

# USACE & Boston Coastal Storm Risk Management Study

2025 Recap and 2026 Look Ahead  
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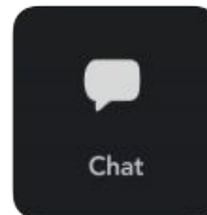
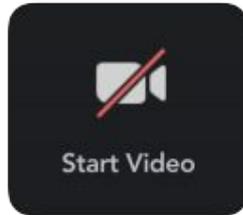
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# Goals

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- *Learn about what we heard from community engagement in 2025*
- *Learn about what we are doing in 2026*
- *Learn about how you can participate*
- *Answer your questions*



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# Quick Refresher

Important City Webpages to Know & USACE Update



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Office of Climate Resilience

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# KEEP UP TO DATE AND TRACK OUR PROGRESS

[BOSTON.GOV/CLIMATE RESILIENCE](https://www.boston.gov/climate-resilience)

## CLIMATE RESILIENCE

*Boston is taking action to adapt to and prepare for the impacts of climate change.*

[BOSTON'S CHANGING CLIMATE](#) **[COASTAL RESILIENCE](#)** [STORMWATER MANAGEMENT](#) [HEAT RESILIENCE](#)

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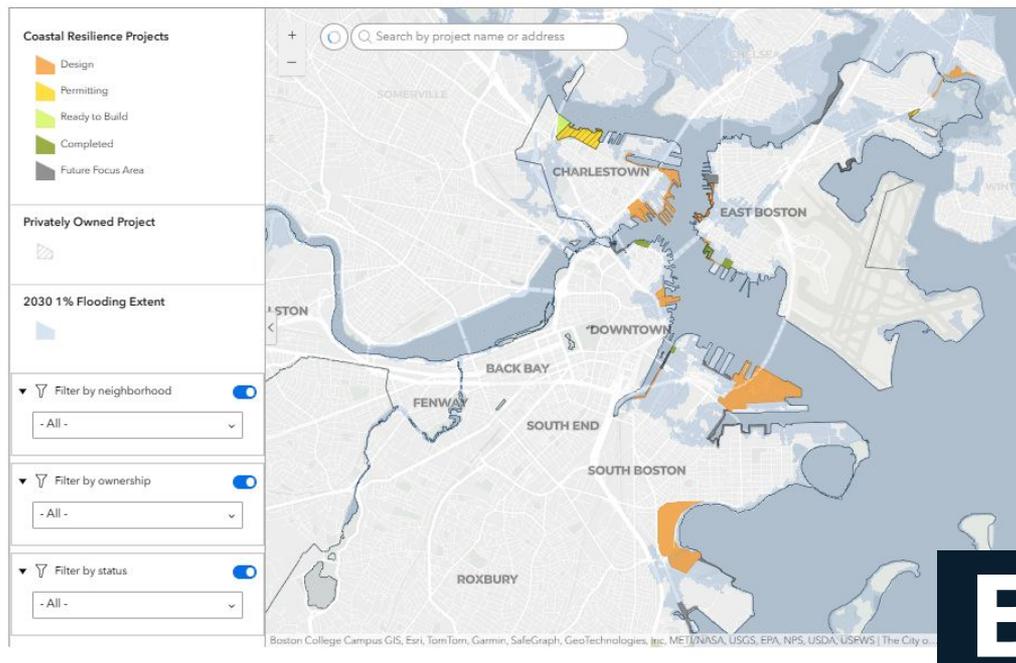
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In Boston, we experience the effects of climate change on a daily basis. Rising sea levels, stronger storms, and hotter days pose a threat to our city. The City released the Climate Ready Boston report in 2016, which evolved into the Climate Ready Boston initiative. Since 2016, Climate Ready Boston has completed coastal resilience plans for our entire 47-mile coastline as well as a citywide heat resilience plan.

Today, the [Office of Climate Resilience](#) and our partners in other departments are implementing climate resilience projects across the city to address coastal flooding,

## COASTAL RESILIENCE PROJECT TRACKER

The Coastal Resilience Project Tracker is designed to provide an interactive overview of the City's current efforts to mitigate and adapt to coastal flooding. The Coastal Resilience Project Tracker is more than just a tool for viewing active projects; it's a platform for engagement and education. We encourage viewers to explore the tracker, learn about the city's ongoing efforts, and find out how to get involved in making Boston a climate-resilient city. Together, we can ensure that Boston survives and thrives in the face of climate change.



