

# Boston Harbor Islands

## *National & State Park*

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# Powered by Partnership

Established in 1996, Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park is made up of 34 islands and peninsulas owned and operated by an 11-agency partnership.

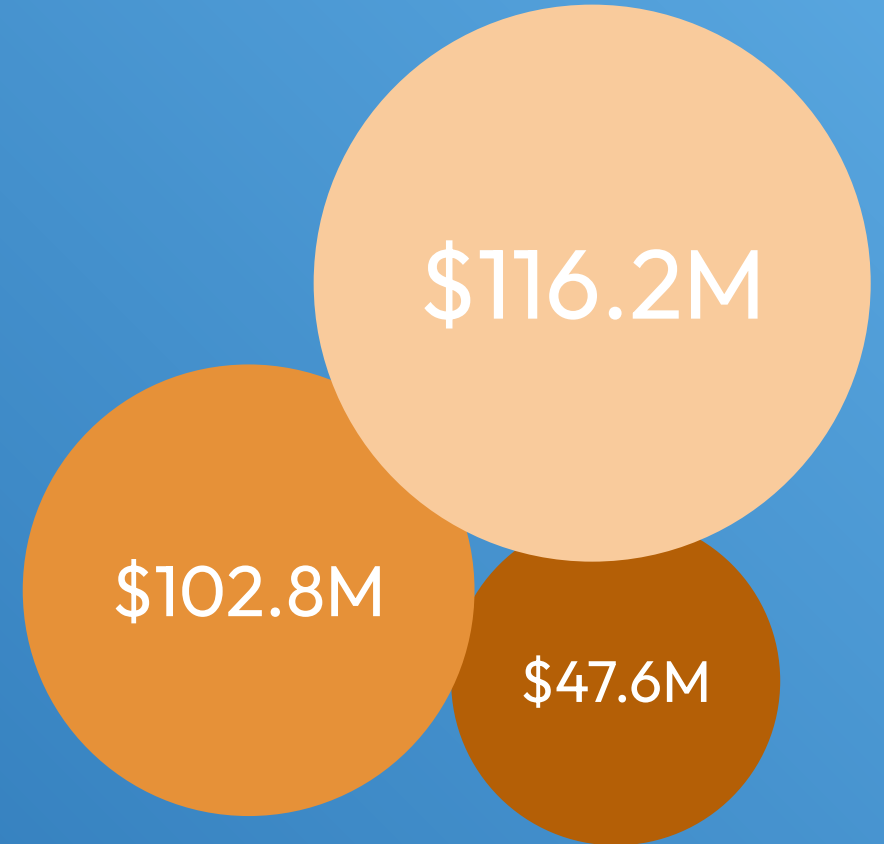
- Members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior
- Oversee management plan to provide public access and programming while preserving cultural landscapes
- NPS provides leadership role in facilitating how islands and gateways can support model for collaborative stewardship





# Leveraging Partnership Investments

The Park Partnership leverages federal, local, and non-profit dollars as part of a shared management framework for this unique multi-agency park setting.

- The original legislation that formed the Partnership required a 3:1 private to federal match
- In its first 25 years, the Partnership leveraged \$265.7M for park projects and programs
- Major projects include public opening of Spectacle Island, construction of Visitor Centers, dock and pier improvements, creation of new ferry gateways, and restoration of National Historic Landmarks



 \$116.2M – Private (TIOBEC, TTOP, and BHN)

 \$102.8M – Local Commonwealth Govt. (DCR, Massport, MWRA, City of Boston)

 \$46.7M – Federal (NPS, USCG)

Note: 2016–2019 excluded



# Boston Harbor Now

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**Our purpose** is to ensure the competitive advantages of Boston Harbor by increasing the use of the Harbor's public open spaces, improving the resiliency of our waterfront communities and islands and realizing the Harbor's economic potential.







# Investing in Parks

Investing in park planning and capital projects establishes Boston's waterfront and islands as a resilient and welcoming destination that contributes to our public health.

