Fairhaven 40R Planning Working Group Meeting #2 October 5, 2022



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Landscape Architecture and Planning



Agenda

Time	Topic
4:30 PM	Welcome
4:35 PM	Workshop Planning
4:45 PM	Continue Shared Fact-Finding about the Study Area
5:15 PM	Small Group Activities: Map Activities and Discussion
6:00 PM	Report back-Results of Small Group Work
6:25 PM	Closing thoughts, next steps

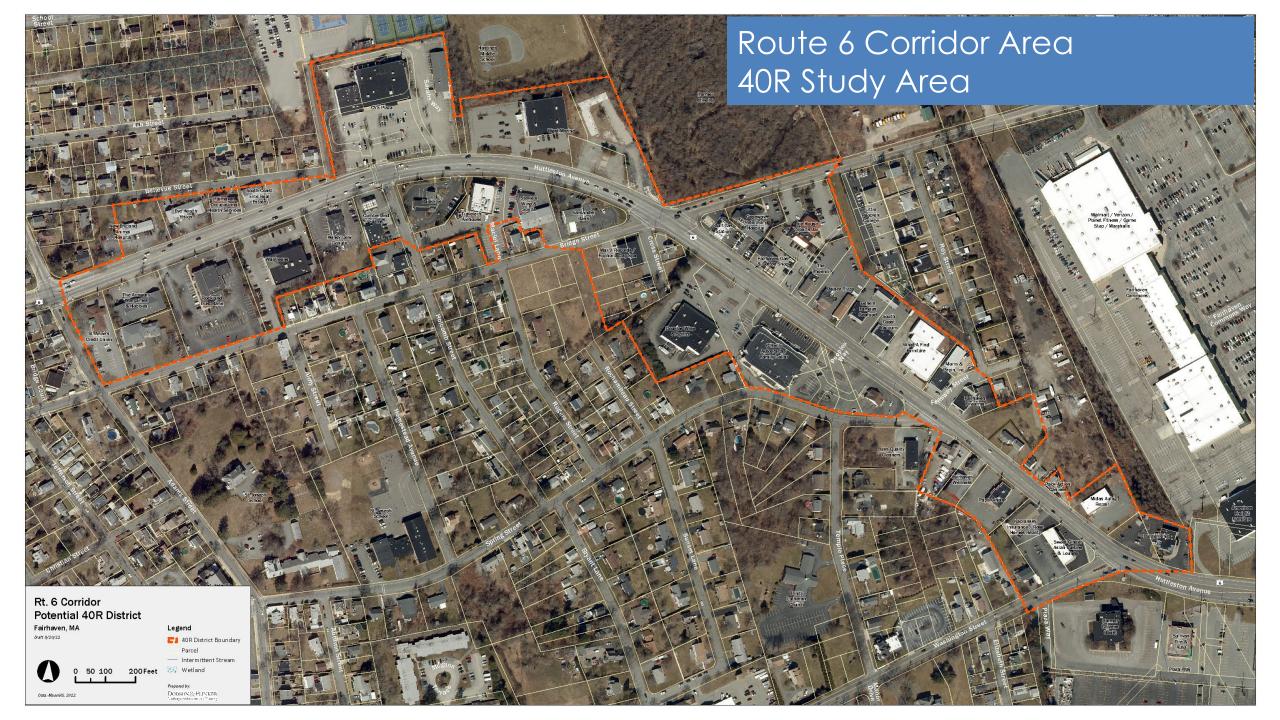
INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT

Working Group Process

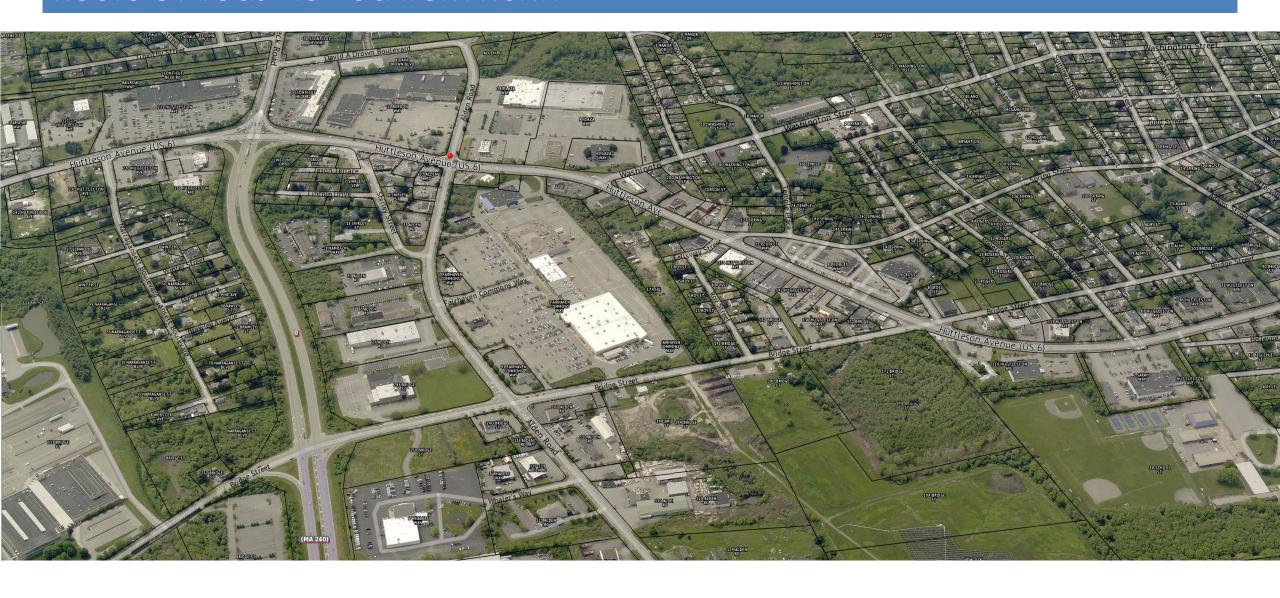
- The Town is developing 40R Overlay Districts for several areas
- The Working Group Process will help develop a vision for the study area
 - How can the area best serve the town's needs and goals?
 - What kind of changes are desirable (types of development, transportation improvements, open space improvements, etc.)?
 - What are appropriate densities and design characteristics for various sub-areas?
 - District and sub-district boundaries, streets, building types/sizes, open spaces, etc.
 - The Vision will shape the 40R zoning and its design guidelines/standards
 - The Vision may also reveal other implementation actions. For example, necessary transportation improvements, open space improvements, programming, changes to base zoning.
- Following the Working Group Process, the Consultant Team will draft the 40R Overlay Zoning and the design guidelines/standards (Phase 2)