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# ARMY CORPS (USACE) STUDY PARTNERSHIP

A federal partnership between the City of Boston and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assessing coastal storm risk management.

The City of Boston's partnership with the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) (USACE) will build on the work of the [Climate Ready Boston](#) planning initiatives for the near- and long-term effects of climate change. The partnership between the City of Boston and the U.S. Army Corps of

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## PAST EVENTS

### YEAR 3 UPDATE: DOWNTOWN, NORTH END, AND WHARF DISTRICT

Virtual update meeting held December 10, 2025

### YEAR 3 UPDATE: SOUTH BOSTON

Virtual South Boston update meeting held October 15, 2025

### YEAR 3 UPDATE: EAST BOSTON

Virtual update meeting held September 30, 2025

### YEAR 3 UPDATE: DORCHESTER

Virtual update meeting held June 17, 2025

### YEAR 3 UPDATE: CHARLESTOWN

Virtual Charlestown update meeting held May 20, 2025



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# A Look Back:

*2025 Community Engagement Feedback Summary*



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# 2025 COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Held in-person and virtual neighborhood updates</i></li></ul>	8	<b>EVENTS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Posted new information to USACE webpage</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Slides</i></li><li>○ <i>Zoom Recordings, and</i></li><li>○ <i>Updated FAQs</i></li></ul></li></ul>	16	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Coordinated with Local and State Agencies</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>BWSC</i></li><li>○ <i>MBTA</i></li><li>○ <i>DCR</i></li><li>○ <i>Massport</i></li><li>○ <i>MassDOT</i></li></ul></li></ul>	64	<b>STAKEHOLDER GROUPS</b>
	230+	<b>INDIVIDUALS</b>



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# WHAT DID WE HEAR? ALL NEIGHBORHOODS

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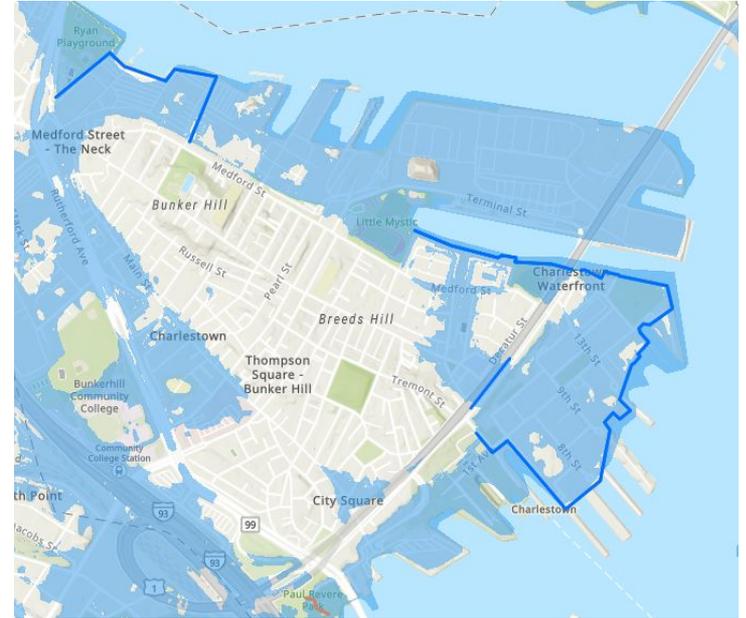
- *Agreement around:*
  - *Protection from coastal flooding*
  - *Accessible and safe routes to Harborwalk*
  - *Aesthetic/cultural impacts to existing waterfront*
  - *Opportunities for Nature-Based Solutions*
- *Concerns around:*
  - *Design considerations,*
  - *Project phasing,*
  - *Funding,*
  - *Permitting,*
  - *Construction Disruption, and*
  - *Real Estate issues.*



