

Melnea Cass Boulevard & Windsor Street Community Garden Preservation

Developer Presentation

February 17, 2022



City of Boston
Mayor Michelle Wu



Mayor's Office
of Housing

What is the Grassroots Program?

- Supports the development and preservation of community gardens & other open spaces
- Provides grant funds, City-owned land, and technical assistance to neighborhood groups and non-profits

Windermere Road Garden, Dorchester



Eastie Farm, East Boston

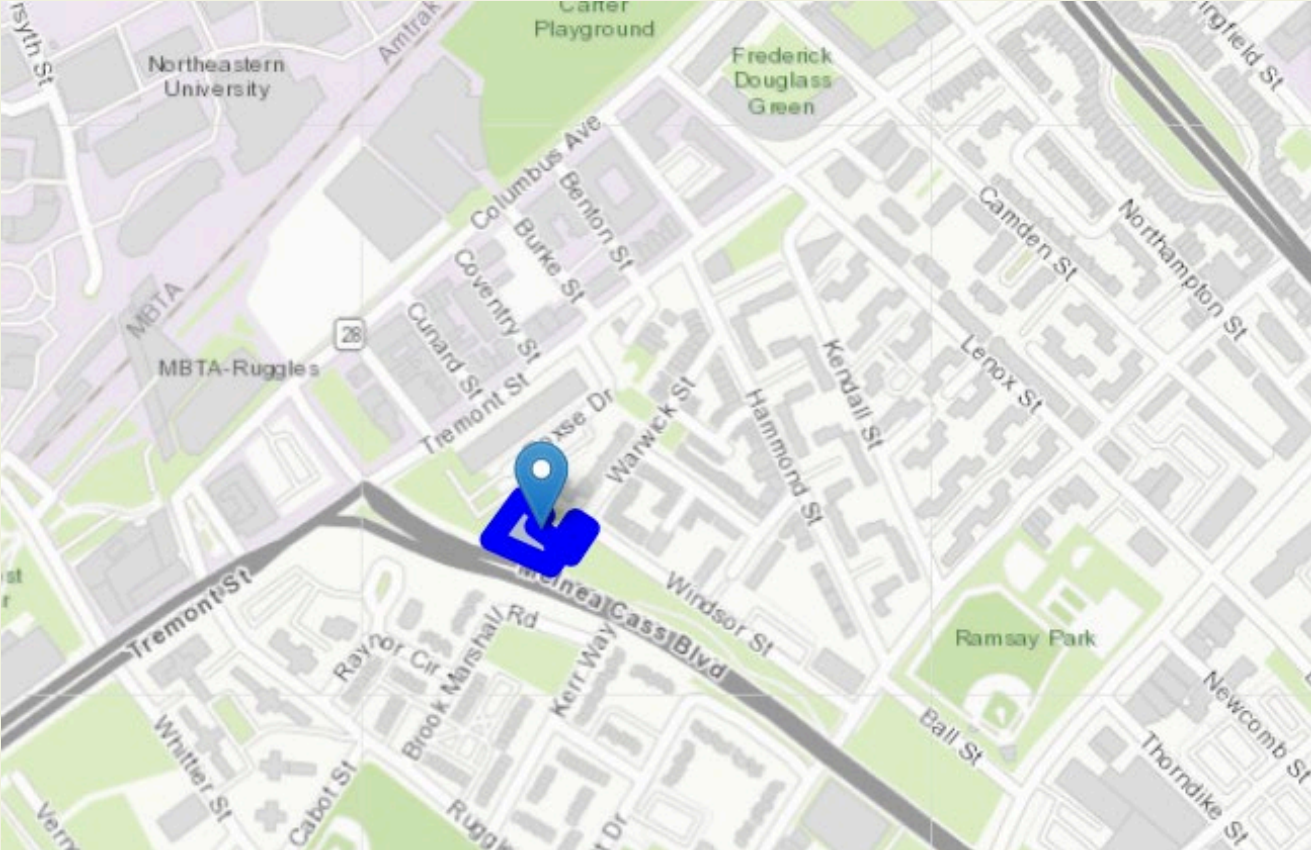




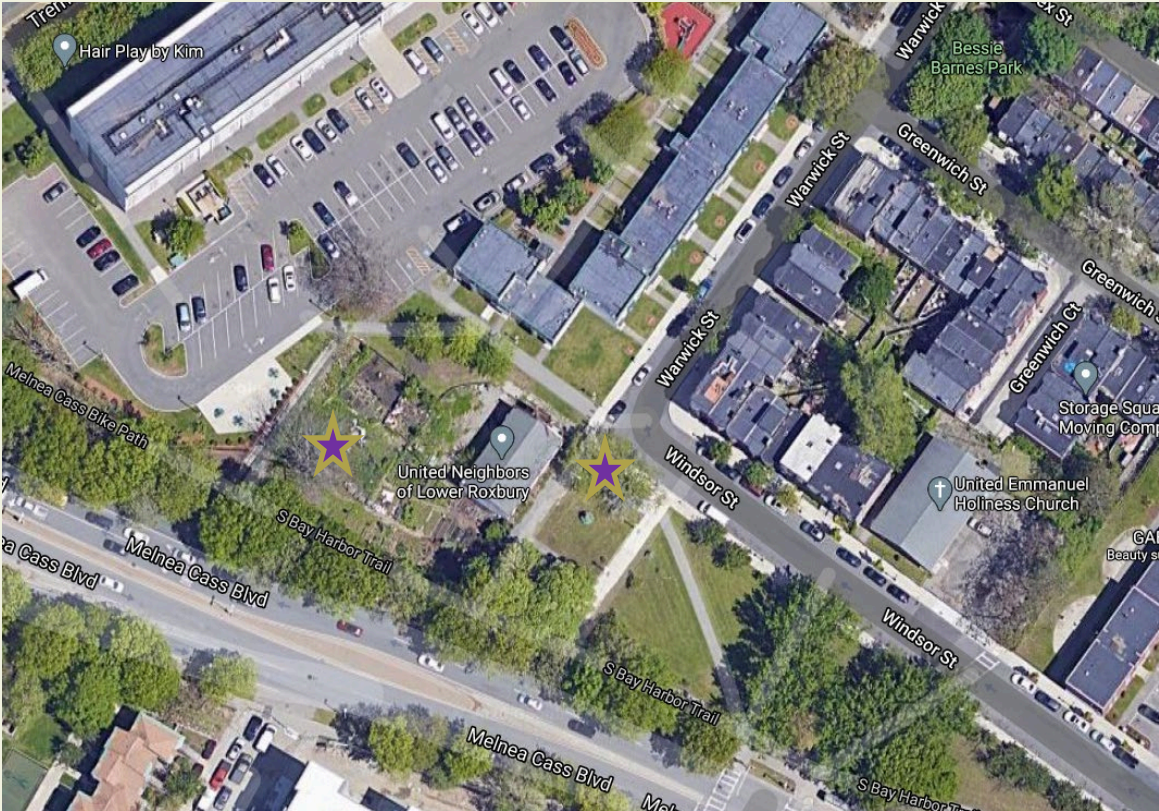
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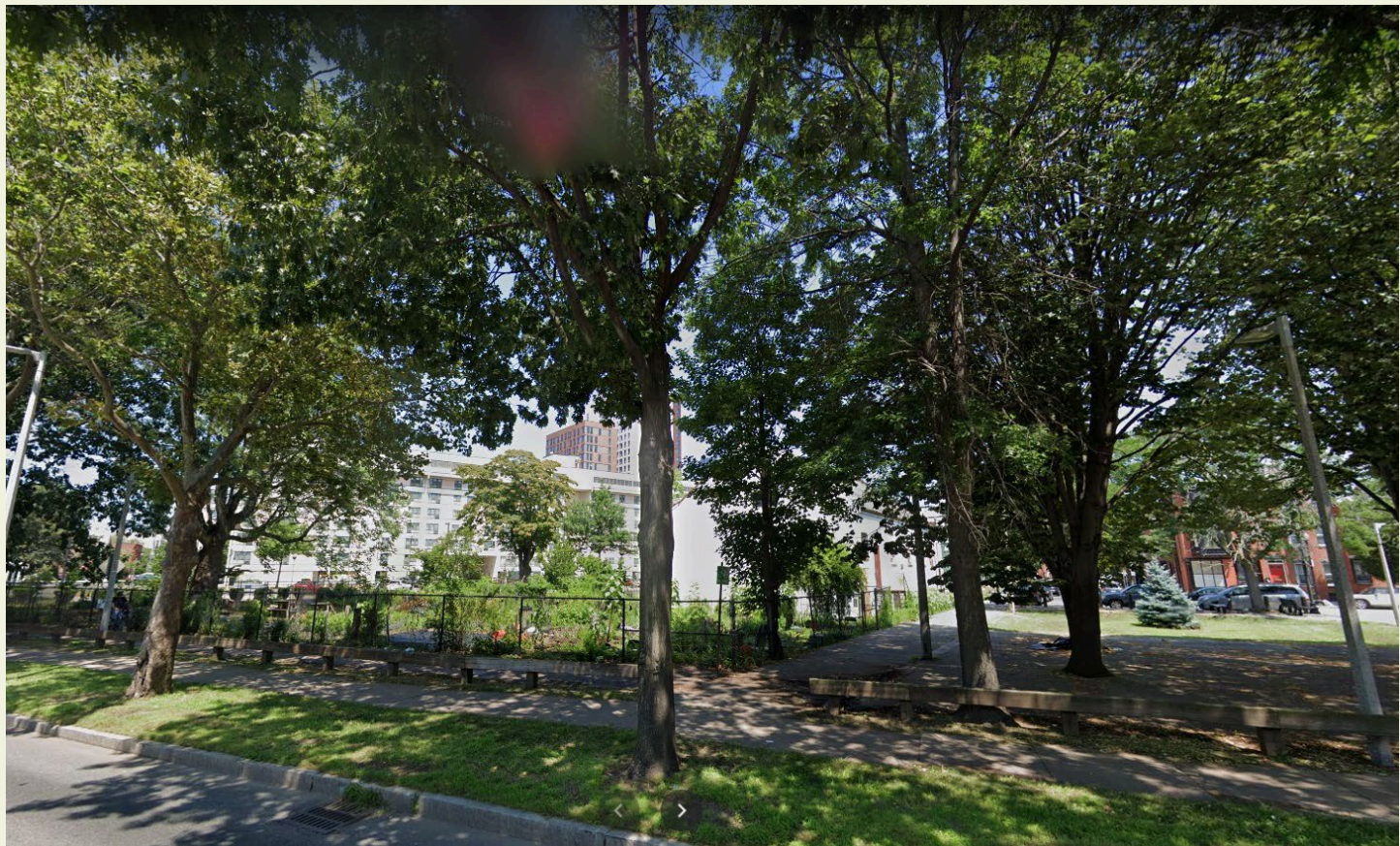
Melnea Cass Boulevard & Windsor Street - Map



