



Chapter 4

Planning Framework

Introduction

In the spring of 2003, Boston College embarked on a comprehensive strategic planning process to establish the University's institutional priorities. A committee of 200 faculty, staff and students worked to create seven strategic directions to guide the future development of Boston College. Following the completion of the Strategic Plan, Boston College and Sasaki Associates developed a long-term (30-50 year) Campus Master Plan in conjunction with the University community. Throughout this process, Boston College consulted and worked collaboratively with officials from the surrounding municipalities of Boston and Newton, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and the Newton Planning Department, as well as appropriate state agencies. In December, 2007, the University submitted its Institutional Master Plan Notification Form (IMPNF) to the BRA, which represents the culmination of these two significant planning efforts and outlines the next ten years of campus development.

This chapter presents concepts and principles guiding campus planning at the University, its framework within Brighton and Newton, and recent planning efforts undertaken nearby, particularly at the Chestnut Hill Reservation. It includes the design principles and goals of the Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan, campus vision and identity, open space network and a discussion of consistency with applicable Boston zoning codes.

Coordination with the Boston Redevelopment Authority

As recommended in the Scoping Determination for the IMP, the University and its design team have worked in concert with representatives of the BRA and discussed the urban design principles of the IMP and the strategic decisions that led to the proposed future projects.

The meetings allowed BRA urban design staff to offer recommendations and refinements to the IMP that promote high-quality design and achieve Boston College's campus planning goals, while remaining sensitive to the surrounding community. As a result of this process, the University is proposing the following revisions to elements of the IMP.

Housing Adjustments

To meet the consistently expressed desire of the Allston Brighton Boston College Community Task Force, neighbors, elected officials and the BRA for the University to house all of its undergraduate students, Boston College is presenting a revised housing plan that will meet 100 percent of undergraduate demand by adding 670 additional beds of university housing to the existing 610 beds proposed in the IMPNF for a total of 1,280 new beds in this Master Plan cycle. Upon completion of the IMP, Boston College will become the first university in Boston to provide housing for all of its undergraduates who seek it.

To achieve this milestone, Boston College proposes to acquire and convert the apartment building at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue to undergraduate housing. The facility will house 560 undergraduate students and be staffed by resident directors, resident assistants and peer ministers from BC's Office of Residential Life.

In addition, the University will add an additional story and 60 new beds to the proposed residence halls on Shea Field and 50 new beds to the residence halls at More Hall for a total of 110 new beds. As a result, the net total of new beds on the Lower Campus will increase from 110 to 220.

These 1,280 new beds, combined with the University's proposed housing restriction that will restrict BC students from living in one- or two-family homes in Allston-Brighton and Newton upon completion of the housing construction, will have a demonstrable effect on the quality of life in the Allston-Brighton community.

Once all housing construction is completed, 4,700, or 55 percent, of the University's 8,600 beds will be located on 40 acres of the Lower Campus. A total of 500 beds, or 6 percent, will be located on the Brighton Campus. The Lower Campus area will house 120 beds per acre; the Brighton Campus will house 7 beds per acre.

To ease concerns over housing on the Brighton Campus, the University proposes to build 150 beds alongside the main entrance (spine road) to the Brighton Campus off Commonwealth Avenue, during the first phase of construction (years 1-3). The remaining 350 beds proposed for the Brighton Campus will not be built until the third phase, beginning years 7-10.

Most importantly, with the addition of these 1,280 beds, 100 percent of the 8,600 undergraduate students who seek university housing will now be accommodated, creating a dramatically different neighborhood environment in Brighton. With the University's commitment to maintaining undergraduate enrollment at the present level, and its proposal to assist BC employees in buying homes in Allston-Brighton, more students will reside in University housing and greater neighborhood stability will be achieved in this 10-year Master Plan.

Campus Adjustments

Additional adjustments to the plan include:

- The University has eliminated its plan for a 200,00 square foot field house for track and indoor tennis on the Brighton Campus. It will also adjust the location of the baseball field, moving home plate closer to the Edison School and farther away from neighbors' homes on Lane Park.
- The University has moved the location of its Fine Arts District away from the corner of Lake Street and Commonwealth Avenue and closer to the former Cardinal's Residence. It will also no longer pursue a pedestrian walkway over Commonwealth Avenue during this IMP.
- The University has relocated and reconfigured the parking garage on the Brighton Campus away from the Lane Park neighborhood.

Existing Context

Boston College has two campuses located, in whole or in part, within the City of Boston. The Brighton Campus, which lies north of Commonwealth Avenue, is located entirely within the City of Boston. The Chestnut Hill Campus, which lies to the south of Commonwealth Avenue, is located in both Newton and Boston.

