

A Greenway for Boston: Improving Open Space & Transit Equity Through the City

Open Space Access, With and Without the New Greenway

The following maps show Boston neighborhoods' open space access to parks that are 45 acres or larger. As a reference, Boston Common is approximately 45 acres large and takes about 5-10 minutes to traverse by foot. According to the bottom-left map, the neighborhoods with the poorest access to parks and open spaces are parts of Charlestown, the North End, South Boston, the South End, Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and West Roxbury. The bottom-right map shows how the proposed multi-use path—primarily running north-south but also comprised of branches connecting, for example, the Fenway with South Boston and Jamaica Plain with Dorchester—could significantly enhance non-vehicular access to the city's larger open spaces.

