CLIMATE ACTION: Building Resilient Communities

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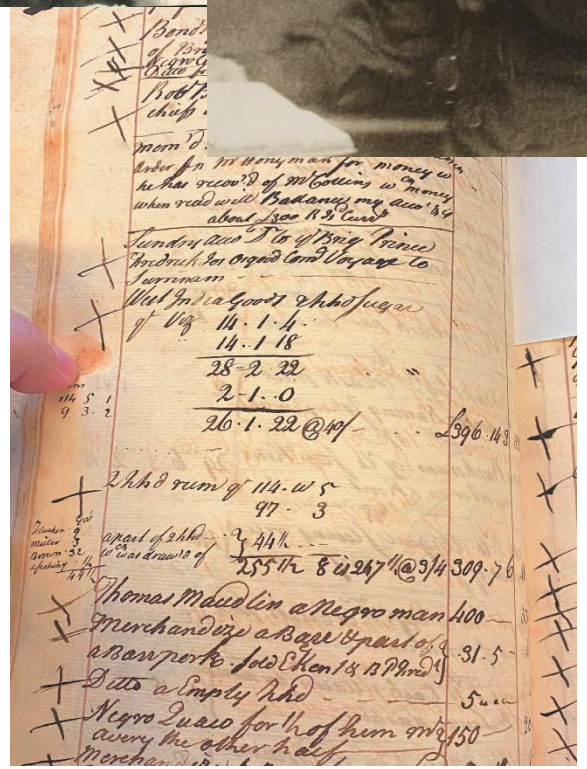

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Climate Commitment Statement

Historic New England is committed to addressing the global climate crisis through actions that will reduce or eliminate our greenhouse gas emissions, promote the resiliency of our properties, engage our communities, and advance climate justice and energy equity.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees, September 2023

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Historic New England Climate Action Plan

- Enacting **operational shifts** that integrate climate action into the day-to-day operations of Historic New England
- **Engaging a broad and inclusive public** through robust partnerships, programs, and activities that advance climate justice for all.
- Achieving **carbon neutrality for all Historic New England sites** by 2050, continuously evaluating progress and adjusting actions to achieve success.
- Managing our properties to meet our high preservation standards but also **adapting** those **standards to ensure resilience** in the face of weather extremes and sea level rise.

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Casey Farm

- Operational Shifts
- Climate Justice
- Mitigation
- Resilience

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Storm Water and Flooding Resilience

