

# 64 Homer Street Community Meeting

*April 3, 2023*



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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 Site

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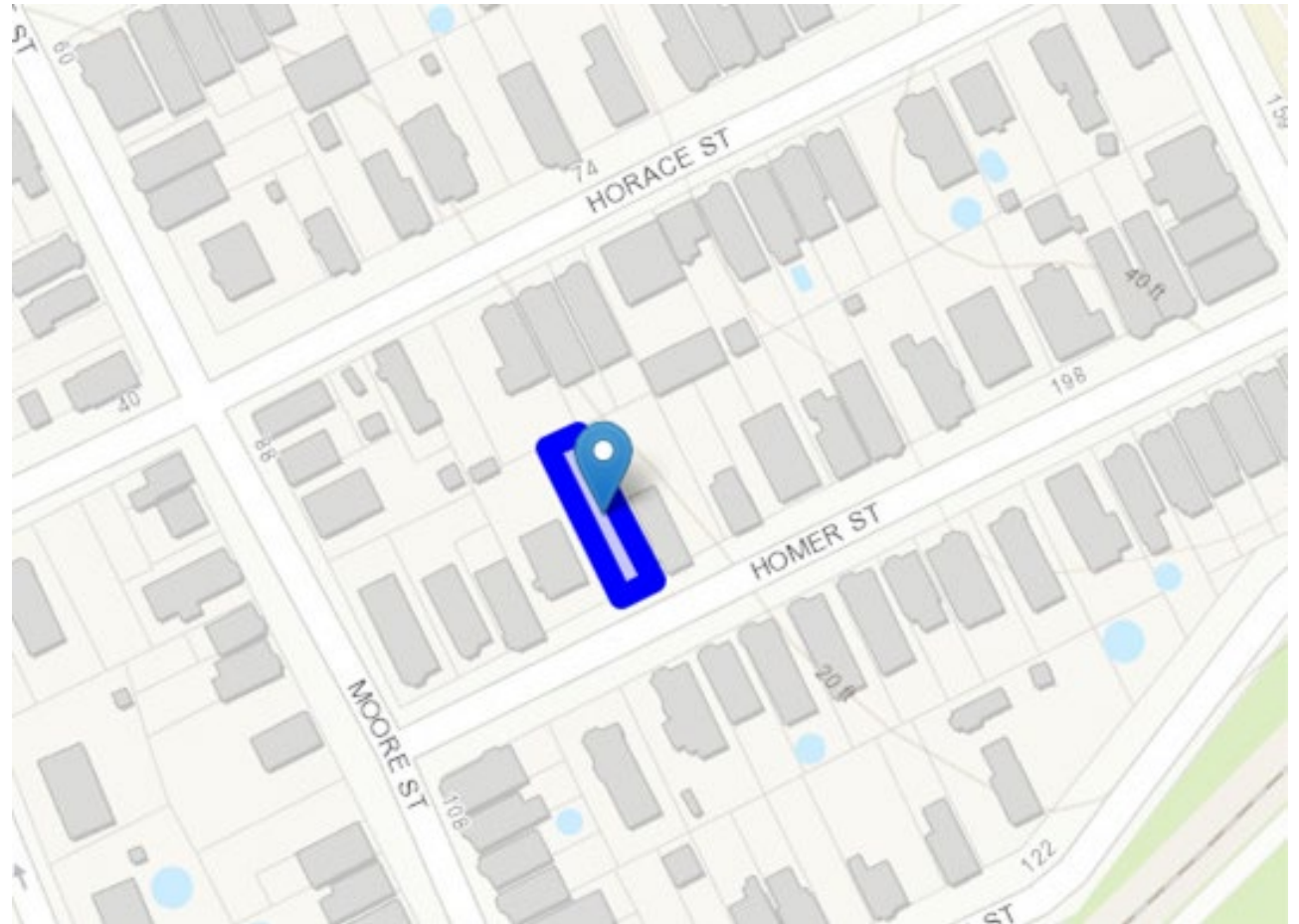




# SITE DESCRIPTION AND MAP



- **Location: 64 Homer Street, East Boston**
- **Total Size: 2,500 sq ft**
- **1 parcel**





# SATELLITE VIEW





# SITE PHOTOS



*View from Homer Street*







# Discussion: Comments and Q+A

# PROPOSED FUTURE USE

## *Open Space*

- Permanently protected as open space by deed restriction
- Educational programming for youth
- Open for public access



# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

## *Open Space*

- Do you have any questions or concerns regarding the possible permanent use of this site for **open space or urban agriculture**?
- Do you want to see this space preserved as public open space into the future?
- Is there anything you would NOT want to see on this site?
- Any other comments, questions or concerns?





# Next Steps

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