Route 6/240 Plaza Area 40R Study Area



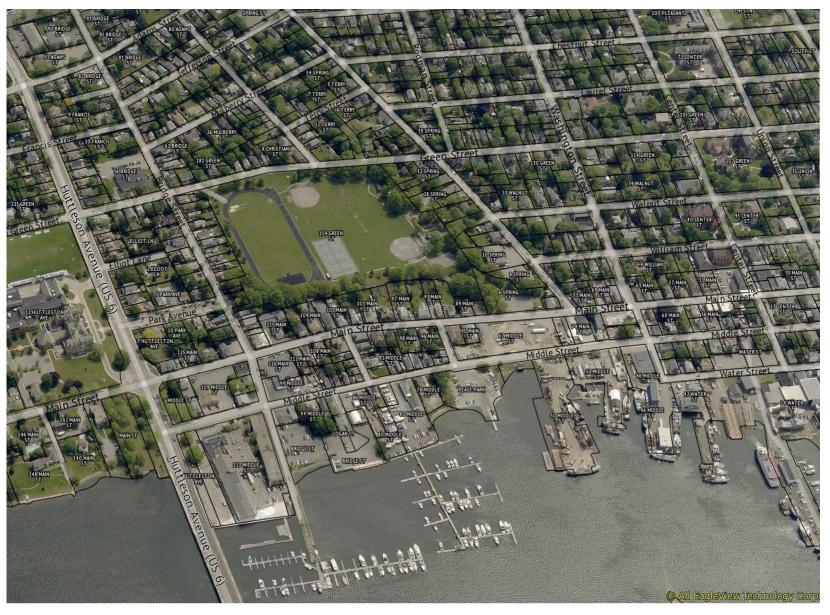


Route 6 Areas viewed from north





Waterfront-Main/Middle 40R Study Area



FAIRHAVEN 40R DISTRICT PLANNING WORKSHOP (11/4-11/5)

Friday Afternoon—Walking/Driving Workshop







Friday Night—Listening Workshop









Saturday Morning—Visioning Workshop Stations













Friday, Nov	ember 4,	2022
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Friday, November 4, 2	2022	
Site Tour, 3-4:30 PM Meet at: [to be determined]	3:00-4:30PM	Driving Tour—Waterfront, Route 6 Corridor, Route 6/240 Plaza Area
Listening Workshop, 5:30-8:00 PM Location: Town Hall Auditorium	5:30 PM	Get food and get settled. Eat during welcome and presentation.
	6:00 PM	Welcome (by local official)
	6:05 PM	Introduction to the Project. Presentation of existing conditions in the study area, intro to visioning process, the evening's agenda.
	6:30 PM	Small Group Discussion
		Break into small groups to discuss strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities and trends in the study areas. Each group will have a base map and markers to note responses to questions.
	7:30 PM	Report Back/Large Group Discussion
		 Groups present summary of key issues and opportunities (using maps and notes).
		 Facilitated discussion to identify top strengths to build on, issues to address, and opportunities to pursue, etc.
	7:55 PM	Closing Thoughts and reminder to attend next day
	8:00 PM	End

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Visioning Workshop, 9AM-12PM

Location: Town Hall Auditorium

9:00 AM Welcome

9:10 AM Presentation

9:40 AM Small Group Design Exercises

4 Stations for 20 minutes each. Plus 10 minutes for transition time.

- 1. Design Strategies for Development (Visual Preference Survey)
 Participants put green or red dots on images of buildings/land uses that they think are appropriate (green dot) or inappropriate (red dot) for the study areas. Then discuss the results.
- 2. Diagramming Improvements: Development, Streets, Parking, Open Space, Trails, Placemaking

Participants work with a facilitator to mark up a map of the study areas with ideas for improvements and to prioritize which will be most important for the future.

- **3. Modeling 1, Waterfront:** Using a 1"=40' scale model of the Waterfront study area, participants work with a designer to explore opportunities for infill development, street, parking, open space, and pedestrian improvements, etc. After each group finishes, the resulting model and/or sketches are photographed for final presentation.
- **4. Modeling 2, Route 6/240 Plaza Area:** Using a 1"=40' scale model of the area around the Route 6/240 intersection, participants work with a designer to explore opportunities for infill development, street, parking, open space, and pedestrian improvements, etc. After each group finishes, the resulting model and/or sketches are photographed for final presentation.

