

Charlesgate

SHIFT BOSTON CHARLESGATE PROPOSAL

Throughout almost nearly every part of work on the Emerald Necklace (1919-1930), Frederick Law Olmsted created a series of fine continuous parks, providing a certain ground to which all people could come for health of mind from the pollution, noise and overcrowding of city life. Nothing in an age of urbanization and industrialization. Olmsted saw parks as the "self-governing, invisible" of civilization.

Despite the fact that Olmsted designed the park system in a continuous manner to date heavy urbanization, a number of infrastructure projects took place throughout the 19th century nearly destroying the protection and visual connection and creating a long legacy in the Charlesgate portion of the Back Bay Fens. Our "SIB" team is to design the original design elements of the Fens system with the possibility of 21st century design.

The Charlesgate program will:

- Restore the pedestrian and bicycle routes from the Back Bay Fens to the Thomas Park.
- Link the Emerald Necklace with the Charles River Green Belt and Esplanade.
- Provide additional linkways, pedestrian paths with links to public transport.
- Develop the environmental design around a parkland of the Back Bay Fens and Boston Drive, Automobile traffic to be reduced.
- Provide public amenities and recreation swimming pavilion, new facilities and walkways which can take advantage of the restored parklands.
- Create an "avenue" for the region, environmental restoration of the Back Bay Fens.
- Create River Reservoirs and connecting linkways.



Original Olmsted design

Existing conditions

- Swimming Pavilion
- River Bus Terminal
- Information Kiosk
- Changing Stations (seasonal)
- New Bridge
- Acoustic Enclosure
- Restored Landscape and Visual Corridor
- New Bike Lanes
- Restored and Expanded Existing Landscape
- Bike Pavilion
- Lookout
- Acoustic Screen over Mass Pike
- Footbridge
- Land Bridge
- Reconfigured Traffic Circle
- Reclaim River
- Restore Fens Landscape



PROPOSED PLAN



Swimming Pavilion



Charlesgate Bridge



Charlesgate view looking North



Charlesgate view looking South