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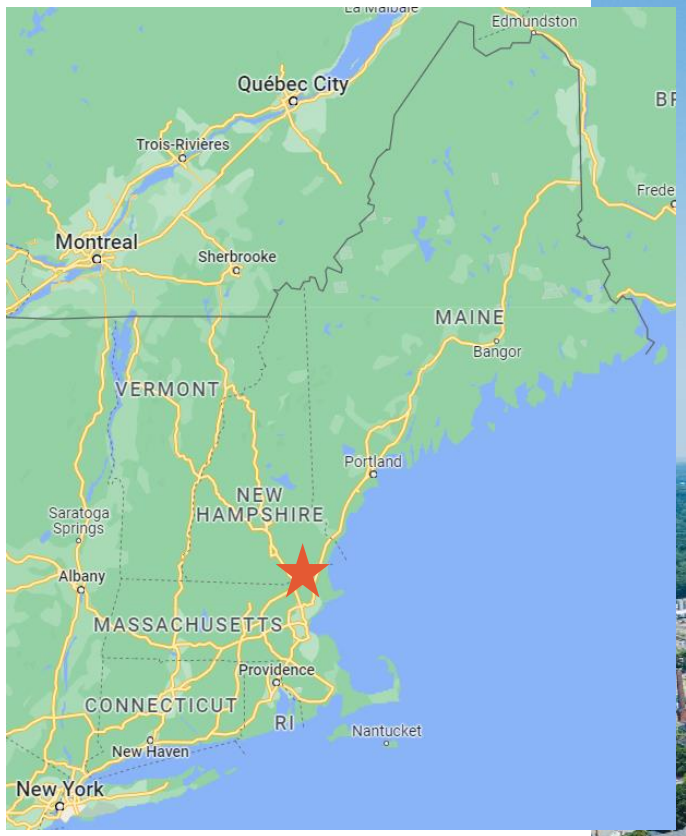
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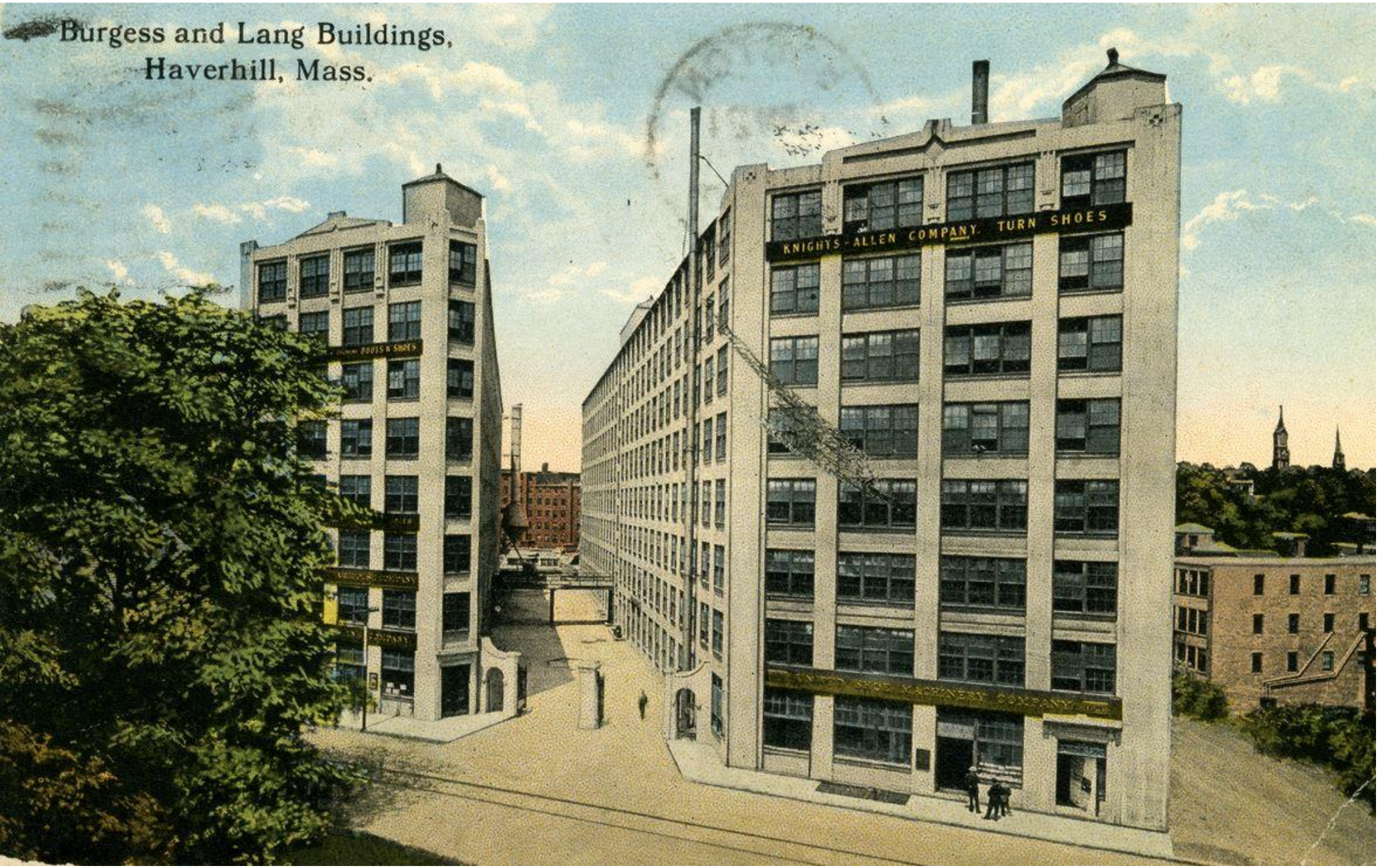

