Section 8

Goals & Objectives
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.