Melnea Cass Boulevard & Windsor Street - Satellite View



Melnea Cass Boulevard - Street View



Windsor Street - Street View



Current Community Garden





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United Neighbors Lower Roxbury Community Garden propos



Overview

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ABOUT UNLR

History of Lower Roxbury
and the birth of UNLR
Bill Singleton, President

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About the Garden

Lolita Parker, Jr., Garden
Co-Caretaker

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Garden Improvements

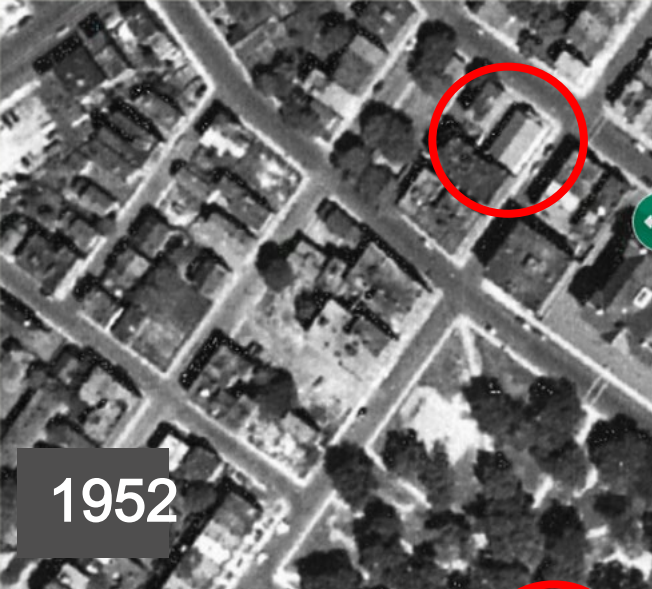
London Parker -McWhorter,
Garden Co-Caretaker

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Timeline

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Questions & Feedback



1952



1978

About UNLR

UNLR is a group of farmers, artists, teachers, entrepreneurs, and neighbors committed to enriching the historic Lower Roxbury neighborhood through artistic, educational, and social initiatives. The organization was founded in 1971 when neighbors, tenant organizations, and church communities came together to protect the neighborhood from highway construction and urban overdevelopment.

