



# BOSTON FOOD FOREST COALITION

March 8, 2021

Ms. Shani Fletcher, Development Officer  
The City of Boston  
Department of Neighborhood Development  
26 Court Street, 11<sup>th</sup> floor  
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Fletcher,

On behalf of the Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC), I am pleased to submit the enclosed proposal for consideration by the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development.

With this letter, I am formally expressing the BFFC's interest in developing the Aspinwall Road Community Farm and Food Forest at 44 Aspinwall Rd (**assessor parcel number is 1700685000**) as a community open space and garden in Dorchester. If DND grants us this piece of land, BFFC with the help of residents, will create a food forest with community space, benches, greenhouse and local art.

The BFFC's acquisition of this land to place in our community land trust and to be managed and maintained by Farmers Collaborative who will coordinate a neighborhood Stewardship Committee will ensure that the garden will be protected, preserved and maintained forever. The garden will serve multiple purposes. It will enliven the neighborhood, be a classroom for regenerative agriculture, host year-round growing in the greenhouse, provide a bird, native bee, and butterfly friendly garden among fruit and nut trees and pathways with community features.

The BFFC is uniquely suited for this project having developed several "food forest gardens" in neighborhoods across Boston, and we are in close partnership with Farmers Collaborative who have good relationships with the residents of this section of Dorchester.

I have included the original proposal plus addendums. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at [Orion@bostonfoodforest.org](mailto:Orion@bostonfoodforest.org) or (857) 928-4066.

Many thanks for your consideration of our proposal.

With gratitude,

Orion Kriegman  
Executive Director



## Proposal Summary Sheet

Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC) in collaboration with Farmers Collaborative respectfully requests a grant of \$75,000.00 for phase one of development of the *Aspinwall Road Community Farm & Food Forest* located at 44 Aspinwall Road in the Dorchester 02124 neighborhood of Boston (assessor parcel number is 1700685000).

The vacant 2,796 square foot parcel is accessible from the sidewalk and surrounded by abutting neighbors with a strong interest in the community farm and food forest. Farmers Collaborative has been operating the space since 2016 with support from DND and abutting neighbors as an open community growing area with raised beds and fruit trees. BFFC was asked in 2018 to step in as a land trust to support this community initiative and is currently the fiscal sponsor for the Farmers Collaborative who has worked with neighbors to develop a plan for the site and would operate and maintain the community farm as an educational space continuing to be available for cultural events and neighborhood gatherings.

Our proposal is to follow this vision and convert the site into a community farm with a communal growbeds and greenhouse that can also serve as a year round growing indoor/outdoor space for agriculture, education and community events, surrounded by a food forest with plantings chosen specifically to support birds, native bees, and butterflies that is accessible to all neighbors. The space would be further activated by a welcome gate, bulletin board, lending library box, benches, stone dust pathways, fruit trees and shrubs, educational signage, and a shed. A city-water connection is a priority. Areas will be created for community art, sculptures and/or murals by local artists to be installed and enjoyed by community members. Plans for this site have been developed directly through conversations with abutting neighbors over several years and features design for use that responds to the community interests and desires.

If awarded, Farmers Collaborative and BFFC will complete development of the *Aspinwall Road Community Farm & Food Forest* within one year as indicated in the proposal. Thank you for your consideration.



## Plan Narrative

### **1. Organization goals**

Farmers Collaborative is a grassroots, scattered site farm throughout Boston's most underserved neighborhoods of Mattapan, Dorchester Roxbury and Hyde Park. Where formerly vacant lots gathered trash we now gather harvests and teach. Farmers Collaborative team boasts over 45-years collective experience in agriculture and community organizing. Since 2016, we work locally with neighbors and community organizations to support urban agricultural activities from beekeeping to growing superfoods, and organize the neighborhood and local businesses to use these spaces for community events. We collaborate with local stakeholders to transform neglected space in our most underserved areas to create programming to reduce the wealth gap, increase access to nutritious foods and reduce the use of such spaces for maladaptive activities. We focus on opportunities where we see benefits in work skills development; improved educational outcomes and access to educational opportunities by offering STEAM and DIY workshops in partnership with schools, civic agencies and public/private sectors. We acknowledge the structural racism that redlines our communities and accept the challenges associated with reparative development to create places where community children and elders are appropriately accommodated within their own community.