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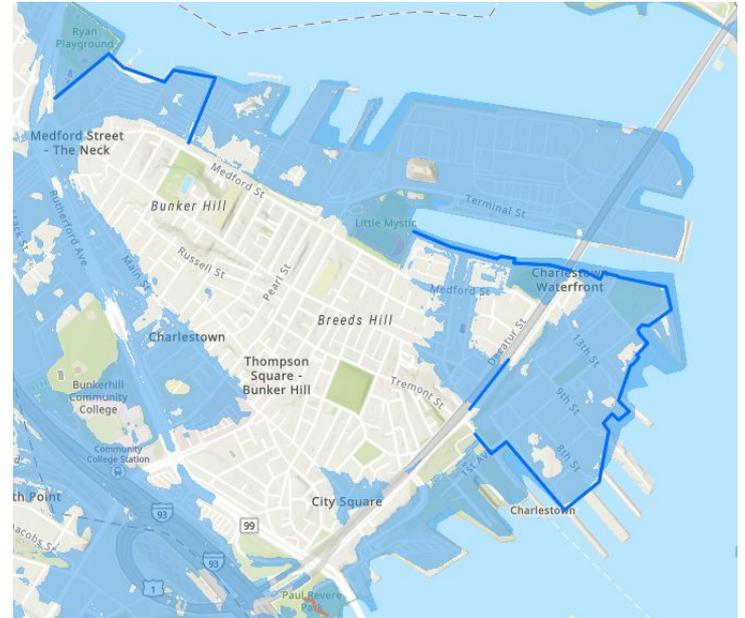
# NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIFIC FEEDBACK: CHARLESTOWN

- *Protect the Charlestown Navy Yard for its historic, cultural, and critical healthcare facilities*
- *Prioritize accessibility along Harborwalk*
- *Prioritize access to critical healthcare facilities*
- *Preserve historic character*
- *Maintain visibility to waterfront*
- *Maintain boating access*
- *Integrate stormwater solutions*
- *Consider innovative solutions*

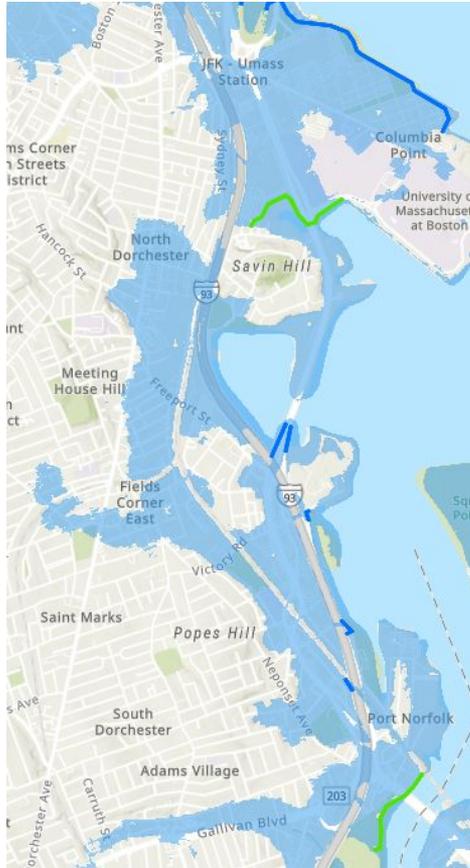


# COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS: CHARLESTOWN

- *City-led projects*
  - *Barry Playground → Parks and Recreation Dep't.*
  - *Resilient CNY-LMC Planning Project → Planning Dep't.*
  - *Alford St./Rutherford Ave. → Transportation Dep't.*
- *Stakeholder-led projects*
  - *NPS Flood Resilience Project → National Parks Boston*
  - *Tobin Bridge Project → MassDOT, ongoing*



# NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIFIC FEEDBACK: DORCHESTER



- *Prioritize access/connectivity along Harborwalk/Neponset River Trail*
- *Prioritize evacuation roadway routes and minimize flood gates*
- *Maintain visibility of waterfront*
- *Integrate stormwater infrastructure*
- *Consider unintended impacts of structures*

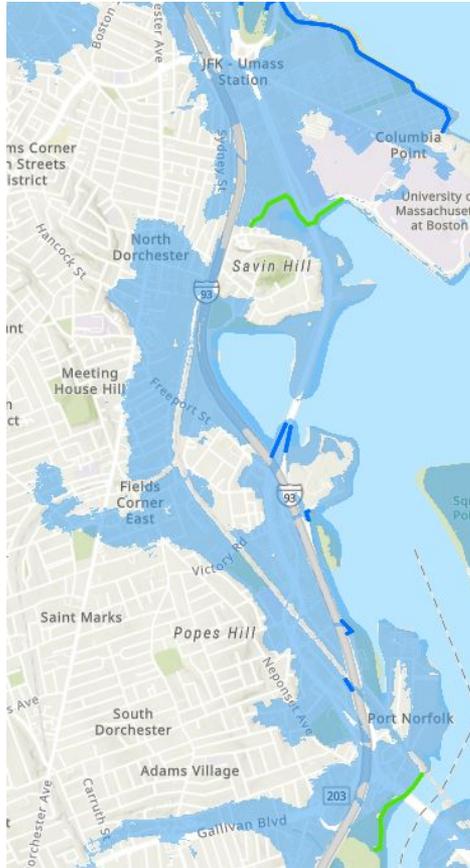


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# COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS: DORCHESTER

