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**Open Space Plan 2015-2021**

**Section 8**

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1. **Be good stewards of the exceptional open space system that the City of Boston has inherited.**
  - 1.1. Revitalize and renovate parks according to facility life-cycles.
  - 1.2. Manage the unique challenges and opportunities with historic parks and sites.
  - 1.3. Maintain Boston's parks at the highest level feasible.
  - 1.4. Increase the perception and experience of safety in parks.
  - 1.5. Permit use of the parks in an efficient, effective and accessible manner.
  - 1.6. Build partnerships to enhance Boston's parks system.
  - 1.7. Develop and maintain funding sources.
  - 1.8. Communicate with constituents about park matters.
  - 1.9. Provide programming that encourages healthy and active lifestyles, environmental appreciation and stewardship, and builds a sense of community.
  - 1.10. Implement policies and best practices about the natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources of Boston's park system.
  
2. **Plan for a future open space system that is recognized as the best in the country.**
  - 2.1. Expand and improve open space access for all (existing and projected) city residents, in a manner that can be sustained by the city.
  - 2.2. Support city-wide projects to enhance the public realm.
  - 2.3. Actively engage and build relationships with Boston's diverse population.
  - 2.4. Acquire new property to expand the parks system in a financially sustainable manner that balances the need for recreation with the capacity to maintain additional facilities.
  - 2.5. Work within the regulatory framework to balance development and density in the city, with the provision of open space.

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- 3. Be a national leader in enhancing the urban natural environment and improving the quality of life in the city.**
  - 3.1. Implement and evaluate sustainable strategies for park design and maintenance to ensure that parks are prepared for climate change.
  - 3.2. Improve the ecological function of our natural resource areas.
  - 3.3. Develop best practices for green infrastructure within the parks system.
  - 3.4. Promote creativity, arts and culture in the parks, as key elements of vibrant urban environments.