

115-123 Bird Street Community Meeting March 24, 2022

DSNI Sustainable Development Committee

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Mayor Michelle Wu



Housing



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What is the
Grassroots
Program?

What is the Grassroots Program?

- Supports the development of community gardens & other open spaces
- Provides grant funds, City-owned land, and technical assistance to neighborhood groups and non-profits

Windermere Road Garden, Dorchester



Eastie Farm, East Boston

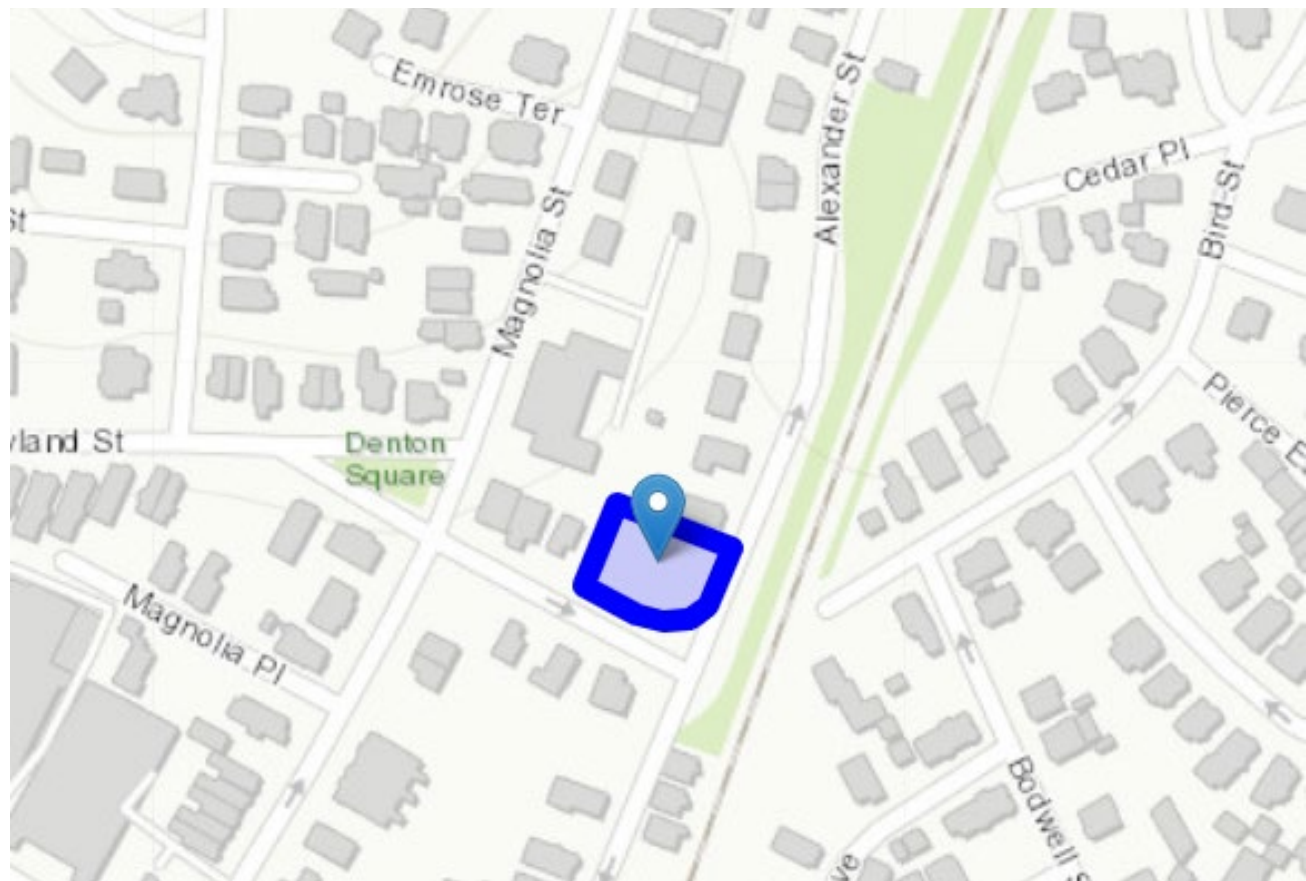




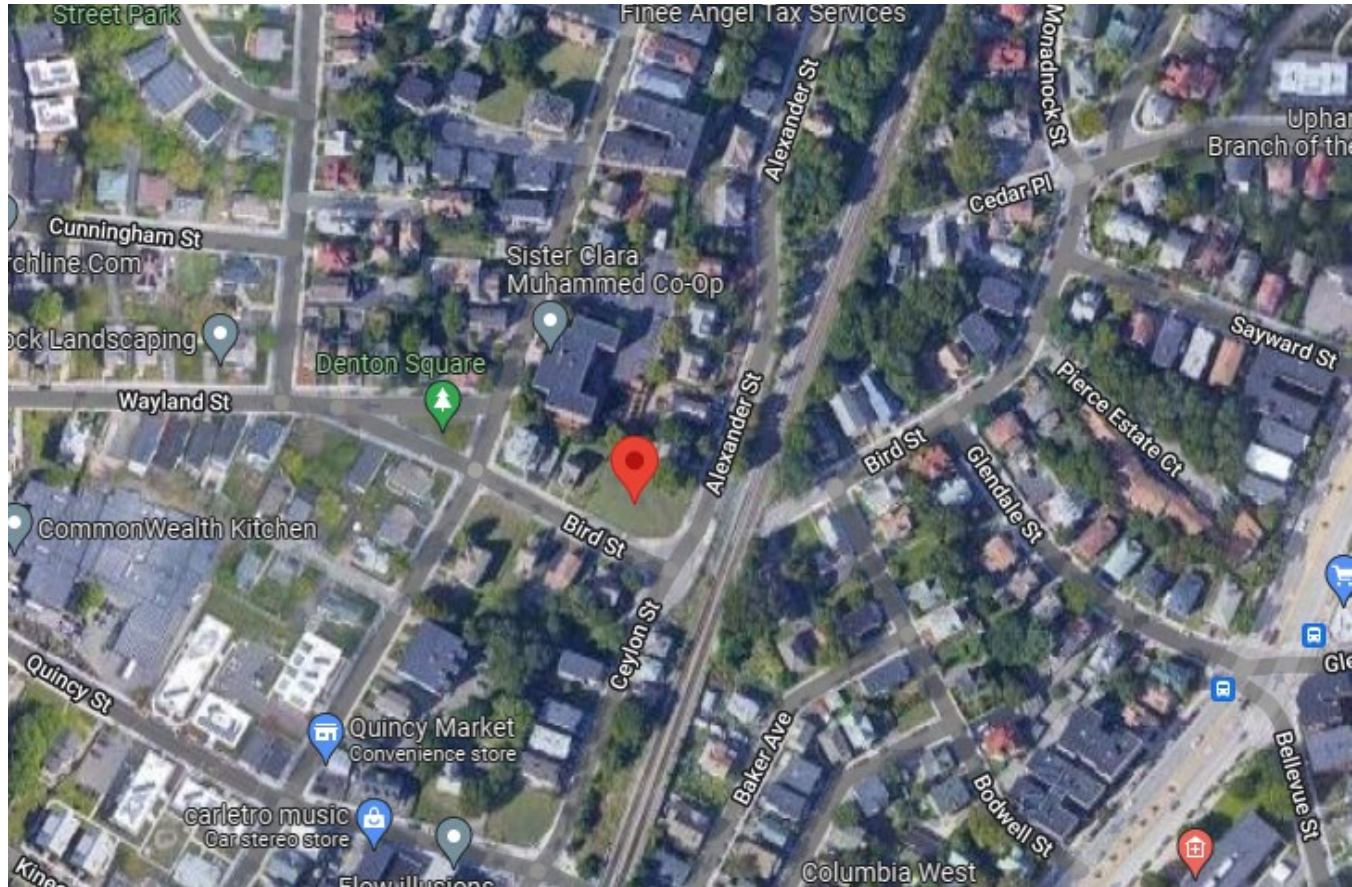
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Site

115-123 Bird Street - Map



115-123 Bird Street - Satellite View



115-123 Bird Street - Street View – View from Bird Street



115-123 Bird Street - Street View – View from Alexander Street



Disposition History

- 2014 – community expressed interest in urban farming on this site
- 2015 – community meeting(s) about urban agriculture with sample farm designs
- 2016 – RFP for urban agriculture released
- 2016 – three proposals received
- 2016 – the selected applicant was not able to move forward, and MOH stopped moving forward on the project

- 2021 – renewed interest by multiple urban farming organizations
- 2022 – MOH seeking community input again to determine appropriate path forward



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Discussion: Comments and Questions

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- What do you think should be the permanent use of this site?
- Do you have any questions or concerns regarding the possible use for this site as an urban agriculture site?
- If it became a permanent urban agriculture site, are there particular elements you would want to see included?
- Is there anything you would NOT want to see on this site?
- Any other comments, questions, or concerns?



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Next Steps



THANK YOU!

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