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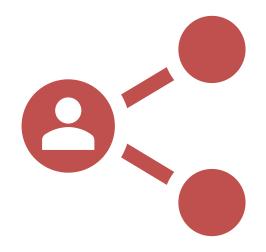
Location: Town Hall Auditorium

11:10 AM	Results of Design Exercises Facilitators (with assistance from local participants) present the results from each of the stations.
11:30 AM	Group Discussion—key themes and ideas from the workshop
11:55 AM	Closing Comments
12:00 PM	End

Working Group's Role

Promote the Workshop

- _o Talk to friends, neighbors, people you run into
- Post on social media
- Promote through email lists



Attend the Workshop

Pay special attention to listening



SHARED FACT-FINDING

Shared Fact Finding Discussion Topics

- What are the key questions that need to be answered to make decisions about the vision for the study area?
- How much do we need to know in order to find a consensus?
- What are the study areas' key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats?

Parcels in Study Area

Waterfront

93 parcels

23.0 acres

Mean parcel size: 0.25 ac

Median: 0.13 acres

Rt 6 Corridor

50 parcels

36.7 acres

Mean parcel size: 0.72 ac

Median: 0.56 acres

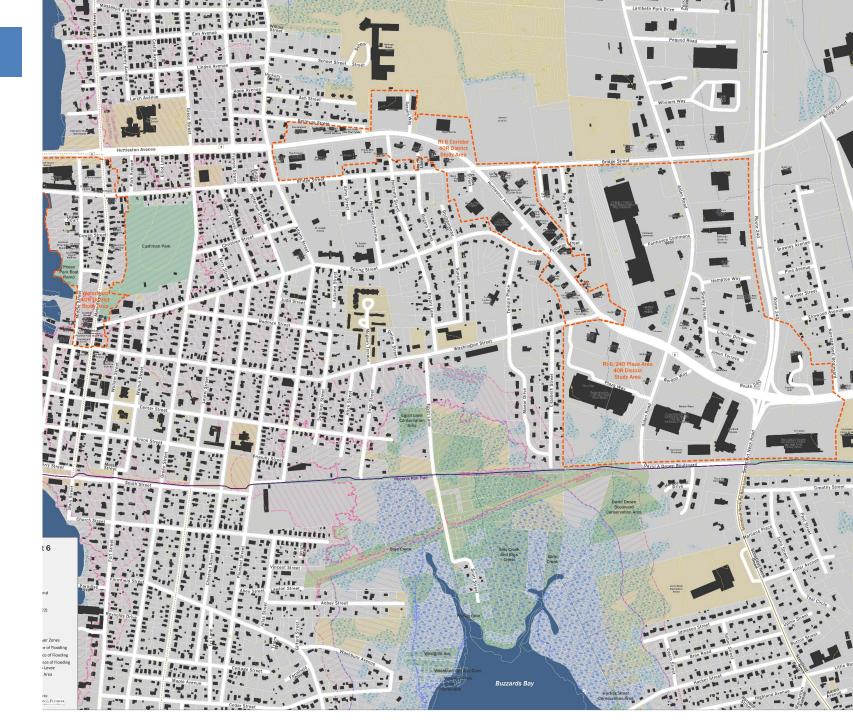
Rt 6/240 Plaza Area

63 parcels

136.9 acres

Mean parcel size:1.6 ac

Median: 0.28 acres



Land Cover-Land Use

Legend

Residential - Single Family

Residential - Multi-Family

Residential - Other

Commercial

Industrial

Mixed Use - Primarily Residential

Mixed Use - Primarily Commercial

Mixed Use - Other

Other Impervious

Right-of-way

Cultivated

Pasture, Hay

Developed Open Space

Deciduous Forest

Evergreen Forest

Grassland

Scrub/Shrub

Bare Land

Forested Wetland

Non-forested Wetland

Saltwater Wetland

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Unconsolidated Shore

Aquatic Bed



Open Space and Scenic Resources

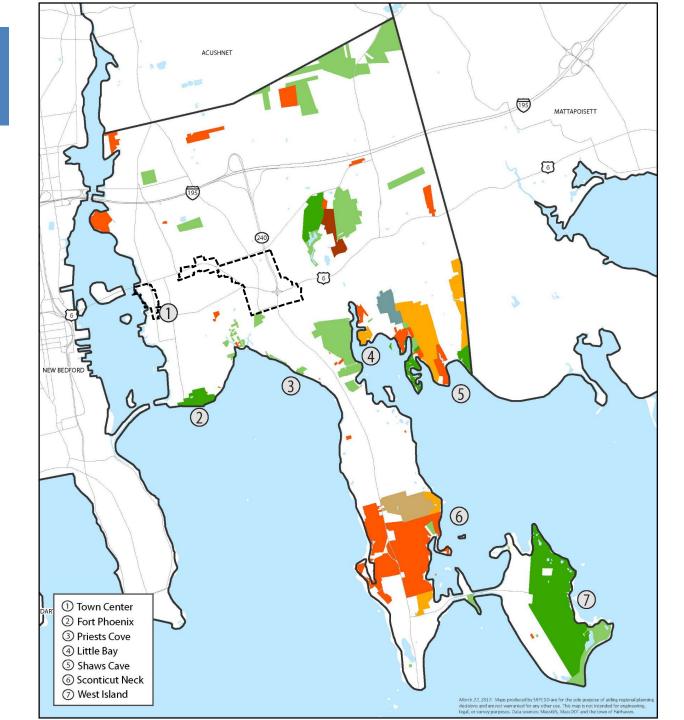
Source: Fairhaven Open Space and Recreation Plan, 2017-2024

