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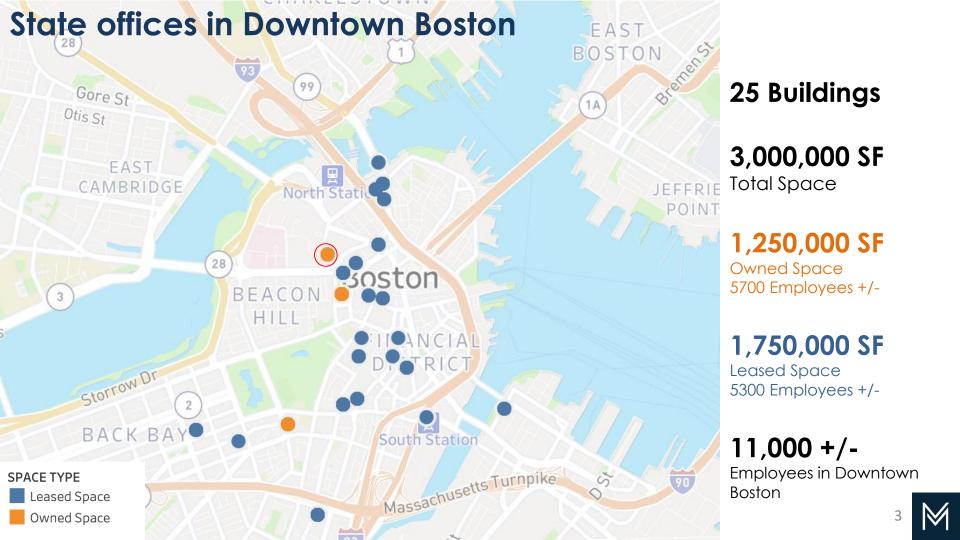


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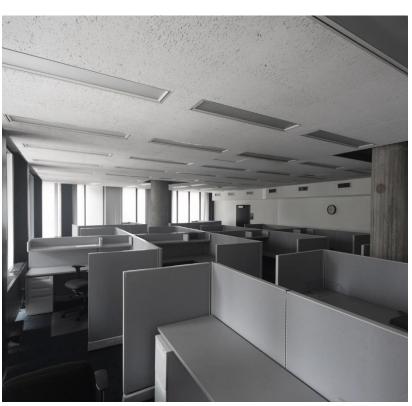
## **Project Goals**

- 1. Cost-effectively renew and replace an outdated 50-year old State asset
- 2. Shift costly downtown leases by increasing State office space under long-term control
- 3. Transform Government Center from an imposing super-block into a pedestrian-friendly, 24/7 neighborhood





## Develop flexible and efficient spaces that support a 21st century workplace







## Consolidate and stabilize short-term leases







## **Building Context**

Site Area: 3.25 acres
Gross Area 327,000 SF
Useable Area 241,000 SF

Occupants 675

Parking 200 cars +/-

Parking levels

Year of occupancy 1971

Existing FAR 2.30
As-of-right FAR 8~10

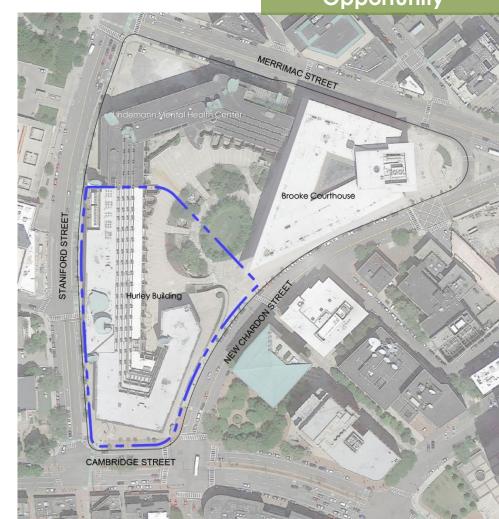
Bounded by Cambridge, New Chardon, and Staniford St

Part of the Boston Government Service Center Complex (BGSC)

Project does *not* include the Lindemann Mental Health Center.



