## Cambridge Housing Authority REVITALIZATION OF JEFFERSON PARK



Neighborhood Meeting #3 October 19, 2021



Existing

Proposed





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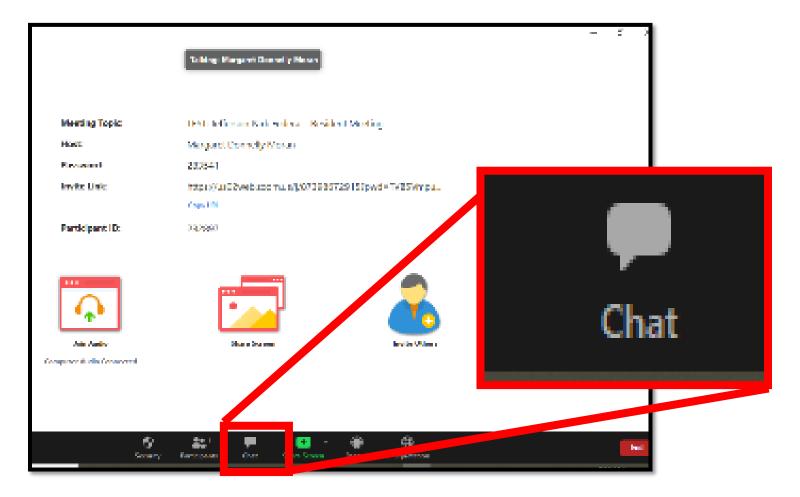




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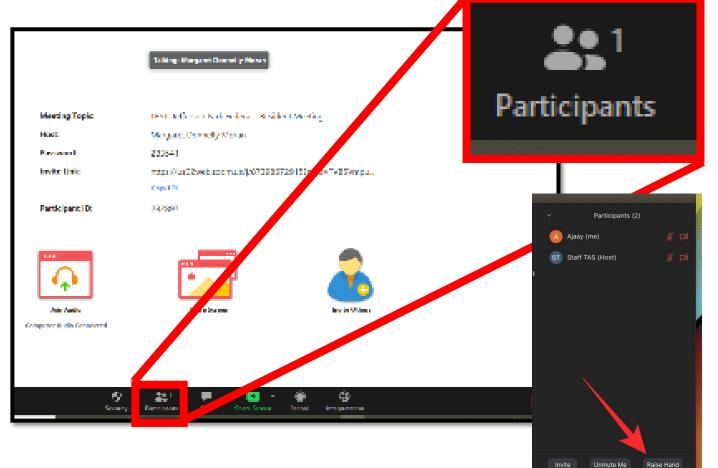


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We ask each person to limit their questions/comments to 3 minutes

"Raise your hand" to be unmuted

Participants calling in can dial \*9 to raise their hands







## Agenda

- Project Timeline & Recap
- Site Design
- Apartment Layouts
- Green Space
- Trees
- Sustainability
- Consigli Construction Co.
- Questions & Comments





## **Project Timeline & Recap**





## **Project Timeline**

- **2016-2019:** 10 resident meetings on conversion and design
- **Fall 2020:** Funding path identified for 2022 construction start
- **Dec 2020-Present:** 15+ resident meetings, resident relocation began (May), 2 neighborhood meetings, 1 NCSC meeting
- **TONIGHT:** 3<sup>rd</sup> neighborhood meeting, design/project update
- Nov 9, 2021: Planning Board hearing
- Winter 2021: Complete design
- Feb-April 2022: Construction bidding
- Aug 2022: Construction begins (34-38 months)



Table sessions with residents to provide design updates, gather feedback, answer questions, and assist with relocation





## The CHA has engaged with over 70 households (60%), the majority of residents support the revitalization

- "I can't wait to see what JP Fed will look like after construction."
- "I am happy that there will be more elevator buildings at JP. I would like to live in an elevator building."
- "The proposed buildings are beautiful. I like that they are different from each other. I like the colors."
- "We think the patios are a great idea, and the playground is great. The playground makes it a community ... Parents and neighbors can socialize. We like the open space with the trees and park-like atmosphere."
- "We love the trees, but we understand why they have to be removed."
- "More housing is important. You can never have enough units."





## **Resident input incorporated into the proposed design**

- **Open Space:** Designing active and passive spaces, spaces to gather, private decks for furniture or private gardens
- **Relationship to Cemetery:** Preserving existing trees and designing seating area, narrowed road and increased green buffer in proposed design
- Kitchen Design: Open plan preferred over galley plan with more cabinets
- Accessible Apartments (ADA): Increasing ADA apartments onsite, added first floor ADA units with private entrances, no ramp to access ADA units
- Elevator vs. Walk-Up Buildings: Increasing elevator buildings without sacrificing apartments with individual entrances
- **Bathrooms and Storage:** Increasing average bathroom per apartment, average apartment size





## **Questions and comments from neighborhood meetings**

- **Parking:** "The parking issue is significant."
- **Parking:** "Will you be providing EV parking spaces?"
- Scale on Rindge: "I'm a direct abutter, directly across the street. I'm concerned about my house now facing solid walls of higher buildings."
- **# of Apartments:** "Are you not exacerbating the problem of concentrations of poverty when you propose to add 100 additional lower-income units?"
- **# of Apartments:** "How much of a bonus in new affordable apartments does the City get here from the AHO?"
- **Construction:** "What kind of noise pollution do you expect during construction?"