Legend

- Protected State & Federal Lands
- Protected Municipal Lands
- Agricultural Preservation Restriction
- Municipal Conservation Restriction
- Land Trust Properties
- Land Trust Conservation Restriction (CR)
- Land Trust/Municipal Conservation Rest
- Municipal Boundaries
- Interstates
- Arterials and Collectors
- Local Roads



1 mile



Open Space Waterfront Study Area

40R District Study Areas: Waterfront, Rt 6 Corridor, and Rt 6/240 Plaza Area

Fairhaven, MA

Legend

51 Study Area

Road (MassDOT 2022)

Structure (MassGIS 2022) Contours: 9.8 feet (3m) (MassGIS 2003)

Parcels (MassGIS 2022)

Parcel

Town-owned Parcel

Easement

Water & Wetlands (MassDEP 2019)

Open Water

Perennial Stream

--- Intermittent Stream

Wetland

Salt Wetland

Open Space (MassGIS 2022)

Municipal Conservation Land

Recreational Town Park

Bike Infrastructure (SRPEDD 2022)

- Off-road Bike Path

Bike Lane

--- Proposed Bike Lane

FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer Zones

Zone AE: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding

Zone X: 0.2% Annual Chance of Flooding

Zone X*: 0.2% Annual Chance of Flooding
*with Reduced Risk Due to Levee

Zone VE: High Risk Coastal Area

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100 200 400 Feet

Data: MassGIS, 2022

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NEW--- Route 6 - 6 -------- Huttleston Avenue BEDFORD Marine Park Cushman Park New Bedford Harbor

Open Space Route 6 Corridor Study Area

40R District Study Areas: Waterfront, Rt 6 Corridor, and Rt 6/240 Plaza Area Fairhaven, MA Legend Open Space (MassGIS 2022) **51** Study Area Municipal Conservation Land Road (MassDOT 2022) Recreational Town Park Structure (MassGIS 2022) Contours: 9.8 feet (3m) Bike Infrastructure (SRPEDD 2022) (MassGIS 2003) - Off-road Bike Path Parcels (MassGIS 2022) Bike Lane Parcel --- Proposed Bike Lane Town-owned Parcel FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer Zones Easement Zone AE: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding Water & Wetlands (MassDEP 2019) Zone X: 0.2% Annual Chance of Flooding Open Water ▼▼ Zone X*: 0.2% Annual Chance of Flooding Perennial Stream *with Reduced Risk Due to Levee --- Intermittent Stream Zone VE: High Risk Coastal Area Wetland Salt Wetland Data: MassGIS, 2022

100 200

400 Feet

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Flooding

Source: Fairhaven MVP Summary of Findings (2020)