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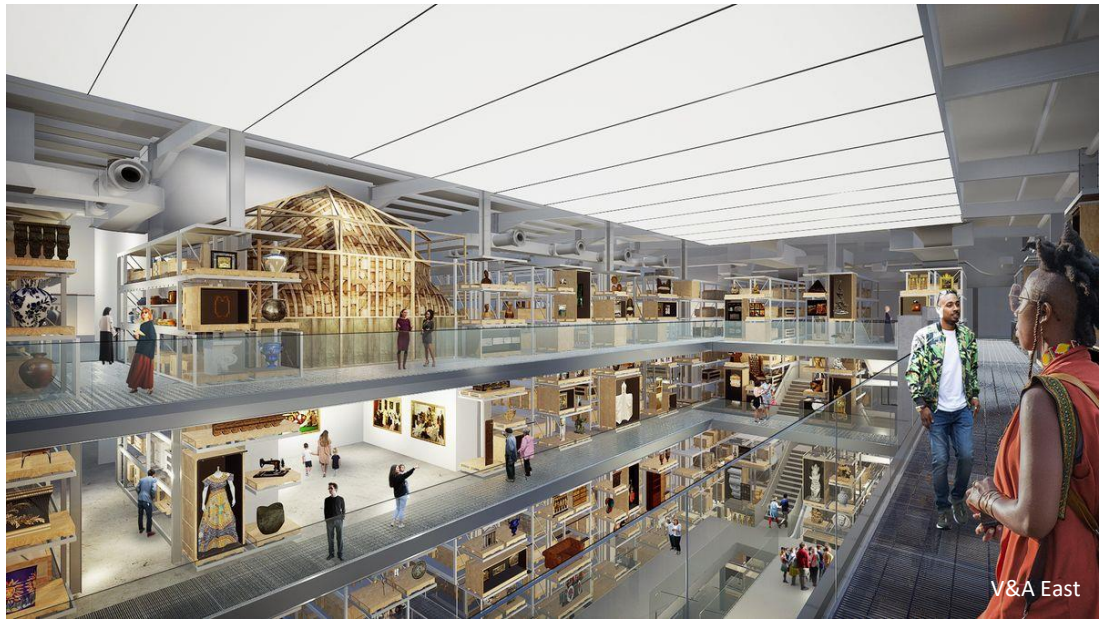
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Buffalo AKG Art Museum

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"These objects are made with care, creativity, and a conviction about the quality that embodies the Maker. And on top of that, there's a kind of inventiveness – a New England inventiveness. A profound inventiveness."

-Deborah Berke, TenBerke

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"The confluence of industry, culture, civic pride, good governance, coming together using design as a civic tool to create better societies."

-Brandon Haw,
Brandon Haw Architecture

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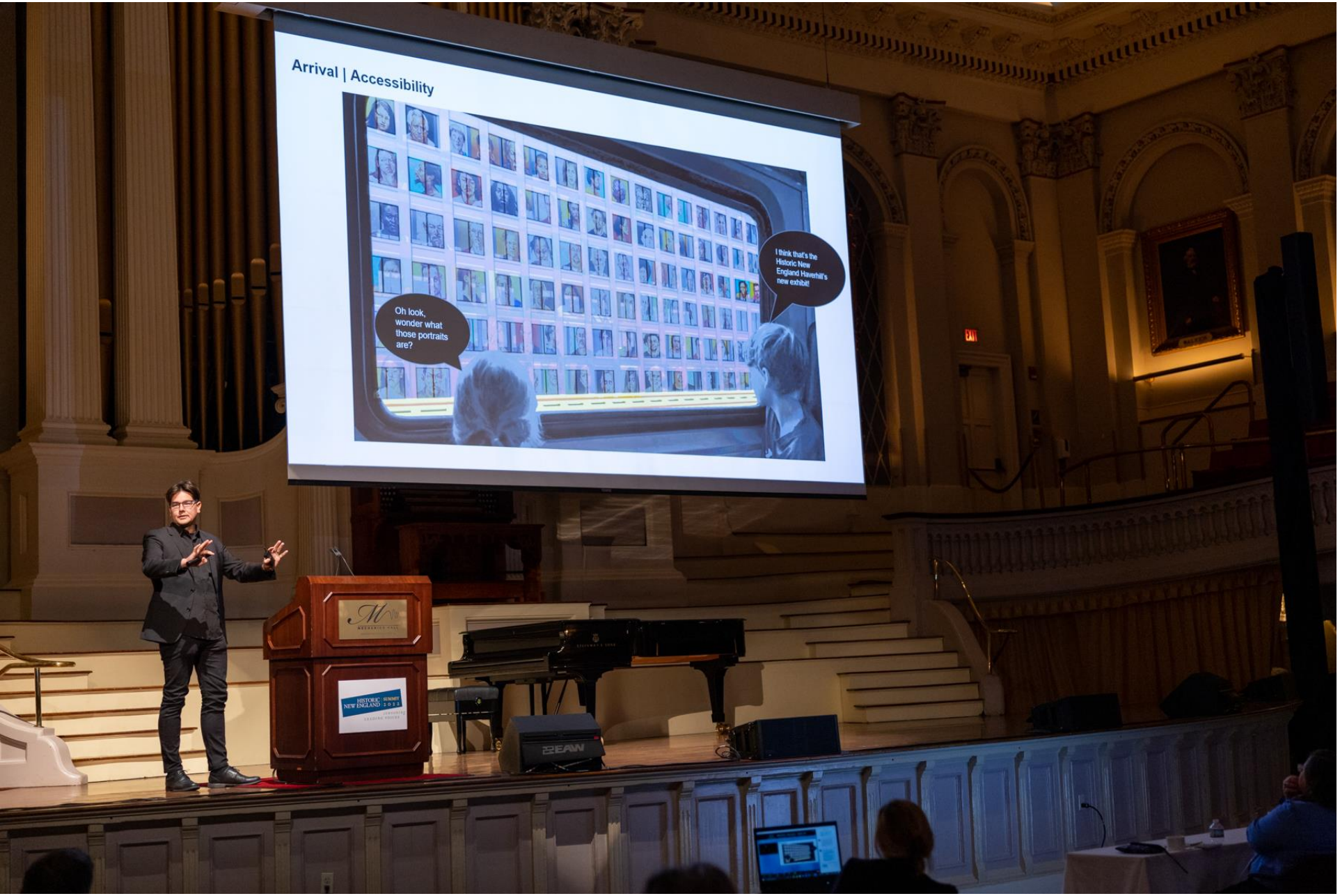