## **Comments from neighborhood meetings about trees**

- "A mature tree canopy is an essential benefit ... New trees are not a replacement."
- "This particular stretch of Rindge is very bare, so I'd love to hear that Rindge will become greener."
- "Please add trees to the back of the maintenance building so 147 Sherman gets a buffer and benefit of trees/landscaping."
- "What is the plan for maintaining the trees? We plant many trees in the city, but they often die."





## Site Design



#### Site Plan

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#### **Existing: View of Rindge Ave**



#### **Proposed: View of Rindge Ave**

View from Jackson Street



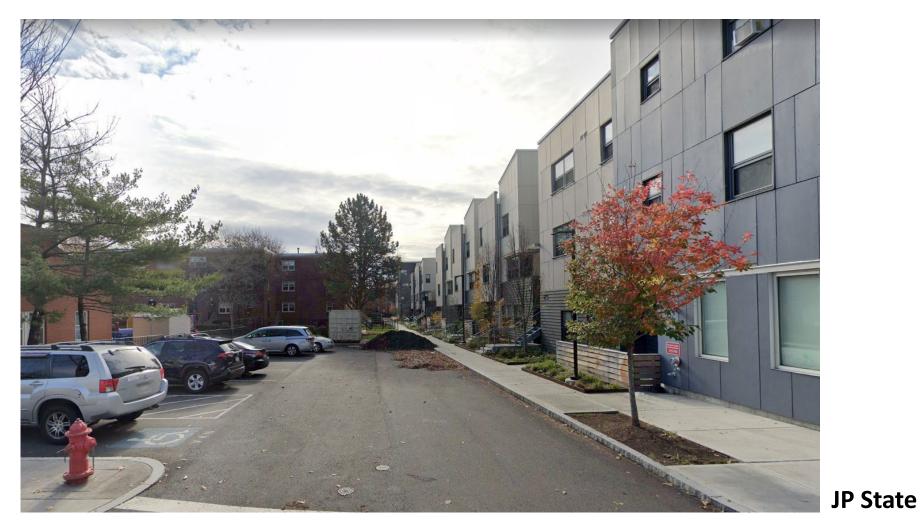




#### **Building 1: Primary material and color palette**







JP Fed

**Existing: View down "Main Street"** 



JP State

**Proposed: View down "Main Street"** 



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**Proposed: View down "Main Street"** 







