

Educational Fact Sheet



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NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Davis Square Neighborhood Plan City of Somerville

Project Overview

The Davis Square Neighborhood Plan will help guide future decisions about growth, public space, transportation, accessibility, infrastructure, housing, economic vitality, and climate resilience in Davis Square. The planning process will produce an implementable 10-year strategy aimed at achieving a collective neighborhood vision.



Mapping the future of Davis Square: The defined project boundary for a 10-year planning strategy.

Project History

Davis Square has been a community planning priority since 2013. Over the past thirteen years, neighbors, residents, and local stakeholders have shaped six different plan versions, alternating in focus between a comprehensive neighborhood plan and a more targeted commercial area plan. As we relaunch this effort, we're building on

that rich history of community input while recognizing that Davis Square today looks and feels different than it did a decade ago. Rather than starting over or trying to recapture the past, this plan celebrates the work that came before and uses it as a foundation for charting a fresh path forward.

Key Focus Areas

Infrastructure and Climate

- Strengthening Davis Square's social, cultural, and commercial identity
- Supporting local businesses and neighborhood activity
- Identifying opportunities for more housing, with an emphasis on affordability

Mobility and Public Space

- Improving streets, sidewalks, public spaces, mobility, and accessibility
- Coordinating with the MBTA on transit access and station-area connections
- Planning for construction and public realm improvements to minimize disruption

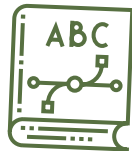
Community and Economy

- Assessing infrastructure needs, including flooding, sewer capacity, and future development impacts
- Integrating climate, sustainability, tree canopy, and heat mitigation goals

What The Plan Will Do



Define a community vision for the neighborhood



Provide a roadmap of actionable steps that will implement the plan over a 10-year timeframe



Create simple sketches to illustrate project concepts

What The Plan Will **Not** Do

- Mandate specific uses or projects on private land
- Focus on social services
- Guarantee a full buildout (i.e., the neighborhood developed to its maximum capacity)
- Produce construction documents