Bunker Hill Community College

A Vision for Bunker Hill Community College Redevelopment

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Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) is envisioning the advancement of its higher education mission at the Charlestown Campus through modern facilities and a vibrant built environment that connects the diverse student-body to the local and global innovation economies.

Background

- Constructed 50 years ago, the Charlestown Campus facilities are outdated, inefficient, and in poor condition—requiring hundreds of millions in state funding to even begin to modernize.
- To deliver its mission for the next generation of learners, the College needs new facilities that provide flexible, collaborative, technology-enabled spaces to deliver education in a more interdisciplinary, compact footprint.
- Located near world-class academic, research and technology clusters, the College has a unique opportunity to foster partnerships between public higher education and the local knowledge economy while creating state-of-the-art facilities for the workforce of tomorrow.

Redevelopment Goals

How will the Vision support our role in the City of Boston? How do we become a more active part of the Charlestown neighborhood? How do we provide an environment that creates student success/leaders?

BHCC and the Commonwealth hope to achieve five main goals:

1. Create a contemporary, urban community college for greater Boston with no or minimal funding from the Commonwealth.
2. Provide mission-critical and essential programs to meet workforce demands
3. Ensure an equitable environment for BHCC’s diverse learners
4. Foster public-private industry partnerships
5. Elevate the future campus as a community-based, social-service hub connected to the Charlestown community and to other regional networks.

Partnership

A Public-Private Partnership (P3) is an agreement between a public entity and a third-party organization that allows both parties to achieve common goals cost-effectively. At this site, a P3 could attract a development partner to be responsible for designing, permitting, financing, and constructing both the College’s future facilities and the private development.
**Engagement & Stakeholders**

- A Public-Private Partnership approach, selected through a public procurement, was authorized by the Asset Management Board (AMB) on November 3, 2022 and will be a collaboration between the College and the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM).

- In 2022, the College held public meetings and met with community stakeholders. It heard from community stakeholders the importance of including shared community spaces and programming, of conscientious planning with the community’s input, and a desire to build close relationships between BHCC and the surrounding community.

- The College and DCAMM are coordinating with the Executive Office of Education, Department of Higher Education, and Executive Office of Administration and Finance.

**Timeline and Next Steps**

- BHCC and the DCAMM are in the initial phases of a multi-year process beginning with a public procurement that aligns with the College’s mission and Commonwealth goals.

- The selected developer will be expected to go through the City’s typical permitting process, which includes opportunities for public input to help shape the project.

- Partner selection, design, and permitting are expected to take 3-5 years; construction is not expected to begin for at least 5 years.

**Questions or comments?** Please contact visionproject@bhcc.edu or visit bhcc.edu/visionproject for more information.