

# The HRA Building on Hull's Past Looking to the Future

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## What

The HRA is in the process of preparing an **urban renewal plan** for its properties in Hull. An urban renewal plan establishes a **coordinated approach to the entire area**, rather than picking and choosing among individual proposals. It gives the HRA greater ability to control the overall quality of development. This approach also benefits from extensive public discussion, input, and approvals by several Town boards before it is in place.

### *Ideas for the future of the area...*

The HRA is looking for the best balance among the uses that could be created and benefit Hull. Ideas being considered include:

## Why

- Replace unimproved beach-goer parking lots with uses that will better serve Hull.
- Provide permanent, high quality parks and open space.
- Protect and enhance the resiliency and environmental quality of the area.
- Promote uses that add economic value and vitality to our waterfront, and fit our town.
- Untangle the traffic problems caused by our one-way street system.
- Limit land consumed by seasonal parking.

## New public parks

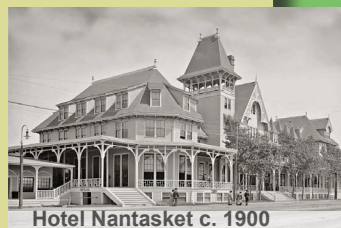
Several new parks could provide for passive enjoyment, active events, strolling or simply enhancing the view for those walking or driving by. They would need to be environmentally sustainable and be well-maintained without adding to the Town's costs.



Photo: Selwyn Tungol

## Places to live, stay, visit, and enjoy

Hull might host an additional waterfront inn with the character of the historic hotels that once lined the beach, while meeting current needs.



Hotel Nantasket c. 1900



## Environmental stewardship

The area will benefit from coordinated, planned environmental measures - from the beach to the Weir River. It should be resilient from storms, protect the estuary, and meet the high standards for sustainability that contemporary parks and development must attain.



New apartments could help meet the need for adding housing in Hull. The design would need to meet special guidelines.



## Better streets, circulation...

This Plan can provide key support for funding of the two-way street conversion in this area of Town. Planned over several years and approved by the Town, it will unplug congestion and support improvements to the area, too.

## ...and parking

New uses would supply the parking they need. HRA land could retain about 185 public parking spaces. With 90 new on-street spots, about 275 spaces would be available ... and the DCR lot also would remain.



## Who



**The HRA** is a unique public authority created under a state law at Special Town Meeting to advance the reuse of the land that it owns, while serving public interests. The HRA Board of Directors includes 4 members elected by the Town, and 1 member appointed by the state.

**You.** To create a successful Plan, the HRA needs the active interest, opinions, and ideas of the stakeholders in Hull's future - the residents and businesses of Hull.

**Town Boards** will be involved in reviewing and approving the Plan, including the Planning Board and the Select Board.

**The State.** The Department of Housing & Community Development will check and confirm that the urban renewal plan meets special state requirements.

## Where

The planning area includes all of the HRA's property along both sides of Nantasket Ave., from the Weir River to the beach.



## When

- This summer: meetings, input, Plan revisions
- This fall: Town Board and state reviews, hearings, action
- Next 2 to 5 years: Plan implementation including initiating projects, securing funding, accomplishing design and design reviews, gaining environmental and regulatory approvals, and completing projects.

## How to participate

Please join us at the in-person and online forums that we are sponsoring. Dates, times, and directions will be posted on our website.

There's a lot more information available about the HRA, the initial Draft Plan, past presentations, summaries of public forum, FAQ's and more.

It's just a click away...on our website at [hra02045.com](http://hra02045.com) or by using this QR code

