save the trees for our health and safety without you.

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Founded in 1990 as
Cambridge Citizens for
Liveable Neighborhoods
Missions: advocacy +
education
Provide operational support
with 501(c)3 status



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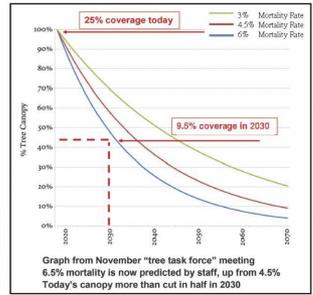
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Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods

- Preserve quality of life
- Neighborhood unity
- Encourage civic engagement
- Climate Change ... Tree canopy
- Local journalism

Agassiz Neighborhood Council





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With Harvard: Changing unlimited -eight zoning, which prevents us from becoming today's ton.

Lobbying for eminent-domain taking from Harvard of Sacramento Field.

Negotiating open space at Harvard northern boundary at Hammond Street.

Insisting on a cantilevered roof, rather than a flat front, on its new bldg. at N.E. corner Mass & rett

Currently: negotiating saving a 150 y.o. oak tree from removal at Harvard Divinity School.

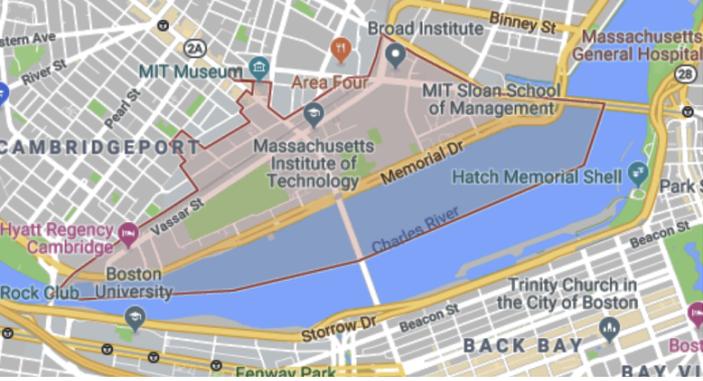
With Lesley: Saving ancient church building on Mass. Ave. just south of Roseland Street via ing change.

Radically changing Lesley's ugly 'by-right' dorm plan via mutually-beneficial zoning change.

With city: Arranging eminent-domain taking of Sacramento Field, preventing planned high-faculty dorm.

Fred Myers, Joel Bard

Discussing consequences of scarce parking spaces of housing programs without



Alchemists (Area 2 MIT)

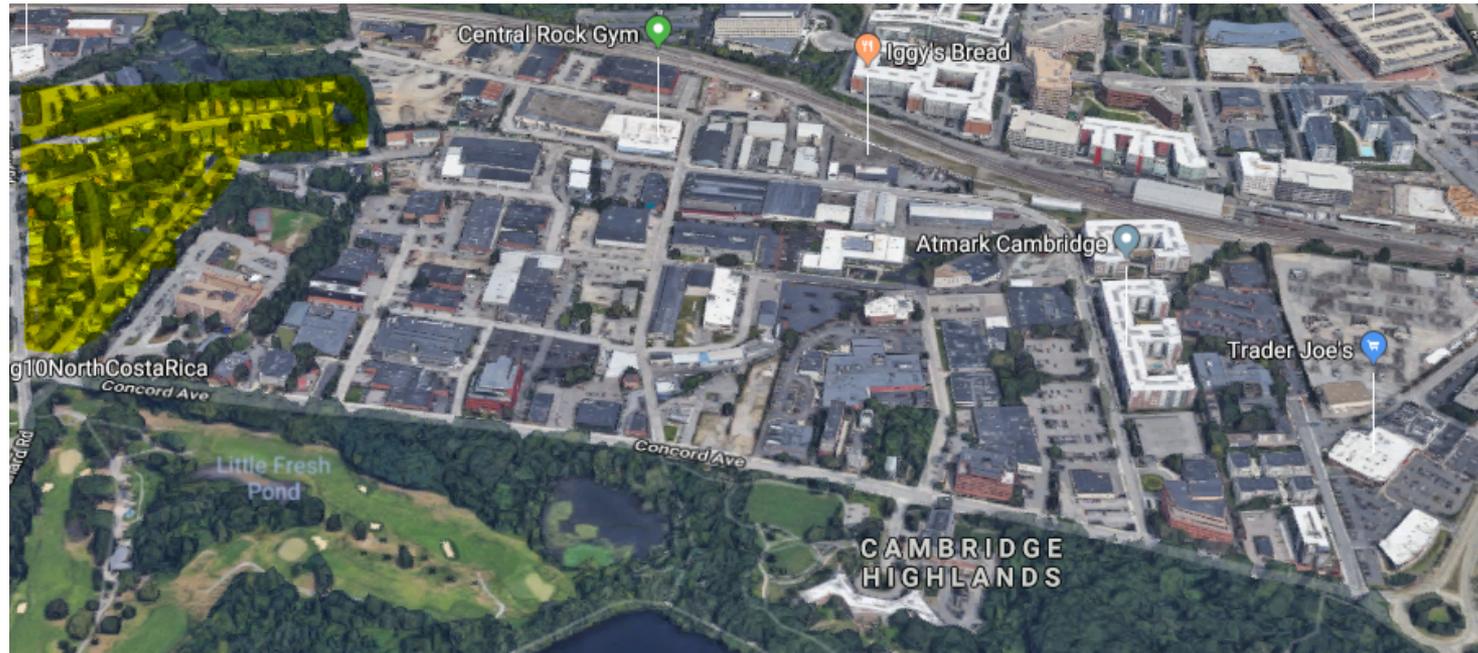
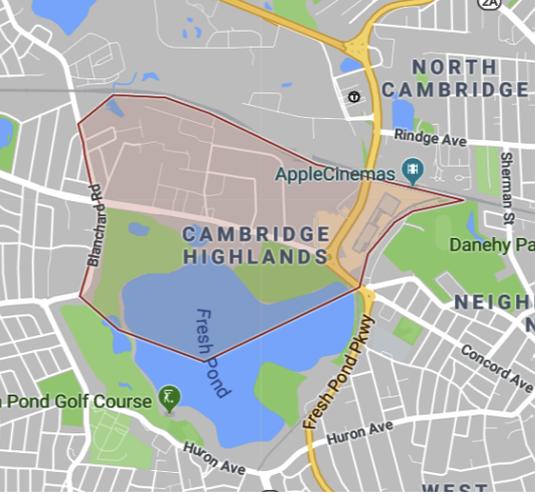


