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## Parks Department announces Back Bay virtual tree removal hearing

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. on a request to remove four public shade trees due to an MBTA accessibility and improvements project at Arlington Station in the Back Bay.

The request is for the removal of two elm trees measuring 2.5 and 4 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) and an additional two elm trees measuring 7 inches dbh each at 399 Boylston Street.

The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden (or designee). Please note that the hearing will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM. Written comments or questions may be submitted to parks@boston.gov prior to the hearing. The information for the ZOOM hearing is as follows:

To participate by computer:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83817868073

To participate by phone: 1-646-931-3860

Webinar ID: 838 1786 8073

Public testimony will be taken or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Roxbury, MA 02118 or by emailing parks@boston.gov with "Back Bay Tree Hearing" in the subject line.

A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at (617) 635-7275.

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