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## THE NEXT EVOLUTION OF THE YARD - A TRANSFORMATION

The National Park Service, the USS Constitution Museum, and the United States Navy are partnering on an ambitious vision for the future—establishing the Charlestown Navy Yard as a must-see destination for education and enjoyment. The Partners embrace collaboration, creativity, and sustainable strategies for the Navy Yard’s stewardship. The future of the Navy Yard will be guided by three concepts.

**Great Stories** - The Navy Yard immerses visitors into stories that stimulate the senses and ignite the imagination. The Navy Yard uncovers material cues, highlights authentic objects, layers interpretive materials, and invites visitors to experience history anew. *What stories does the future of the Navy Yard have in store?*

**Community Engagement** - The Navy Yard serves the community as a gathering place of respite and celebration, work and leisure, old and new. A vibrant community full of amenities, the Navy Yard hosts festivals, live music, public art, parks, restaurants, schools, hospitals, residences, and businesses. *How can the Navy Yard make ordinary life extraordinary?*

**Waterfront Access** - The Navy Yard embraces Boston’s waterfront with the towering rig of “Old Ironsides” silhouetted against the city skyline. Profoundly rooted in its maritime legacy, the Navy Yard is open to the recreational opportunities of the shoreline as a place for waterfront adventure. *Can the Navy Yard create a seamless waterfront experience from shore to sea?*



## TRANSFORMING “THE NAVY YARD”

The Charlestown Navy Yard has proudly served the nation for nearly two hundred years. Here, naval personnel and thousands of civilian workers built, repaired, and supplied warships from the majestic vessels of the nineteenth century to the powerful steel navy that sailed from Boston to defend freedom. Home to USS *Constitution* since 1897, the Navy Yard now welcomes nearly a million visitors each year.

Today, the Navy Yard is poised to serve a vital community function: as a connector to our heritage and a contributor

to contemporary life and learning. The Visitor Experience Plan ([charlestownnavyyard.org](http://charlestownnavyyard.org)) unveils a forward-looking vision for the Navy Yard. The result of a thorough and consensus-driven process, it is part plan and part provocation. It sees the Navy Yard for the amazing resource that it is and for what it might become. The Visitor Experience Plan strives to project the boundless optimism, ambition, and innovation that has defined the Navy Yard; the home of America’s Ship of State. Join us in transforming the Navy Yard!

