

Grassroots Open Space Development Program

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INTRODUCTIONS



- **MOH/GrowBoston staff**



Edgewater Food Forest, Mattapan



About the Grassroots Program

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GROWBOSTON

Office of Urban Agriculture



The Food Project - East Cottage Farm

- **GrowBoston's goal is to increase food production and support local food producers in Boston, including gardeners, farmers, beekeepers, and more.**
 - *Support for innovative food production strategies*
 - *Technical assistance to farms and gardens*
 - *Educational resources*
 - *And more!*
- **Part of the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH)**

GRASSROOTS PROGRAM

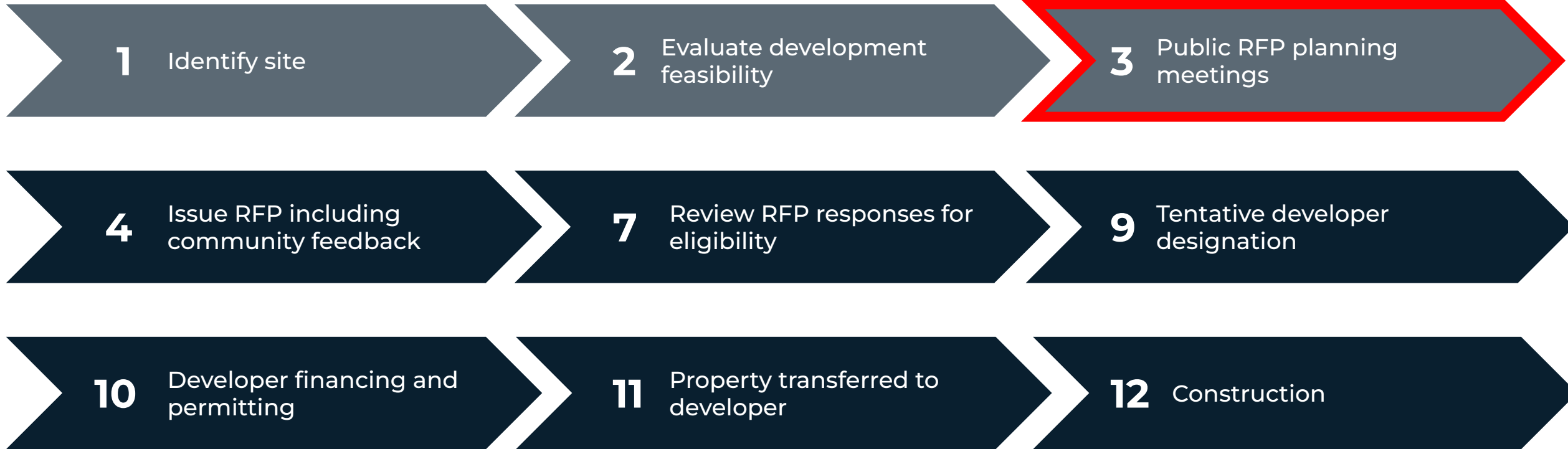
Program of GrowBoston



Savin Hill Wildlife Garden

- **Provides City-owned land, grant funds, and technical assistance to neighborhood groups and non-profits for:**
 - *Community gardens*
 - *Urban farms*
 - *Other open space uses*