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Cambridge Highlands



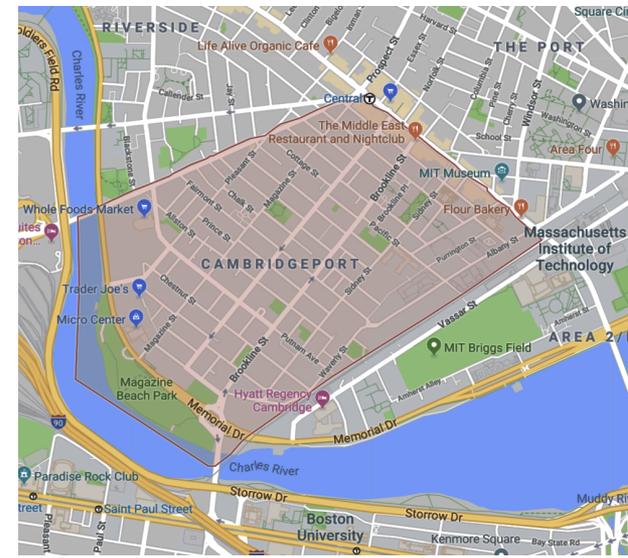
Cambridge Highlands



- Improving Transportation, Traffic/Speeding/Bike Lanes in the Highlands area
- Neighborhoods Associations should have a role in Real Estate Development, Land use, and Open Space decisions
- The City needs to show its commitment to neighborhood associations by partnering and formally recognizing them in the development code, and offering annual funding for association activities.
- City officials need to partner with associations to learn about the issues facing neighborhoods throughout Cambridge and neighborhood associations can achieve successes for their residents by working closely with City officials.



Cambridgeport



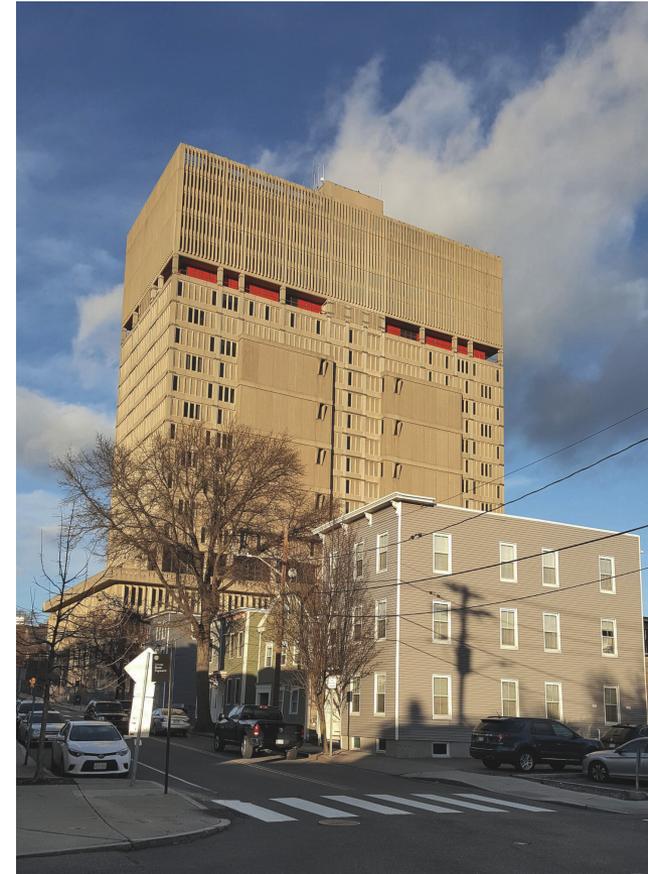
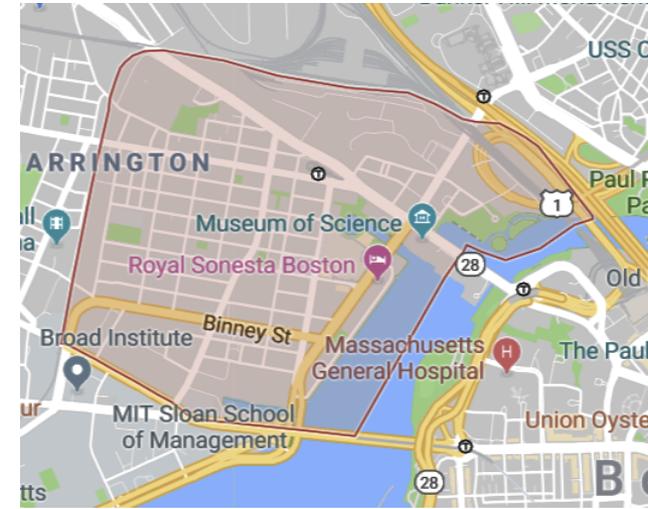


Cambridgeport

A few concerns...

