

Grant Assures a New Vision for Boston's Waterfront

Trustees' Boston Waterfront Initiative (see *Special Places*, Winter 2016) has taken a significant leap forward as a result of a recent \$1.2 million grant from the Barr Foundation. This new funding establishes a yearlong endeavor to articulate, with key partner organizations, a shared vision and set of goals for the protection and stewardship of Boston's vulnerable waterfront, which has been under increasing stress due to rapid and uncoordinated development. The vision—which will address coastal resiliency, foster a collaborative effort among local groups and organizations, consider the needs of all City residents, and ultimately ensure the public's interest—will provide the starting point for analysis of potential land parcels that could be transformed into open recreational green space and to provide a natural buffer against flooding. As a result of the grant, Trustees recently welcomed Laura Jasinski as Associate Director and first member of the new Boston Waterfront Initiative team. Laura has most recently been a project manager and program director with the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy. Look for further updates as the year progresses, here in *Special Places*, on our website, and in our eNewsletters.



A conceptual rendering illustrates the type of innovative open space that is the ultimate goal of the Boston Waterfront Initiative.