#### **Roosevelt Towers is a precedent for "Main Street" (Evereteze Way)**





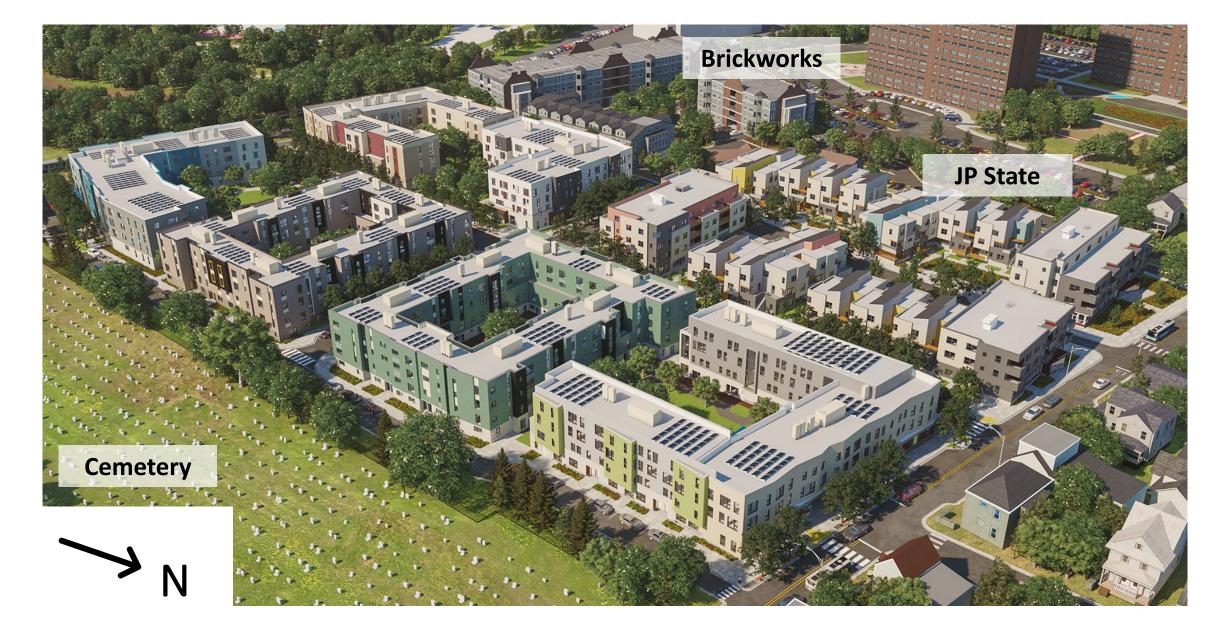




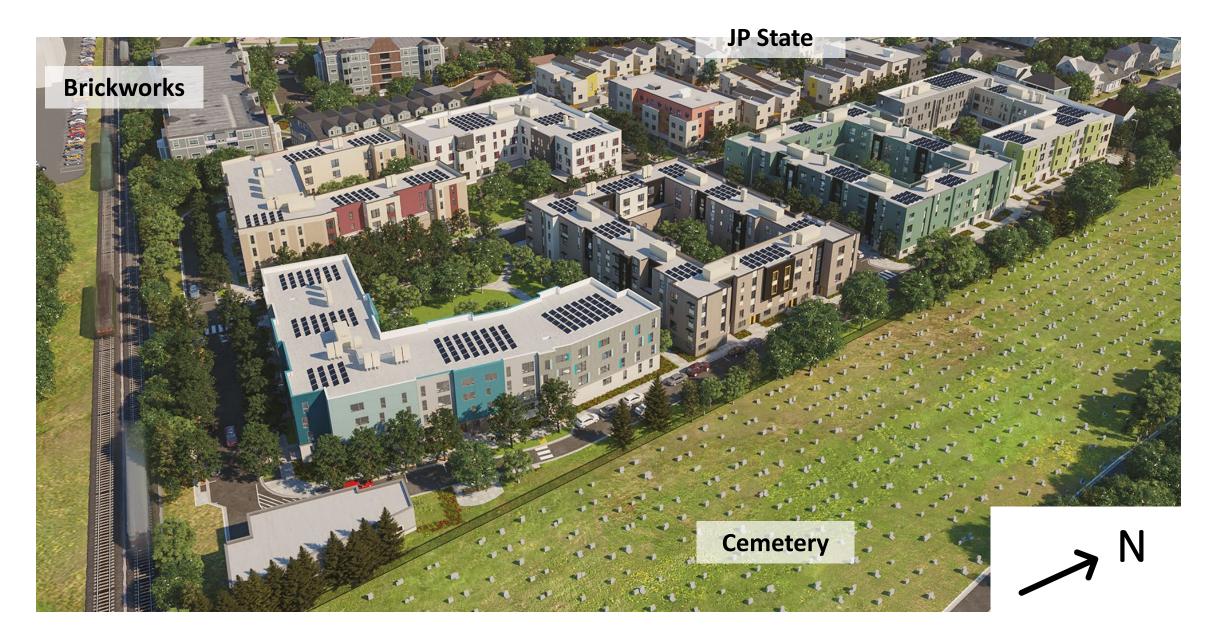
#### **Existing: View along cemetery**



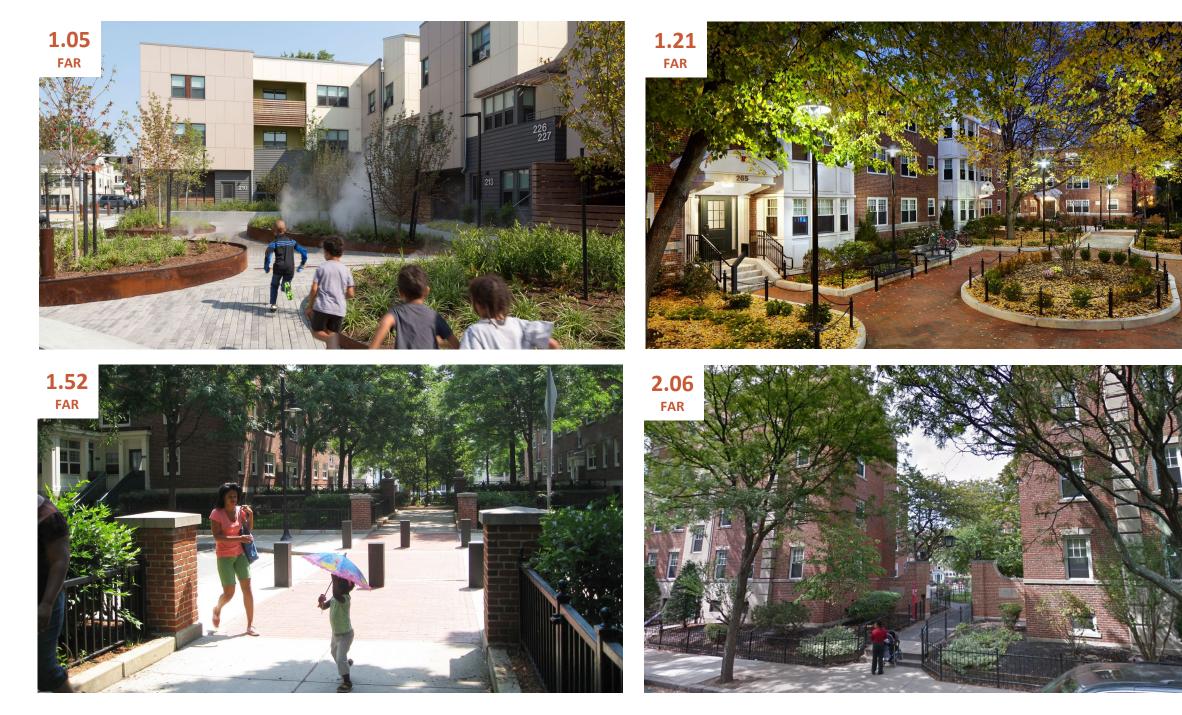
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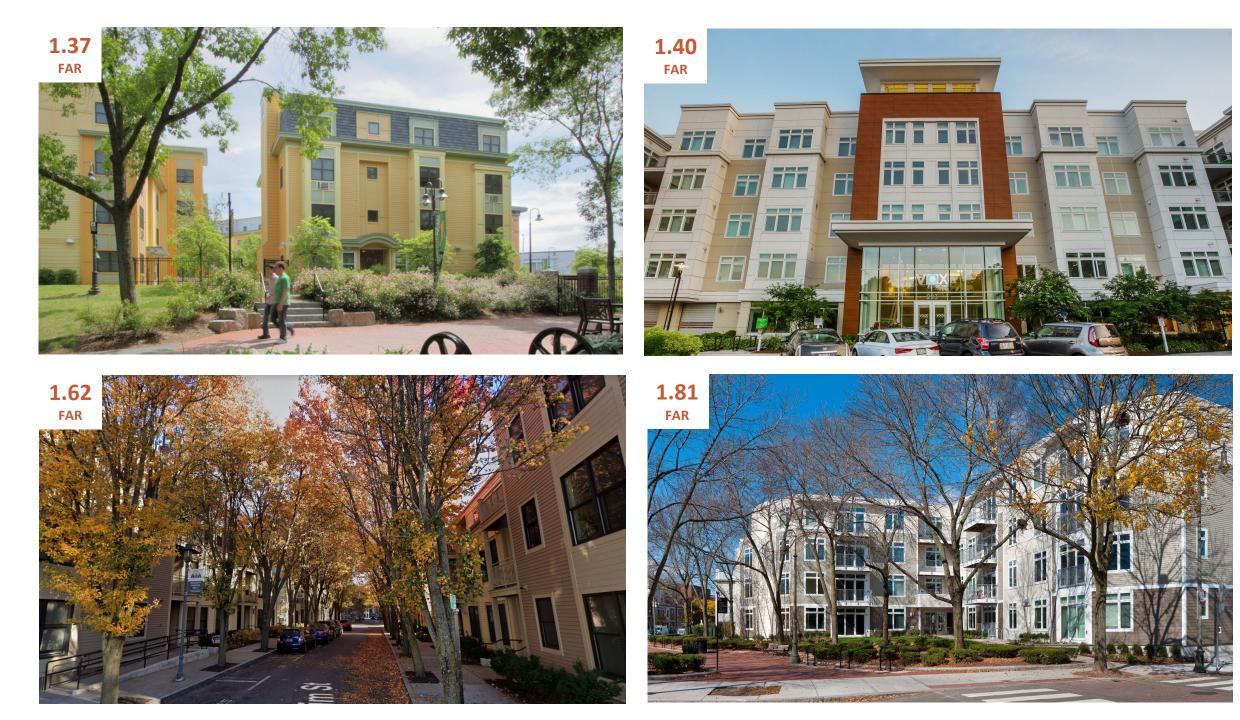