- Transportation improvements and mass transit.
- Spaces for public purposes (artists, churches, parks, non-profits, and other uses of shared community interest).
- Housing issues: gentrification, housing density, the meaning of “affordable housing”
- Commercial uses at street level.

East Cambridge Planning Team



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End to continuous up-zoning of developments

Typically doubling of the underlying zoning in height and density

Currently a 5 million sf of approved development backlog in neighborhood

Proposals for another million+ being proposed

Traffic safety for motorists, bicycles, and pedestrians

One death in 2018 and accidents almost daily

Enforcement of traffic violations (stop signs especially)

Narrow Msg. O'Brien Hwy to safeguard pedestrian access to new

Lechmere Station

No more 300'+ buildings or buildings over 500,000sf

Transitions from tall buildings to 3-family homes

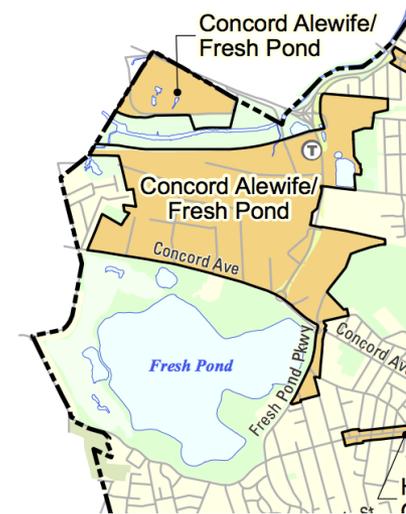
Protect historic buildings

Pre-civil war buildings are being demolished

Tougher historic protections in Cambridge

Protect neighborhood amenities

Parks, trees, public parking, local retail, and local service



Fresh Pond Residents Alliance

Climate Resiliency



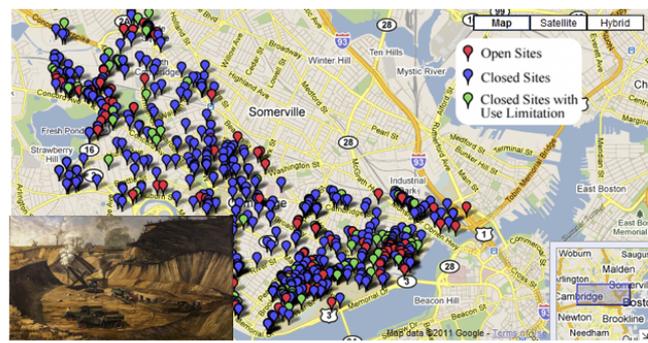
Sustainable Development



Community Engagement



Environmental Justice/Ecological Restoration/Public Health



Mobility/Connectivity/Transit Access



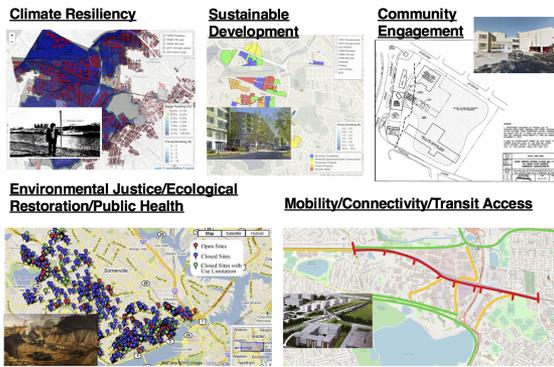
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Wishes for the Future



In light of continuing development pressures throughout Alewife (6 million square feet of new development proposed for 2030), FPRA supports the following actions:

- **Pass comprehensive climate safety regulations** that protect residents against heat, flooding, and storm surge
- **Enhance sustainable planning efforts**, with a particular focus on family housing, place making, urban form, local retail, and neighborhood services
- **Promote environmental justice, ecological restoration, and public health**
- **Improve connectivity, mobility, and access to quality transit** to insulate residents from “regional” traffic problems
- **Engage with the community** to redevelop the Tobin School for the future



