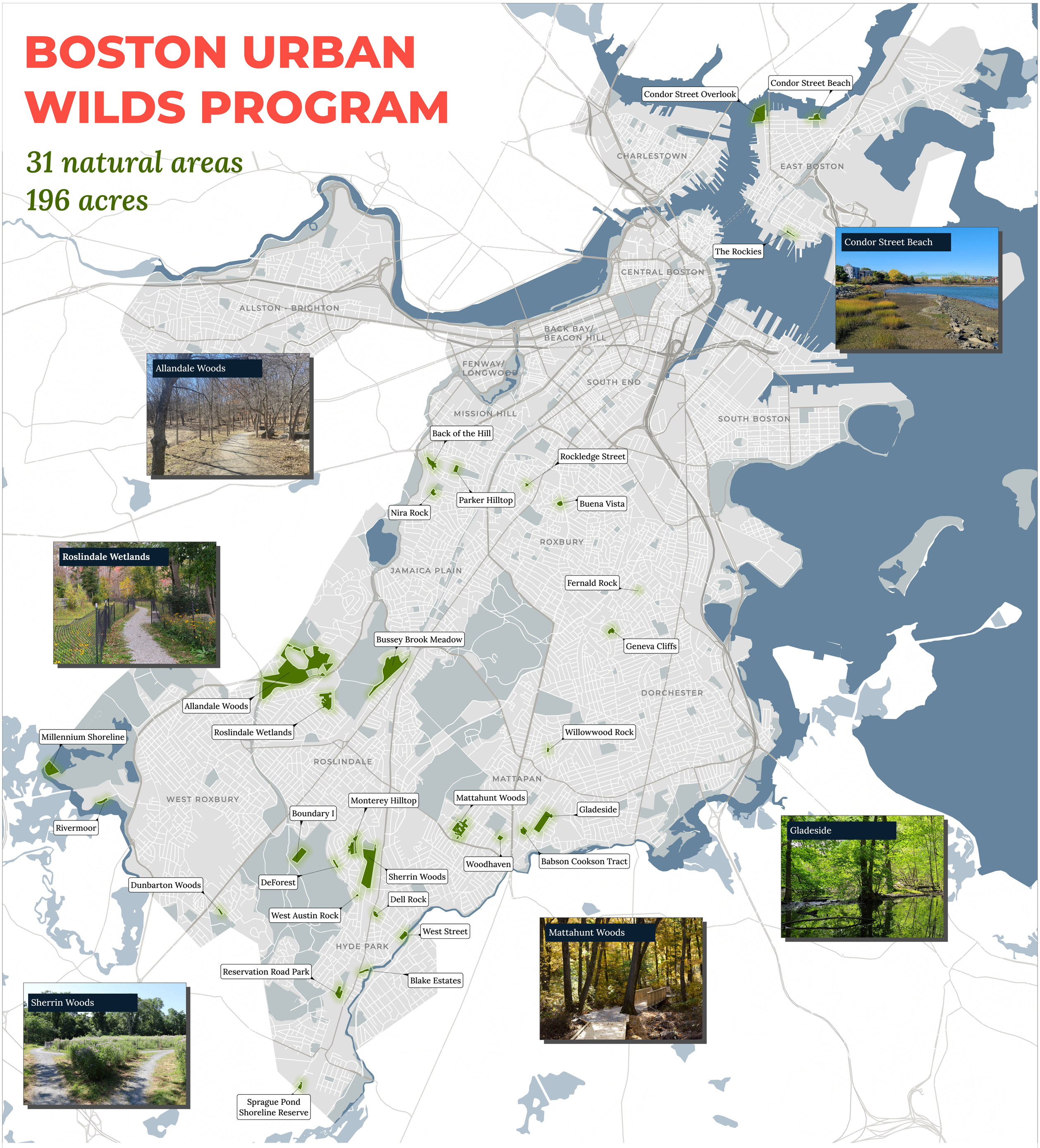
BOSTON URBAN WILDS PROGRAM

31 natural areas
196 acres



Boston's Urban Wilds *are permanently protected natural areas that feature lots of plants, wetlands, wildlife, and interesting rock formations. These natural areas are managed by the Parks and Recreation Department's Urban Wilds Program for the conservation of plant and animal habitat. Many of these spaces provide great opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about nature and enjoy outdoor activities like hiking and bird watching. Most importantly, Boston's Urban Wilds are essential City green infrastructure; they benefit people and the environment by cooling hot urban areas, cleaning our air and water, absorbing carbon dioxide, preventing flooding and erosion, and reducing noise pollution. These natural areas also provide stepping stone paths for birds and other wildlife to safely move between greenspaces.*

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