

# Select only **ONE** of the following three options:

(Please read all three options before making your choice)

## 1 **Commercial Development of both lots**

I would like both the waterfront parcels sold for private development. My preferences for the uses are:

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|                          | Don't                    |                          |  |
| Yes                      | No                       | Know                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Residences Only</b> No retail shops, offices, restaurants, inns, etc.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Commercial Uses Only: No Residences</b> Could include retail shops, offices, inns, restaurants, marinas/water-related uses                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Mixed Use</b> Could include residences, retail shops, offices, restaurants, inns, water-related uses, museums, civic centers (youth, elderly) |

## 2 **Park Only**

I would like the City of Newburyport to purchase both waterfront lots and create a park – mostly landscaped open space for recreational, cultural, and civic uses with an information center, public rest rooms, and other amenities built on it.

## 3 **Park and Commercial Development**

I would like part of the property sold for private development and the proceeds used to create a park on the remaining property. My preferences for commercial uses are:

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|                          | Don't                    |                          |   |
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Please check the ward you live in (listed on the City Census form):  Ward 1  Ward 2  Ward 3  Ward 4  Ward 5  Ward 6

I have lived in Newburyport for  Less than 5 years  5-15 years  Over 15 years

I have children under the age of 18 at home  Yes  No

Do you think Newburyport can afford to build and maintain additional parks?  Yes  No  Don't Know

Do you think more commercial development on the central waterfront would be beneficial to the city?  Yes  No  Don't Know

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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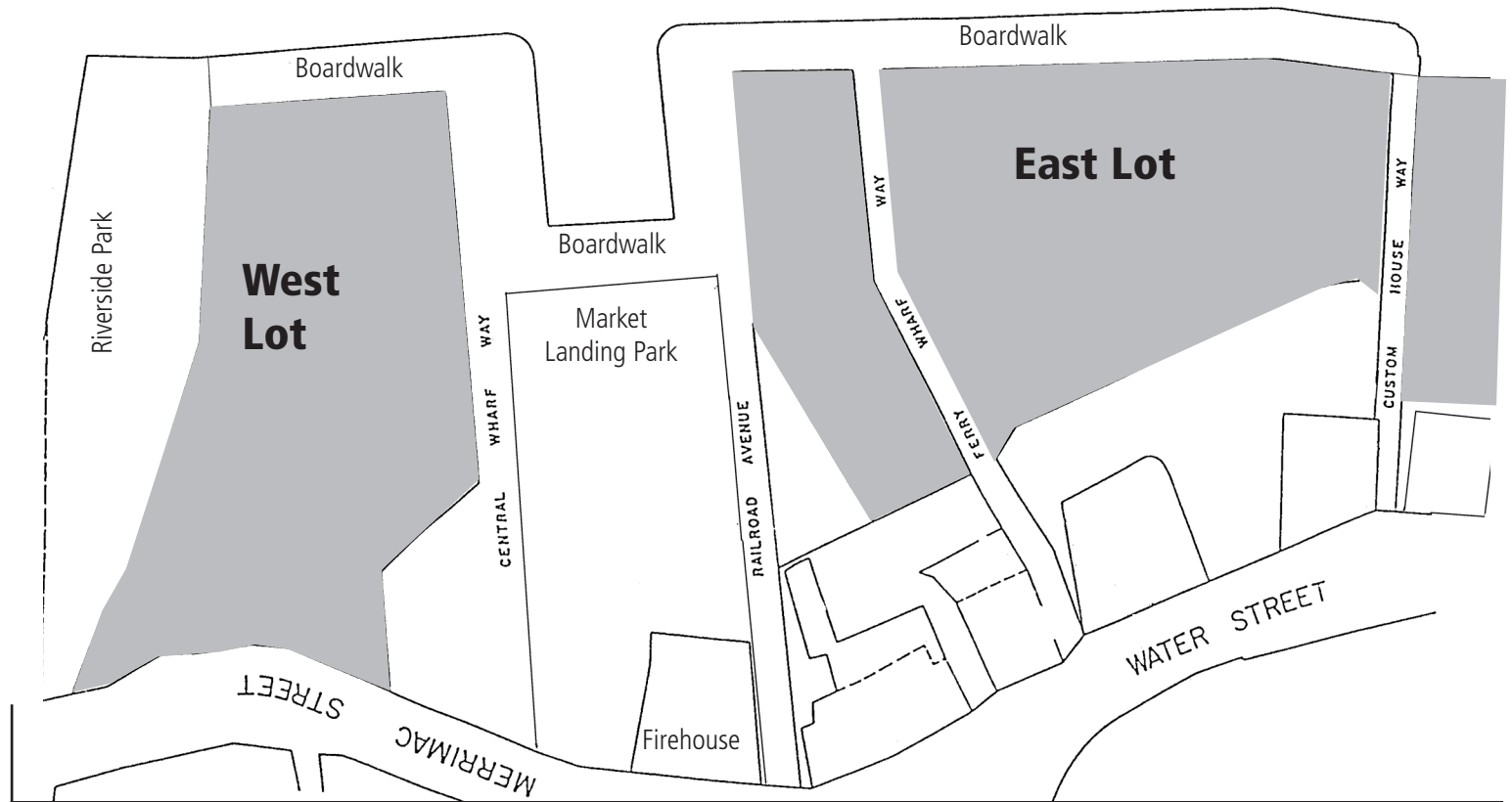
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# Newburyport Redevelopment Authority (NRA)

## Waterfront Development Survey

### What is this survey for?

With the recent court decision in its favor, the NRA now has the responsibility to decide the future of the last two undeveloped lots that will complete the extraordinarily successful urban renewal program begun a generation ago in the 1960's.



### We need to hear from you!

This survey is being mailed with the city census because we want to insure that every household in the city has the opportunity to be heard. Based upon the response we receive, the NRA will begin to move forward on plans for this final project. **Your response is important.**

### Benefits vs. Costs

Whether you want commercial or park development, there are benefits and costs:

- **Commercial development** creates jobs and revenues but also congestion and demands on the city for services
- **Park development** creates recreational space for residents and visitors to enjoy but also costs the city money to build and maintain. And *while there may be grants and gifts available, you should assume that the costs of park development and maintenance would be the responsibility of the City.*

### Parking Issues

For many years the East and West lots have been used for parking, and residents, visitors and people who work downtown have come to depend on this parking. However, the NRA does not believe that turning this valuable waterfront property into permanent parking lots is the "highest and best use" of the land.

The only permanent waterfront parking planned by the NRA will be **reserved for handicapped and elderly people**, and a few spaces for short term (1/2 hour) parking.

The city is currently assessing several nearby locations for parking that will replace the waterfront spaces. While the NRA has no plans to eliminate any parking until the replacement parking has been built, **for the purposes of this survey, we ask you to assume that the city has created sufficient parking spaces nearby to replace all of those currently used on the waterfront.**

Should there be commercial development, the developer will be required to provide adequate parking within the property.