The Brighton Campus sits north of Commonwealth Avenue across the street from the Chestnut Hill Campus and is bounded on the east by Foster Street, on the west by Lake Street and on the north by Glenmont Road. It is surrounded on three sides (north, east and west) by residential neighborhoods. The Brighton Campus consists of property formerly owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, which was purchased by Boston College in three transactions in 2004, 2006 and 2007. The Boston College IMP maintains open space on the east and west sides of the Brighton Campus to serve as a buffer for the neighborhood. As with all three campuses, the University is committed to providing a mix of residential, academic and athletic/co-curricular uses and facilities that supports its educational mission.

The Chestnut Hill Campus includes three distinct parts, which reflect the topography of the site: the Upper, Middle and Lower campuses. The Upper Campus located west of College Road and south of Quincy Road in the City of Newton, is composed of student residences and related facilities. Middle Campus, located east of Upper Campus and west of Lower Campus, is also located in the City of Newton and includes the main gate on Commonwealth Avenue and the iconic Gothic campus, and is dedicated to core academic uses and student residences. Lower Campus lies at the lowest elevation between the Middle Campus and the Chestnut Hill Reservoir and Evergreen Cemetery. It is located largely within the City of Boston and contains academic, cultural and athletic facilities, two parking garages, space for student activities, and dining and student residence halls.

The Chestnut Hill Campus has residential neighborhoods to the north, west and south located in the City of Newton. On the east, it is bordered by the Evergreen Cemetery and the Chestnut Hill Reservoir both of which are located in the City of Boston.

The Newton Campus, located on Centre Street in Newton, also contains a mix of academic, residential and athletic/co-curricular facilities. It houses 875 students on 40 acres.

Chestnut Hill Reservation Planning

In 2006, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) completed the Chestnut Hill Reservation Resource Management Plan (RMP) in response to the transfer of management responsibilities for the reservation from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) to DCR in 2002. The reservoir serves as a back-up water supply for the City of Boston and other cities and towns south of the Chestnut Hill area and remains the responsibility of the MWRA along with the Shaft #7 parcel, Gatehouse #2, the dam and all associated water supply equipment. DCR is charged with the management of the surrounding landscape and roadways. The Reservation is also a significant historic resource, with portions listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is designated as a City of Boston Landmark.

As a neighbor and abutter to the Chestnut Hill Reservation, Boston College actively supported DCR's master planning process for this valuable community resource by contributing \$25,000 to help fund the Resource Management Plan and by serving on the Working Group, an advisory committee comprised of community members, elected officials and institutional representatives.

The RMP provides a framework for future management and capital investment, while also defining a common vision for property managers, volunteers and community stakeholders. The plan describes clear management objectives along with prioritized recommendations for operations, capital improvements and potential partnership opportunities.

Because of the proximity of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir to the Lower Campus, both the University and Sasaki Associates acknowledge that the design of future residence halls on the Shea Field site should reflect a sensitivity to the reservoir and incorporate a setback from the existing easement along St. Thomas More Road. Additionally, Boston College will work with the MWRA to develop a design for the Shea Field residence halls that accommodates both BC's housing requirements and the MWRA's need to install new water lines that will provide redundancy in the existing water supply system to better serve the City of Boston.

In addition to participating in the resource management planning process and in community clean-ups of the reservation, Boston College maintains St. Thomas More Road (side adjacent to BC) and the DCR-owned island between More Hall and St. Ignatius Church. Recently, Boston College partnered with DCR on the removal of a number of dead trees along St. Thomas More Road and planted replacement trees to beautify the area.

Planning Boston College's Future

Boston College's Strategic Plan presents the University's priorities and guides the decision-making process in support of the University's mission. Through long-range planning, the

University developed a comprehensive vision for the 30- to 50-year development of its three campuses that reflects the priorities of the Strategic Plan and describes the physical environment desired to meet these objectives.