Site Massing: Looking northwest, toward Rindge Ave (FAR 1.16)



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### **Apartment Layouts**

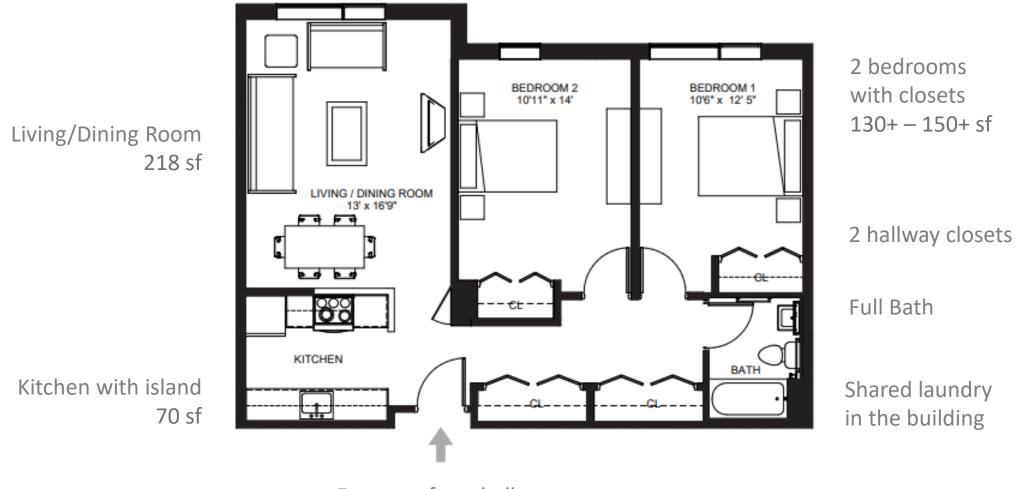




### Average apartment sizes are growing

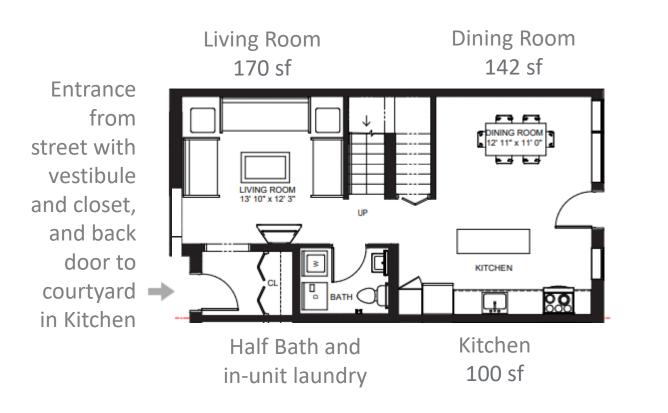
Unit Type	# of Units	Existing (Average Size)	Proposed (Average Size)
1-bedroom	37	<b>663</b> sf	<b>625</b> sf
2-bedroom	111	<b>823</b> sf	<b>894</b> sf
3-bedroom	111	<b>1018</b> sf	<b>1173</b> sf
4-bedroom	18	<b>1428</b> sf	<b>1487</b> sf
5-bedroom	1	N/A	<b>2079</b> sf