"The striking thing about those two buildings, not only are they twinned or paired, but they're so close together. You could almost reach out the window and feel like you could touch the person in the next building."

-Eric Höweler,
Höweler + Yoon

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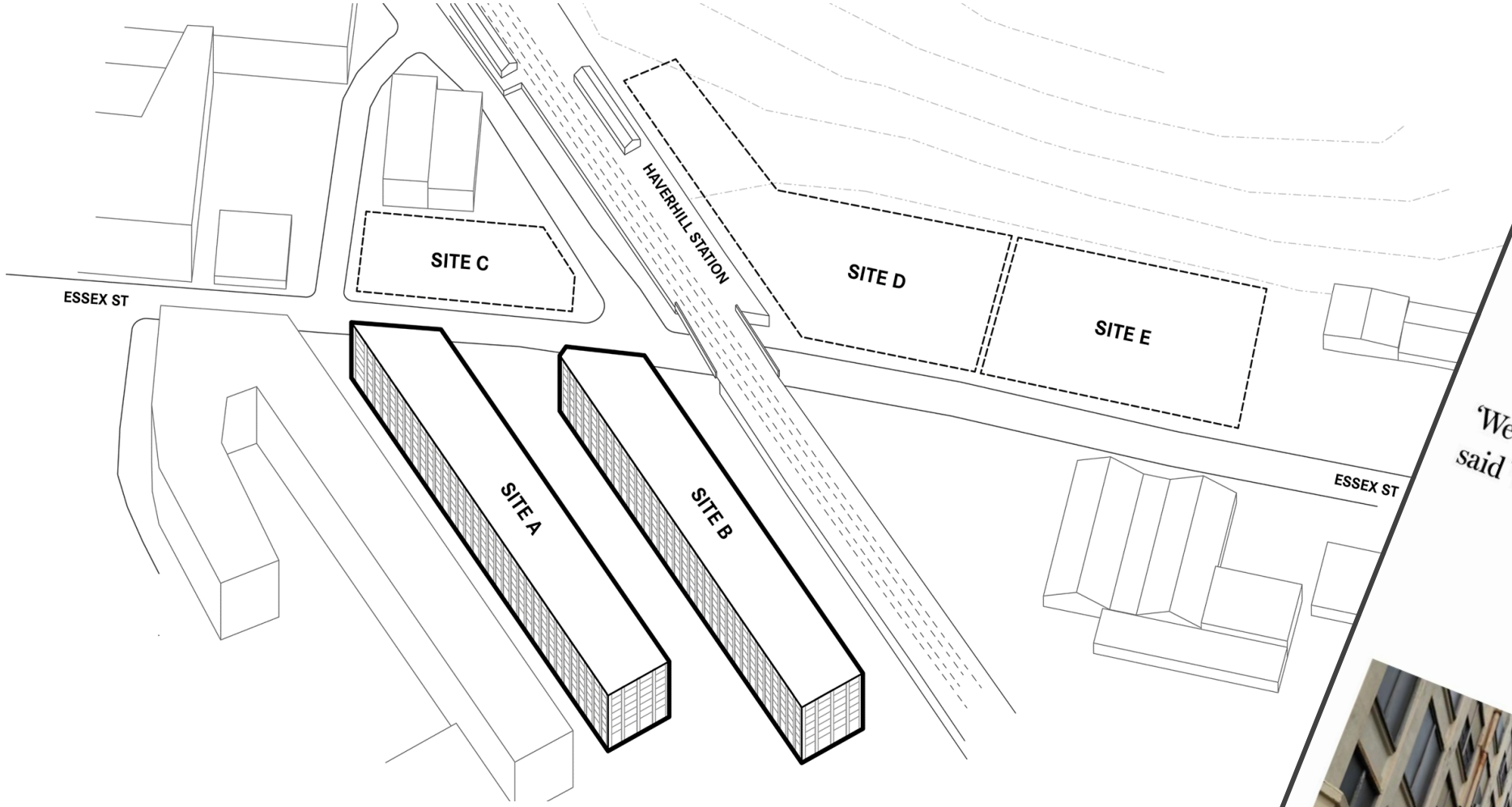