Strategic Plan

Each decade since 1975, Boston College has engaged in a comprehensive, long-range strategic planning process. In February, 2006, the Board of Trustees approved a Strategic Plan titled “Excellence, Distinction, Leadership: Boston College in the 21st Century,” the result of a two-year assessment and planning process that involved more than 200 faculty, students and staff. This plan contains seven strategic directions, each stemming from an existing strength and flowing directly from the University’s mission, and offering a means of distinguishing Boston College from its peers in critical areas:

- Commit Boston College to becoming the leader in liberal arts education among American universities.
- Develop and implement a student formation program that will be a contemporary model for colleges and universities committed to student formation.
- Identify and support selected research commitments that will achieve excellence and distinction in addressing urgent societal problems.
- Commit targeted resources to selected natural sciences emphases that will establish Boston College as a national leader in these areas.
- Build on the strengths and reputations of Boston College’s professional schools to establish leadership in critical professional areas.
- Become a significant intellectual and cultural crossroads by leveraging Boston College’s international resources and partnerships and its Jesuit and Catholic networks.
- Become the world’s leading Catholic university and theological center.

Campus Vision and Identity

The Campus Master Plan provides Boston College an opportunity to achieve greater excellence by using the distinctiveness of its campus, especially the iconic beauty of the Middle Campus, to reinforce its mission and strategic objectives.

Guiding Principles

The six guiding principles of the Campus Master Plan include:

1. **Create One Campus**—That the former Archdiocesan property become fully integrated with the Boston College campus, and that the 118-acre Chestnut Hill Campus, the 40-acre

Newton Campus and the 65-acre Brighton Campus each provide a notable setting that contributes to the campus learning environment and the life of the University.

2. **Develop Mixed Campus Uses**—That Boston College’s campuses host a mix of academic, residential and co-curricular facilities, and provide civic, spiritual and open-space areas that foster a vibrant and engaged University community.
3. **Emulate the Character of the Middle Campus**—That the new facilities on the Lower and Brighton campuses reflect the distinctive character of the Middle Campus with its combination of Gothic architecture and collegiate open spaces, linked quadrangles and walkways.
4. **Provide Appropriate Campus Density**—That campus development emulate the Middle Campus’ proportion of open space to building space, reflecting the Middle Campus height (4-5 stories) and open-space pattern, while respecting the character of the surrounding community.
5. **Promote Student Formation**—That the Lower and Brighton campuses develop undergraduate student housing reflecting the University’s commitment to student formation that supports intellectual development and responsible student behavior in smaller living communities.
6. **Achieve Sustainability**—That development on each campus achieve higher levels of energy efficiency and champion the natural environment, and that sustainability goals be carefully considered with each project.

Lower Campus (Boston)

A series of linked quadrangles on the Lower Campus is the major new organizing feature of the Master Plan, emulating the successful historic open space progression through the Middle Campus. The main quadrangle and linked courtyards create important “green relief” for this portion of campus, and foster social interaction that is important to the Jesuit educational goal of combining spiritual, intellectual and social pursuits.

Lower Campus will be transformed from surface parking lots and low-density buildings to a distinctive mixed-use district to become the new center of the Boston College campus. The linkage of academics, housing and student life will create an active environment, and the new University Center and Recreation Center will further energize this area. The Recreation Center also builds on its proximity to other athletic and recreational facilities in the southeastern portion of the campus.

Within the 10-year IMP, three new residential areas will be built on Lower Campus, complementing existing residential buildings and creating one of the most densely developed areas of the campus.

Commonwealth Avenue and the Brighton Campus (Boston and Newton)

The vision for this campus area includes new student residences, academic and cultural buildings, and open space development to establish a unique gateway between the City of Boston and Boston College. This area will host a Fine Arts District, including academic, auditorium and museum uses, to be located between Creagh Library and the former Cardinal's residence.

The primary campus pedestrian corridors will connect the new residences north and south of Commonwealth Avenue and extend the pedestrian access to the housing quadrangle in the center of the Brighton Campus. This open space will link to an athletics and recreation district created on the northern portion of the Brighton property, with softball, baseball, intramural fields, support facilities and a parking structure.

Middle, Upper and Newton Campus (Newton)

The academic focus of the Middle Campus will be strengthened by additional buildings on the Campus Green, including a humanities center, new academic space for the Connell School of Nursing and the Graduate School of Social Work, and dining and student-life facilities.

Undergraduate students will continue to be housed in the existing residence halls on the Upper Campus. On the Newton Campus, Smith Hall will be replaced with new academic space, indoor facilities to support the varsity play fields will be built, and additional surface parking will be added adjacent to Alumni House.

Urban Design Guidelines and Objectives

The urban design framework of the Campus Master Plan centers on the following ideals:

- Create a series of memorable open spaces that enhance the image of the campus.
- Build strong pedestrian connections that link the open spaces throughout the campus, especially across Commonwealth Avenue to the Brighton property.
- Respect historic structures by building at a scale comparable with surrounding buildings.
- Continue a strong composition of buildings and open space along primary city streets, such as Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street, with appropriate urban setbacks and strong streetscape design.
- Create strong visual links to the surrounding landscape such as the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, Evergreen Cemetery and Pine Tree Preserve.
- Promote sustainable urban design through such measures as density and connectivity to public transportation.