The mission of the Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC) is to promote food justice and regenerative urban agriculture by building relationships between neighbors, land, and food. We achieve this through 1) our flagship educational site at Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center (BNC), 2) direct work with neighbors to establish neighborhood food forest gardens as part of our permanent land trust, and 3) community education and policy advocacy to promote urban agroforestry and native plantings.

Newly planted sites use permaculture, a decision-making system based on the patterns found in nature, to maximize yields while reducing maintenance. Focus is on fruit and nut trees, berry bushes, and perennial vegetables. Food forests typically include plants that attract beneficial insects and replenish soil nutrients, as well as providing food.

Our flagship educational site is a partnership with the Massachusetts Audubon's Boston Nature Center and Urban Wildlife Sanctuary. This project is a demonstration project for permaculture design. We work with BNC to create workshops and other learning and volunteer opportunities for Mass Audubon members and friends, as well as the local community, for children and adults of all ages. While we tend to emphasize food producing perennial plantings, we also consider plants that are wildlife friendly to support the vital urban wildlife that in turn pollinate our gardens and enrich our world. Bringing nature back into the city and providing accessible natural spaces for children and adults is an essential part of our mission.



In addition to being food producing, community open-spaces, food forest gardens support urban environmental and public health by capturing rainwater runoff, mitigating the urban heat island, sequestering carbon, and reducing stress and violence. As children and adults increasingly spend their free time on screens, psychologists posit a “nature-deficit disorder” is adding to our sense of stress and alienation. Boston has many neglected and underutilized plots scattered throughout the city that, through holistic design, have the potential to be highly productive and activated by community use. Putting these parcels into a land trust ensures long term stewardship creating permanent community assets, restoring biodiversity and producing food for all.

Our community farms, food forests, and open garden spaces, with their annual harvest festivals, bbqs, and neighborhood gatherings, link people across historic divides of race, class, language and geography, adding to the character of our neighborhoods, and making Boston a truly resilient city. We know that the best time to plant a tree was ten years ago, and the second best time is today. By planting trees stewarded by neighbors and permanently protected in a land trust, Boston Food Forest Coalition is a legacy for our children, grandchildren and future generations to come.

## **2. Goals and objectives of the gardening or open space and how such activities will provide a community benefit**

Transforming the vacant lot at 44 Aspinwall Road into a “food forest”, e.g., an open green space and community farm with fruit trees, grow beds, greenhouse, welcome arbor, benches, tool shed, educational signage and accessible pathways for year round use. Urban community farms open to the entire neighborhood, with expanded growing capacity for training neighbors and sharing produce, are essential to the New England Food Vision (created by Food Solutions New England, see <https://www.foodsolutionsne.org/new-england-food-vision>), which requires 10% of urban and suburban land be converted to urban agriculture by 2060.

The corner parcel has been vacant for 20 years, and the surrounding community lacks accessible and adequate open green spaces and fresh food initiatives. Vacant parcels collect trash, broken glass and dangerous materials. Left underutilized vacant parcels have encouraged illegal dumping and other maladaptive activity; this parcel is near bus stops, businesses and residential housing.

Farmers Collaborative’s plan is focused on improving health and wealth outcomes for all Dorchester residents by reducing disparities in nutrition and access to fresh foods. We are committed to repairing and promoting a healthy environment and in addition to being a local food source, the “food forest” at Aspinwall Road will reduce the carbon footprint of the community, increases tree canopy coverage with agroforestry, mitigates the urban heat island, captures rainwater runoff, and reduces stress and violence, while adding insectary plants that



create habitat for our endangered native pollinators - enhancing community resilience by weaving relationships between neighbors, land, and food.

Objectives for Phase 1:

1. Greenhouse & Outdoor seasonal crops in grow beds - community gathering space and classroom
2. Welcome Portal - installing an arbor gateway for fruit vines and other educational signage
3. Food Forest (e.g., edible trees, shrubs, and native wildflowers) - grading and repairing the soil for planting a small food forest of 20 fruit/nut trees and shrubs with herbs /perennials
4. Stone walkway, patio, with seating - adding an ADA complaint pathway, adding benches and community art, outdoor lighting and space for other community use
5. Water feature/irrigation - installation equipment for rainwater capture and irrigation in addition to hook-up to city water for the greenhouse

During development and once established, this community farm will be operated by Farmers Collaborative to offer job skills, vocational training and produce for neighbors. All neighbors can help repair this lot for community events, farming, and food forest gardening, growing fresh fruits and vegetables. Since fresh fruit is expensive, and the food produced from our trees is free to all visitors, this will supplement constrained food budgets. In addition, these farms drive inclusive economic growth by offering skills building opportunities and fostering entrepreneurship; expanding the green and arts economies; and facilitating a shift in mode of transit by increasing the number of community members who can walk, bike, and access open spaces and fresh food sources. With their annual harvest festivals, these sites link people across urban divides. The desire to grow food in urban neighborhoods is thwarted by intense development pressures and soil contamination. Putting these parcels into a land trust ensures long term stewardship creating permanent community assets.