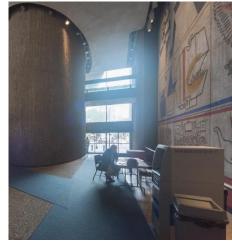
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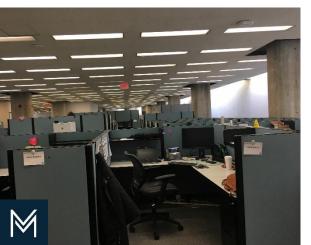


## **Challenging Office Space**













## **Opaque & Unfriendly Public Interface**













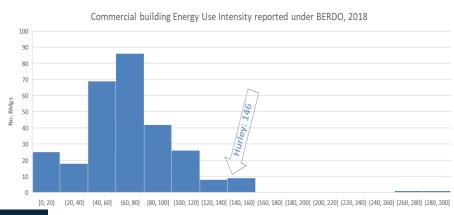
#### **Hurley Challenges**

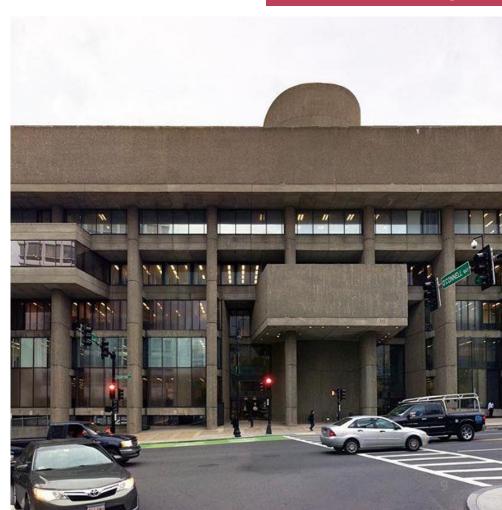
## **Energy Hog**

Highly inefficient in terms of energy consumption.

Difficult building envelope to bring up to modern performance standards.

Embodied carbon in existing structure needs to be balanced against opportunities to decrease operating emissions.





## **Public-Private Partnership**

DCAMM leases site to redevelopment partner.

Partnership will be procured competitively, using qualitative and quantitative evaluation criteria.

Redevelopment

Redevelopment partner responsible for planning, permitting, financing, and building improvements.

Commonwealth gains longterm control of office space.

Partner responsible for maintenance, capital renewal, etc.

Space Lease

Ground Lease

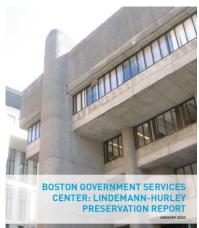


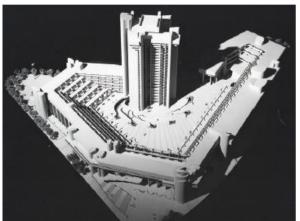
### **Preservation Considerations**

Hurley Building is part of the Boston Government Service Center Complex (BGSC) which is eligible for listing on the state and national registers of historic places.

Paul Rudolph was the coordinating architect for the site.

Only 2 of 3 original buildings were built.











## **Zoning & Regulatory Process**

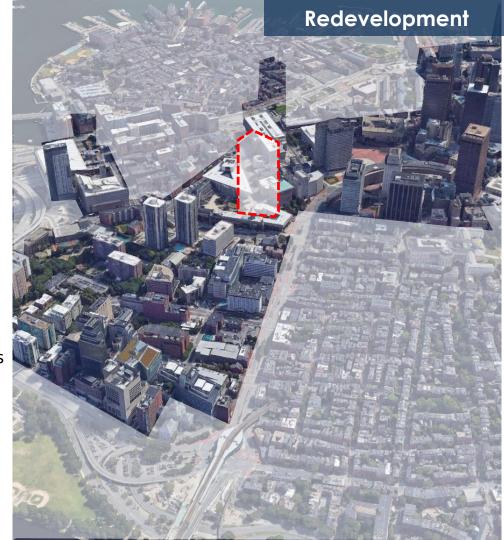
Redevelopment partner will be responsible for planning, financing, and permitting the project.

#### Development Reviews:

- Review by the BPDA under Article 80
- MEPA Review
- Historic Commission Review

The site is zoned for more intensive use than is currently realized. Allowable FAR: 8-10 (currently ~2.0).