The following urban design elements establish parameters for proposed buildings, open space and pedestrian and vehicular circulation.

Building Elements

To implement the guiding principles of the Campus Master Plan, mixed-use districts will be created to bring together academic, social, residential and spiritual activities. In addition to the Middle Campus, academic buildings will be located on the Lower Campus and along Commonwealth Avenue. New residential areas will be located on the Brighton Campus and expanded on the Lower Campus. Student life buildings will be located throughout the campus, providing places for social, co-curricular and spiritual interaction.

Existing and proposed buildings will provide strong spatial definition. The façades in these locations will establish positive relationships between indoor and outdoor activities, expressing active uses at the ground floor to enliven the campus environment. The placement of these buildings will provide the appropriate distance from adjacent buildings, open spaces and streets.

Along Commonwealth Avenue, new residential buildings on the More Hall site will include ground-floor retail space appropriate to serve the campus community, opening to street trees and pedestrian amenities along the Avenue. Along Beacon Street, the current setback of McElroy Commons near College Road will be maintained. On both Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street, buildings will be set back to allow views and park-like landscapes to be enjoyed.

The siting of new buildings will create opportunities for open spaces such as large civic spaces that can serve as forums for campus events and gatherings, quadrangles that serve as a backdrop for everyday campus life, small contemplative spaces, and linear open spaces that provide pedestrian circulation.

Access

A system of pedestrian paths will integrate landscapes and uses on campus, connecting distinct spaces and building entrances. Space will be provided for spontaneous meetings at gates, entries and boundaries of public areas.

The vehicular circulation system will provide access within and around the campus. It also establishes linear corridors that frame building lines and edges of open space. The landscape elements of the streets, such as trees, lights and the planting areas for flowers along Linden Lane, are strong form-givers and important elements of the campus urban design framework. To allow a continuous pedestrian pathway system to dominate, vehicular circulation and parking access will be maintained at the campus perimeter.

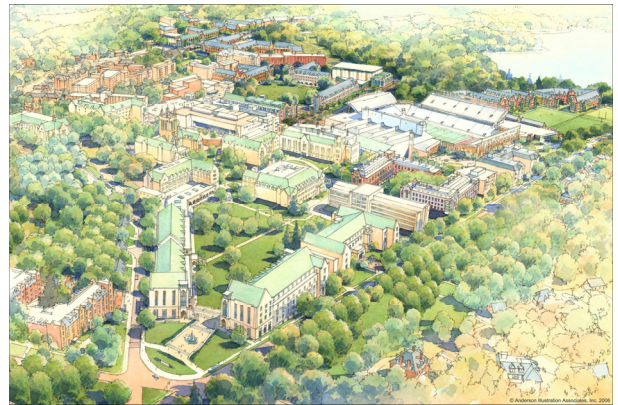
Open Space System and Public Realm

The open space and landscape framework establishes a basis for siting new buildings on campus, creates an organizational hierarchy of campus open spaces, and enhances the overall image of the University. On campus, the open spaces range from public to private, and the landscape encourages interaction with the surrounding neighborhood. Figure 4-1 shows the planned campus open space system for the Chestnut Hill and Brighton campuses. Open space elements are categorized as follows:

City-Campus Interfaces

The Master Plan process identified three opportunities for city-campus connections:

- *Green Gateways* – The University will create four green entry spaces at points where the campus and city come together. The first is at the corner of College Road and Beacon Street, offering meaningful open space and views out to the community and in to the campus. The second is at the corner of Beacon Street and St. Thomas More Road, which similarly invites reciprocal views and creates a foyer for the Chestnut Hill Reservoir on the east side of the roadway. The third space celebrates the corner of Lake Street and Commonwealth Avenue, a gateway to the Brighton Campus for the campus community. The fourth is the opening between the proposed buildings on the More Hall site.
- *Formal Campus Interfaces* – Boston College shares public streets with its communities and proposes a landscape along these shared streets of canopy trees and lawn. The Commonwealth Avenue frontage will continue to represent the front door and main entry to the campus.
- *Natural Landscape Interfaces* – Natural landscape edges maintain a natural vegetative perimeter. These critical areas provide a transitional buffer to neighborhoods and to off-campus natural areas, as evidenced on the Brighton Campus along Lake Street.