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- *City-led projects*
  - *Moakley Park and Southern Connector → Parks and Recreation Dep't.*
- *Stakeholder-led projects*
  - *Morrissey Boulevard Commission → MassDOT*
  - *Tenean Beach → DCR and Planning Dep't.*

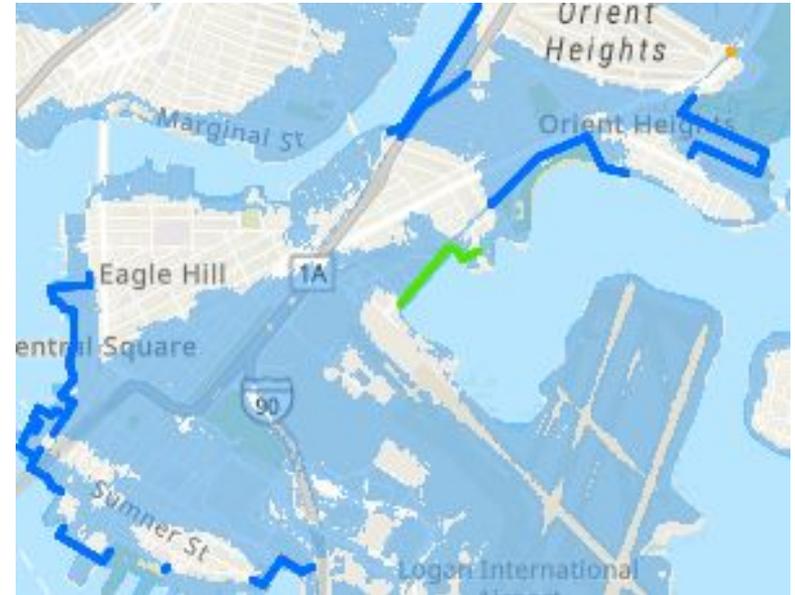


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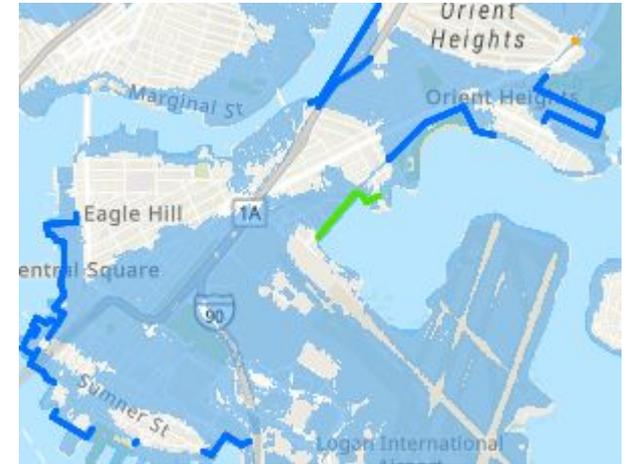
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- *Prioritize access/connectivity along Harborwalk*
- *Prioritize evacuation roadway routes and minimize flood gates*
- *Maintain visibility of waterfront*
- *Integrate stormwater infrastructure*
- *Consider non-structural programming for East Boston*



# COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS: EAST BOSTON

- *City-led projects*
  - *Border St. → Office of Climate Resilience*
  - *Umana Academy → Office of Climate Resilience*
  - *Lewis Mall and Carlton Wharf → Planning Dep't.*
  - *Porzio Park → Parks and Recreation Dep't.*
- *Stakeholder-led projects*
  - *Orient Heights → MBTA*
  - *Route 1A → MassDOT, ongoing*
  - *Constitution Beach → DCR*
  - *Wood Island Marsh → Massport*



# NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIFIC FEEDBACK: SOUTH BOSTON

- *Inclusion of Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park alternative*
- *Fort Point Channel: match short term actions and long term vision*
- *Prioritize access/connectivity/visibility along Harborwalk*
- *Prioritize evacuation roadway routes and minimize flood gates*
- *Integrate stormwater*



