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What the BRA approved: April 2016

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The **Boston Redevelopment Authority** approved nine projects at its April board meeting, which include a total of 1.3 million square feet of development and 231 housing units, of which 129 are designated affordable. All told, the development cost for the nine projects is \$1.3 billion.



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Here's a breakdown of what was approved:

Harvard University's John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, a facility planned on Harvard's Allston campus that will eventually span 556,850 square feet. The project first got its start in 2007 in what was initially the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, but construction was suspended during the financial crisis of 2009. The facility will cost \$1 billion and include lab, classroom, teaching, and office space for dozens of faculty and hundreds of researchers when completed by fall 2020.

Harvard was also approved to renovate its Soldiers Field Park housing complex, a 429,000-square-foot facility originally built in 1976. The facility,

which houses 739 graduate students, will undergo a \$183.5 million renovation.

A partnership of Caribbean Integration Community Development and the Planning Office for Urban Affairs was approved to build Cote Village, a 106,977-square-foot, 76-unit residential building at the site of a former car dealership at 820 Cummins Highway and 30-32 Regis Road in Mattapan. The complex will include 68 units designated affordable, as well as 1,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and a 12,000-square-foot public plaza.

Kandu Development was approved to build Parsons Crossing, a 54-unit apartment complex that will include a **Roche Bros.** supermarket and bank at 425 Washington St. in Brighton. The development will include seven units designated affordable.

The Bridge Boston Foundation will renovate the former Roxbury Comprehensive Health Center building as the new home of the Bridge Boston Charter School. The building, which has been closed since 2012, is located at 435 Warren St. A vacant residential structure on the site will be demolished to make room for a 3,000-square-foot classroom wing and a 6,700-square-foot, standalone gymnasium.

Caritas Communities and the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corp. were approved to build the 47-unit O'Connor Way Elderly Housing project. The all-affordable development will be restricted for people aged 62 and older and be built on an undeveloped parcel within the Mary Ellen McCormack housing development in South Boston.

Developer Gerry Bickoff was approved to build a five-story, 20-unit apartment building at the corner of North Beacon and Everett streets in Allston. Three apartments will be designated affordable.

An existing three-family home at 24-26 Hichborn St. in Brighton will be demolished to make way for a five-story, 20-unit apartment complex. Three of the units will be designated affordable. The project was proposed by 24-26 Hichborn Street LLC of Arlington, which lists Christopher Cormier, Kevin Pallotta and William D. Mahoney as principals.

Developer Patrick Cibotti was approved to build a 14-unit condominium at 85-93 Willow Court in Dorchester, a parcel near the South Bay shopping center.