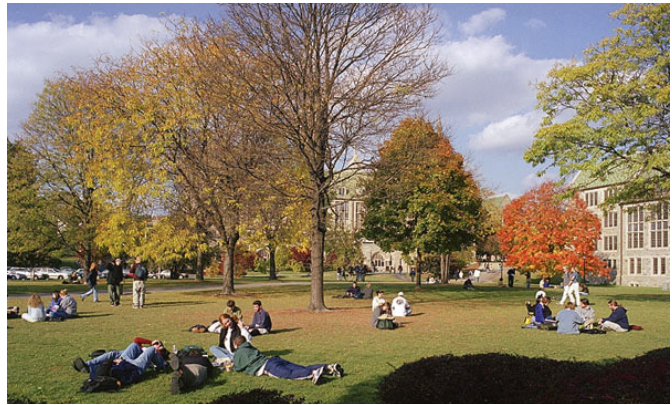
Civic Spaces

Civic spaces, which serve as the primary location for campus events and public gatherings, incorporate both paved and landscaped surfaces that allow multi-purpose programming. These spaces are reserved for pedestrians and service vehicles, and can also accommodate large formal events. The primary civic spaces on campus are a proposed area in front of Alumni Stadium, the expanded plaza on the south side of the new University Center, and an improved O’Neill Plaza.

Quadrangles

Quadrangles are the primary iconic spaces on a Gothic collegiate campus, serving as the forum for everyday campus life. These open spaces are flexible for formal and informal gatherings, including small groups, informal games and large events. Views are oriented into these main quadrangles from various points on campus and framed by landmark building elements. Complementing this active space are multiple points of entry and a strong visual connection to the buildings that surround it.

The primary quadrangles on campus today comprise only nine acres out of the total 220 acres. In the future, quadrangle space will be expanded, and will include improvements to the existing Middle Campus Quadrangle (the Campus Green). The proposed Lower Campus quadrangle will give much-needed respite to approximately 55 acres of land where no open space has existed for decades.



Courtyards

Courtyards are small, intimate spaces that offer opportunity for quiet contemplation. These spaces can serve as exterior meeting and teaching spaces for small groups, as well as places for seating, sculpture and campus art. The IMP proposes to build on the pattern of courtyard spaces currently on campus, locating these new spaces adjacent to proposed residence halls and academic buildings.

Recreation and Athletic Space

In addition to the functional need for various athletic and recreation venues, recreation and athletic spaces are valuable open space amenities and require flat land. New athletic and recreation fields are proposed on existing playing field sites at Shea Field and on the Brighton Campus. Playing fields also exist on the Newton Campus.

Buffers and Preserves

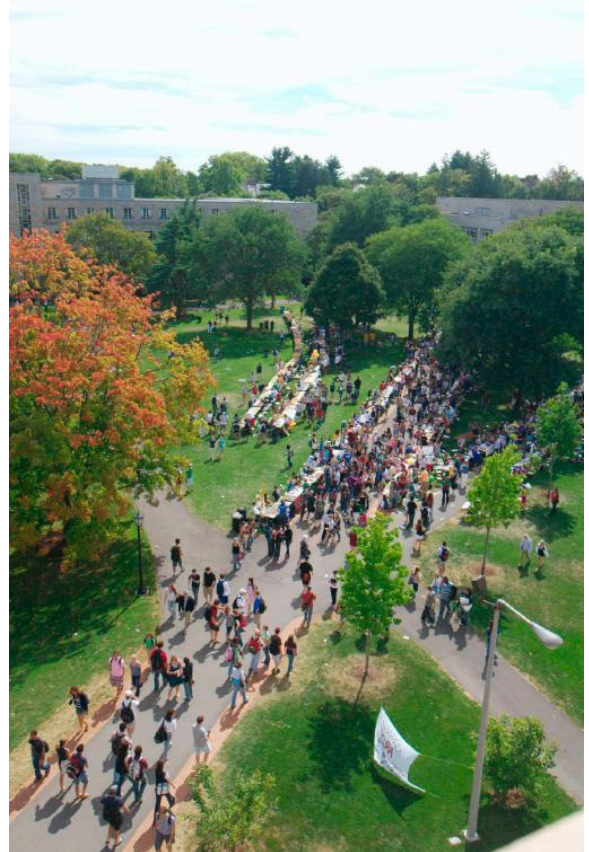
The primary buffer areas and visual landscapes of the Brighton Campus are the steeply wooded slopes alongside Lake Street and the sloped area to the east of the existing gymnasium.