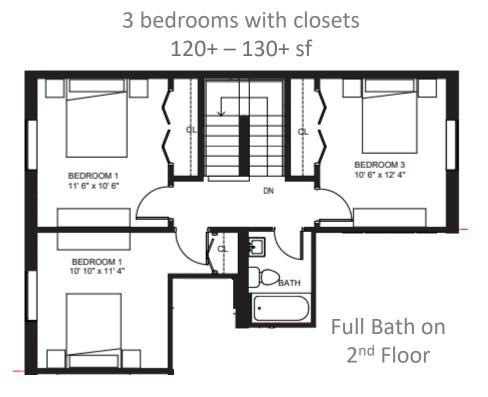
#### Typical 2-bedroom, 1 bath apartment (830 sf)



Entrance from hallway

#### Typical 3-bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse apartment (1,224 sf)

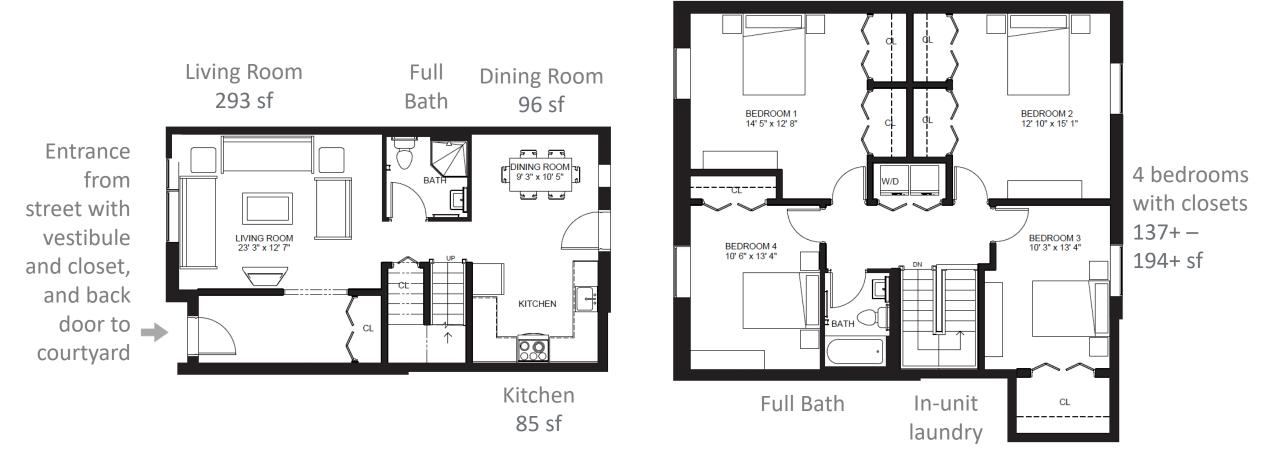




**First Floor** 

**Second Floor** 

#### Typical 4-bedroom, 2 bath townhouse apartment (1,635 sf)



#### **First Floor**

**Second Floor** 





#### **Proposed design significantly improves accessibility**

Unit Type	Existing ADA	Proposed ADA	Existing Adaptable	Proposed Adaptable
1-bedroom	5	2	0	21
2-bedroom	2	6	0	60
3-bedroom	0	5	0	43
4-bedroom	0	4	0	4
5-bedroom	0	0	0	1
Total	7	17	0	129





### **Green Space**

#### Proposed design significantly increases usable open space

Building 6: 8,700 sf courtyard

Building 4: 24,000 sf community park

Mature existing trees along site edges and in open space, new tree-lined streets



#### **Open space is designed to support a variety of uses**



Building 5: 10,000 sf play area

Buildings 3: **8,100 sf courtyard** 

Buildings 2: **8,100 sf courtyard** 

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Building 1: 14,200 sf play area

## Grills and tables



## Lawn with trees





**Courtyards** 

## Loop path for walking, kids bikes



Embankment slide



Trees and benches



**Community Park** 

Play area surfacing



Play equipment for young kids



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### **Building 3 Courtyard**

8,100 square feet

For residents and guests of Building 3 (51 apartments)

Private decks (10 ft deep) for growing plants and/or arranging outdoor furniture

Existing mature trees to remain, plus new trees

Shared grills and picnic tables



## Building 4 Community Park

Community park

24,000 square feet

For all residents and guests

Central lawn with existing mature trees, new trees

Benches along park paths

Loop paths for walking and kids' bikes

Embankment slide



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## Building 5 Play Area and Park