MOH LAND DISPOSITION PROCESS

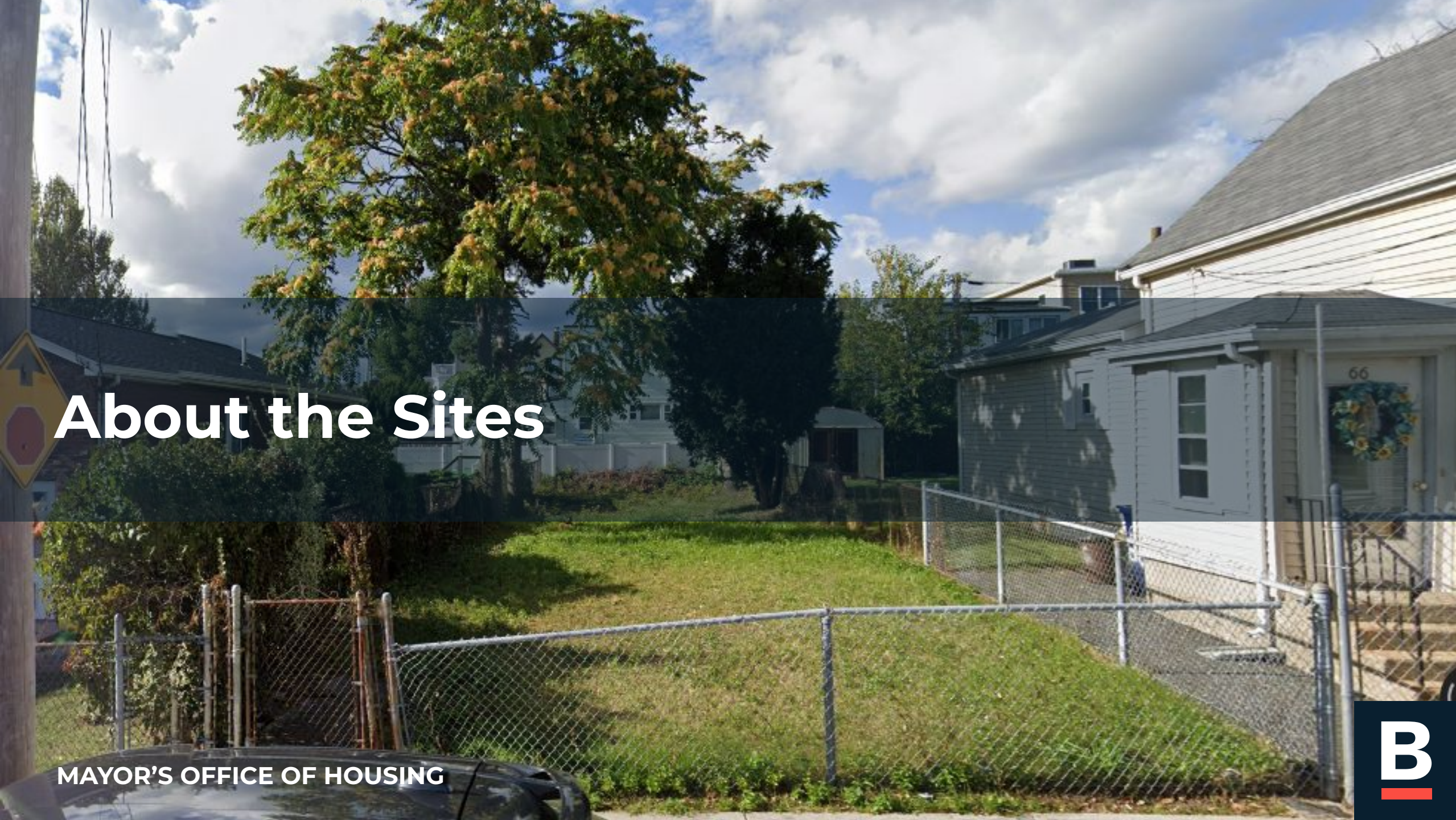


MOH PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Under Chapter 30B



- [M.G.L. c. 30B \(Chapter 30B\)](#) establishes an advertised proposal process that COB must follow in acquiring and disposing real estate property by purchase, sale or rental with a value greater than \$35,000.
- **Under Chapter 30B** we are required to conduct an **open and fair competitive process** that places all proposers on common footing, solicit information that will allow **manageable and meaningful comparisons of offers** and base decisions solely on the information solicited (what we've heard from the community).