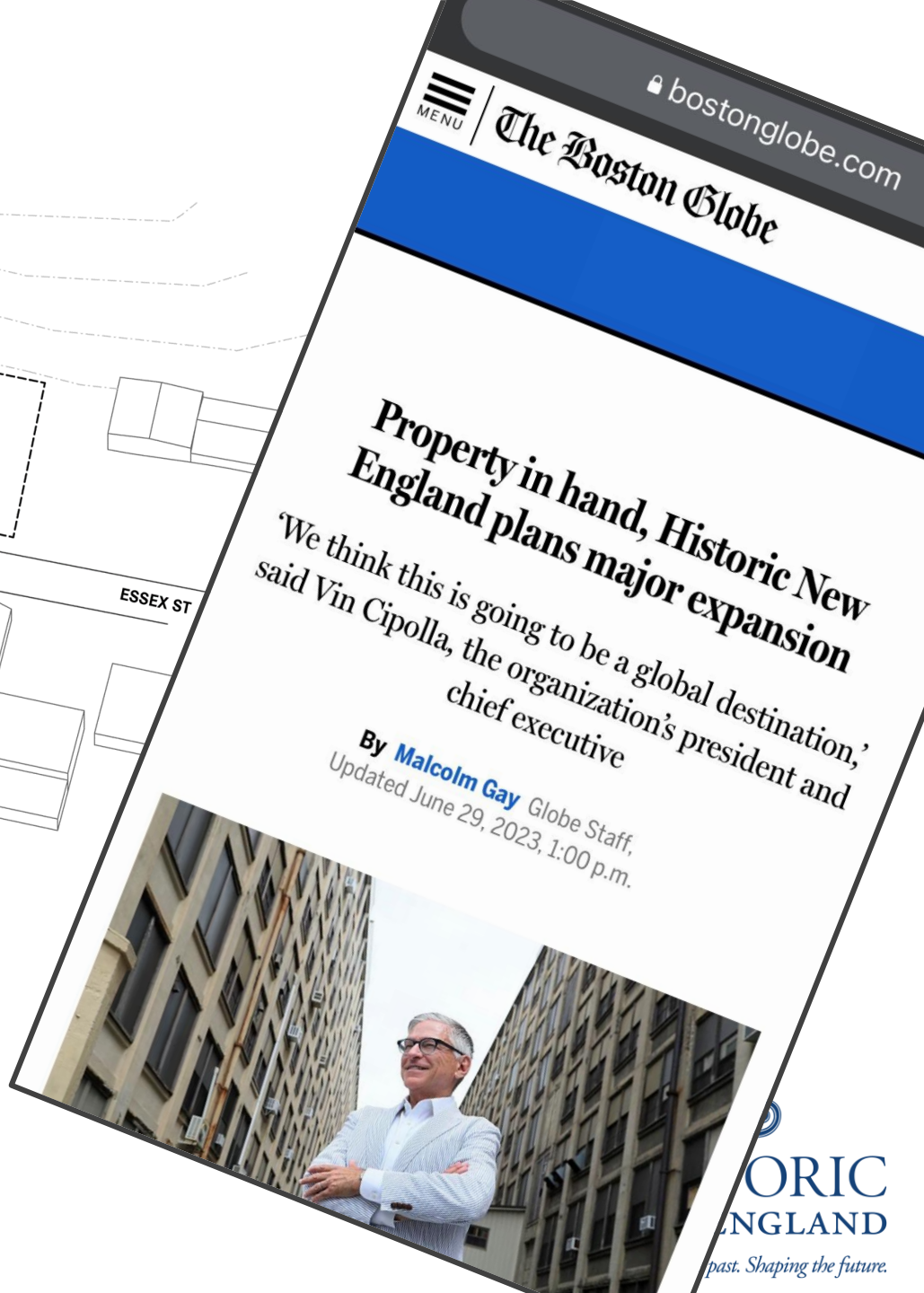

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Property in hand, Historic New England plans major expansion