Off campus, buffers and visual open space include the Chestnut Hill Reservoir and adjacent park land, as well as Pine Tree Preserve, open space controlled by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and bounded on two sides by the campus.

Gateways and Streets

The primary gateway to Boston College is located along Commonwealth Avenue at Linden Lane. Gateways also exist at the intersection of Beacon and Hammond Streets and at the intersection of Beacon Street and Chestnut Hill Drive. These gateways provide visual first impressions of the campus at strategic locations and offer a sense of welcome and openness. The measure for gateway and view shed character at Boston College has been set by the view of Linden Lane, one of the most elegant campus streets in the United States.

Secondary gateways are primarily vehicular entrances to the campus. Strategically located at the campus perimeter, these gateways are identified with markers for orientation and are located at St. Thomas More Road at the Recreation Center, the Beacon Street Garage, the entry between Campion Hall and McGuinn Hall, and the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Lake Street.



Main streets within the campus are Linden Lane, Campanella Way and the main entrance (spine road) on the Brighton Campus. Streets shared by the campus and neighborhood provide the primary initial impression and public edge for the campus. Important street corridors include Commonwealth Avenue, St. Thomas More Road, Beacon Street, and Centre Street in Newton. The entry points or gateways to the campus from these streets use landscape features to denote arrival on campus.

Consistency with CPS and Article 29 Zoning

Boston College is located in two zoning designations according to the Boston Zoning Code. While most of the campus in Boston is designated as “Boston College IMP,” the Brighton Campus and Foster Street properties owned by the University are shown as “Conservation Protection Subdistrict.” In addition, Commonwealth Avenue is considered a Greenbelt Roadway under the Greenbelt Protection Overlay District (Article 29). This section provides

an overview of those zoning designations and how the University intends to comply with the intent of the zoning designations.

Conservation Protection Subdistrict

According to the Boston Zoning Code, the underlying zoning of the Brighton Campus property and University-owned property along Foster Street is Conservation Protection Subdistrict (CPS). The CPS zoning outlines 11 such subdistricts in Allston-Brighton. The Brighton Campus is situated within the St. John's Seminary CPS, while the Foster Street properties lie within the Foster Street Hill CPS and Foster Street Rock CPS.

As stated in the Zoning Code, the CPS districts are established to promote the most desirable use of land and siting of development in areas with special natural or scenic features in accordance with a well considered plan, and to protect and enhance the natural and scenic resources of Allston-Brighton. The CPS zoning designation is not meant to be a conservation restriction tool, nor does the CPS zoning require the permanent preservation of land. The CPS does encourage the drafting of a plan for land that is reviewed by the BRA which accounts for the natural and scenic features and considers the most desirable land uses. The CPS zoning also provides an extensive list of allowed, conditional and forbidden land uses. Since Boston College is seeking to rezone the Brighton Campus and the Foster Street properties as Boston College IMP zoning, the use and dimensional regulations within the CPS will not apply. The CPS zoning is proposed to be superseded by a Boston College IMP zoning designation. This IMP provides the proposed future projects and their appropriate dimensional characteristics envisioned within the CPS district.

While the CPS zoning on the three CPS properties will be altered, the University expects to preserve the important natural and scenic features within the CPS. The University acknowledges that the Brighton Campus and Foster Street properties have unique natural features which further the beauty of the Brighton community. Development proposed at the Brighton Campus and Foster Street properties will respect the scenic beauty of the land to the extent feasible. As described in various portions of this IMP, the proposed future projects and improvements associated with the Brighton Campus and Foster Street properties advance this objective, including:

- Maintaining the western portion of Lake Street and Commonwealth Avenue site
- Maintaining the wooded area along Lake Street
- Maintaining the eastern portion of the sloped area north of the former Cardinal's Residence
- Siting new residence halls on the STM library parking area
- Restoring and re-using existing buildings to the extent feasible
- Siting the proposed auditorium on an existing parking area
- Maintaining the playing fields as athletic space

Greenbelt Protection Overlay District (Article 29)

Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code describes the City's Greenbelt Protection Overlay District (GPOD). As stated in the Zoning Code, the purposes of the GPOD are to preserve and protect the amenities of the City of Boston; to preserve and enhance air quality by protecting the supply of vegetation and open space along the city's Greenbelt Roadways; to enhance and protect the natural scenic resources of the city; to protect the City's Greenbelt Roadways from traffic congestion and to abate serious and present safety concerns. The GPOD is not intended to impose conservation restrictions or specifically designate land for permanent protection. According to the zoning map, Commonwealth Avenue is one of the roadways that lie within the GPOD, thus considered a Greenbelt Roadway.