### **3. An assessment of the demand for the project**

The plan for Farmers Collaborative is an integrated design of year round farmed and open space. When completed, Farmers Collaborative will have transformed a series of vacant lots filled with invasive plants and trash into a scattered site community farm, combining farmed beds with open spaces for year-round use for civic engagement and a safe place to simply read the newspaper, enjoy shade, catch-up with neighbors and fall in love.

Neighbors and abutters in the community support the project, as do local leaders. After numerous public meetings, there is demonstrated strong neighborhood support and desire for these farms to grow capacity to include more spaces for more farmers and spaces that could be used during inclement weather to continue our programming and expand it to include workforce development in smart growing techniques appropriate for the community makeup. Economic self-sufficiency and commercial revitalization are also key demands for this project. There are 13,000 people living within 3 blocks of the community farm.

Our residents are predominantly black with 99% being non white. Our community faces displacement and a legacy of exclusion. Open agricultural spaces provide a mixed use space where neighbors can build friendships, community owned food businesses, develop public art and entertainment and support civic fabric for local advocacy.

RACE & ETHNICITY, 2000 Number and Percentages (US Bureau of the Census)  
Black 29,018 (77%); Hispanic 4,716 (13%); Asian or Pacific Islander 347 (1%); Native American 113 (<1%)

TOP SIX LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME, For Those 18 And Older, 2000:  
English 17,477 (72%); French and Haitian Creole 4,031 (16%); Spanish 2,035 (8%); African Languages 356 (2%); Portuguese and Portuguese Creole 140 (<1%) Vietnamese 104 (<1%)

Our spaces are open to the community, with accommodations for those with disabilities.

### **4. Tasks required to complete the construction of the project, including a detailed schedule of tasks and key milestones from project start to finish**

The BFFC will continue to work in partnership with the Farmers Collaborative throughout the construction process to complete the following construction tasks. BFFC will be responsible for overseeing the construction and handling the contracts.



Construction Phase + Key Details	Timeline
<b>1. Planting Plan completed with Landscape Designer</b>	<b>Spring 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete detailed planting plan specifying tree varieties and companion species of shrubs and perennials.</li><li>• This plan will be developed with a certified Permaculture consultant, and a scale to scale map will be created.</li></ul>	
<b>2. Site Prep, Soil Building, and Tree and Invasives Removals</b>	<b>Summer 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Existing trees are assessed for long term health/value to determine pruning/removals. Followed by extensive sheet-mulching, to prepare soils for trees, shrubs, and other planting beds. Meadow species and low-growing ground covers seeded to increase biodiversity in lawn areas.</li></ul>	
<b>3. Structures and Pathways</b>	<b>Spring/Summer 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Install greenhouse</li><li>• Excavate for paths, and concrete pours. Install walkways w/ edging, benches, community bulletin board, entrance pergola, water catchment, tool shed, and compost bins.</li></ul>	
<b>4. Plantings &amp; Signage &amp; Art</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Install tree, shrub and other perennials planted along with educational signage and art installed on site.</li></ul>	



## 5. Stewardship & Maintenance Plan

Farmers Collaborative will operate Aspinwall Road as a community farm open to the public. The site will be managed by a volunteer Stewardship Team led by c.J and Leon (who each live within a few miles). Collectively they will perform the daily, weekly, and quarterly tasks for maintenance of the site. The site will be developed using passive preventive maintenance methods - choosing materials, plants and trees requiring the least amount of maintenance for our planting zone while still beautifying the community and adding biodiversity. The small greenhouse will have systems to regulate conditions; our Stewardship Team will conduct bi-monthly reviews. In this manner, Farmers Collaborative has been operating this site as well as sites on Morton and Geneva Ave. since 2016.

BFFC is the land trust and has experience working with stewardship teams to install and manage food forest gardens that contain all of the planned elements in the site design. BFFC's network can provide pro bono professionals, and technical assistance.