10,000 square feet

For all residents and guests

Splash pad

Community Room

Existing mature trees, new shade trees







#### **Trees**

#### **Tree Inventory:** ~51 trees to remain, 151 to be removed and replaced



Brown, Richardson + Rowe Schreiber Associates

#### Tree Planting Plan: 51 trees to remain, ~220 new trees to plant, net gain of 69







#### **Protecting existing trees**



Examples of trees to be preserved during construction





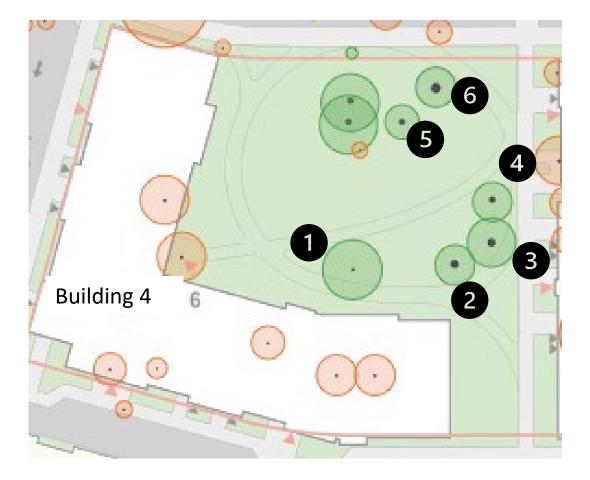
## Protecting Existing Trees: Prioritizing "exceptional trees"





#### **Protecting Existing Trees:**

#### Building 4 was designed around existing trees to create a large, shaded park









## Protecting Existing Trees: Site grading designed and updated to preserve existing trees

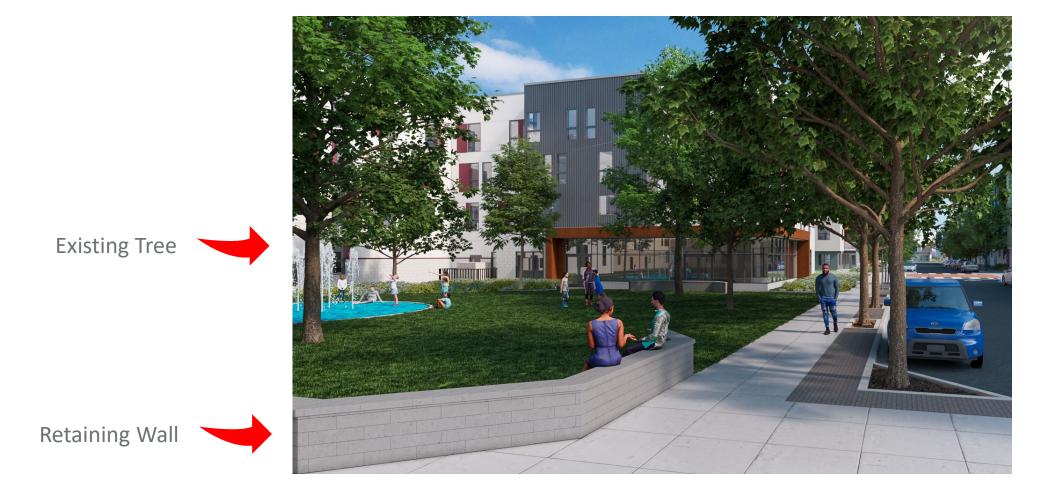


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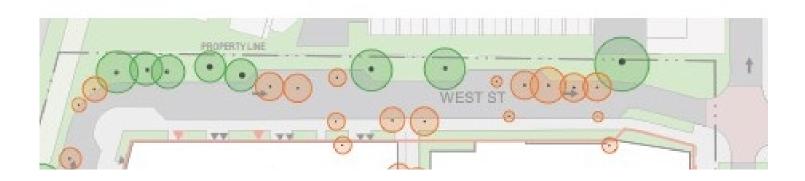


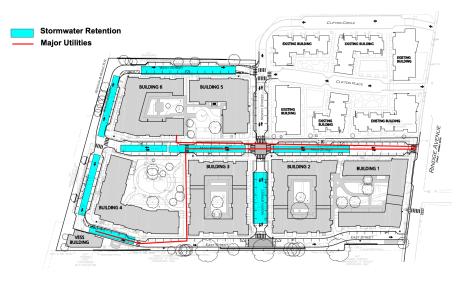


#### Protecting Existing Trees: Retaining walls added to protect existing trees



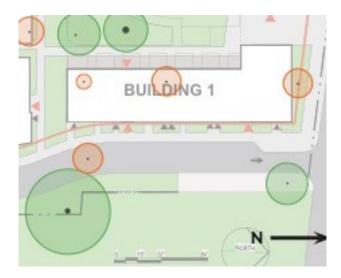
Preserving existing trees prioritized over parking on west edge of the site





Utilities and storm water infrastructure placed under roads to avoid trees

Planting beds along Building 1 adjusted to provide space for mature tree along Rindge Ave







#### Mature tree relocation efforts



#### Construction plans coordinated for tree protection







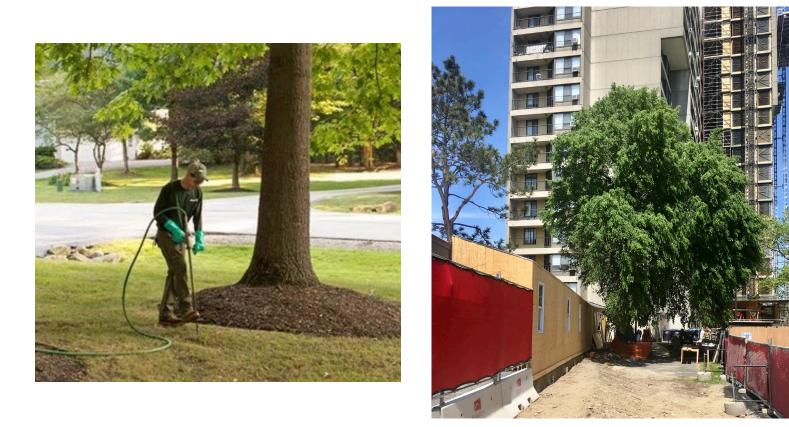
## Investing in the Future Canopy: Existing tree health







