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Public/Private, the spring 2015 issue of *ArchitectureBoston* magazine looks at trends in the way we think about public and private space, and how these changing values are influencing architecture and design. Whether the milieu is social space, the workplace, residential life, transportation, or civic territory, what arises when the public and private realms intersect?

“A robust nonprofit sector and a generous business community are both essential to a functioning society, but they are no substitute for the resources that become possible when everyone pays his or her share. Only the federal government, maligned as it is, could have funded the Big Dig. No one has yet paid for affordable housing or a new subway line with a Kickstarter campaign. And to be truly public, our shared civic spaces need to be visible, accessible, welcoming—and free. It’s not a trending point of view in today’s privatized culture, but free is actually something worth paying for.”

—Renée Loth, editor, *ArchitectureBoston*

Highlights:

- Five essays assess notions of public-private engagement in a coworking space, in a micro-unit, on the Greenway, in so-called Lexus lanes, and in the advertising realm.
- An article on how the sharing economy nudges ownership aside.
- An examination of the pros and cons of Chapter 91, the regulatory framework—unique to Boston—that extracts public benefits from private development along the city’s waterfront.
- A call to arms: The city should compile a directory of Boston’s privately owned public spaces, or POPS.
- An article citing research that for some of us, solitude—rather than collaborative open spaces—is what best supports learning.

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