

THE MODERNIZATION OF CORCORAN PARK

JOIN THE NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING



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When: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6pm

Where: On Zoom; register at bit.ly/44WOopx or scan the QR code.

In person; come to the VFW at 688 Huron Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Missed the Last Meeting?

At the last meeting on February 13th, CHA presented on the project's timeline, neighborhood context, design goals, and proposed site plan. Please find a recording on the Updates section of our webpage:

<https://bit.ly/41r10TE>

PROJECT SUMMARY AND GOALS

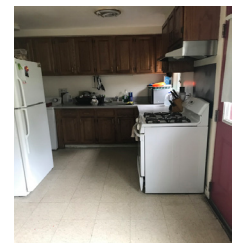
Corcoran Park is an 153-unit affordable housing community in Strawberry Hill that CHA owns and manages. Built in 1951, the community consists of 24 townhouse-style buildings, an 8-unit building, a maintenance garage, and a community building on 8.41 acres. In order to address the critical capital needs of the buildings and site, as well as expand affordable housing and preserve Corcoran Park's unique character, CHA envisions replacing the outdated buildings and constructing additional deeply affordable rental units in all-electric buildings built to Passive House standards that prioritize sustainability. The project will increase the amount of affordable housing, while enhancing open spaces and addressing long-term issues with flooding and soil conditions at the site.

The CHA has identified the following redevelopment goals for Corcoran Park:

- Address current flooding and sinkholes, and provide Corcoran Park future resilience to storms and severe weather
- Replace existing buildings with new affordable housing that meets current standards for size, accessibility, resident health, and comfort
- Maintain Corcoran Park's unique and welcoming character
- Increase the number of affordable dwellings to house more members of our community



Corcoran Park is in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood of Cambridge.



Corcoran Park needs major revitalization due to stormwater drainage problems, lack of accessibility, undersized and outdated units, and other issues.

SUMMARY OF LAST MEETING

In the last neighborhood meeting, the CHA presented an updated site plan for Corcoran Park. This site plan includes three four-story elevator buildings (pictured in dark blue) as well as eight three-story buildings. This site plan responds to previous neighbor and resident feedback by increasing the amount of parking on-site, eliminating previously proposed six-story buildings, and adding in-unit washer-and-dryer hookups to the proposed three-story buildings, among other changes.

Four-story buildings step down to three stories when approaching neighbors.

Three-story buildings align with the scale of neighboring buildings at the site edges



A mixture of on-street parking and small parking lots responds to the neighborhood context

Key

- 4-Floor Building (with Elevator)
- 3-Floor Building
- Parking Stalls
- New Drive Aisle
- Existing Tree
- Proposed Tree
- Open Space
- Private Open Space
- Raised Crosswalk

Open space is refocused on private and semi-private open spaces like those found in the neighborhood, rather than larger park-like spaces

	Existing	Proposed
Total Units	153	290
Parking Spaces	93 private	218 private
Parking Ratio	.61 private	.75 private
Open Space	45%	45%
Building type	2-story Townhouse	4-story elevator 3-story walkup

In the next neighborhood meeting on June 18th, 2025, CHA will be presenting updated designs as well as preliminary visualizations of the proposed buildings.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT?

The Cambridge Housing Authority provides long-term rental housing and rental assistance to more than 8,000 low-income families, elders and disabled individuals, or almost 10% of the city population.

By focusing on policy innovation and family economic opportunities, CHA meets its mission: to develop and manage safe, good quality, affordable housing for low-income individuals and families in a manner that promotes citizenship, community, and self-reliance in one of the most expensive markets in the country.

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Questions or comments?

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Zoom link and login information on front side.