## Investing in the Future Canopy: Pre-, during, and post-construction tree investment/protection plan

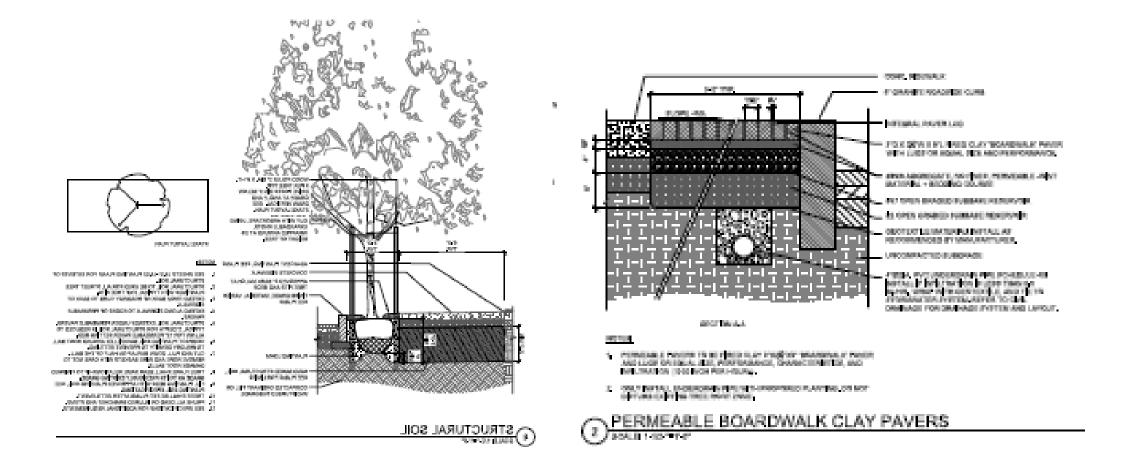


Tree protection by Consigli at Millers River





#### Investing in the Future Canopy: Large tree pits and permeable pavers





## Investing in the Future Canopy: Projected DBH replaced in 15 years



Tree Counts	
Total Existing Trees on Site:	202
Existing Trees under 6" DBH	6
Existing Trees over 6" DBH "Significant"	196
Significant Trees to be Preserved	51
Existing Trees over 30" DBH	
"Exceptional"	7
Exceptional Trees to be Preserved	7
Number of New Trees to be Planted	
(3.5")	187
Total Number of Trees in New	
Development	237

Existing Tree Health	
Trees lost since original 2018 Survey	16
Health Rated Good	22
Health Rated Fair	60
Health Rated Poor	117

DBH Summary	
Sum of Existing DBH	2751.5
Sum of Existing DBH over 6"	2721.5
Sum of Existing DBH to be Preserved	856
Sum of DBH for New Trees to be	
Planted	654.5
DBH after Construction	1510.5

#### Investing in the Future Canopy: At time of planting, in 10 years, in 20 years









#### Investing in the Future Canopy: Roosevelt Towers



New trees were planted at Roosevelt Towers in 1998 when the site was redeveloped.

These photos are from 2001, 2007 and 2017.





# **Resiliency & Sustainability**





#### **Resiliency strategies at JP prioritize resident comfort and safety**

- Eliminate basement apartments to prevent moisture and mold in homes
- All units will be built above 2070 100-year and 500-year flood plain
- Provide storm water control and infiltration to protect against floods
- Relocate mechanical equipment to roofs to protect against outages
- Install central AC in all apartments to increase comfort and protection from warming climate





#### Sustainability strategies at JP prioritize the environment

- Passive House certified, all electric design to minimize operational carbon
- Rooftop solar panels to reduce energy consumption
- Materials selected to ensure good indoor air quality/low VOCs
- Parking ratio reduction, increase in bike parking/infrastructure, Blue Bikes
- Enterprise Green Communities Healthy Homes certified (LEED equivalent)



CHA's solar array at LBJ Apartments in Cambridgeport





# Proposed design will reduce greenhouse gas emissions at JP by over 50%, equal to planting over 24,000 trees annually



Across the CHA's portfolio, construction has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by over 31% since 2010. This equates to taking almost 1,000 cars off the road annually or planting a forest of over 205,000 trees annually.



