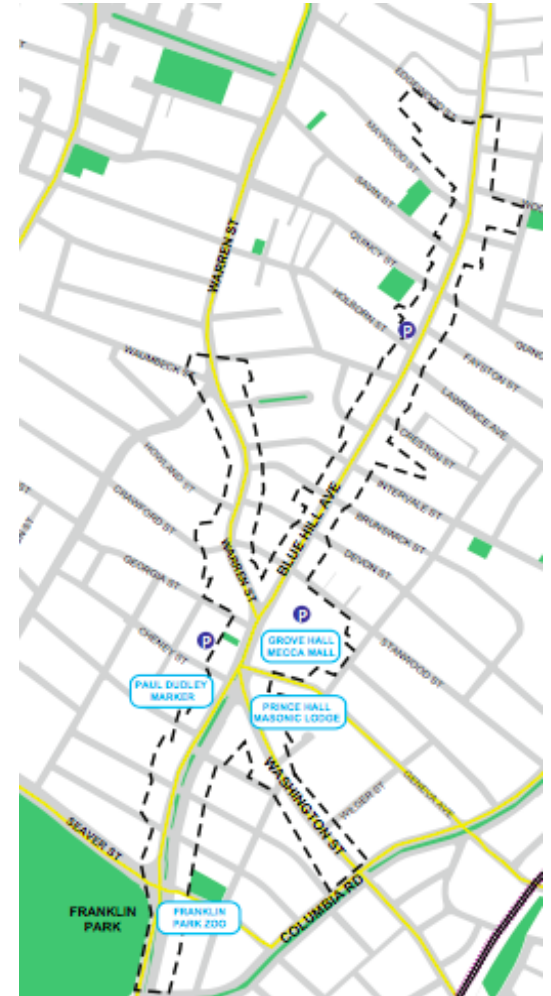


# **Grove Hall and Concentrated Disadvantage**

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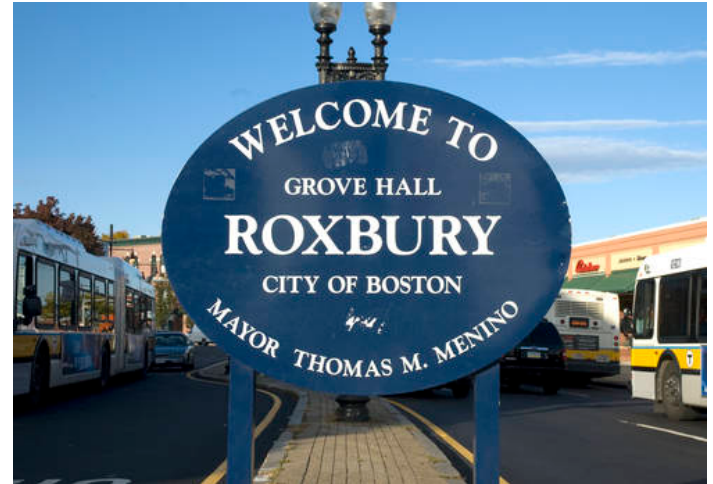
# Grove Hall - Introduction

- Neighborhood boundaries:
  - At the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue, Washington and Warren Streets, Grove Hall links Dorchester and Roxbury.
- Key places within the neighborhood:
  - Franklin Park Zoo
  - Pure Oasis Dispensary
  - Shopping mecca
  - Blue Hill Ave (main road)



# About Grove Hall

- Demographics
  - 37% lives below the poverty line
  - 30.6% of the population is under 18
  - Racial Characteristics:
    - 64.2% black
    - 29.0% Hispanic/Latino
    - 1.6% white
    - 0.8% Asian
    - 2.5% two or more races
    - 1.9% other
- Most prevalent issues facing neighborhood
  - Substance abuse
  - Concentrated disadvantage
  - No quality community center for youth
  - Over-saturation of sober homes
  - Lack of funding



# Project R.I.G.H.T.

- Project R.I.G.H.T. (PRI) is a multi-faceted organization working to create, establish, strengthen, and coordinate resident and youth involvement in neighborhood stabilization, economic development and community building efforts within the neighborhoods of North Dorchester and Roxbury (Greater Grove Hall) through the grassroots organizing of neighborhood residents.
- Community Meetings:
  - Guest speakers:
    - police officers, community engagement leaders
    - ~30 participants present at each meeting → mostly ages 40+



# Addressing issues in Grove Hall

- **Concentrated disadvantage**

- Emma has addressed the need and importance of having a quality community center for youth programming in Grove Hall
- Skylar presented on the importance of hotspot policing and efforts to support youth and deter them from crime, rather than criminalize them
- Heather discussed the concentration of sober homes in the neighborhood and need for stronger regulation