Bill Singleton, President
Ricardo Pierre-Louis, Treasurer

Lolita Parker, Jr., Garden C0-Caretaker
Born BiKim, Garden C0-Caretaker
London Parker -McWhorter, Garden C0 -Caretaker

UNLR Building, 90 Windsor St, **Red** in





UNLR Building, 90 Windsor St

Photo by C. Vincent "Vinnie" Haynes, Circa 197



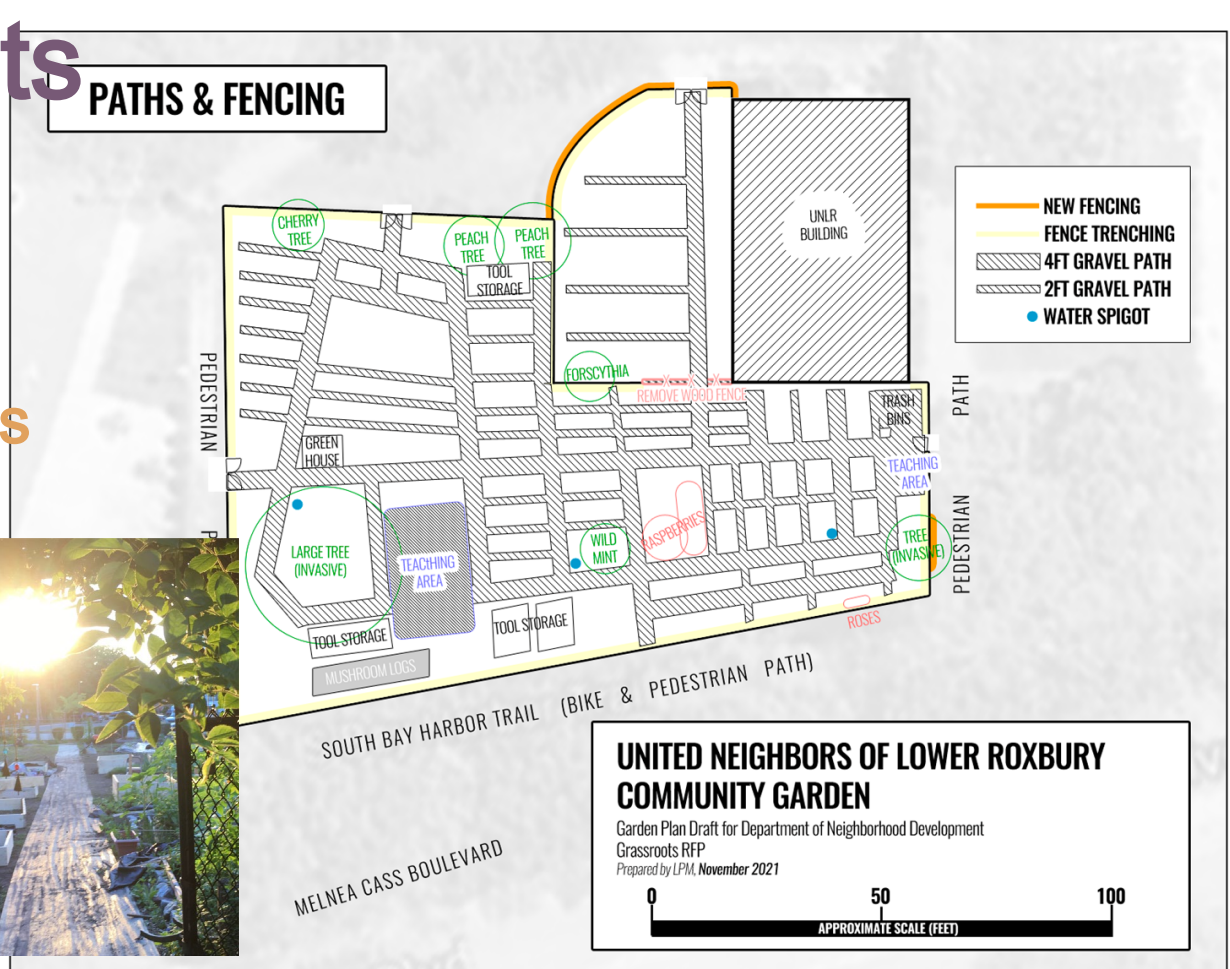
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Improvements

