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CLIMATE READY SOUTH BOSTON ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

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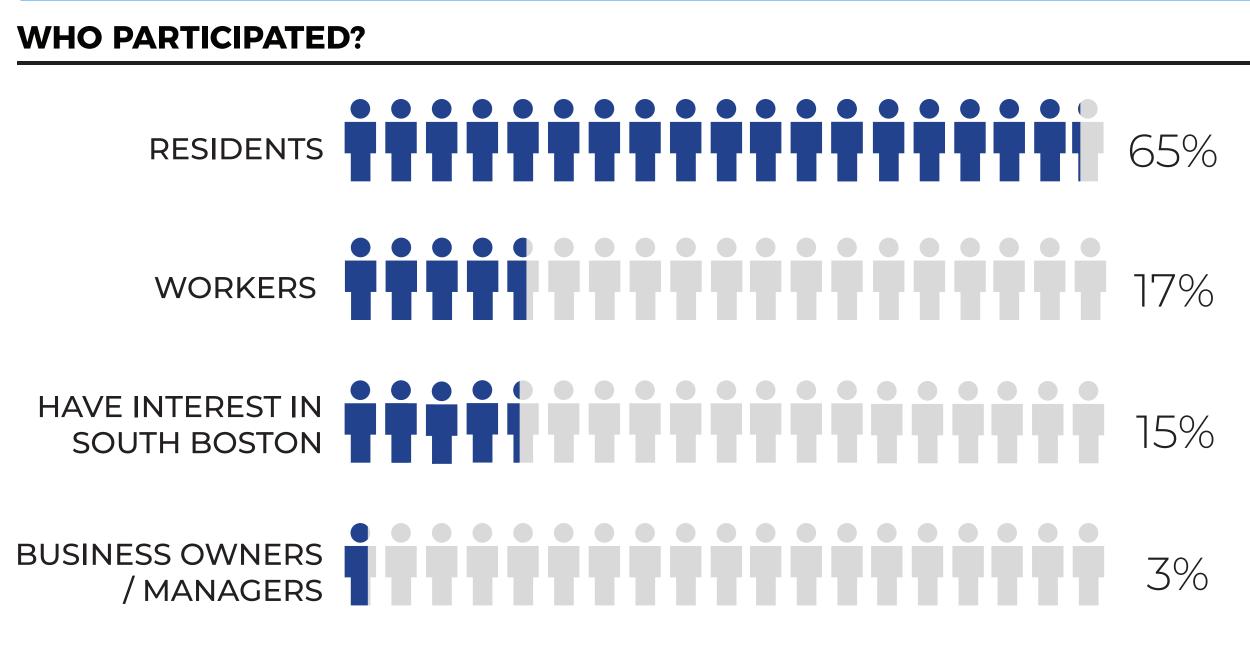
PARTICIPATED

PEOPLE

IN THE

SURVEY?

SURVEY OVERVIEW



WHERE DO "RESIDENTS" ANSWERING THE SURVEY LIVE?

19% 81% Southie Seaport / Waterfront

OF THE "RESIDENTS" THAT ANSWERED THE SURVEY,

35%

SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD

RESERVE CHANNEL

MARINE INDUSTRIAL PARK

have lived in South Boston for 16 years or more.

SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOODS

55%

expect to live in South Boston for another 10 years or more.

16%

also work in South Boston.

For each area (shown to the left), respondents were asked to rank their top two priorities for improvement among the following

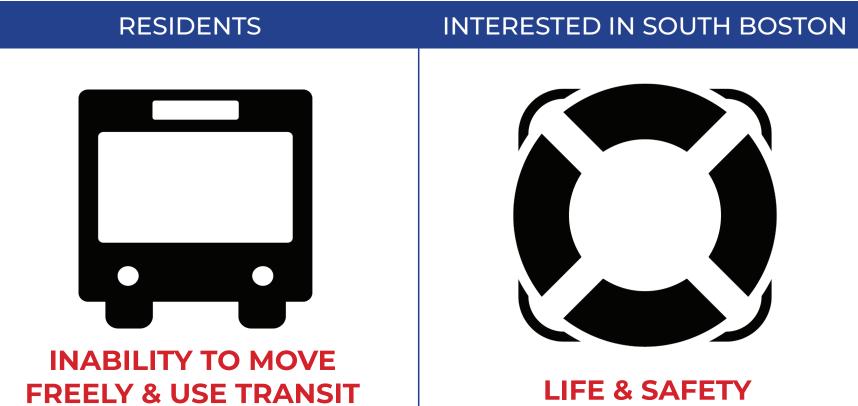
- 1) Parks & Open Space 2) Transportation
- 3) Parking **4) Arts & Cultural Resources**

list of potential

improvements:

- 5) Jobs
- 6) Housing 7) Entertainment
- 8) Safety
- 9) Dining & Retail 10) Other

TOP CONCERNS AROUND FLOODING

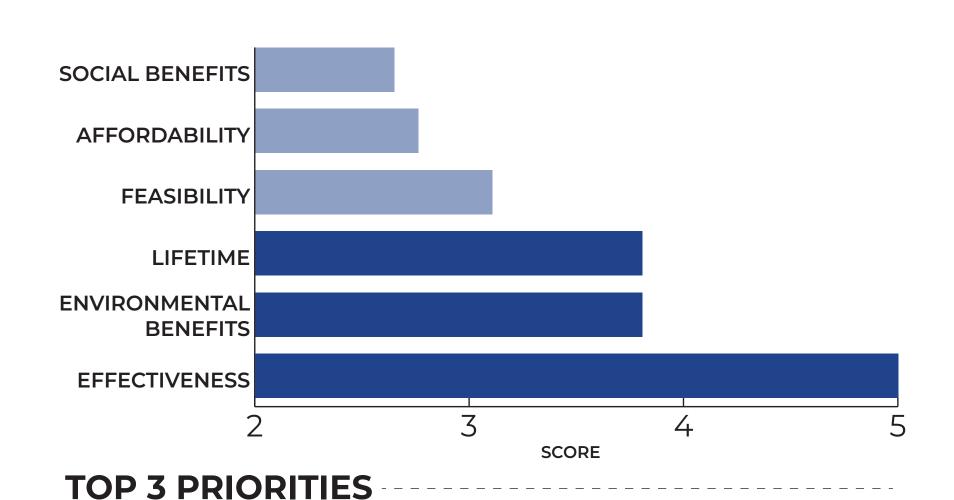


WORKERS **DESTRUCTION OF**

WORKPLACE **LIFE & SAFETY**



WHAT FACTORS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO **CONSIDER WHEN COMPARING DIFFERENT FLOOD PROTECTION AREAS?**



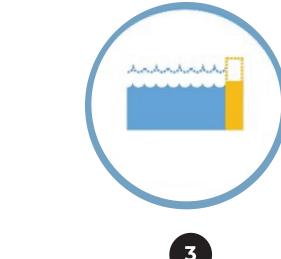




protection it provides.







LIFETIME: How long it will work, and its adaptability to more extreme future conditions.

FORT POINT CHANNEL

COMMENTS

There are no civic spaces in Fort Point or Seaport. No library, school, community center, fire station, police station.

Water management.

> I live 2 blocks from Fort **Point Channel and am** concerned about a storm surge.

PRIORITIES

RESIDENT PRIORITIES Parks & Open Space Transportation

priorities for improvement. The following pie chart percentages indicate top categories selected. **NON-RESIDENT PRIORITIES**

Respondents were asked to choose up to two top

Parks & Open Space **Transportation** 28%

SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT

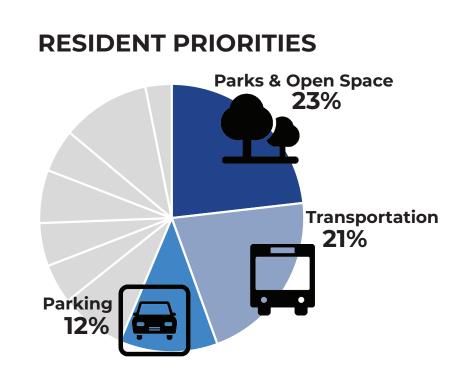
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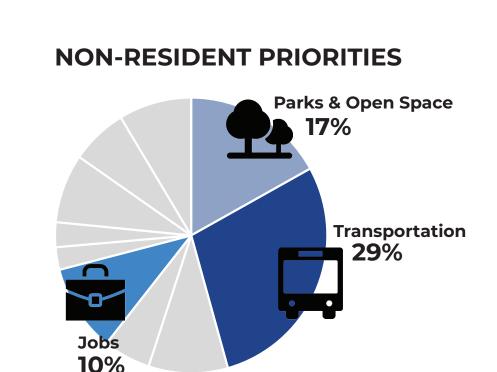
Elevate the Harborwalk to make a flood barrier/ recreational "Dry Line."

This area should be full of world class buildings. The designs need to be much better and the buildings need to be more exciting.

Preservation of its historical integrity.