'We think this is going to be a global destination,' said Vin Cipolla, the organization's president and chief executive

By Malcolm Gay Globe Staff, Updated June 29, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

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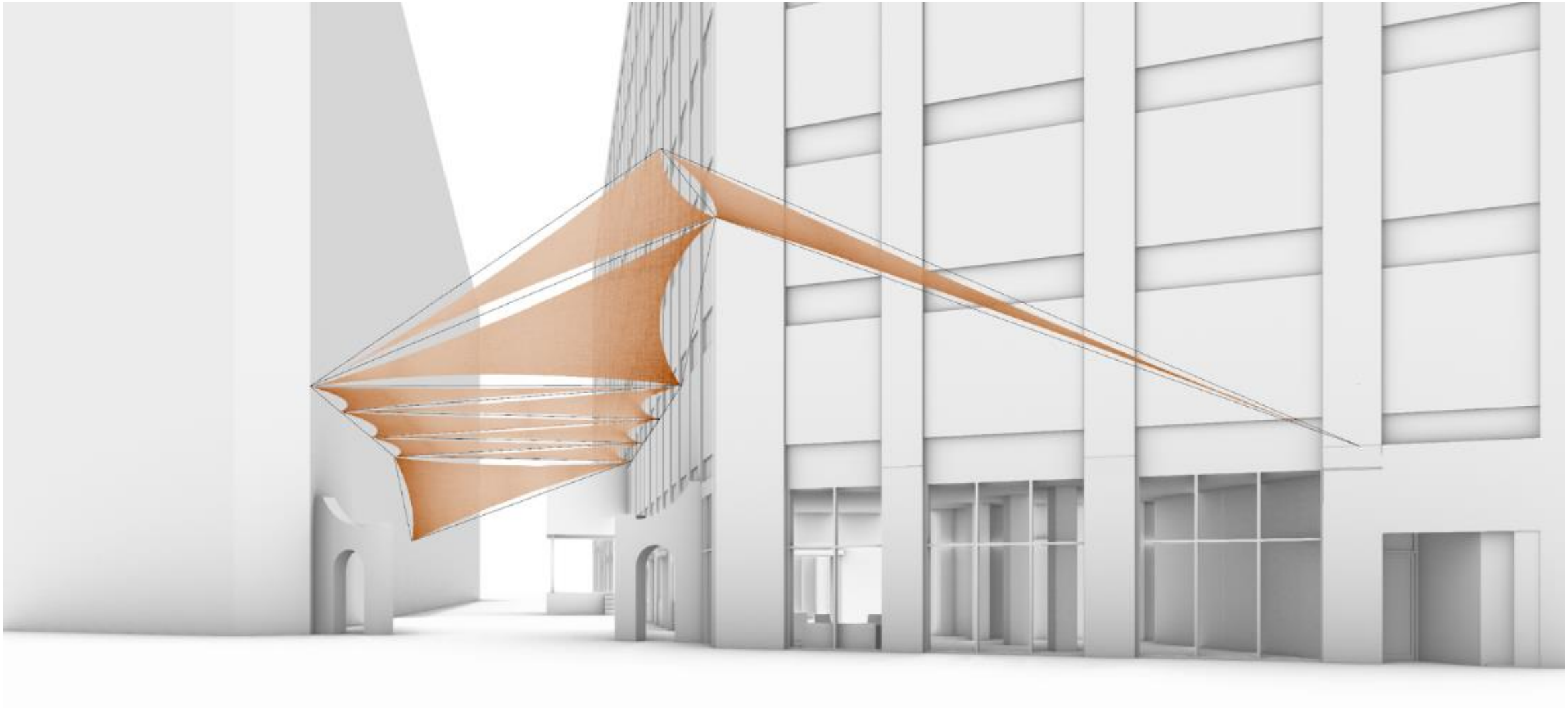

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Planning for the Future

- What are the long-term implications of our actions?
- How does our action make things better?
- Is there any potential for harm?
- Identifying our partners