Legend

- Roads

▲ Sewer Pump Station

▲ Sewer Wastewater Treatment Plant

FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer

Flood Zone Designations

A: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding, no BFE

AE: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding, with BFE

AE: Regulatory Floodway

AH: 1% Annual Chance of 1-3ft Ponding, with Bl

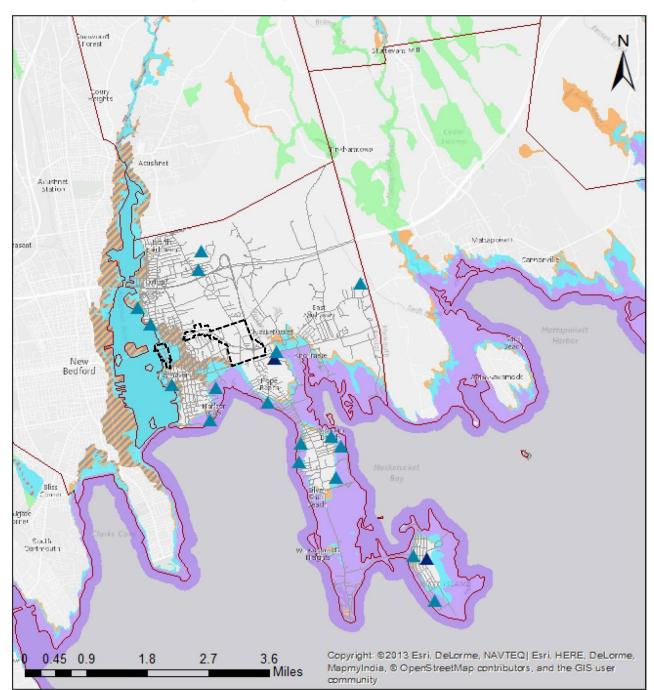
VE: High Risk Coastal Area

X: 0.2% Annual Chance of Flooding

X: Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee

Source: FEMA, People GIS

Figure A-11: Special Flood Hazard Areas



Flooding

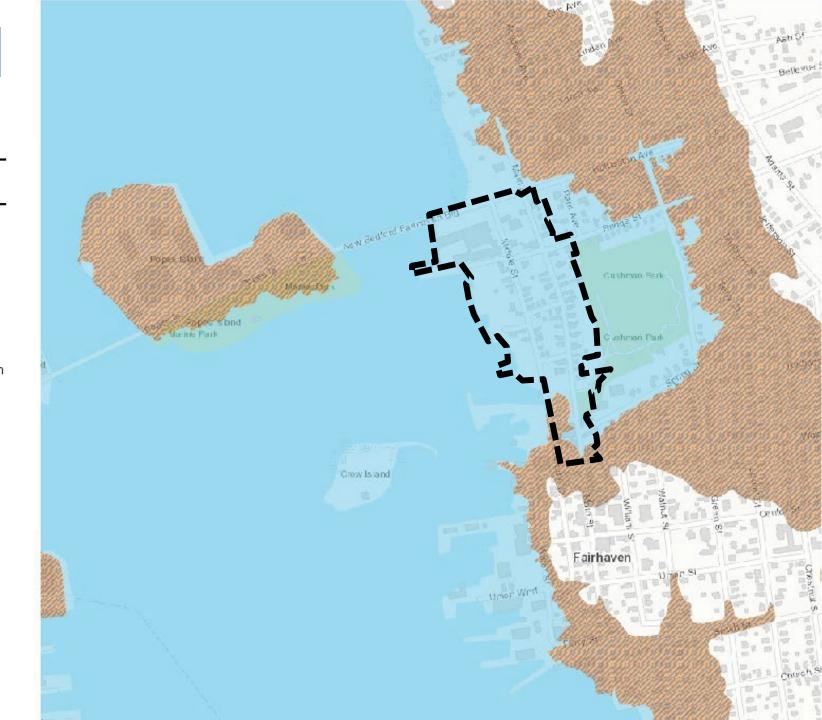
Source: Resilient MA

Flood Zones (DFIRM)

Legend:

- 📕 A: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding, no BFE
- AE: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding, with BFE
- AE: Regulatory Floodway
- AH: 1% Annual Chance of 1-3ft Ponding, with BFE
- A0: 1% Annual Chance of 1-3ft Sheet Flow Flooding, with Depth
- VE: High Risk Coastal Area
- D: Possible But Undetermined Hazard
- X: 0.2% Annual Chance of Flooding
- X: 1% Drainage Area

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- X: Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee
- Area Not Included
- Area with no DFIRM Paper FIRMs in Effect



Sea Level Rise

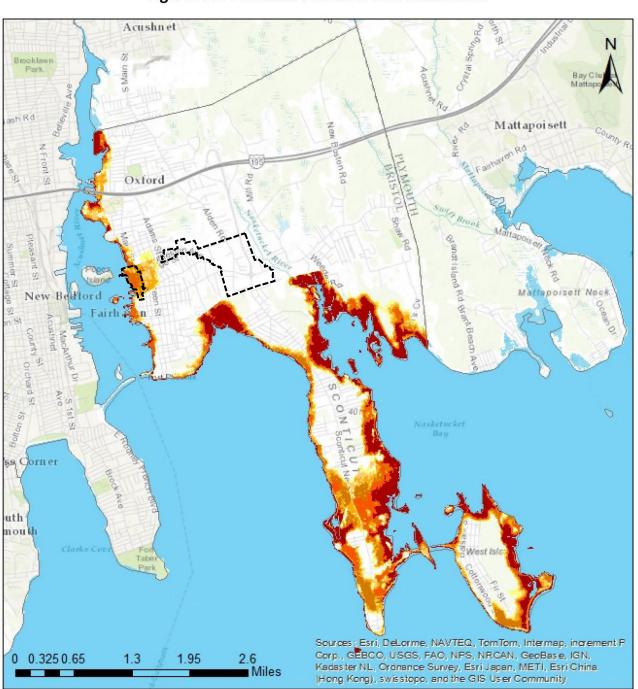
Source: Fairhaven MVP Summary of Findings (2020)

Legend



Source: NOAA

Figure A-3: Potential Sea Level Rise Inundation



Sea Level Rise, 0 FT

Source: Resilient MA

Sea Level Rise & Coastal Flooding (NOAA)

Layer:

Sea Level Rise ❤

Legend

How-lying Areas
Area Not Mapped



Sea Level Rise, 2 FT

Source: Resilient MA

Sea Level Rise & Coastal Flooding (NOAA)

Layer:

Sea Level Rise ❤

Legend

Fow-lying Areas

Area Not Mapped



Sea Level Rise, 3 FT

Source: Resilient MA

Sea Level Rise & Coastal Flooding (NOAA)

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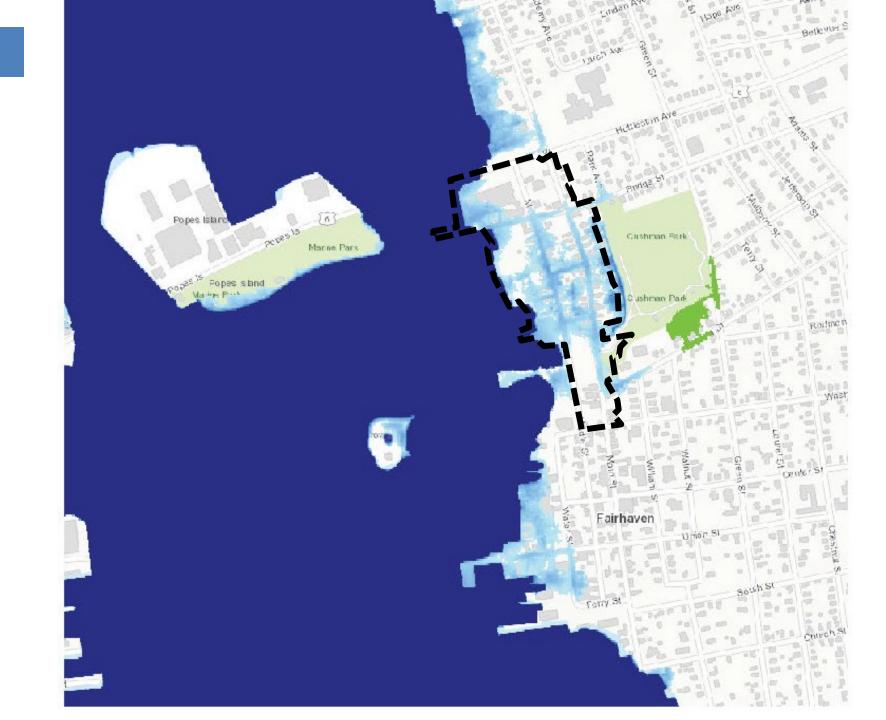
Sea Level Rise 🕶

