

**SECTION 8**

**GOALS AND  
OBJECTIVES**

**1. PROTECT, MAINTAIN, MANAGE, AND IMPROVE THE CITY OF BOSTON'S OPEN SPACE SYSTEM TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS THAT THIS INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDES.**

- 1.1 Renovate and improve parks according to equitable investment strategies and changing community needs.
- 1.2 Improve park infrastructure that supports expanded park use including restrooms, utilities, signage, and information.
- 1.3 Maintain parks at the highest level.
- 1.4 Actively manage natural areas to provide ecologically healthy, welcoming places for the public to explore nature.
- 1.5 Manage the challenges and opportunities unique to historic parks, burying grounds and other sites of significance.
- 1.6 Develop and maintain sustainable funding sources for maintenance, operations, and programming.
- 1.7 Provide programming and recreation opportunities that build community for people of all ages, promote wellness and park stewardship.
- 1.8 Permit the use of parks in an efficient, effective, and accessible manner that lowers barriers.

**2. SUSTAIN AND EXPAND AN OPEN SPACE SYSTEM THAT IS EQUITABLE, PUBLICLY-OWNED, PERMANENTLY PROTECTED, AND AVAILABLE TO ALL.**

- 2.1 Improve open space access in an equitable manner.
- 2.2 Acquire new property to expand the park system.
- 2.3 Work within the regulatory framework to balance development and density with the provision of open space during the planning and review process.
- 2.4 Actively engage and build relationships with Boston's diverse population.

**3. PROMOTE RESILIENCE BY SUPPORTING THE CRITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE URBAN NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CITY.**

- 3.1 Proactively care for, enhance, and restore the landscape systems and ecological functions within park properties.
- 3.2 Connect resource protection and climate action needs to magnify the impacts of related projects.
- 3.3 Implement and evaluate strategies for park design and maintenance to ensure that parks are resilient in the face of climate change.
- 3.4 Restore the ecological function of natural resource areas.