Paths & Fencing

Accessibility for Paths
Gravel Walkways
Perimeter Fencing



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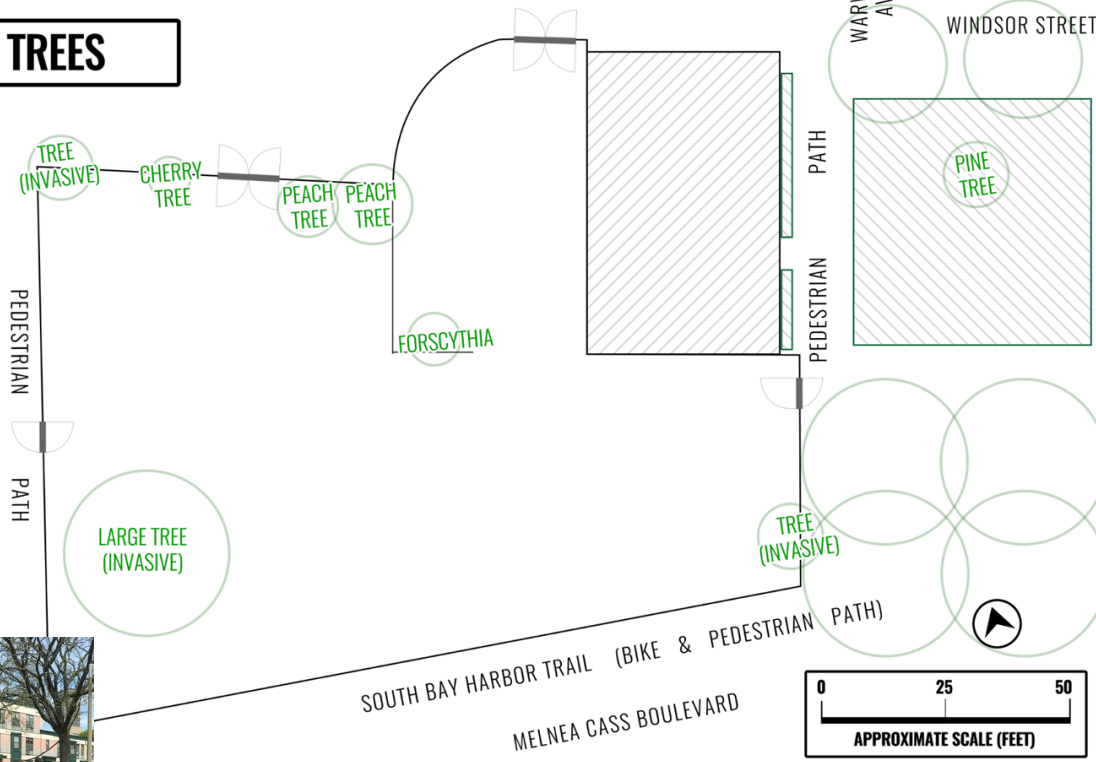


Improvement Tree Canopy Health

Arborist assessment
health of fruit trees
Add New Trees on

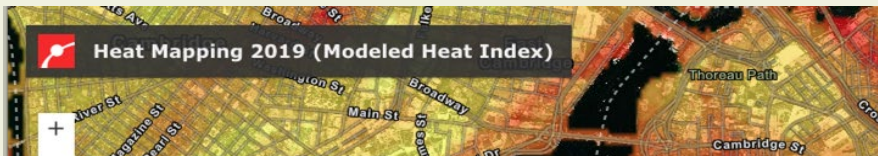


UNLR TREES



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APPROXIMATE SCALE (FEET)