PRIORITIES





SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD

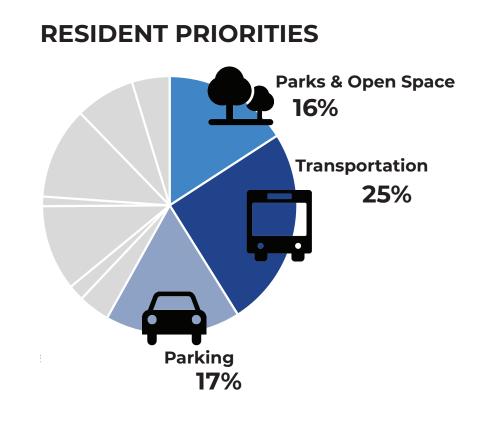
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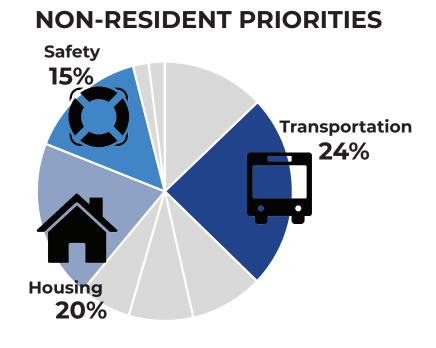
Open Pleasure Bay for boats/ferries to Rose Wharf, Logan, Winthrop, UMass Boston, and Marina Bay.

Stop Building!

Connect Carson Beach to Moakley Park, recreate dune ecosystem and awesome park that protects inland.

PRIORITIES





MARINE INDUSTRIAL PARK

COMMENTS

Updated definition of designated port areas to include flood-resilient marine education and tech.

The Marine Channel area and South Boston as a whole needs to improve how people get to and from South Boston with better public transit.

Stop **Industrial** Sprawl!

PRIORITIES

RESIDENT PRIORITIES Parks & Open Space 23% Transportation

NON-RESIDENT PRIORITIES Other 14% Transportation 24%

RESERVE CHANNEL

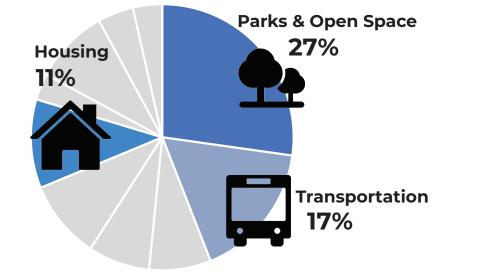
COMMENTS

Keeping large trucks out of the residential neighborhood.

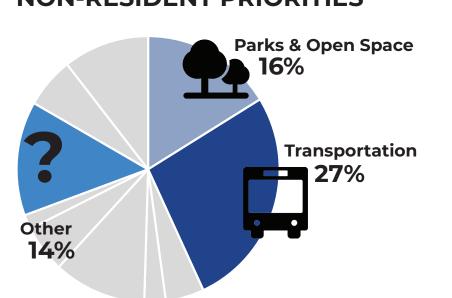
Environmental Pollution from shipping and development of the power plant.

PRIORITIES

RESIDENT PRIORITIES



NON-RESIDENT PRIORITIES



NOTE: Priorities are quantified by the percent of responses indicating that a category is a first or second priority for improvement.

ABOUT THE SURVEY

Coastal flooding solutions have the potential to improve quality of life and create new economic opportunities for South Boston and its waterfront. South Boston is already vulnerable to coastal flooding, and Boston may see 9 inches of sea level rise in the next 15 years. The City of Boston Environment Department, in partnership with the Boston Planning & Development Agency, is working with a design team to identify solutions that can lessen the risks of sea level rise. As part of this effort, we collected community feedback between September 28 and December 31, 2017.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

RESIDENT COMMENTS NON-RESIDENT COMMENTS

> We should focus on near term solutions that can provide protection beyond the waters edge AND that reduce the problem of greenhouse gas emissions.

Flood gates, a **sea wall**, some mechanism to prevent flooding ought to be a priority.

Flood management

The large parking lots make rain, snow melting, stormwater flood streets. Consider more **greenspace** or asphalt that can absorb water.

More public parks to help absorb flooding and provide public access to the waterfront.

We are already years behind and need to make the rising tides and flooding a City priority. Now.

We need a sea wall to protect Boston from storm surges.

More awareness!

Safety should be the #1 concern with developing risk mitigating structures or responses.

> \$1 spent in **protection** from these storms saves \$9 in clean up.

Stop overbuilding on every green space. Do not shrink the permissible set backs for buildings, and require green space to reduce run off and flooding potential.