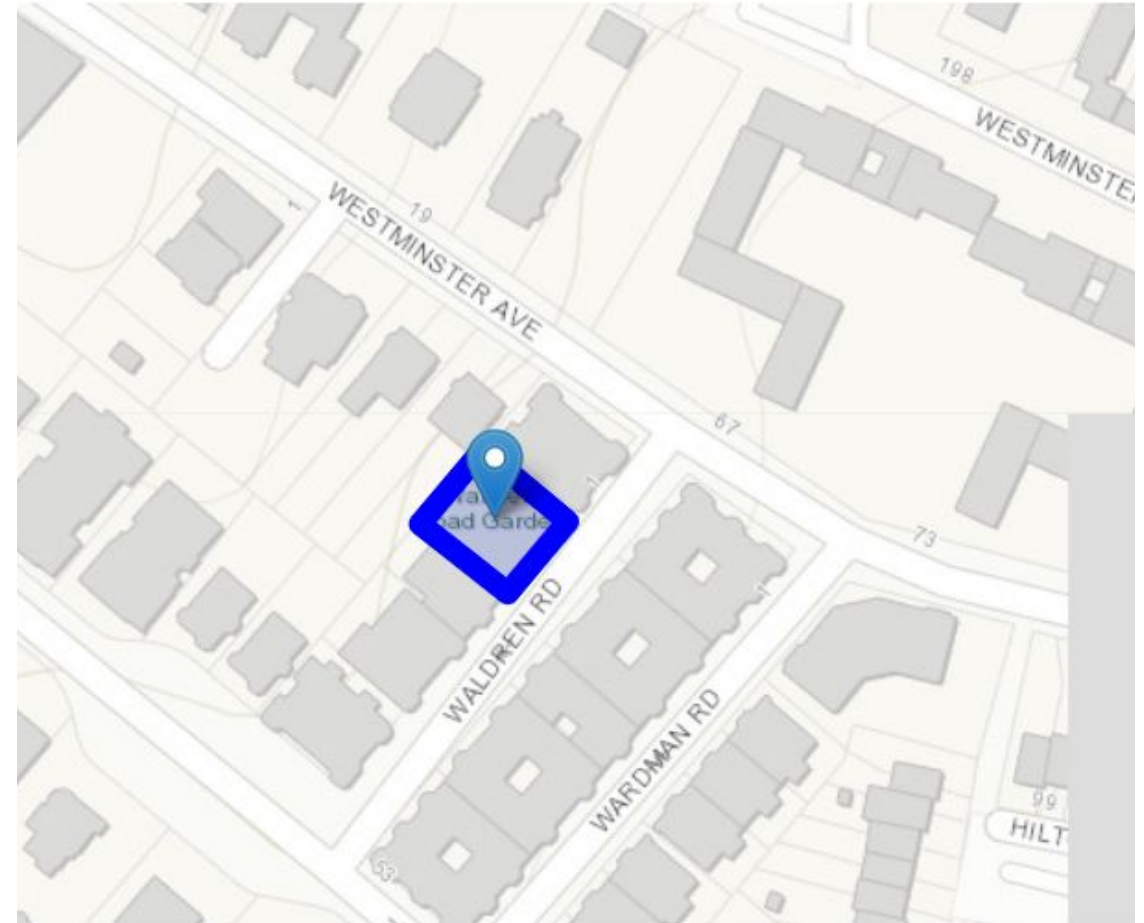
About the Sites

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SITE DESCRIPTION AND MAP: WALDREN ROAD

- **Location: 7 Waldren Road, Roxbury**
- **Total Size: 4,095 sq ft**
- **1 parcel**
- www.boston.gov/buildinghousing/waldren-road-open-space

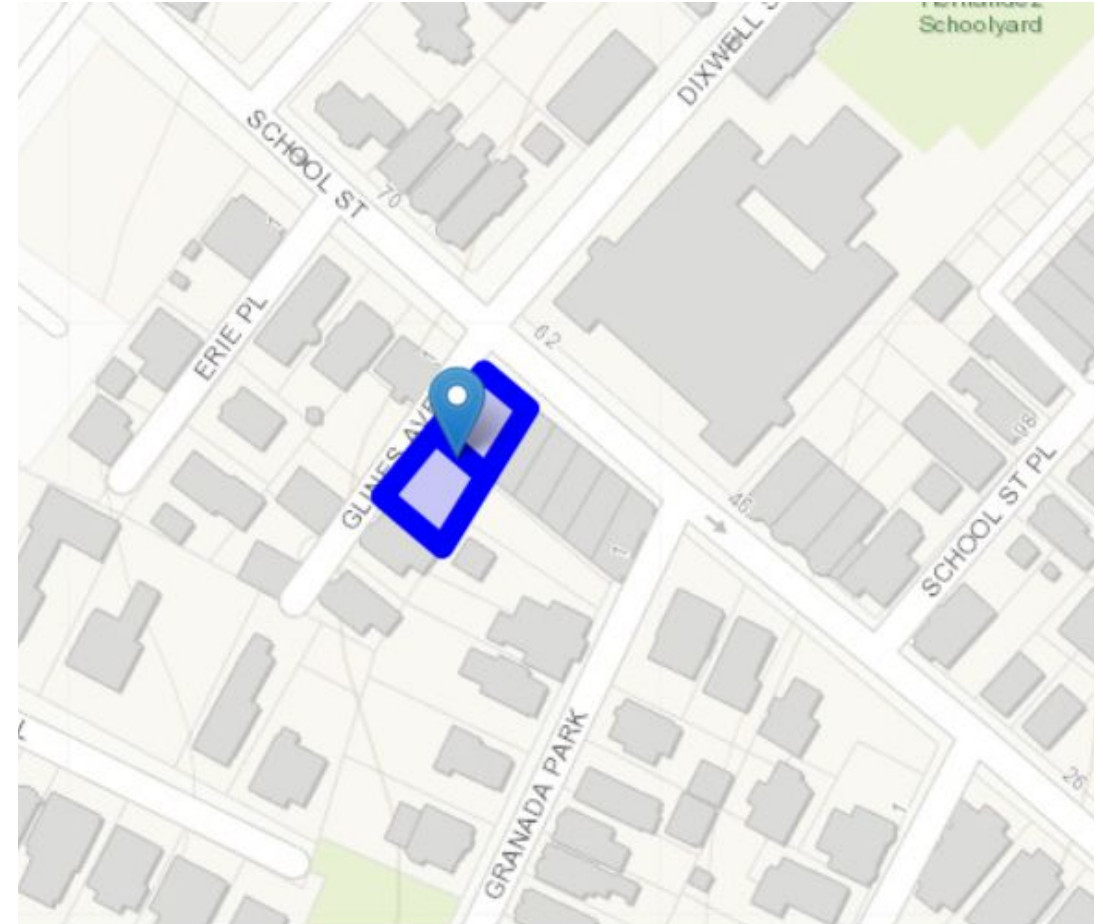


SITE PHOTOS



SITE DESCRIPTION AND MAP: GLINES AVE

- **Location: 2 Glines Ave. & 58 School Street, Roxbury**
- **Total Size: 4,452 sq ft**
- **2 parcels**
- www.boston.gov/buildinghousing/glines-avenue-open-space



SITE PHOTOS



View from Glines Ave.



View from School Street



Comments and Q+A

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Next Steps

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NEXT STEPS

Community Engagement

- Community meeting inviting abutters for comment
- Public comment period
- Issue RFP incorporating community feedback

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- **Project websites:**
 - www.boston.gov/buildinghousing/glines-avenue-open-space
 - www.boston.gov/buildinghousing/waldren-road-open-space