Legend

Water Depth

Low-lying Areas

Area Not Mapped



Sea Level Rise, 4 FT

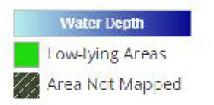
Source: Resilient MA

Sea Level Rise & Coastal Flooding (NOAA)

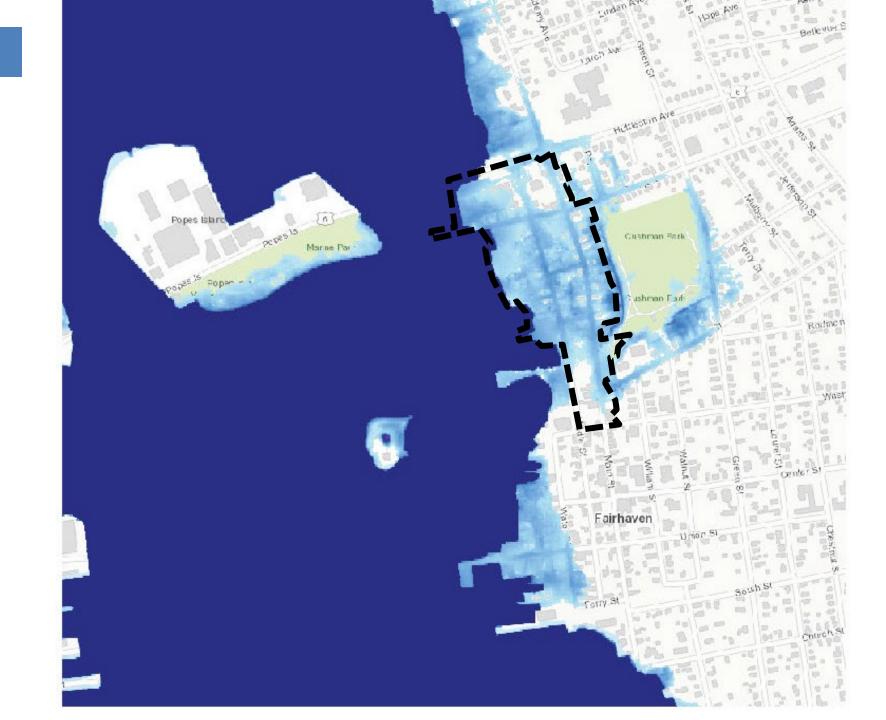
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Sea Level Rise 🕶

Legend



4 ft is likely maximum sea level rise by 2100 according to MVP Summary of Findings



Sea Level Rise, 6 FT

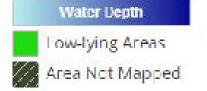
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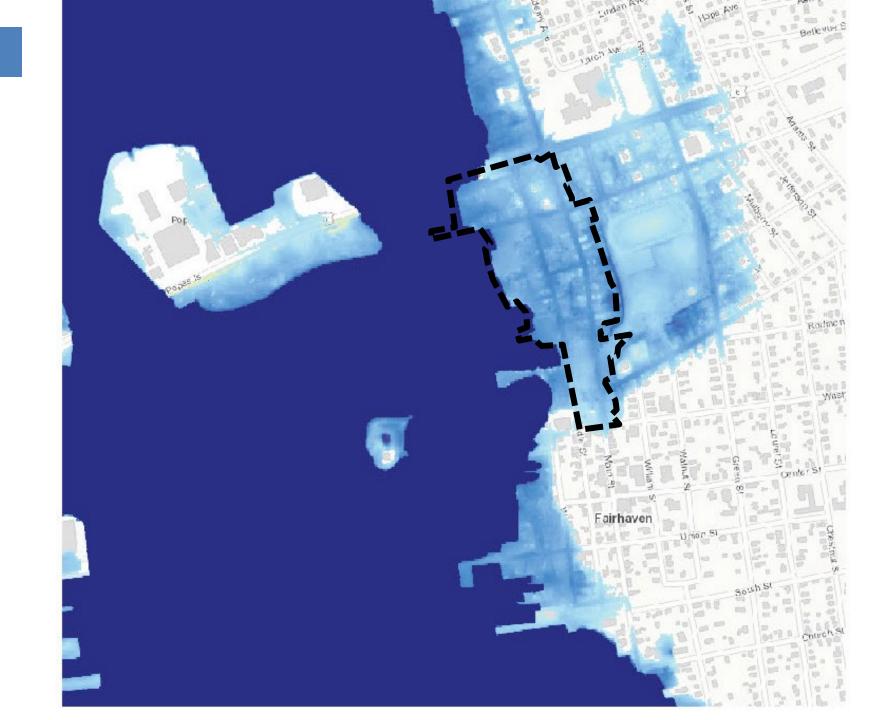
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Layer:

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Legend





Flooding

Source: Fairhaven MVP Summary of Findings (2020)

