

Section 8

Goals & Objectives

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1. Steward 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. Maintain Boston’s parks at the highest level feasible.**
 - 1.3. Manage the unique challenges and opportunities with historic parks and sites.**
 - 1.4. Actively manage the City’s natural areas to provide safe and welcoming areas for the public to explore nature and recreation.**
 - 1.5. Develop and maintain sustainable funding sources.**
 - 1.6. Build partnerships to enhance Boston’s parks system.**
 - 1.7. Provide programming that promotes wellness, environmental stewardship, and builds a sense of community.**
 - 1.8. Implement policies and best practices to protect and improve the resources of Boston’s park system for positive park use.**
 - 1.9. Permit use of the parks in an efficient, effective and accessible manner.**

2. Envision and create an accessible and equitable open space system for Boston’s future.
 - 2.1. Expand and improve open space access for all existing and projected city residents.**
 - 2.2. Actively engage and build relationships with Boston’s diverse population.**
 - 2.3. 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.**
 - 2.4. Work within the regulatory framework to balance development and density in the city with the provision of open space.**

3. Enhance the urban natural environment and improve quality of life and well-being 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. Restore 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.**
 - 3.5. Advance leadership role in protection, promotion and enhancement of Boston’s unique landscape heritage.**

Note: Objectives are organized in priority order.