

## BOSTON NEEDS MORE OPEN SPACE

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Blaming the 10-year delay in the planning of the Rose Kennedy Greenway on a requirement that it be 75 percent open space, as Matthew Kiefer does in his October 7 op-ed article ("Changing the Rules for Artery Planning"), is both illogical and wrong.

Kiefer even asserts that not only should the 75 percent goal set in 1991 be abandoned, but that the 26 acres that are now the Central Artery shouldn't be a greenway at all, arguing instead for appropriately scaled buildings.

Most people, I think, would disagree, believing instead that we have plenty of appropriately scaled buildings in downtown Boston and a number of inappropriately scaled ones as well. What we do not have enough of are towering trees and flower gardens and greens and other natural places of quiet and peaceful space. The 75 percent open space requirement should stand. Rather than attempt to roll it back, let's get on with the job of achieving it.