Legend

Worst-case Hurricane Surge Inundation Zones Hurricane Category

Category 1

Category 2

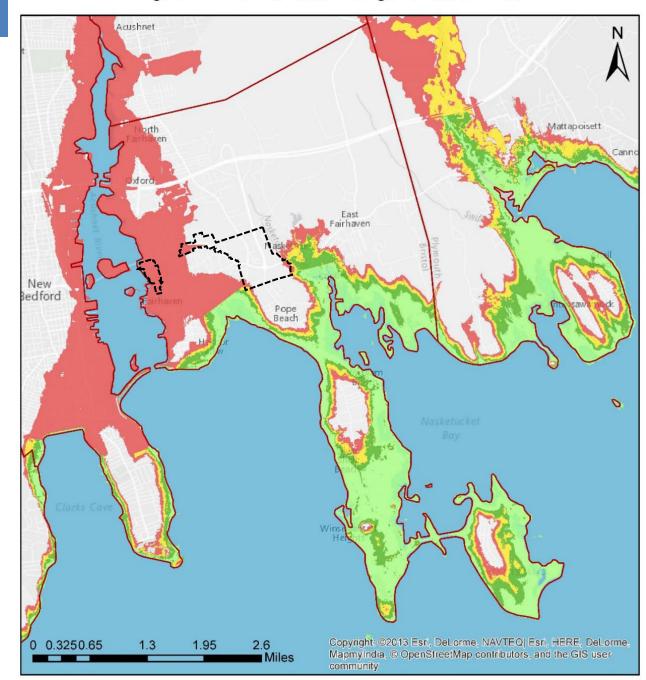
Category 3

Category 4

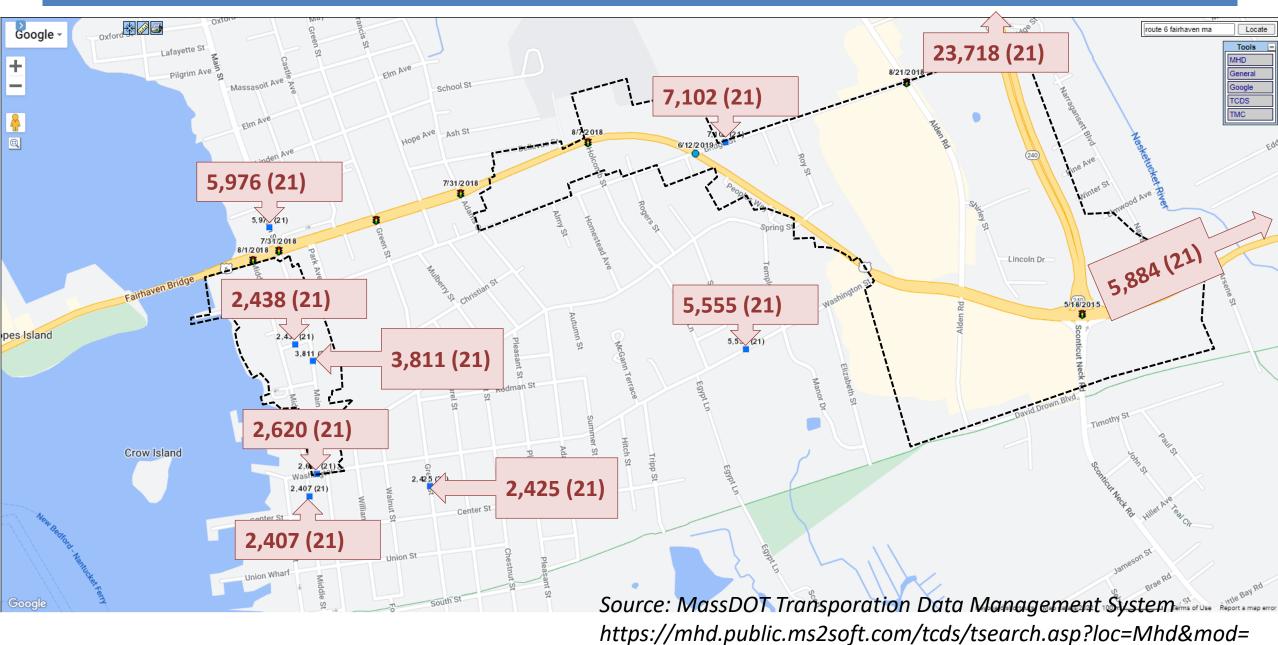
Town Boundary

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District

Figure A-12: Hurricane Storm Surge Inundation Areas



Transportation-Traffic Counts



Transportation-Bicycle Facilities

Legend

Proposed Bicycle Facilities - copy

Class Status

---- 4 proposed off road (protected bike lane)

---- 5 proposed bike lane (bike lane)

6 proposed sharrow/signage (shared lane marking)

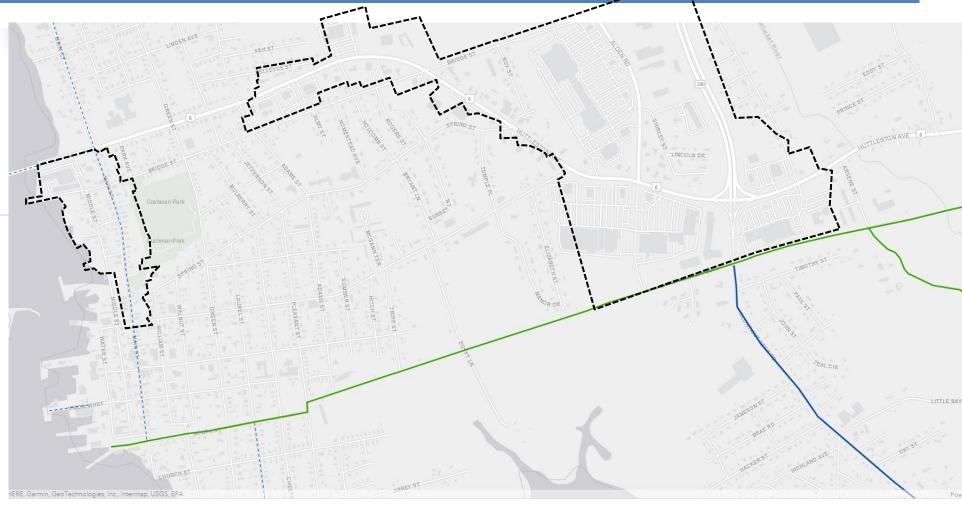
Existing Bicycle Facilities

Class Status

1 Existing off road (protected bike lane)

2 Existing bike lane (bike lane)

3 Existing sharrow/signage (shared lane marking)



Source: Bike Paths in Southeastern Massachusetts (SRRPED) https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/be6a73249cae4350b98e46d03d178c3f

