



## A New Year of Expanding Our Rings



We reached our donor goal for 2022!  
*(And so much more...)*

**Thanks to our many generous donors, we reached our fundraising goal for 2022!**

Phew! After a busy fall and end of year, our staff took some much-needed down time. We're now back in the office and hard at work planning for the spring and developing new projects.

**2022 was (yet another) a banner year for Speak for the Trees.** We continued to plant, advocate for, giveaway, and steward trees throughout Boston. By the numbers:

- We **distributed** 1,216 trees to residents
- We **planted** 112 trees in Dorchester, East Boston, Jamaica Plain, and Mission Hill
- We **engaged** with 693 residents at events across Boston
- We **educated** 160 youth and teens through our Teen Urban Tree Corps and enrichment programs
- We **cared for and watered** over 300 street trees
- And, thanks to YOUR generous support, we **raised over \$100,000 from over 450 donors.**

Our heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers, supporters, donors, and advocates. We're excited to share with you our goals, programs, and events for 2023. Stay tuned...

## Welcoming Our Newest Board Member

**Welcome Christine Araujo**



**Board Member**

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Christine Araujo is a Managing Partner at Zuaaria Partners, where she serves as a consultant to organizations that improve the economic prospects of Boston's residents. She is the former Executive Director of the American City Coalition in Roxbury and also served as the Executive Director of Boston Connects, Inc., where she was responsible for implementing the economic and human development goals of Boston's federal Empowerment Zone. Prior to her Boston experience, she was a Planner in the New York City Department of City Planning's Waterfront Division. Ms. Araujo is a Roslindale resident and holds an undergraduate degree from Vassar College and a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from Pratt Institute.

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## SFTT Receives Grant from the Arbor Day Foundation and PricewaterhouseCoopers



Speak for the Trees has received our first grant of 2023. This grant will allow us to plant 12-15 new trees in an Environmental Justice neighborhood. We are excited for the opportunity to keep expanding Boston's urban tree canopy and cannot wait for more plantings, trees, and celebrations.

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## Meet our Spring MassCEC Interns



### Welcome Emily!

Emily Wallace is a senior at Northeastern University pursuing a degree in Environmental Science and Sustainability. She is passionate about the intersection of ecology and sustainability, specifically in cities. She is excited to start working to help connect communities with their local green spaces.

### Welcome Lisa!

Lisa Penfield is a sophomore at Tufts University majoring in Environmental Engineering. In the future, she hopes to continue her education and research endeavors in the fields of public health and sustainability. Outside of school, she enjoys trying new foods, running, and learning to play frisbee.

A special thank you to our Fall Interns, Cece, Tiantian and Victoria. They did an amazing job helping with our outreach and marketing.

## Meet the rest of our team

## Upcoming Events

### Urban Tree Symposium 2023

New England Botanic Garden's annual Urban Tree Symposium is dedicated to exploring the importance of urban forests and ways we can improve our green spaces. This year the symposium will be held on Zoom from **9am to 4pm on Friday, February 3**. [Join](#) to hear from experts in the fields of forestry, horticulture, biology, technology and more. You can expect to learn about current and important information that will impact your work in your community and home. The Urban Tree Symposium is geared toward current and aspiring professionals, but all are welcome.

This years Urban Tree Symposium is co-sponsored by Speak for the Trees, Boston and the [Ecological Landscape Alliance](#),



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