- Updates to island infrastructure and gateways include restored structures, new campgrounds, wayfinding signage, docks, piers, and moorings
- Peddocks Island Plan for the second largest island
- Boston Light stewardship
- Islands Climate Ready Plan and waterfront recreation and resiliency projects (Moakley and Harborwalk 2.0)



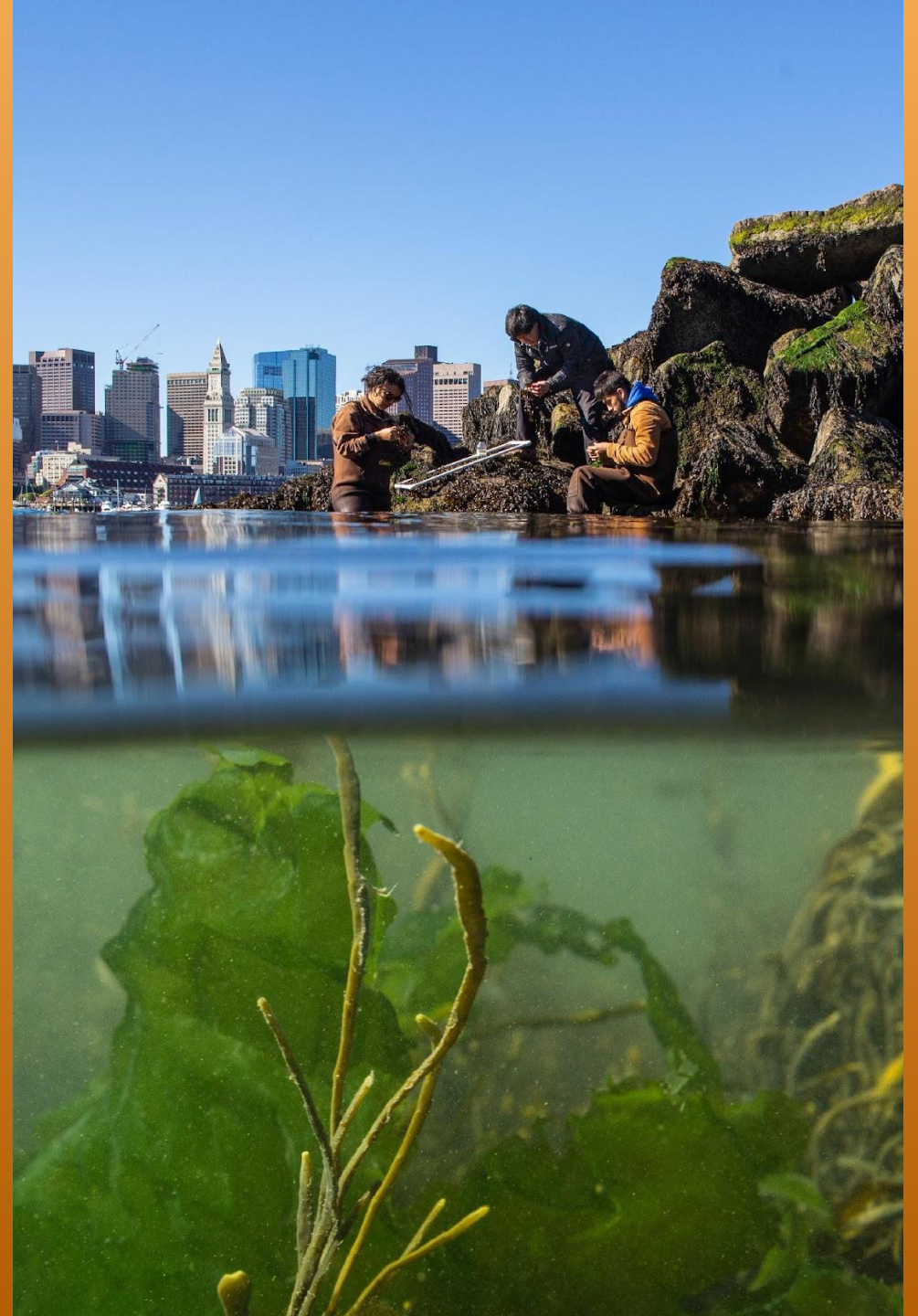


# Climate Change

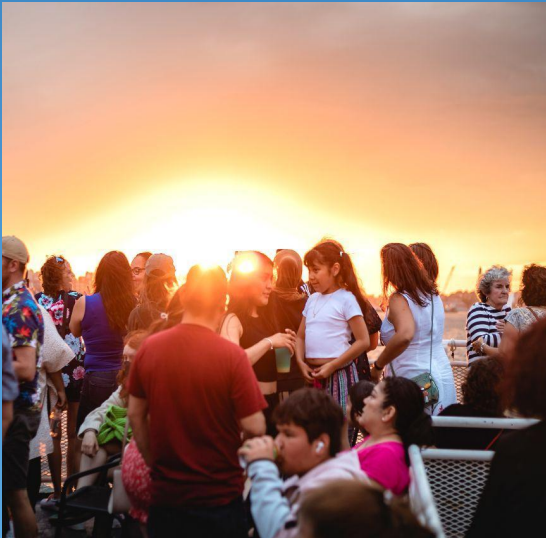
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In 2022, the National Trust for Historic Preservation named the Boston Harbor Islands one of America's 11 most endangered historic sites due to climate change.

