



New Year, New Trees



Happy New Year and Welcome 2022

The past two weeks are always a blur at nonprofits. End of year finances, end of year fundraising, and family time. This year, with Omicron, made the final two weeks of December feel all the more compressed.

Thanks to YOU and over 80 donors, **we raised \$18,466.78** in our End of Year campaign. Through your continued generosity, Speak for the Trees is better positioned than ever to grow Boston's urban forest as a tool for building resilience, health, and hope for the future. We're excited for the year to come - we got big plans with more trees, more outreach, and more celebration - and are excited to grow together. Stay tuned as we roll out new programs, new planting projects, and new staff opportunities in the coming weeks.

Forgot to give before Jan 1?
No worries, it's not too late.

Meet our 2 new MassCEC interns



Welcome Roxanne

We are excited to introduce **Roxanne** as our new MassCEC Spring Intern. Roxanne grew up in Providence where she spent her summers at a Girl Scout camp in southern Rhode Island and grew a love for nature and the outdoors. She is a current master's candidate at Simmons university studying public health with a concentration in social justice and health equity. Her goal is to address the poor health outcomes associated with environmental injustice.

In her internship, Roxanne will be developing a map to explore the relationship between trees and public health in Boston.

Welcome Reegan

We are also looking forward to having **Reegan** as our new MassCEC Spring Intern. Reegan grew up outside of Orlando, FL and is now studying Environmental Studies, Sociology, and Public Health as a senior at Brandeis University. Reegan's love for trees stems from her first environmental studies course, during which she spent an hour per week outside, discovering how to identify different trees.

As a MassCEC intern, Reegan will be coordinating our ArborWeek events in late April.

Meet the rest of our SFTT team



Petition for street trees on Dot Ave

The Dorchester Avenue Vision Committee is proposing the planting of approximately 30 new street trees, the construction of rain gardens, and planters in front of existing businesses. Since 2015, only three trees have been planted along the Columbia / Savin Hill neighborhood of Dorchester Avenue (not far from our offices). According to DAVC, this area has been overlooked for years and it is time to bring it into a brighter, greener future. Help them reach their goal by [signing their petition](#) to Mayor Wu.

Sign the Petition



Emerald Ash Borer Update from City of Boston

The Emerald Ash Borer loves to munch on ash trees. After first landing in Michigan, these insects have reached Boston and our City's ash trees have begin to show signs of infestation. Boston's Urban Forest Plan team has created an **online map** that you can explore that shows all the ash trees located on public streets. They are working to assess the condition and next steps for Boston's ash trees. The extent of affected trees is unknown.

Stay up to date on the EAB in Boston

Stay tuned for some exciting updates in next week's newsletter, including a new project!

Join us in growing Boston's urban forest



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