

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of the recommendations from this Strategic Plan will be an ongoing process that could extend over the next 15 to 20 years. The BRA will coordinate implementing this plan.

An initial and key implementation component will be the adoption of new, permanent zoning for the neighborhood. After the new zoning is in place, the positive effects of that zoning will occur as property owners and developers undertake new development projects.

Implementation of many of the other recommendations in the plan will be dependent upon availability of funding as well as coordination and cooperation with other entities including City of Boston departments, state agencies such as the MBTA and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and private property owners. The Roslindale Neighborhood Strategic Plan will help to provide justification for placing Roslindale projects on the priority list for programs with these various agencies.

For each plan recommendation, the following chart indicates the parties that will be involved in implementation, and the time-

frame in which implementation can be expected to occur. For the purpose of this chart, short-term is defined as up to four years, mid-term is defined as five to eight years, and long-term is defined as more than eight years.

This chart provides the BRA, the City and the community a framework for implementation and a guide for coordination with other agencies.

Throughout the planning process, Community members have expressed serious concerns regarding illegal development and parking, enforcement of existing zoning and the City's building code, and other developments that have negatively impacted the neighborhood. Enforcement should be improved through better coordination and communication between City departments and agencies, property owners, community groups and individual community members.

The City has engaged Hansen Information Technologies to assist in the creation of a city-wide permitting system. The goal of the system is to connect the

different permitting agencies such as the Inspectional Services Department and the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and provide an on-line user-friendly process that will improve the delivery of services and information to our residents and businesses.

Resident involvement is critical to the implementation of the recommendations of this plan, whether it be through attending public meetings on specific projects, submitting comments during a project's development review process, attending Zoning Board of Appeal hearings, or contacting the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services or the City Councilor's office regarding questions or concerns. (See Appendix B for contact information.)

Neighborhood groups have become more organized across Roslindale. Throughout this Strategic Planning Process, there have been discussions regarding coordination between groups for information sharing, including the potential for the creation of an umbrella neighborhood organization to work on neighborhood-wide issues.

RECOMMENDATION	DEPARTMENTS/ ORGANIZATIONS PARTIES INVOLVED	TIME-FRAME
ZONING & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS		
Revise & Adopt Zoning Regulations, including Design Guidelines & Requirements, and Neighborhood Design Overlay District	BRA, Boston Zoning Commission	Short-term
Coordinate Notification Process for Zoning Board of Appeal cases and other projects requiring BRA design review	Inspectional Services Department (ISD), Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS), BRA, Neighborhood Groups	Short-term
ROSLINDALE SQUARE		
Implement new wayfinding and identity signage program in the Square	Roslindale Village Main Streets (RVMS)	Short-term
Implement hanging flower basket program in Roslindale Square	RVMS	Short-term
Implement design improvements to pedestrian entrance to Taft Hill Parking Lot	Property owners, RVMS, BRA	Short-term
Improve Bank of America's fencing and landscaping along Washington Street	Bank of America, RVMS, BRA	Short-term
Encourage evening hours for commercial uses in the Square	RVMS	Short-term
Develop/Issue Request for Proposals for former MBTA substation	BRA	Short-term
OPEN SPACE		
Resolution to maintain the Southwest Community Gardens	MBTA, Boston Natural Area Network, Boston Parks & Recreation Department (BPRD), Southwest Community Gardens Club, BRA	Short-term
Transfer ownership of Boundary II Urban Wild to Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)	City of Boston, Dept. of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)	Mid-term

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Install sidewalk on South Street from MBTA overpass to Bussey Street	Boston Public Works Department (PWD)	Mid-Term
Acquire remaining privately held parcels or conservation easements on privately held parcels in Roslindale Wetlands	Boston Conservation Commission, BPRD	Mid-term
Encourage acquisition of privately owned parcel between Weider Park & MBTA ROW for annexation to Stony Brook Reservation	DCR, property owner	Short-term
Improve pedestrian tunnels under MBTA Commuter Rail tracks	MBTA	Mid-term
Install sidewalks on residential streets as roads are rebuilt, where feasible	PWD	Ongoing
HOUSING		
Redevelop Washington-Beech Housing Development	Boston Housing Authority (BHA)	Mid-term
Encourage developers to develop middle-income housing	BRA	Ongoing
Encourage developers to develop units with three or more bedrooms for families	BRA	Ongoing
Strategic code enforcement of problem properties	ISD	Ongoing
Encourage participation in home ownership & home improvement programs	DND	Ongoing
URBAN DESIGN AND STREETScape		
Replace street lights on Cummins Highway between American Legion Hwy. & Washington St., on Belgrade Ave. between South St. & West Roxbury Pkwy. and on Washington St. between Franklin Place and West Roxbury Pkwy.	PWD	Long-term

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Install banners on Belgrade Ave., Cummins Highway & Washington St.	Basic City Services, local business organization	Mid-term
Improve landscaping and signage at the Shopping Center on American Legion Highway	Property owners, BRA	Short-term
Update inventory of historic resources and pursue National Register and/or Boston Landmarks designations	Boston Landmarks Commission, Massachusetts Historic Commission	Mid-Term
TRANSPORTATION		
Work with MBTA on shared use of Lower Lot in the Square	MBTA, Boston Transportation Department (BTD)	Short-term
Convene business owners to develop Roslindale Sq. parking management plan	RVMS, BTD, Roslindale Board of Trade	Short-term
Re-sign parking by Post Office and on South St. by Taft Court	BTD	Short-term
Restripe Taft Hill Parking Lot	BTD	Mid-term
Conduct detailed traffic study of Roslindale Sq. and implement recommendations	BTD	Mid/Long-term
Study/implement signal change at Corinth/Poplar/Washington	BTD	Mid-term
Prioritize/study/implement neighborhood-wide intersection/roads identified for further study	BTD	Mid/long-term
Explore relocating Roslindale Sq. bus stops (Washington St.) and adjusting frequency of buses on Washington St. & American Legion Highway	MBTA, BTD	Short-term
Review bicycle routes and install bicycle route signs	BTD	Mid-term

As described previously, the implementation of this plan will occur incrementally over a number of years. However, many positive changes can happen in the short-term. In the short-term, new zoning and ongoing design review will help to ensure that future development is consistent with the community's vision for the character, density and scale of the neighborhood. And, other recommended measures that can be implemented in the short-term will help to support the realization of the vision described throughout this Plan.

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