Potential for Planned Development Areas (PDAs) process as a regulatory vehicle

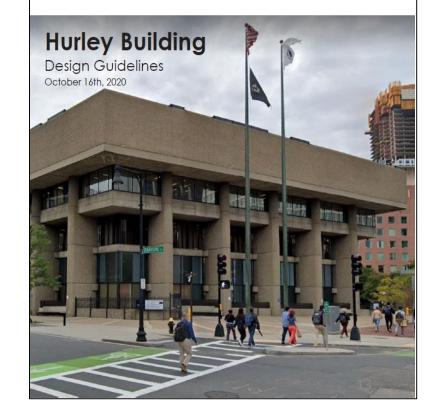




## What We're Working on Now

- We're in the process of developing draft design and development guidelines for the project.
- Developers will be expected to adhere to the guidelines when the respond to our RFP.
- Guidelines will address three areas:
  - Urban Design
  - Historical Preservation
  - Sustainability
- Draft guidelines will be shared with the public for feedback in Fall 2020

#### DRAFT





## **Urban Design**

- How to activate the ground floor given slope and sectional challenges?
- Improving upon the open space plazas already on the site.
- Breaking up the superblock.
- Do the original guidelines relating to height and density still pertain?
- How can a redeveloped site still acknowledge the important civic functions that happen here?



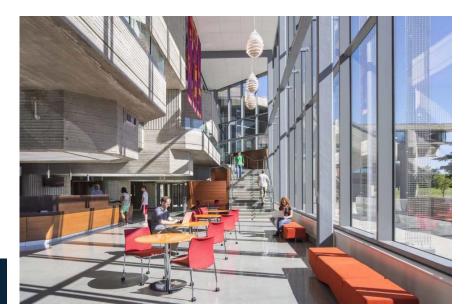






## **Historic Preservation**

How to balance appropriate treatment of a historic resource with the Commonwealth's main goals for the site.



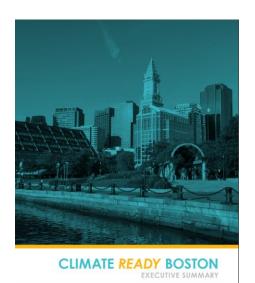




## Sustainability

How to meet the Commonwealth's sustainability goals by reducing carbon emissions associated with building construction and operations.







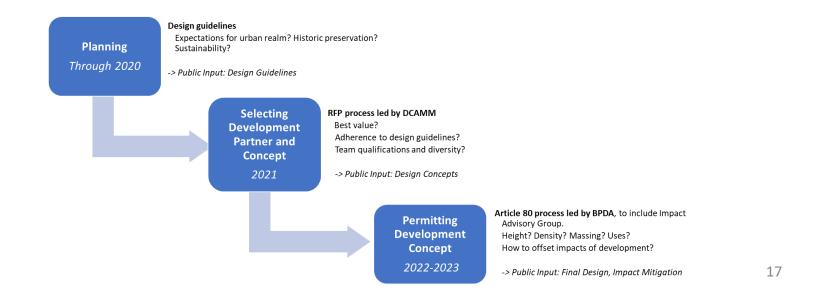
## **Public Engagement Process**

## Share draft design guidelines and continue to get feedback from stakeholders

- Project Website: mass.gov/hurleyredevelopment
- Advisory Group
- Briefings Neighborhood groups, preservation orgs, etc.
- Project Email: hurleyredev.dcamm@mass.gov

#### Supplement existing outreach with additional features

- Project Video
- Community Meetings
- Email updates
- Opportunities for online feedback



### Who We've Talked With So Far

3 presentations to neighborhood associations

Direct conversations with residents

10+ articles in major publications (yes, we read the comments!)

5 Advisory Committee Meetings

5 meetings with historic preservation advocates

Ongoing meetings with BPDA staff

Outreach to all local elected officials

Ongoing conversations with experts in planning, development, urban design, architecture and landscape architecture, historic preservation, and sustainability.

## State puts Hurley Building, a prime downtown development site, on the market

By Jon Chesto Globe Staff Undated October 30, 2019, 9:42 a.m.













## **Stay Connected**

Contact us at HurleyReDev.dcamm@mass.gov

Learn more about the project at www.mass.gov/hurley-redevelopment