The University, as shown within this IMP, plans to improve the rich character of Commonwealth Avenue as it is the main gateway from Boston to the campus. As described earlier in this chapter, Boston College met with and received feedback from urban design staff at the BRA about the University's proposals along Commonwealth Avenue. Boston College will provide additional project details to City agencies as development proposals advance along Commonwealth Avenue.

Public Planning Process

Boston College remains committed to engaging the community in an open dialogue and inclusive process that gathers input from interested stakeholders in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus. The University has established ongoing communications with the community and has identified areas where the University and its neighbors can agree on ways to resolve issues.

Throughout the long-range planning process and the development of the 10-year IMP, the University has consulted and worked collaboratively with officials from Boston and Newton, the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the Newton Planning and Development Department, as well as appropriate state agencies. There has also been an extensive community outreach, including the Allston Brighton Boston College Community Task Force and the Boston College-Newton Neighborhood Council. A comprehensive list of the community outreach efforts undertaken by Boston College appears in Table 4-1, including major topics addressed at each meeting. This outreach has included public meetings, newspaper advertisements, a design charette, abutters meetings to discuss the purchase of the Brighton Campus, site tours and the creation of a Boston College IMP website (www.bc.edu/imp).

Allston Brighton Boston College Community Task Force

Since 2004, Boston College has met with the Allston Brighton Boston College Community Task Force, an advisory committee set up by the City of Boston to advise the City and Boston College on the University’s development plans. The University meets with the Task Force on a monthly basis as part of a thorough consensus-building process to find common ground for Boston College’s development of both its Chestnut Hill and Brighton campuses. The Task Force is made up of residents of the local community and the current chairwoman is Jean Woods. The Task Force is assisted by representatives of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services (MONS) and the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Notes from recent meetings and the schedule of future meetings can be found on the Boston College website at www.bc.edu/imp.

Table 4-1 Community Outreach

Date	Event/Activity	Subject
2008		
June 16, 2008	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	10-Year IMP: Student Housing
June 4, 2008	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	10-Year IMP: Jesuit Housing, Brighton Athletics Center, and Fine Arts District
May 14, 2008	Boston Redevelopment Authority	Urban Design Meeting with John Palmieri, Boston City Hall
May 7, 2008	BRA	Urban Design Meeting with BRA Staff, Boston City Hall
April 30, 2008	Boston Landmarks Commission	BC Tour of Brighton Campus
April 22, 2008	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Public Meeting for Master Plan Amendment, BRA’s Overview of Scoping Determination, and Review and Update on the Public Process
April 22, 2008	BRA	Environmental Sustainability Presentation with the BRA Staff, Boston City Hall
April 16, 2008	BRA	Urban Design Meeting with BRA Staff, Boston City Hall
April 14, 2008	BRA	Boston Water & Sewer Commission Meeting with Chief Engineer & Staff, BWSC Headquarters, 980 Harrison Avenue

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Date	Event/Activity	Subject
April 3, 2008	BRA	BC Tour and Urban Design with the BRA Staff, St. William's Hall
March 3, 2008	BRA	Urban Design Meeting with BRA Staff, Boston City Hall
January 31, 2008	Waterworks Condominiums	10 Year IMP
January 31, 2008	Chestnut Hill Association	10-Year IMP
January 29, 2008	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Open Space, Academic Uses, and Summary
January 22, 2008	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Presentation on Housing
January 16, 2008	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Presentation Transportation and Parking
January 10, 2008	Boston College-Newton Neighborhood Council Meeting	Update on Ten-year Master Plan
January 8, 2008	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Presentation on Athletic Facilities
January 8, 2008	City of Boston – Department Staff	BRA Scoping Session
2007		
December 18, 2007	Portina Road Community	10-year IMP
December 4, 2007	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	10-year IMP
October 16, 2007	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Amendment and Student Behavior Updates; Allston Brighton Scholarship Program
September 18, 2007	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	ISD on Overcrowding; Bishop Peterson Hall and Seminary Library Renovations; Removal of Dead/Diseased trees on Brighton Campus
August 21, 2007	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Update on IMP Status and Presentation on Student Behavior Program
July 16, 2007	Institutional Master Plan (IMP) website launched	
June 26, 2007	Newton Mayor David Cohen	Update on Long-Term Vision Plan and IMP
June 26, 2007	Newton-Boston College Neighborhood Council	Update on Long-Term Vision Plan and IMP
June 19, 2007	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Update on Brighton Property Acquisition
May 15, 2007	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Brighton Campus tour and housing discussion led by Sasaki