Transportation-Roadways and Sidewalks

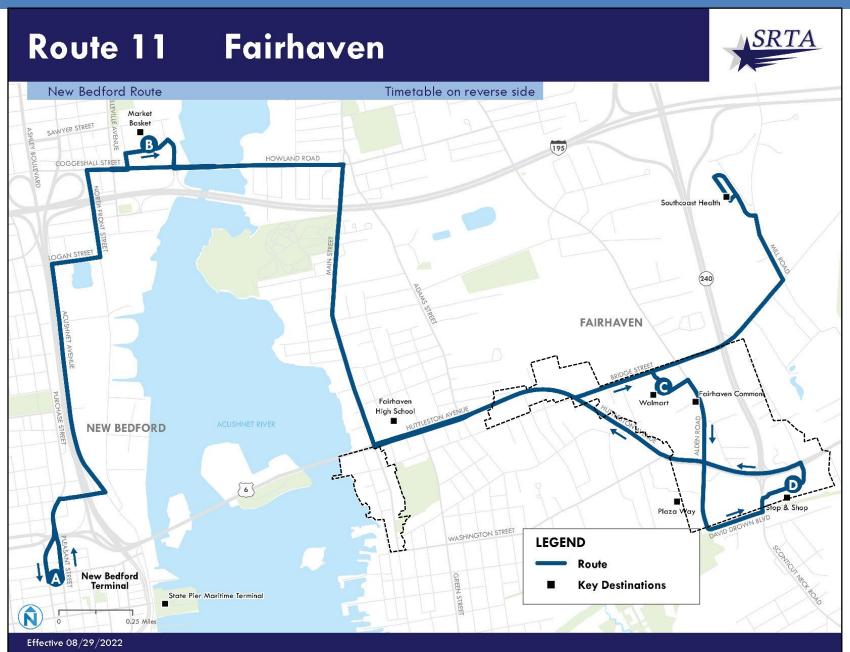
Source: Fairhaven Master Plan (2018)



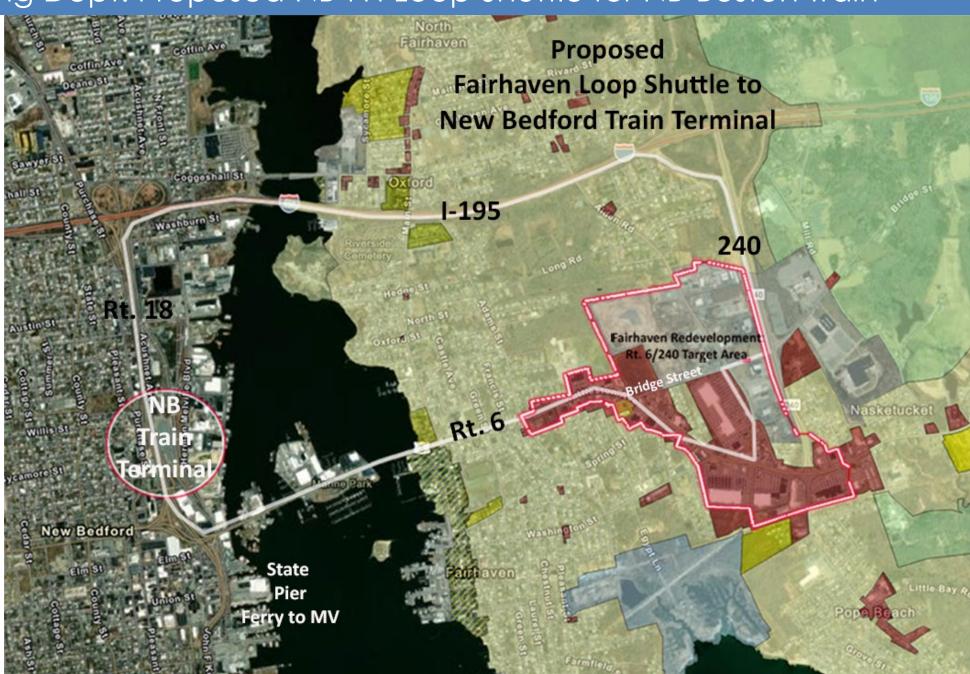
Source: Town of Fairhaven, MassGIS



Transportation-Transit



Planning Dept. Proposed NB-FH Loop Shuttle for NB-Boston Train



INDIVIDUAL WORK AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Map Activity

Review the maps. Is there anything that is incorrect or unclear?

What has changed in the study areas over the past decade? What is likely to change in the next decade?

Use black marker

Which parts of the study areas should be preserved? Which should be improved? Which should be transformed?

- Blue marker—things to be preserved
- Green marker—things to be improved
- Red marker—things to transformed

Fairhaven 40R Planning Working Group Meeting #1 September 21, 2022



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