

# Charlestown Industrial

Architectural Conservation District



# Charlestown Industrial Architectural Conservation District - Historical Significance.

- Industry and transportation directly contributed to Charlestown's growth and contraction from its incorporation in 1628 through today.
- Charlestown, incorporated as a city in 1847, was fast becoming the terminus for railroads, with the construction of tidewater wharves, industrial and residential development followed.
- After 1865, industrial activity began to accelerate with the establishment of various manufacturing concerns during the 1870s-1890s, primarily at periphery of neighborhood around Sullivan Square and the Mystic River.
- Industries including: leatherworks, breweries, candy manufacturing and the dairy industries thrived through the early decades of 20th century.
- By the middle of the 20th century, many of the industrial buildings in these areas had been demolished for urban renewal and transportation projects around Sullivan Square.
- Recent development pressure has put new demand on the few remaining industrial sites in Charlestown.
- The BPDA is nearing the end of a years-long process to plan the future and rezone the industrial areas of Charlestown. We have participated in, and supported this process, and envision that the Design guidelines established in PLAN: Charlestown inform the Standards and Criteria of this proposed district. This petition is proposed as the preservation plan for this industrial area.
- An Architectural Conservation District would conserve and enhance the gateway into Charlestown and encourage the reuse of contributing buildings to further Boston's climate resiliency goals.

# Proposed ACD Boundary