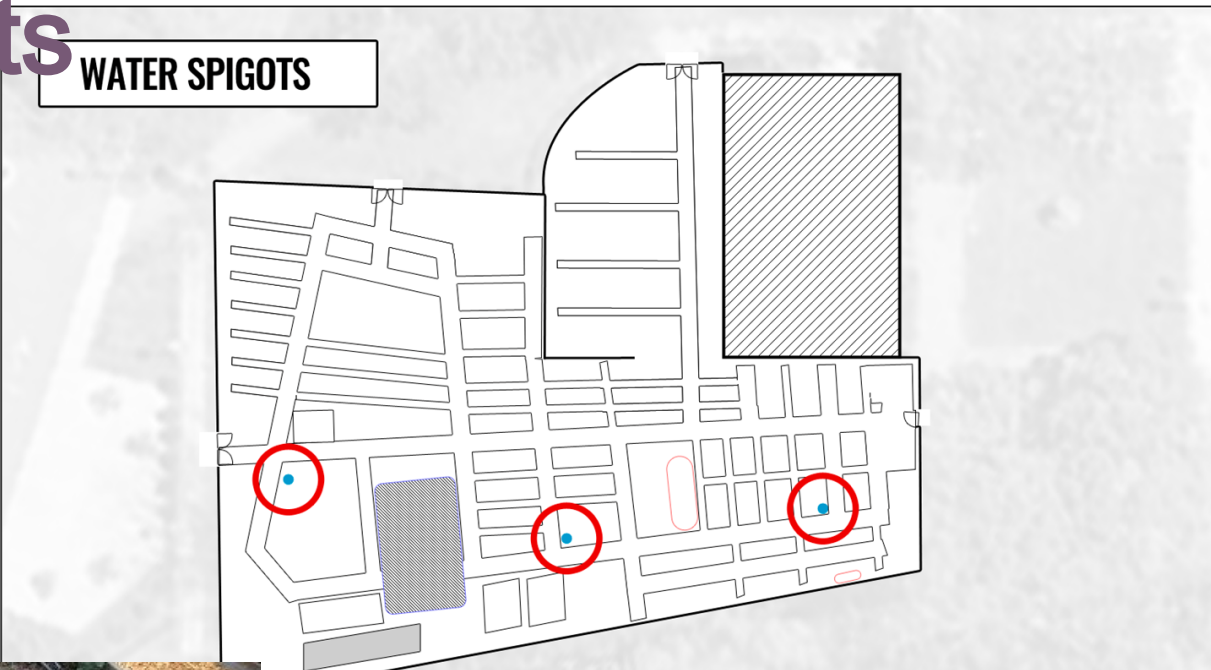
Improvements Tree Canopy & Health



Improvements

Water & Irrigation

- Water Testing
- Timed Irrigation
- Trace Water Lines



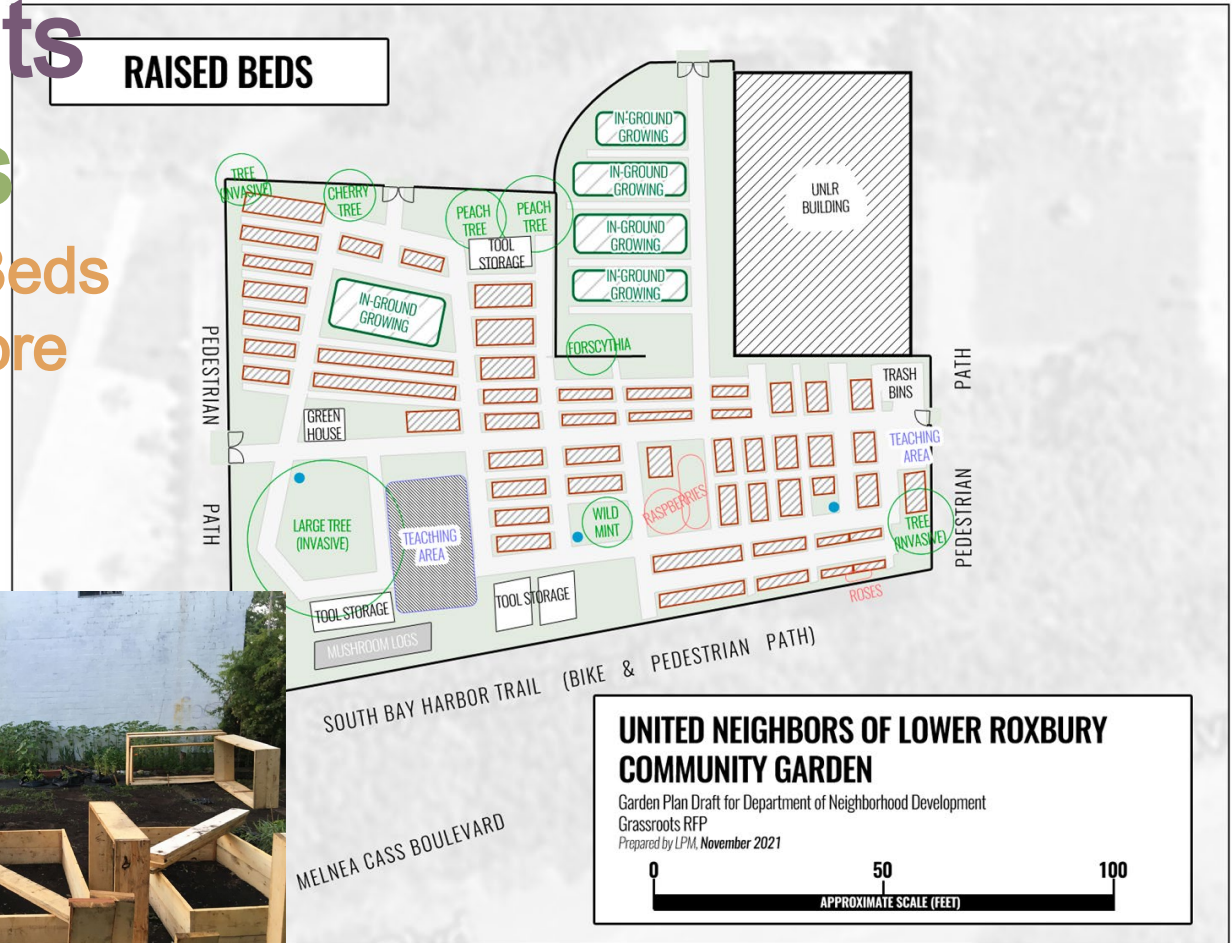
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COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Garden Plan Draft for Department of Neighborhood Development
Grassroots RFP
Prepared by LPM, November 2021

