



Urban Trees are a Big Deal!



3 TREEmendous Bills

We focus so much of our work locally, in Boston. But we wanted to share with you three pieces of TREEmendous news happening on the state and federal levels. These bills are sure to transform urban forestry here in Boston and across the nation.

First, as part of its **America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** funding, the state legislature included \$25 million in tree planting across the state. Those funds will help the state grow its canopy in neighborhoods where it will make the biggest immediate impact.

Second, the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture held a hearing on Tuesday to consider H905/S504, An Act establishing the municipal reforestation program. We, alongside our allies at Gas Leaks Allies and other organizations, were honored to testify on a panel in support of this bill that would fund urban forest management and planting throughout the state, including in Boston.

Finally, the federal **Build Back Better Act** has allocated almost \$3 billion (yes, that's Billion with a B!) for urban forestry and tree equity.

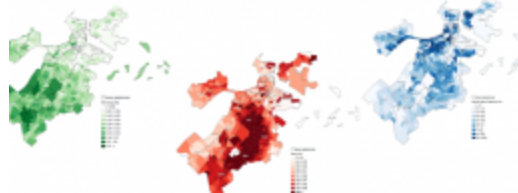
We're proud to see how our in Boston for the past 3 years has been on the forefront of an energized national movement. Thank you for joining us in growing our organization and our forest.

Other news....

Roy A Hunt Foundation



Comparison of Tree Canopy, Minority Percentage, Population Density over 2020 Census Block Groups.



Thank you!

We are so grateful for 3 recent grants we received from Patagonia, New England BioLabs, and the Roy A Hunt Foundation. Their support allows us to grow our Teen Urban Tree Corps program, our youth education work, and general operating costs.

How does Tree Equity play out in Boston?

Join us Tuesday 12/14 at 5pm with students from Boston University's Masters of Science in Statistical Practice program to learn about the relationship between #trees, #people, #health, and #environment.

Join them in supporting our work

Register here

Our End of Year Fundraising

Our end of year campaign continues. Thank you for those of you who have donated already. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 in 2021 from individual donations. **So far we've raised \$40,569.51 and are more than half way to our goal.** Can you help us get across the finish line between now and December 31? You can [donate here](#) or become a [sustaining member here](#).

Join us in growing Boston's urban forest



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