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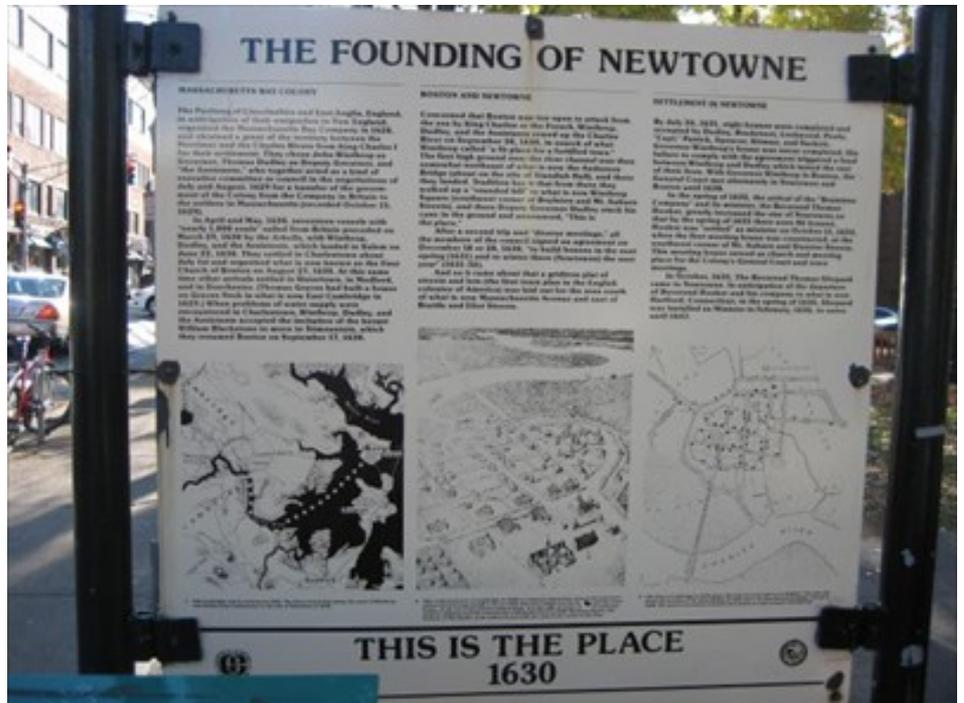
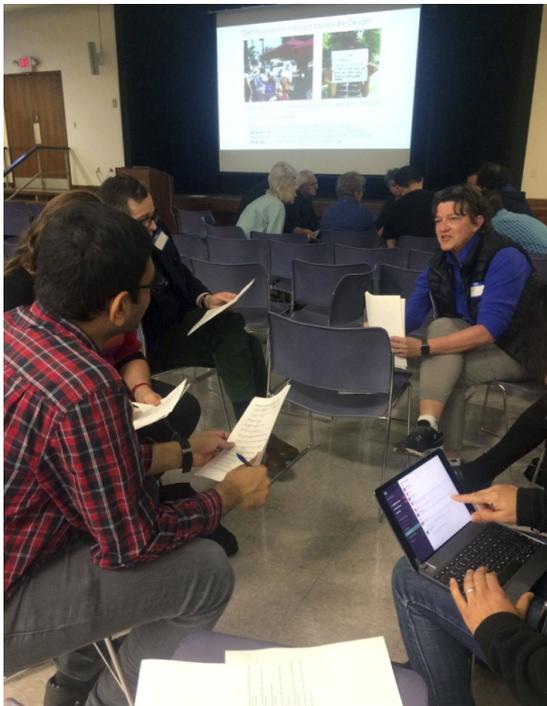
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 - Since 2010, 1.9 million square feet have been built in the 100-year floodplain, and another 1.2 million is in the pipeline. This represents over 3600 new residential units.
 - FPRA members were primary organizers of the Climate Safety Petition
 - New effort beginning this month to establish Climate Resilient Zoning regulations for future projects
- **Enhance sustainable planning efforts, with a particular focus on place making, urban form, local retail, neighborhood services, and middle-income family housing**
 - FPRA members were the primary force behind the call for a new Master Plan and have consistently advocated for better projects throughout the district
 - Studies show the need to increase Inclusionary Zoning percentage to 30% just to tread water
 - Need to address middle-income and family housing losses immediately without increasing displacement
- **Promote environmental justice, ecological restoration, and public health**
 - Long history of West Cambridge as landfill and industrial dumping ground (42 MassDEP cases on Concord Avenue alone)
 - Encourage site remediation, increase open & tree canopy requirements, and promote natural systems (green vs grey)
- **Improve connectivity, mobility, and access to quality transit to insulate residents from “regional” traffic problems**
 - Build the bridge (now slated for 2025)
 - Connect Terminal Road
 - Link entire corridor (Cambridge Highlands, Quadrangle, Triangle, Shopping Center, Rindge Avenue, Fresh Pond, Danehy Park, North Cambridge, and Area 9) with a new cross-district multi-use path
- **Engage with the community to redevelop the Tobin School for the future**
 - Will be the most expensive primary school in state history (\$200+ Million)
 - We have been in contact with the City about this project since 2016, and they have repeatedly promised to hold a community meeting (most recently in September, and before that in April).
 - A City Council Round Table scheduled on February 26th, but still no community meeting as promised

