



## **WALNUT PARK PLAY AREA**

### ***PROJECT UPDATE***

**11/04/2022**

Thank you for your interest in the Improvements to Walnut Park Play Area.



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Construction has started.

- We are excited to share that construction has started at Walnut Park Play Area. Demolition of the existing play area has taken place over the last couple weeks.
- The trees have been assessed by an arborist and those that are in decline will be taken down in the coming days to remove any potential hazards. See attached **Tree Removals and Proposed Tree Planting Study**.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION:**

- The playground will be closed for use through construction. We anticipate a playground reopening in Spring 2023.
- Construction vehicles will be using on-street parking spaces adjacent to the park on Walnut Ave and Walnut Park during business hours.
- During this closure, please visit another nearby park:
  - **Crawford Street Play Lot**, 320 Walnut Ave, Roxbury (on the Crawford Street side of the park)
  - **Trotter School Playground**, 59 Waumbeck Street, Roxbury
  - **El Parquesito Playground**, Franklin Park, 450 Walnut Ave, Roxbury

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

Please use [311](https://311.boston.gov/) to document non-emergency issues relating to park use, and 911 for emergency situations relating to public safety.

**PROJECT WEBSITE:** <https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-crawford-street-and-walnut-avenue-playgrounds>

Please reach out with any additional questions:

Walnut Park Play Area – [amy.linne@boston.gov](mailto:amy.linne@boston.gov) or 617-961-3045.

For questions about Crawford Street Playground, please reach out to Lauren Bryant at [lauren.bryant@boston.gov](mailto:lauren.bryant@boston.gov) or 617-961-3019.

**WALNUT PARK - ROXBURY, BOSTON, MA**  
**TREE REMOVALS & PROPOSED TREE PLANTING STUDY**

**Tree Removals & Proposed Tree Planting Summary**

The new design for Walnut Park reorients the play areas to improve circulation and the green edges around the park. Many of the existing will trees will remain, but several declining trees need to be removed. The proposed planting introduces even more shade as well as flowering trees to fill in canopy gaps and add more seasonal interest.

**Primary Reasons for Tree Removal**

1. Dead or in decline
  2. Safety hazard
  3. Invasive
- (See plan annotations for further detail)

**Total Number of Removed Trees: 4**

**Total Number of Proposed Shade Trees: 11**

AR	3	<i>Acer rubrum</i> Red Maple
BN	2	<i>Betula nigra</i> River Birch
NS	1	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> Tulepo
QR	3	<i>Quercus rubra</i> Red Oak
UA	2	<i>Ulmus americana</i> American Elm

**Total Number of Proposed Flowering Trees: 2**

CC	2	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> Eastern Redbud
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**Legend**

-  Existing Tree to Remain
-  Existing Tree to be Removed
-  Proposed Tree



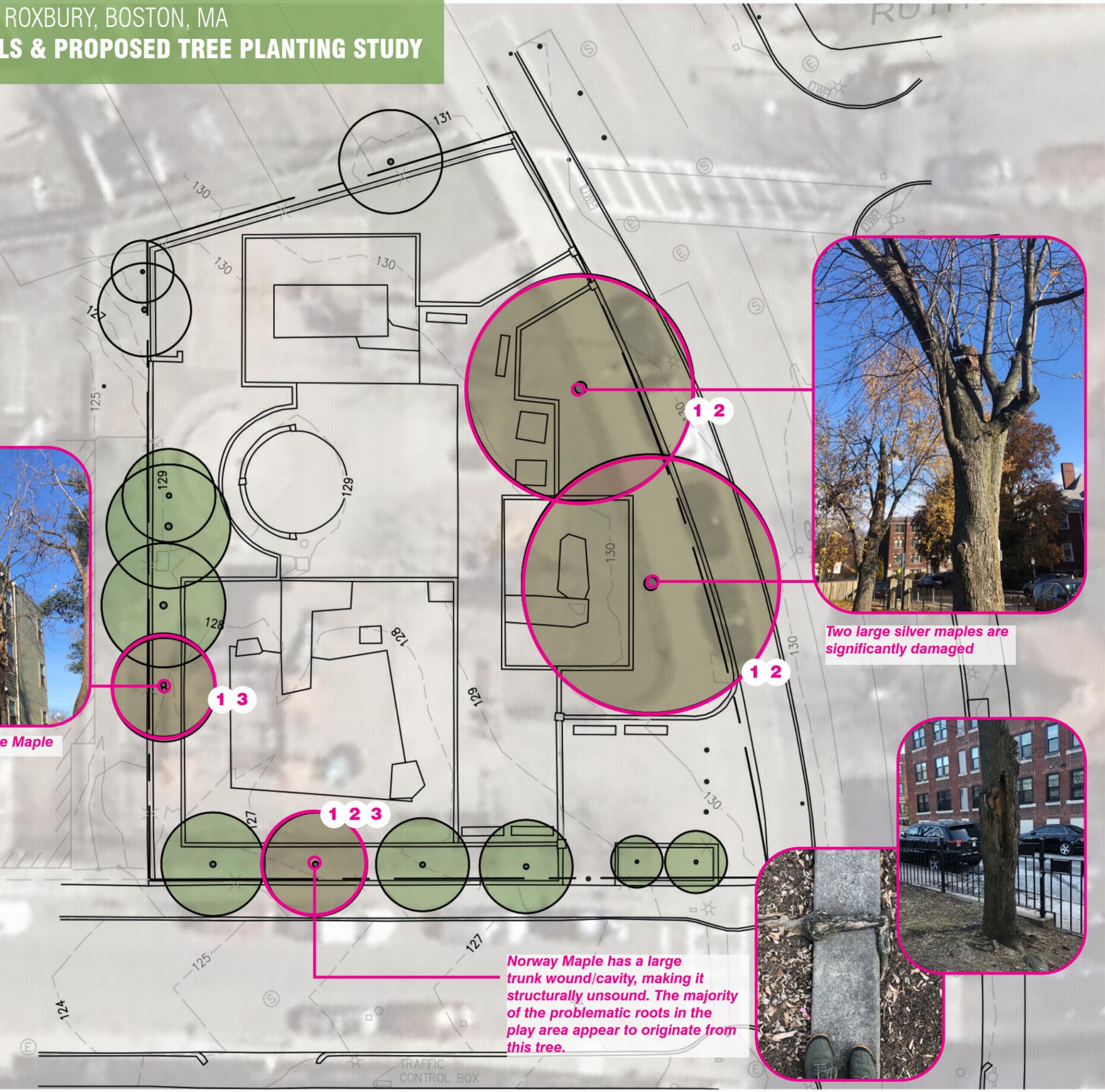
**Dead Sycamore Maple**



**Two large silver maples are significantly damaged**



**Norway Maple has a large trunk wound/cavity, making it structurally unsound. The majority of the problematic roots in the play area appear to originate from this tree.**



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