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APPROXIMATE SCALE (FEET)

Improvements Raised Beds

Double-High Raised Beds
for accessibility & More
Gardeners



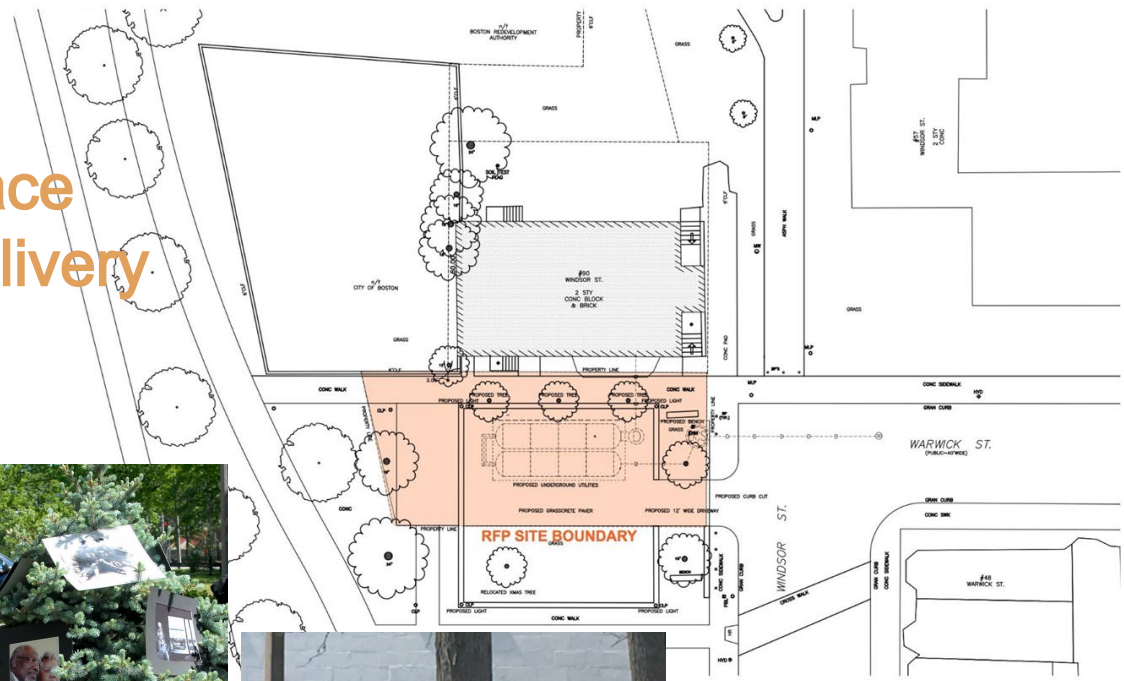
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Improvements Plaza

- Community Event Space
- Access for Garden Delivery
- More Trees
- Better Lighting