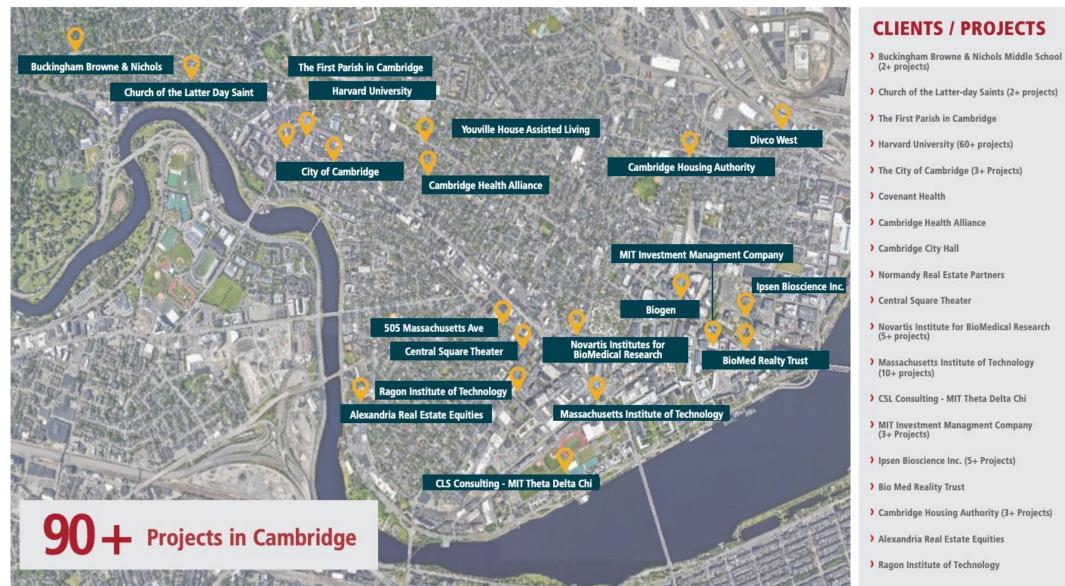


## **Consigli Construction Co.**



#### **Consigli has managed over 90 projects in Cambridge**

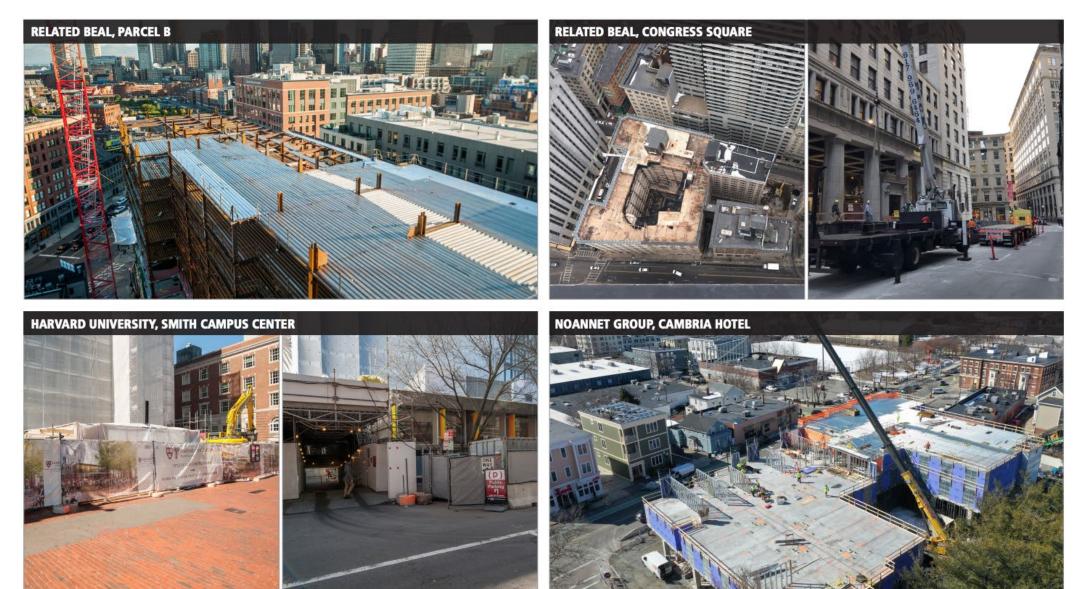






#### **Relevant construction experience**

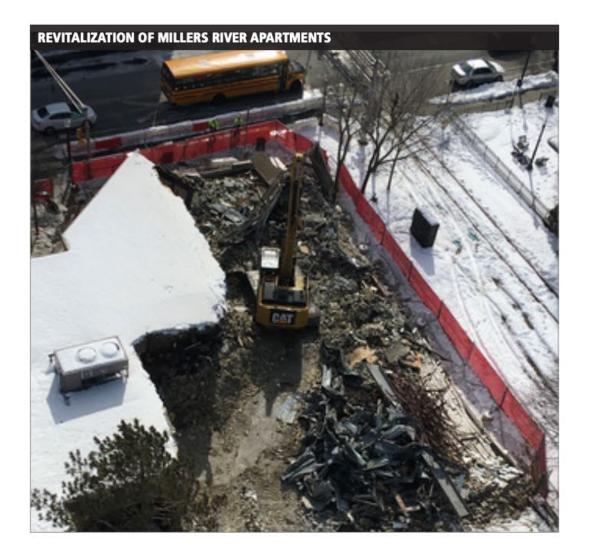






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Millers River nearing the end of construction

Burns Apartments part-way through construction



## **Next Steps**

- Nov 9, 2021: Planning Board hearing at 6:30pm
- Winter 2021: Complete design
- Feb-April 2022: Construction bidding
- Summer 2022: Relocation complete
- Aug 2022: Construction begins (34-38 months)
- **Early 2024:** Residents start returning to new apartments
- Mid 2025: Construction complete

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# Thank you!







#### Site Plan

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