Harvard Square Neighborhood Association

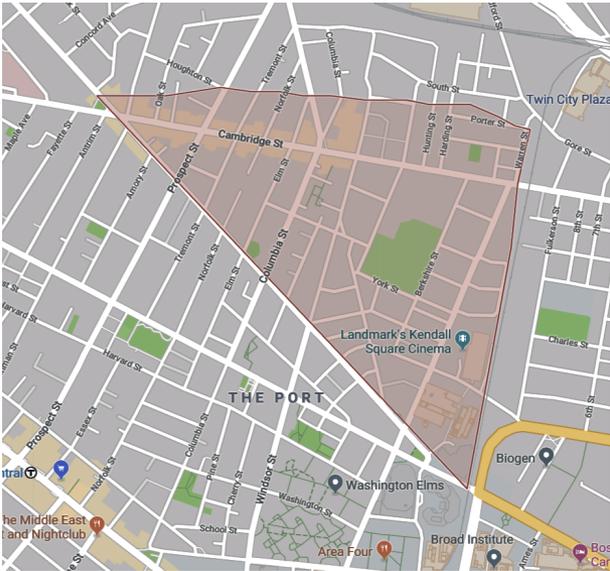




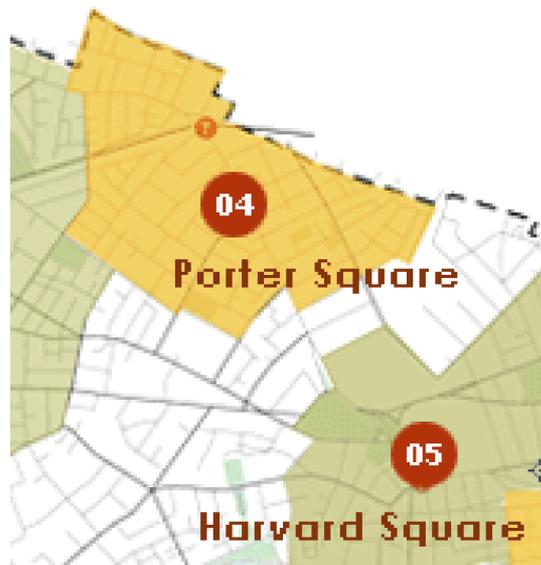
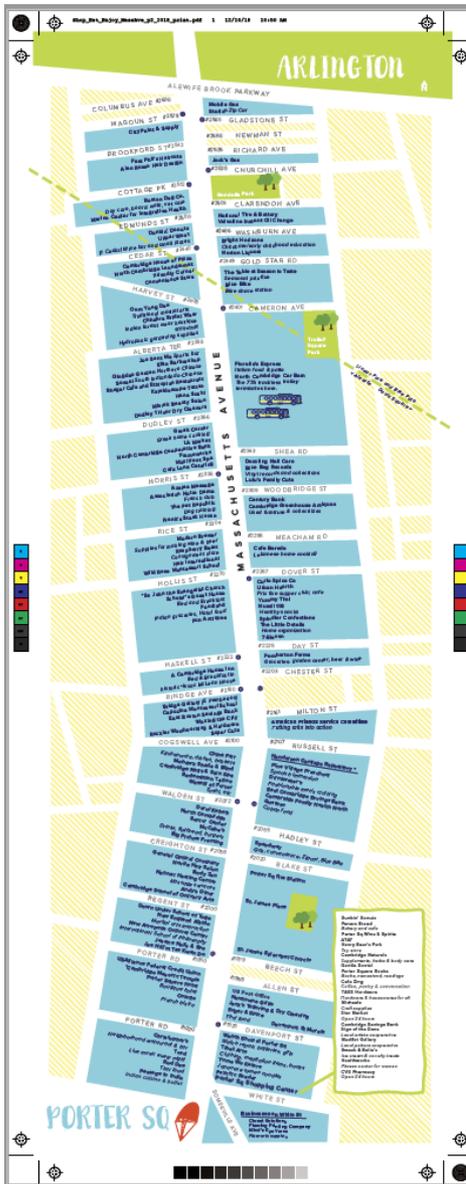
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- **COMMUNITY BUILDING:** We have been active bringing residents together, so as a neighborhood association we want to emphasize the importance of community building through neighbor to neighbor engagement. This builds resiliency and just makes a place better to live in.
- **PRESERVE THE CULTURE AND CHARACTER** of the city and our neighborhood preserving what is good while adding new buildings with excellence in design and design accountability. We have been we have been very active with historic preservation and promoting smart bold new design. We bring diverse views of our residents and others into our reports on new commercial and other buildings working directly with national companies and local Boards and Committees. This has been one of our major areas of focus (for example: Chan Theatre, the Kiosk, the Abbot).
- **ADDRESS THE BASICS** of who controls Cambridge development (growth). The need for community engagement and the desirability of adding an ombudsperson to city staff to address resident concerns on these and other issues. Require the City Manager, Advisory Committees, Working Groups, Boards and Commissions to take resident input seriously, have fewer "back room" meetings with developers (which we know results in foregone conclusions by the time we're included) and keep track of their funds. We need more accountability.
- **HOUSING:** We need to bring back middle class, support young people, safeguard seniors with a strong eviction policy and reasonable controls over rent jacking. We are concerned about the high cost of renting an apartment and buying a home. We need to look after current residents and those recently forced out. Our universities need to get more active in housing grad students and others. We advocate for using a mix of approaches to address housing concerns: for example: renovating current housing, adding new zoning regulations to allow more than single families to reside in a unit. Provide housing within current buildings or new structures for interest-based groups: artists, social workers, public school teachers, common language speaks. Include here space and funding for pre-K education.
- **LOCAL BUSINESSES** - We strongly support them! We have concerns about the fast rate at which large non-local commercial entities are buying/renting business real estate in Harvard Square, the high vacancy rate and the economic destruction of the whole area - large profits by outside investors are now the main concern. We have actively supported Curious George, and Crema with on-line petitions and other actions. We have pushed hard for the return of the cinema. We need more unique businesses and real draws to make people want to come to the Square.
- **THE ENVIRONMENT** : We need to address this in a serious way - questions of tree canopy, saving existing trees, flooding, adding to and maintaining green spaces.

