

## Frederick Douglass Avenue

### Unifying/connecting themes to the Brockton of Today

*"We are one, our cause is one, and we must help each other if we are to succeed."*  
Frederick Douglass, *The North Star*, 1847

#### African American History

Statesman, abolitionist, human rights advocate, fighter for equality

#### Underground Railroad Stop, close to the site of the Brockton Liberty Tree

Brockton Edward Bennett house and business

#### Cape Verdean community and shipbuilding/whaling in New England:

Douglass escaped to the north dressed as a sailor; worked with Cape Verdeans in New Bedford and Nantucket as a ship caulker

#### Liberty Tree

William Lloyd Garrison and many orators who spoke out against prejudice here

#### 1845 trip to Ireland

- "The Black Daniel O'Connell"
- Belfast shoe industry and special 'wide' shoes to accommodate Africans in the slave trade; Brockton shoe industry
- Multiple monuments and memorials for Douglass in Ireland (Paddy Lane/Irish in Brockton located right at the Douglass Garden site)

#### 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment/Civil War

- His two sons served in the regiment
- Douglass' argument with Lincoln re equal pay for black soldiers
- "Touissant Guards" in this regiment
- Civil War – "Haytian Emigration" movement

#### Importance of Education

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."  
"Some...know the value of education by having it. I know its value by not having it."

#### Women's Rights

Seneca Falls, New York

"[A] woman should have every honorable motive to exertion which is enjoyed by man, to the full extent of her capacities and endowments. The case is too plain for argument."

#### 1889 – Minister Resident and Consul General to Haiti

Served for two years, just after their independence