PROPOSED SITE PLAN



WINDSOR STREET LIBRARIKA - 11.22.2021

Improvements Plaza



Improvements Plaza



Timeline



Timetable for Garden & Open Space Plaza

January 2022 ~~October~~ 2022

Site Prep

Former Shed Foundation Removal, Hauling, Disposal Costs, Rolloff Rental
Arborist, Tree Trimming, Remove Tree

Site Survey

Water Testing, Irrigation Survey, Soil Testing, ADA Compliance Consultation Review, Community Feedback

Sanitation, Storage & Shelving

Permanent Storage Shed, Delivery, Installation & Labor, Recycling, Trash Receptacles, Framed Mesh
Seedling/Sorting Tables, Metal frame for seedling cover, Translucent Grow Cloth

Accessibility & Easements

Road Pack/Stone Dust/Gravel, Delivery & Labor (Part 1), 4' Dewitt Woven Weed Barrier

Fencing & Perimeters

Remove fence grown into tree, New fencing along border, New gate along path to facilitate compost

delivery

Sanitation, Storage & Shelving

Outdoor sink

Raised Bed Construction

Mushroom Log Platforms and Materials

Permanent horticulture

Blueberry, Raspberry, Blackberry plants



Timeline



Timetable for Garden & Open Space Plaza

March 2023 - November 2023

Site Prep

Arborist, Tree Trimming

Accessibility & Easements

Road Pack/ Stone Dust/ Gravel, Delivery & Labor (Part 2)

Fencing & Perimeters

Stone Dust/ Rock Pebble for borders, Fencing Baseboard, Privacy Scrim for Fencing

Plaza Improvements

Design, Permitting, Administration

Move Pine Tree

Raised Bed Construction

Cedar Board, Raised Bed Construction, Raised Bed Corners, Soil/ Compost/ Loam Mix, Soil D

Bulk materials for soil treatment, Raised Bed Irrigation

Plaza Improvements

Plaza Landscaping

Remove Defunct Water Fountain

Remove/ Relocate Park Bench

Remove Bollards

Curb Cut & Driveway Paving

Permeable Pavers, Excavaion, Installation

Permanent horticulture

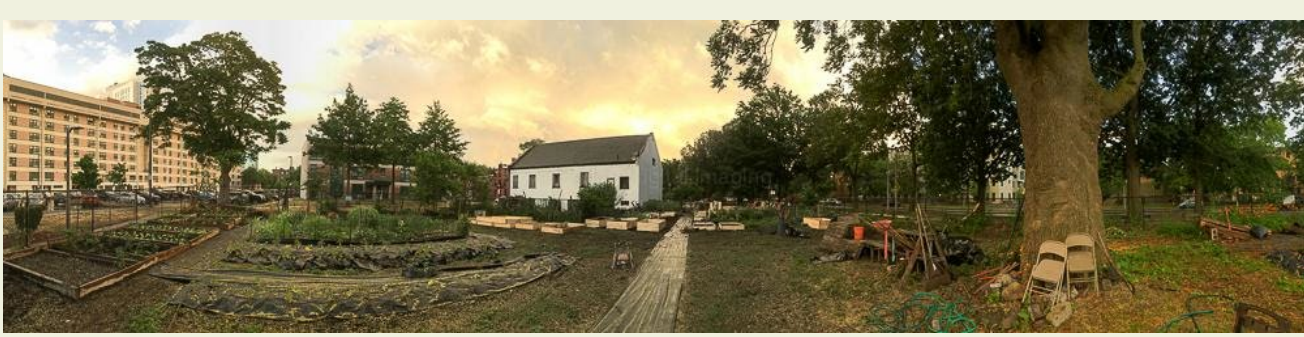
Tulip, Daffodil, Double Daffodil



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Discussion: Comments and Questions

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- What do you think of the proposed improvements?
- What questions do you have about the design of the proposed improvements?
- Anything you would want to see added to or changed in the improvements being proposed?
- Any concerns about the overall design?
- What are your thoughts about the operation and maintenance plan?
- Any questions or concerns about the operations and maintenance planned for the garden and plaza spaces?



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Next Steps

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- MOH will continue receiving feedback on the proposed improvements for two more weeks.
- If residents generally support UNLR's proposal, we will move toward a Public Facilities Commission Tentative Developer Designation vote this spring.
- Plans and financing will then be finalized before Conveyance vote and sale is complete.

THANK YOU!

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