Inman Square / Wellington-Harrington



The Porter Square Neighborhood Association (Buena Vista Social Club)

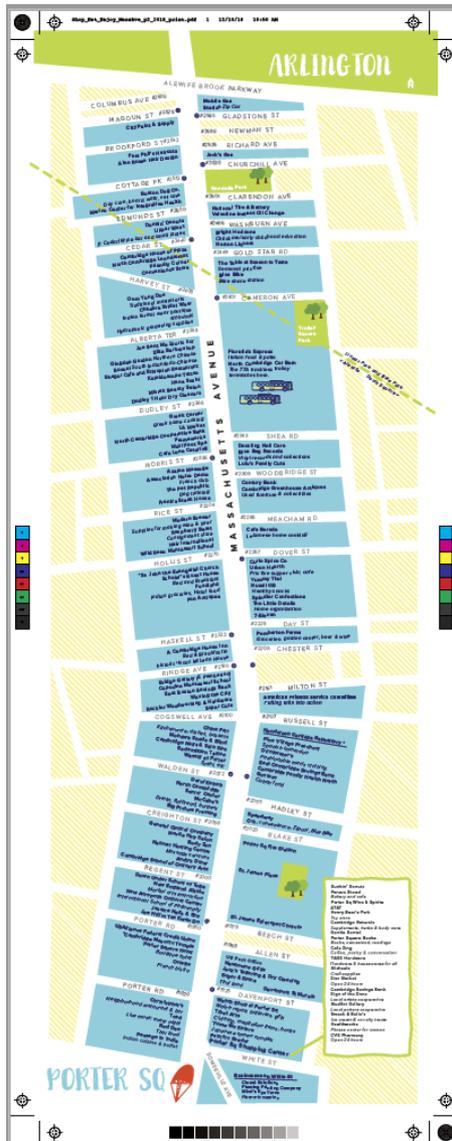


Susumu Shingu
"Gift of Wind" 1985

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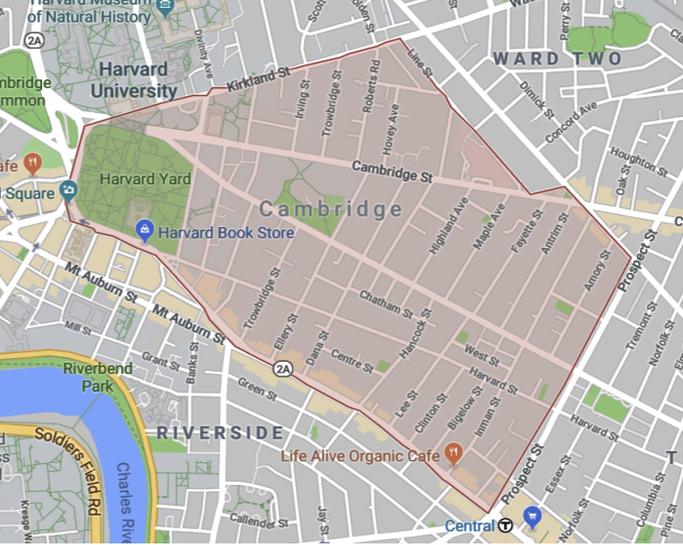
- Better mass transit.
- Investment in public spaces: parks, houses of worship and community centers.
- The preservation of structures with historical character and workspaces for artists and non-profits.
- The preservation and promotion of physical reminders of our common humanity: nature, art, cute little stores with character & things that prompt surprise and delight.
- Diversity of housing/businesses, historic structures, music venues, artistic and educational institutions.
- Diversity of people, mix of generations/incomes.
- Walkability, close to reliable transit
- Compassion for needy, homeless, aged;
- Welcoming to immigrants/refugees,
- Lively neighborhood organizations/communications.
- And affordable housing, let's talk about definition, where and how.”



Wellington Harrington / Inman Square



- Over Development of laboratories of disproportionate size
- Enforcing current zoning near residential areas
- Shortage of affordable low- and moderate income rental housing & unequal distribution
- Question of local participates in local planning decisions
- Lack of diversity on city boards and commissions that make policy and budget decisions
- Community input on redesign of Inman Square (different voices)



Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association



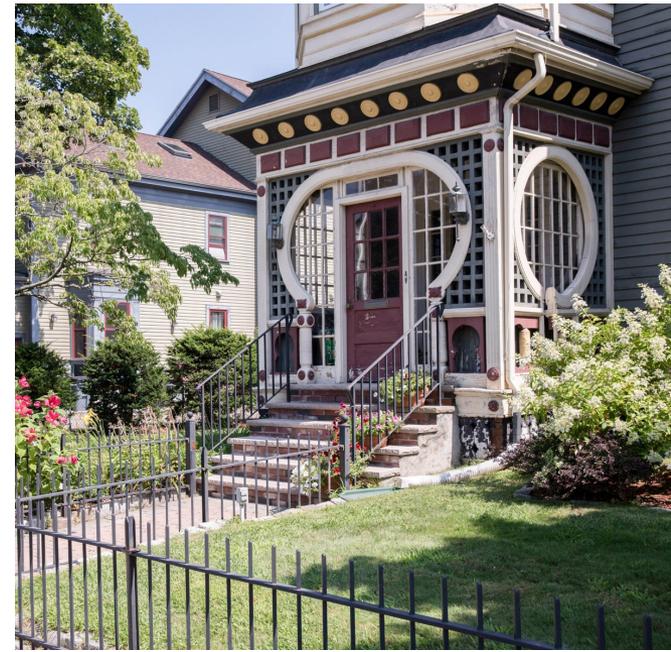
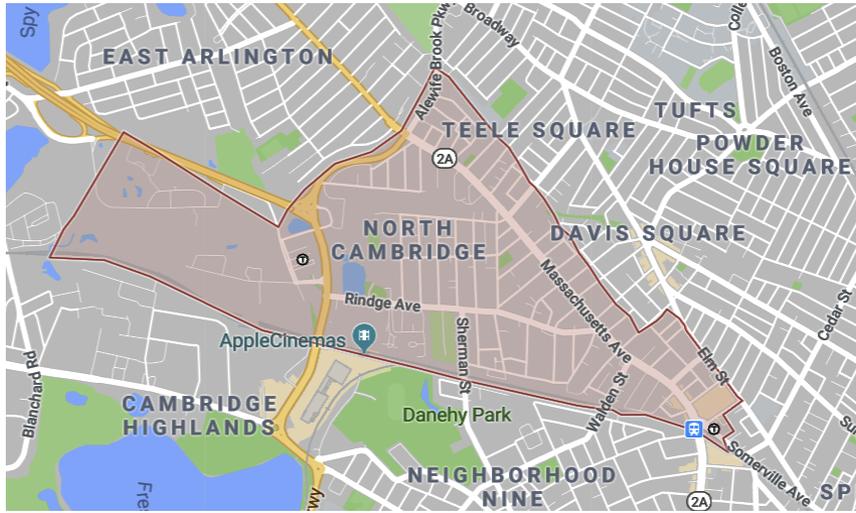