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Date	Event/Activity	Subject
May 10, 2007	Brighton Allston Improvement Association (BAIA)	Presentation of Long-Term Vision Plan
April 25, 2007	Allston Brighton Boston College Taskforce Sub-committee Meeting	Athletic Fields, Tennis Center and Parking Garage
February 20, 2007	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Follow-up Presentation by Sasaki on Long-Range Campus Master Plan and Discussion
January 16, 2007	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Overview and discussion of Institutional Master Plan process and Introduction of VHB planners hired by BC to prepare IMP
2006		
December 6, 2006	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Follow-up Presentation by Sasaki on Long-Range Campus Master Plan and Discussion
October 11, 2006	Boston College-Newton Neighborhood Council Meeting	Sasaki Presentation on Long-Range Campus Master Plan
October 10, 2006	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Presentation by Sasaki on Long-Range Campus Master Plan and Discussion
October 5, 2006	City of Newton Briefing Session to Newton Mayor Cohen, Director of Planning Michael Kruse & Staff	Sasaki Presentation Long-Range Campus Master Plan
July 17, 2006	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Update on Campus Master Plan and Vote on Amendment
June 19, 2006	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Update on Campus Master Plan and Discussion of Amendment
June 19, 2006	Meeting with BRA (Director Mark Maloney & Staff) and Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (MONS)	Presentation on Long-Range Campus Master Plan by Sasaki
June 7, 2006	BRA/MONS Briefing Session	Long-Range Campus Master Plan
June 1, 2006	Brighton Allston Improvement Association (BAIA) Meeting	Update on Campus Master Plan and Discussion of Amendment
May 5, 2006	BRA	Master Plan Amendment Scoping Session
April 6, 2006	Chestnut Hill Association Meeting	
March 23, 2006	Brighton-Allston Jewish Coalition Meeting	
February 25, 2006	Community Master Plan Workshop for Boston and Newton Communities	

Table 4-1 Community Outreach (Continued)

Date	Event/Activity	Subject
February 21, 2006	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	
February 8 & 9, 2006	Public Meeting	Update on Campus Master Plan & Discussion of Master Plan Amendment
January 24, 2006	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Update on Long-Range Master Plan & Discussion of Master Plan Amendment
2005		
November 15, 2005	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	
October 18, 2005	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Presentation by Executive Vice President Pat Keating on Strategic Plan and discussion
September 20, 2005	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Introduction of Sasaki Team and Discussion of Scope and Process for Long-Range Campus Master Plan
August 2005	Individual Meetings with Councilor Jerry McDermott, Senator Steven Tolman, Representative Kevin Honan, and Representative Michael Moran	Announced Selection of Sasaki and Discussion of Master Plan Process and Schedule
August 11, 2005	Meeting with Michael Kruse, Planning Director, City of Newton	Announced selection of Sasaki as Campus Master Planning Firm and Discussion of Process and Schedule
August 5, 2005	Meeting with BRA and Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services	Overview of Strategic Plan, Discuss Scope of Campus Plan and Tour Campus, Boston College, Yawkey Center
July 2005	Sasaki begins work on long-range campus plan; holds meetings with various BC constituency groups	
June 30, 2005	Meeting with Boston Redevelopment Authority	Discuss Selection of Sasaki and Proposed Schedule for Long-Range Campus Plan
June 21, 2005	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Announced Selection of Sasaki as Campus Master Planning firm
April 19, 2005	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	
February 15, 2005	Allston Brighton Task Force Only Meeting	

Table 4-1 Community Outreach (Continued)

Date	Event/Activity	Subject
2004		
November 16, 2004	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	
October 19, 2004	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	
September 21, 2004	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	
August 17, 2004	Allston Brighton Task Force Only Meeting	Worked on position letter to Boston College
July 20, 2004	Allston Brighton Task Force Only Meeting	Worked on position letter to Boston College
June 8, 2004	Meeting with Boston College Employees who are Allston Brighton Residents	
June 5, 2004	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	Worked on position letter to Boston College
May 18, 2004	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	
May 12, 2004	Neighborhood/Abutter Meetings Following Brighton Campus Purchase	
May 10, 2004	Neighborhood/Abutter Meetings Following Brighton Campus Purchase	
May 6, 2004	Neighborhood/Abutter Meetings Following Brighton Campus Purchase	
May 5, 2004	Neighborhood/Abutter Meetings Following Brighton Campus Purchase	
April 20, 2004	Allston Brighton Task Force Meeting	