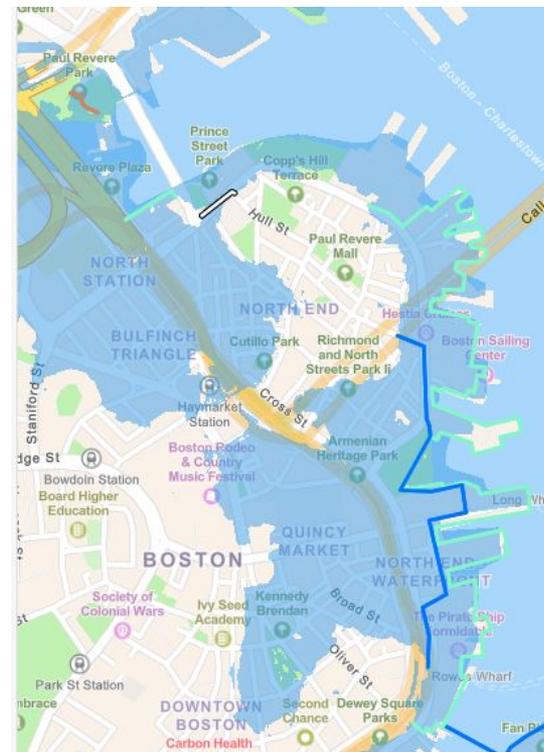
# COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS: SOUTH BOSTON

- *City-led projects*
  - *Moakley Park and Northern Connector → Parks and Recreation Dep't.*
  - *Fort Point Deployable Projects → Planning Dep't.*
  - *Fort Point Berm Near Term Projects → Planning Dep't. & BWSC*
- *Stakeholder-led projects*
  - *Flynn Cruiseport, Conley Terminal, Seaport Boulevard → Massport*



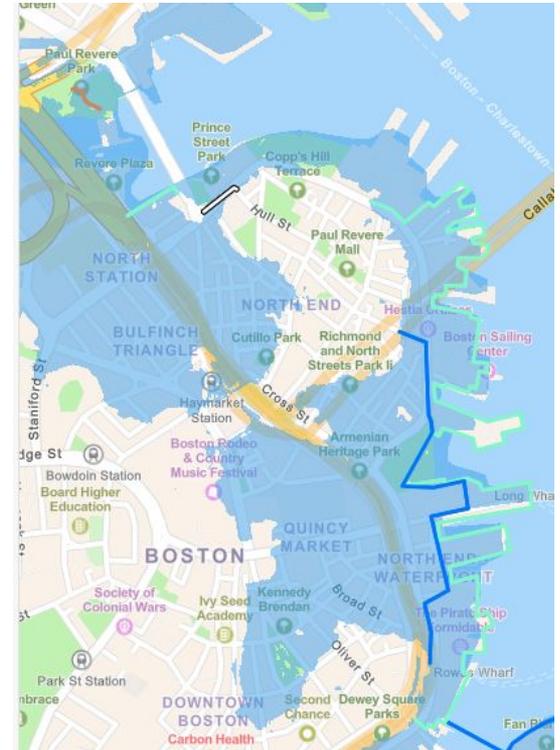
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- *Waterside (Teal Line) is preferred alignment, protecting wharves from North End all the way to Fort Point Channel*
- *Prioritize access/connectivity along Harborwalk*
- *Prioritize evacuation roadway routes*
- *Preserve historic and cultural waterfront*
- *Maintain visibility of waterfront*
- *Integrate stormwater concerns*



# COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS: DOWNTOWN/NORTH END/WD

- *City-led projects*
  - *Long Wharf* → *Planning Department*
  - *Christopher Columbus Park* → *Parks & Recreation Department*
- *Stakeholder-led projects*
  - *Wharf District Council Plan* → *Wharf District Council*
  - *North End District Plan* → *NEWCA*