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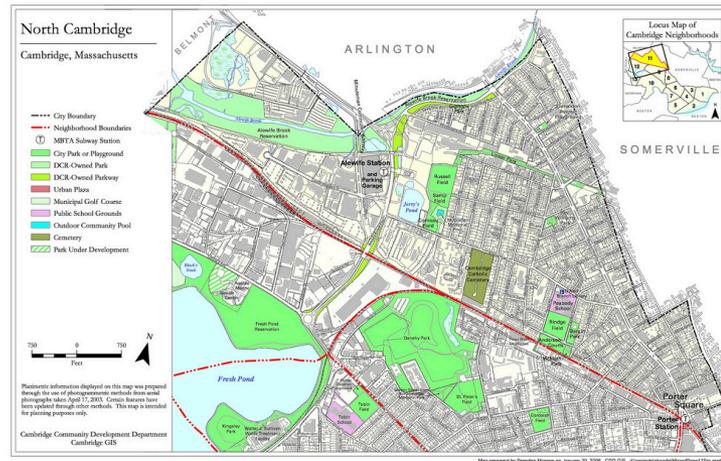
Based on our basic mission, we propose these priorities:

- Preserve and enhance the quality of life in Cambridge
- Combat Climate Change - preserve and expand our open spaces and tree canopy.
 - reduce carbon emissions, promote natural drainage to prevent flooding
- Promote diversity
- Combat homelessness - expand shelters, medical care, counseling and financial assistance
- Promote Historical Preservation and Neighborhood Preservation

North Cambridge Stabilization Committee



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- Over Development - and the Alewife, related issues
- Responsiveness of city government to neighborhood concerns.
- Inadequate enforcement of zoning and other laws
- More support for neighborhood groups - re meeting spaces and other issues.

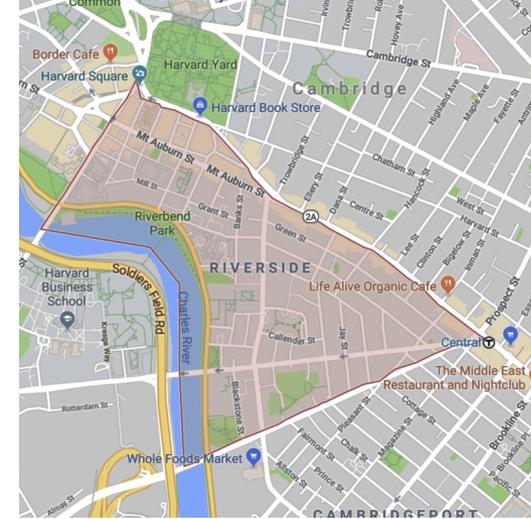
The Port (formerly Area 4)





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- Affordability, support for the homeless population
- Tree canopy decreasing
- Garbage, litter, left on streets
- Drugs on streets everywhere
- Developers make the rules



Riverside Neighborhood Association



Riverside Neighborhood Association

- Tree canopy
- Open space
- Reducing Light and Noise Pollution





ABC

[A Better Cambridge PAC]



- Need much more housing, especially affordable housing.
- Need for improved and expanded transit service & alternative mobility modes (i.e. bikes, rideshares, etc.) to both help reduce auto use and reduce our carbon footprint.
- Must define new public funding and financial incentive mechanisms to pay for more affordable housing
- Increase energy efficiency requirements for new buildings (i.e. Net Zero) to reduce our carbon footprint.



The Cambridge Residents Alliance

Working for a Livable, Affordable and Diverse Cambridge

A Right to the City for All:

- The Right to Live in a Stable Community
- The Right to Democratic Participation
- The Right to the Public Good
- The Right to Equity and Justice
- The Right to a Healthy, Sustainable Environment
- The Right to Transportation, Transit and Mobility



Green Cambridge



- Ensure that our city government supports those at the lower end of the economic ladder the most. This means creating a culture of care that not only takes care of immediate needs like food and housing but longer term strategies to keep Cambridge green, healthy and works to decouple our city from corporate efforts to privatize space, services, and resources.
- Build strong, equitable neighborhoods by planning and using the 4,500 acres we all share in the city in a way that is consistent with the needs of everyone and with the natural environment. We have a lot of space! We just don't use it very well.
- We grow more of our own food here in the city for the benefit of all. We have 1,500 acres of "permeable" soil in Cambridge, receive 49 inches of rain a year, and 200 days of sunshine. We could, for example, use just 10% of that land set aside for cultivation, and provide education and jobs to local, healthy food.
- Generate as much renewable energy right here in Cambridge. That means a lot more solar but also using our compostable waste to generate electricity.
- Ensure that we prioritize pedestrian, bicycle, and transit travel networks before private automobile travel. Cambridge was designed as a walking city. Anything we can do to support this -- including pavement removal to make more space for people, trees, and housing -- is an effort we support.