- Park scientists and the Stone Living Lab are conducting cutting-edge research on climate resilience in the park
- Advocating for policies that make it easier to implement nature-based approaches to climate mitigation
- Conserving natural, historic and cultural sites that are at risk
- CRWG and Resilient Mass re financing flood projection







# Equitable Access

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Free and low-cost public access programs ensure that Boston Harbor and the Park are accessible to everyone.

- Community Cruises with neighborhood partners, Free Access programs for non-profit summer camps and community centers
- Library Pass and EBT / WIC programs offer steeply discounted ferry rates for individuals and families
- Innovation Islands invests in communities to bring their own cultural events to the Harbor
- Subsidies and green ferries for the long term

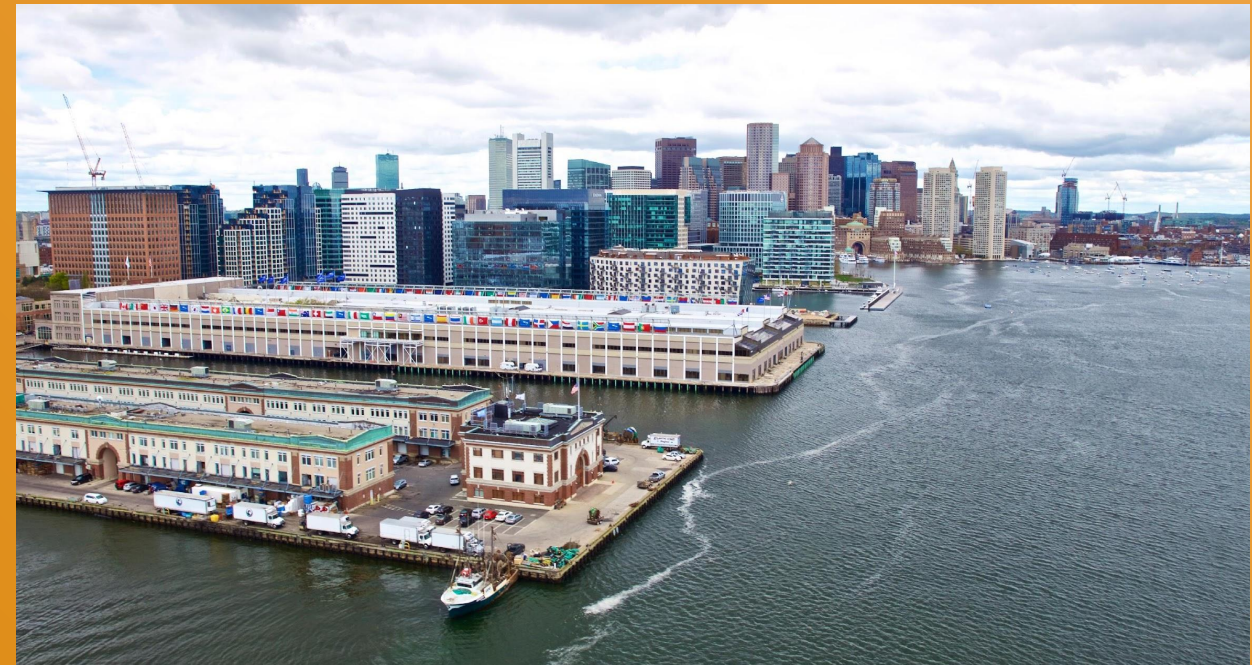


# An Economic Engine

Boston's past and present status as a port city and the environmental health of our harbor are significant contributor to our economic health.

- Boston Harbor parks, programs, and amenities attract millions of visitors annually contributing to Boston's tourism industry
- A growing water transportation system provides reliable and efficient transit in support of our businesses.
- The Port contributes \$8.2 billion to the economy and supports 66,000 jobs\*.

\*Source: About the Port of Boston | Massport. (n.d.). Massport.  
<https://www.massport.com/conley-terminal/about-the-port>.





# The Future

The Partnership is helping to educate and welcome the next generation of park visitors, stewards, and employees – touching hundreds of thousands of youth since the Park's inception.

- Education programs encourage learning both in the classroom and in the park
- Week-long Discovery Camps engage youth deeply with park resources
- Youth employment programs teach relevant skills in resource stewardship and historic preservation









# *Thank You!*

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