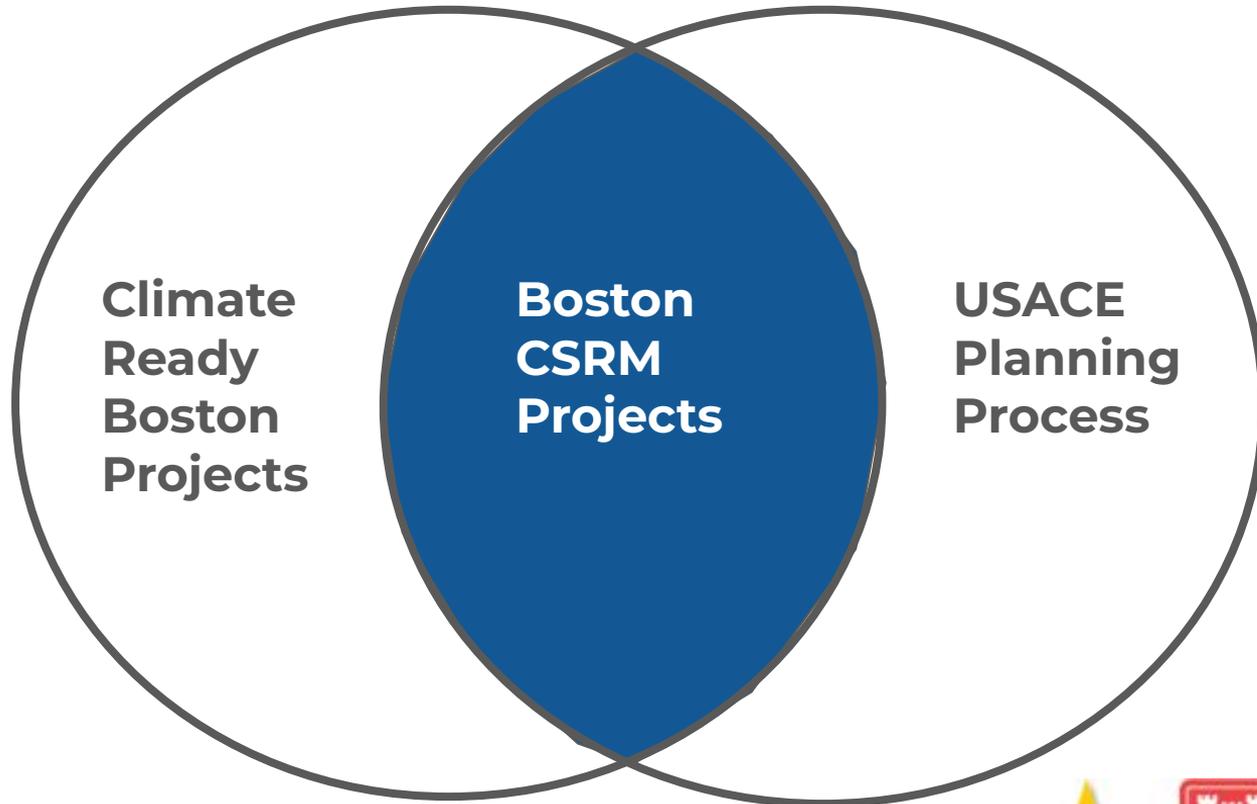


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# USACE 2025 TAKEAWAYS

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# A Look Ahead:

What to expect in 2026



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# WHAT'S NEXT IN 2026?

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## **WINTER 2026**

*Feedback review, report out to community and incorporation of feedback into the Net Benefit Analysis*

## **SUMMER 2026**

*Official Release of Draft Plan and Public Comment period*

## **SPRING 2026**

*NEPA Public Hearings and preparation for release of Draft Plan*

## **FALL 2026**

*Review of Public Comments and continuation with design of the First Round of projects*

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR ENGAGEMENT IN 2026?

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[www.boston.gov/usace-study](http://www.boston.gov/usace-study)

- Early March: Focus Groups - [pre-registration required](#)
  - Equity and Access Advocates - March 3 & 4
  - General Interest - March 4 & 11
  - Maritime Users - March 11 & 12
- Late March: National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) Public Meetings
  - To be posted to [www.boston.gov/usace-study](http://www.boston.gov/usace-study) when dates and locations confirmed.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP TODAY:

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- *Share your concerns*
- *Help us answer these questions:*
  - *Did we miss anyone in our engagement last year?*
  - *Did we help give you a better understanding of the USACE process?*
  - *What is important to you that we know about the tools or the locations for draft USACE structures?*
  - *How can we make the process more accessible to you?*



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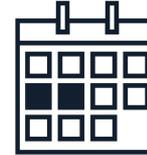
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# Question and Answer Session



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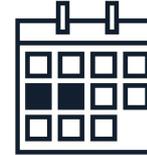
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