Conclusions

(tabulations of issues raised by the various Cambridge Neighborhood leaders)

Top Priorities

Climate: environment, trees, tree canopy, parks - 9

Sustainable development/planning: over-development (too tall, too much), smart zoning/
developers now are making the rules - 7

Quality of life: parks, open spaces, light and noise, garbage, drugs on the streets,
homelessness, arts, diversity, spaces for public purposes- arts, meetings etc.) - 7

Vital Issues that Need Ongoing Attention

City responsiveness: to neighborhood groups and local residents- 5

Housing: high rent costs, availability, meaning of “Affordability,” density, diversity,
gentrification - 5

Neighborhood focus: preserve unique character and diversity, historic preservation - 5

Transit: transportation, walkability, bikes, safety, parking - 4

Retail: retail at the ground level, preserve local businesses - 3

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Other Voices

Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association - B.A.

- Education, affordable housing, climate, spaces for artistic and cultural expression

Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association -C.O.

- Intelligent, holistic zoning; affordable housing, including for middle-income families; environmental/green concerns

Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association- J.H.

- Affordability

East Cambridge - M.S.

- Overdevelopment; inadequate infrastructure; inadequate public transportation
- Assessments through the roof that will drive out homeowners

East Cambridge -R.L.

- Development

North Cambridge - D.S.

- Need more housing for all income levels.

North Cambridge - KC

- A city manager willing to give proper oversight of boards and commission
- A city council willing to hold the city manager responsible
- A city council that addresses problems head on rather than avoiding them.

Other Voices - 2

Harvard Square area: J.N. Density vs building height. I like density, not wild about tall buildings

- Vulnerability and resilience in our neighborhoods.
- We need to seriously attend to flood and heat vulnerabilities

Harvard Square area -J.L.

- Capitalizing on affiliations with Harvard, MIT, and other affiliated universities to create a university feel that establishes Harvard Sq, Kendall Sq, Central Sq, and other parts of Cambridge as a vibrant intellectual, creative, and cultural world-class hub for both domestic and international audiences to exchange ideas;
- Tap into Cambridge and especially Harvard's historic footprint in the region to build on that brand recognition and offer plenty of interesting and varied things to do, historical explorations, talks art, , boutique stores, eateries
- Becoming a leader in climate change action and social justice considerate programs;
- Affordable housing walking distance to public transportation

West Cambridge - neighborhood 9 - R.

- Elimination of middle class.. jobs, housing
- Over development
- City council not representing All of the people of Cambridge, only select groups

Mid-Cambridge - A.

- Trees, housing costs, better public transport/bike lanes

Mid-Cambridge -J.P.

- City managers disregard for neighborhood input.
- Potential loss of local businesses (not chains) within walking distance
- High commercial rents forcing local businesses to close
- Unfettered development both commercial and residential that is materially changing the cityscape (density, building height), creating overcrowding, and making traffic intolerable.
- Traffic is further impacted by protected bike lanes that narrow already narrow streets with no place to pull over!

Mid-Cambridge T. S.

- Easy public transportation including more frequent buses
- affordable housing
- alleviation of traffic congestion; more options for seniors

Other Voices - 3

Fresh Pond -A.S.

- Health: buses, bikes, walking

Fresh Pond - G.M.

- Housing, environment, trees, and transportation

Boundary 9 and 10 (North Cambridge and West Cambridge) -R.B.

- Master plan to guide development that considers the need for ancillary amenities/services and improved/increased infrastructure
- The need to support multi-modal transportation: cars AND bikes AND buses AND pedestrians AND ride-hailing AND ZipCar
- Care/maintenance/availability of outdoor spaces & trees

Taylor Square Neighborhood - A.M.

- Immediate 2019 citywide moratorium on felling Cambridge trees on private, public, residential, commercial, under-development land until City Council can get its act together to establish and implement enforceable all-tree Cambridge Protection Ordinance (per Council 1/9/19: est. to happen not before 2020!) that requires city permitting process for every tree subject to being felled on private, public, commercial, municipal, state land within city limits and serious sanctions for preemptive tree felling prior to public/private/ municipal/state permitting/ development/construction/landscaping, etc.
- Save the center strip on Mass. Ave.
- Keep major roadwayms (Mass Ave., Camb. St., etc.) from becoming towering canyons of skyscrapers, making sidewalks unfriendly to pedestrians and area deserted after M-F work hours.
- Hire Dutch consultants on how to integrate Cambridge cyclists/scooters safely on the streets with traffic patterns, parking, electric 1/2-person vehicles--scooters, bikes, motorcycles-- pedestrians, elderly, handicapped, babies/toddlers/little kids because whoever is in charge now in Cambridge for this is doing a rotten job.

Porter Square - N.W.

- Size, scale and the effects new housing proposed will impacts neighborhoods ,
- The environment and public access

Unknown Location -G. Energy, Crime, Traffic



Thank You!

