

2004

Mayor Thomas Menino convened the **Task Force on the Future of the Strand Theatre** to determine criteria for new management of the **Strand Theatre**, since the **City's** 25-year lease with the non-profit **M. Harriet McCracken Center for the Arts** to operate the **Strand Theatre** was coming to an end.

The **Task Force on the Future of the Strand Theatre** published a report outlining their recommendations.

The **Department of Neighborhood Development (DND)** released an RFP to lease and repair the **Strand Theatre**.

The **Walsh Administration** held a **Transition Town Hall**, where the idea of an **"Innovation District"** first emerged.

DEC 2013

**2012 - 2014**

The **Fairmount Cultural Corridor** (originally known as **Upham's Corner ArtPlace**), a collaborative placemaking initiative designed to advance a vision in the Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan neighborhoods located along the Fairmount commuter rail line that draws upon the local cultural assets and ethnic traditions of the Corridor's residents.

Supported by the **Boston Foundation** and **ArtPlace America**

**PARTNERSHIP OF:**

- City
- Community
  - Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI)
  - Design Studio for Social Intervention (ds4si)
- **Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation (DBEDC)**
  - Fairmount/Indigo CDC Collaborative
    - Four Corners Main Street
    - Greater Four Corners Action Coalition
  - Upham's Corner Main Street
- **Arts Organizations**
  - Art Morphueus
  - Dorchester Arts Collaborative
  - José Mateo Ballet Theatre
- **Education Institutions**
  - Berklee College of Music
  - UMass Boston, William Monroe
  - Trotter Institute for the Study of African American Culture and History

**The Fairmount Cultural Corridor Initiative Activities have included:**

- The Public Kitchen, StreetLab Uphams and MFS Making Planning Process Public

**Residents and creative practitioners in local leadership engagement activities as:**

- The Arts and Culture Committee

**Creative placemaking initiatives such as:**

- Artists in Residence along the Fairmount Corridor in neighborhoods like: Uphams Corner, Four Corners, Dudley, and projected future residences in other neighborhoods
  - Artist in Transit along Fairmount Line
  - Expressing-Boston Public Art Fellows

**Creative cultural events and activities that cover the gamut:**

- The Multicultural Arts Festival, Jose Mateo Ballet Dorchester Ballet Classes, Dorchester Open Studios

**Creative economy strategies:**

- UP Market and the Fairmount Creative Industry Lab and Accelerator

APRIL 2014

The **Uphams Corner Station Area Plan** is released, as part of the **Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative**, to establish a framework for future improvements and investment to enhance both the commercial center of Upham's Corner and the surrounding neighborhoods. The study included a year-long process with community workshops and public meetings under the guidance of a Working Advisory Group (WAG) comprised of local residents, business owners and stakeholders.

SUMMER 2014

A committee was formed and brought together community members, thought-leaders, and public servants to study the idea of an innovation district and to make proposals. The committee divided its work among four subcommittees: Inclusion, Neighborhood Choice, Infrastructure and Encouraging Entrepreneurship.

FALL 2014

The **Neighborhood Innovation District Committee** convened several times and offered recommendations to inform present and future designs for a proposed series of Neighborhood-based innovation districts.

The committee coalesced around the idea of the **Dudley Square-Uphams Corner Corridor** as the initial area to pilot the viability of a series of Neighborhood Innovation Districts. The Dudley-Uphams Corridor was selected with the clear goal that the pilot area will inform the creation of future Neighborhood Innovation Districts and for city-wide policy.

The **Fairmount/Indigo Line CDC Collaborative (FICC)** adopts a **Strategic Plan for 2015-2018**.

MAY 2015

SEPT 2015

Mayor Walsh publicly released the economic development report by the **Neighborhood Innovation District Committee**, announcing the pilot **"Innovation District"** to focus on the corridor between Uphams Corner and Dudley Square.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh launches **Boston Creates**, the first cultural planning process for the City of Boston.

JUNE 2016

FEB 2017

572 Columbia Road (a commercial property) is acquired by the **community land trust, Dudley Neighbors, Inc.** Interim name of the property: **Dudley Neighbors, Inc. Community Building (DNICB)**

Final version of **Imagine Boston 2030 (citywide plan)** is made public

- Mandated the creation of at least three **Arts Innovation Districts**
- **Acquisition Opportunity Program**
  - **Department of Neighborhood Development (DND)**
  - Loan helped to fund the acquisition of DNICB

JULY 2017

OCT 2017

**Upham's Corner Implementation** launched with a public kick-off event.

- Product of **Imagine Boston 2030 + Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative**

The **Boston Performing Arts Facilities Assessment** was conducted by **TDC**, a nonprofit management consulting and research firm, in partnership with the **BPDA** and the **Mayor's Office**, to study artists' spaces.

NOV 2017

MAY 2018

**CITY** Convened by:

- **BPDA**
- **Mayor's Office of Economic Development**

**COMMUNITY** Convened by:

- **DSNI**

Represented by:

- **Working Advisory Group (WAG) 2017-present**
- Appointed by the **Mayor** will reconvene for **Article 80**

Public workshops are convened, to gather community input about the **library** and the **Strand Theatre**, to be incorporated into the **Request for Proposals (RFP)** as part of the **Upham's Corner Implementation process**.

**Upham's Corner Main Street** publishes report "Uphams Corner Retail Priorities"

The **Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC)** publishes "Upham's Corner Cultural Planning Study: Phase Two"

JUNE 2018

SUMMER 2018

Tufts University and **DSNI** receive a 2-year **Corporation for National and Community Service grant** to support the assessment of the Uphams Corner community planning process.

**Request for Interest (RFI)** released to gather public information on private property owners interested in disposing their properties to be developed as part of the **Upham's Corner Implementation process**, as well as to solicit organizations interested in operating the **Strand Theatre**.

JULY 2019