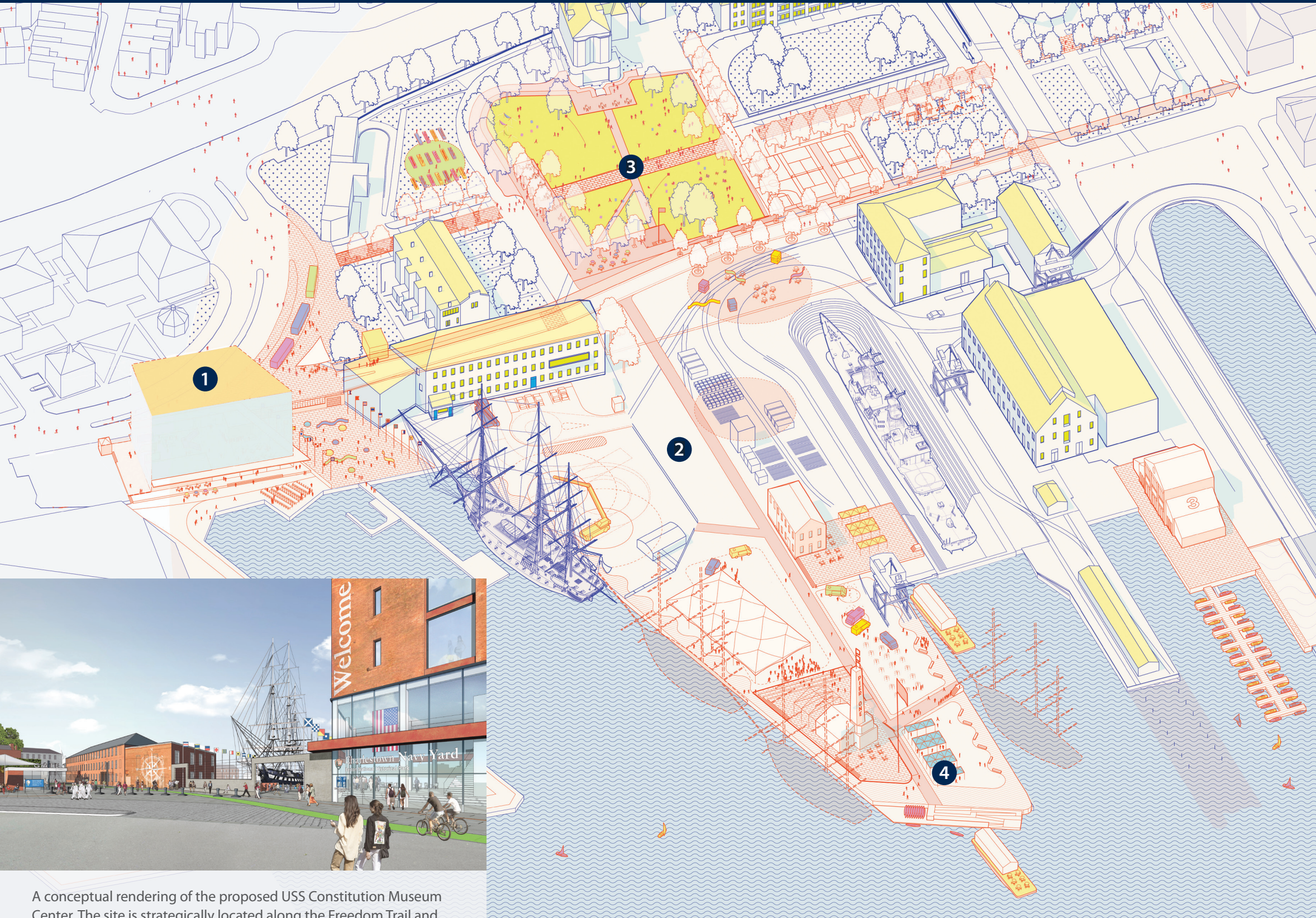


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# THE FUTURE NAVY YARD

*A vision of engaging experiences that express the Navy Yard's unique history & character.*



A conceptual rendering of the proposed USS Constitution Museum Center. The site is strategically located along the Freedom Trail and serves as a gateway into the Charlestown Navy Yard. It is proposed as the new home of the USS Constitution Museum & NPS Visitor Center.

## ① GATEWAY

- An engaging museum experience: exhibits, galleries, film, hands-on activities, and more
- Future home of the award-winning USS Constitution Museum with expanded galleries
- Engage all ages in the stories of “Old Ironsides”, maritime heritage, and naval service
- Orientation to USS Constitution, the Navy Yard, and Freedom Trail
- Access to historic ships, connections to Harbor Walk, and Bunker Hill
- Outdoor waterfront space for special events, food, and retail venues

## ② GREAT STORIES

- Interpret great stories from the Navy Yard's 218-year history and beyond
- Move USS Cassin Young into Dry Dock 1 as an interpretive exhibit on ship repair
- Develop Building 10 as an interpretive transition between USS Constitution (War of 1812) and USS Cassin Young (World War II)

## ③ THE GREAT LAWN

- Enlarge the Commandant's Lawn allowing for community events, concerts, and private functions
- Encourage fitness through the use of tennis/basketball courts and exercise stations
- Create an enhanced east/west walking connection along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- Re-establish Victory Gardens for community activities and engagement

## ④ THE WATERFRONT

- Activate Pier 1 with programs, food, festivals, special year-round activities, and opportunities to enjoy views of the city and harbor
- Enhance Pier 1 to accommodate visiting ships and floating food/activity barges
- Construct a steel, ghosted structure in place of Building 109 to provide shade and house events and programming
- Increase boat access and develop Freedom Trail tours that connect Boston Harbor to the shoreside sites and stories

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