### Community Work Days

Farmers Collaborative and BFFC will work together to organize seasonal work days. At the work days the volunteers will weed, remove trash removal, and care for the plants.

### Regular Maintenance

Throughout the growing season the Stewardship Team will check the site weekly to identify and address any maintenance concerns. The Stewardship Team will work to and recruit volunteers as need on the following tasks;

- **Watering:** Water plants using the rain cisterns as needed.
- **Fruit and nut collection:** organized volunteers to collect fruit and nuts during production season around with the trees are fruiting
- **Trash pick-up:** As needed

### Special Projects

There are a number of special projects that the Stewardship Committee is aware that will need to happen annually or as needed.

- **Pruning:** Prune fruit trees as needed (in late winter)
- **Tree removal:** As needed
- **Other structural repair:** As needed



## Material Selection

The site will be developed using passive preventive maintenance methods by choosing materials, plants and trees requiring the least amount of maintenance for our planting zone while still beautifying the community and adding to the biodiversity for the area's pollinators.

- Walkways will be stone dust or pea stone/gravel.
- All wood for pergola, gazebo, etc will be cedar douglas fir, black locust, or the like, which have preservative natural qualities in addition to other topical measures.

## Support

BFFC has experience working with stewardship teams to install and manage forest gardens that contain all of the planned elements in the design for the Aspinwall Road site. Orion Kriegman, BFFC Executive Director, will manage and supervise the development process and has experience doing so in all phases of development (see BFFC previous work listed above). BFFC also provides a dedicated Liaison to the Stewardship Team to support community organizing, coach neighborhood leaders and help mobilize neighborhood resources (time, labor, skills). BFFC's network can provide pro bono professionals, and we hire and supervise additional subcontractors.



## Applicant's Development Experience Narrative

### **1. Examples of prior development of similar open space endeavors**

Farmers Collaborative team boasts over 45-years collective experience in agriculture and community organizing. Since 2016, Farmers Collaborative has worked locally with neighbors and community organizations on five scattered sites to keep them safe and clean, support urban farming activities, and organize the neighborhood and local businesses to use these spaces for community events. In 2020, with CPA and DND Grassroots funding, we completed the food forest and aquaponics greenhouse on 424 Geneva Ave. Despite challenges of delays caused by the City of Boston Phase II Environmental Review and COVID19, the Farmers Collaborative team was able to complete the project and adhere to safety protocols in response to the pandemic.

#### **Hero Hope Garden - 424 Geneva Ave, Dorchester**

This project has been favorably received by the neighbors, see the recent articles;

[Hope Garden Earns Rave Reviews](#), in the Dorchester Reporter

(<https://www.dotnews.com/2020/hero-hope-garden-geneva-avenue-earns-rave-reviews>). The healing nature of the garden was featured in Dorchester Reporter upon its Grand Opening this past September 2020:

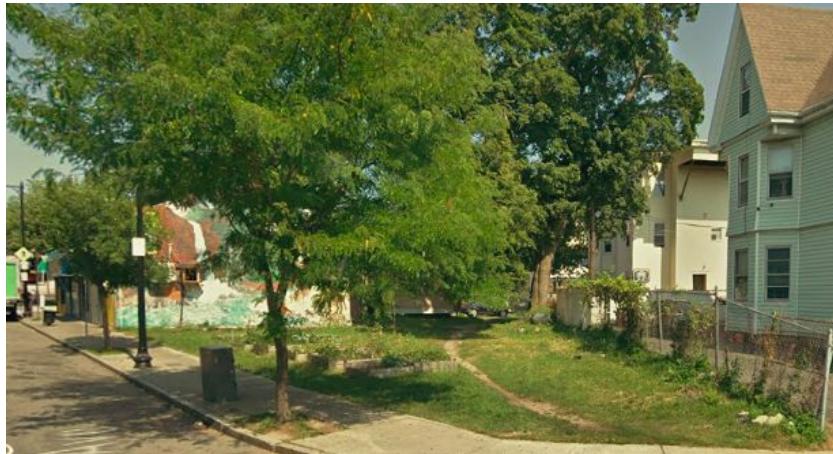
<https://www.dotnews.com/2020/legacy-healing-gardens-roots-were-nurtured-grieving-moms-sense-fate>

And part of the news on the City of Boston website:

<https://www.boston.gov/news/new-community-garden-celebrated-dorchester>



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*The original site of the Hero Hope Garden was an empty triangular pass through to the bus stop.*

*Now it is full of flowers, food, and culture.*



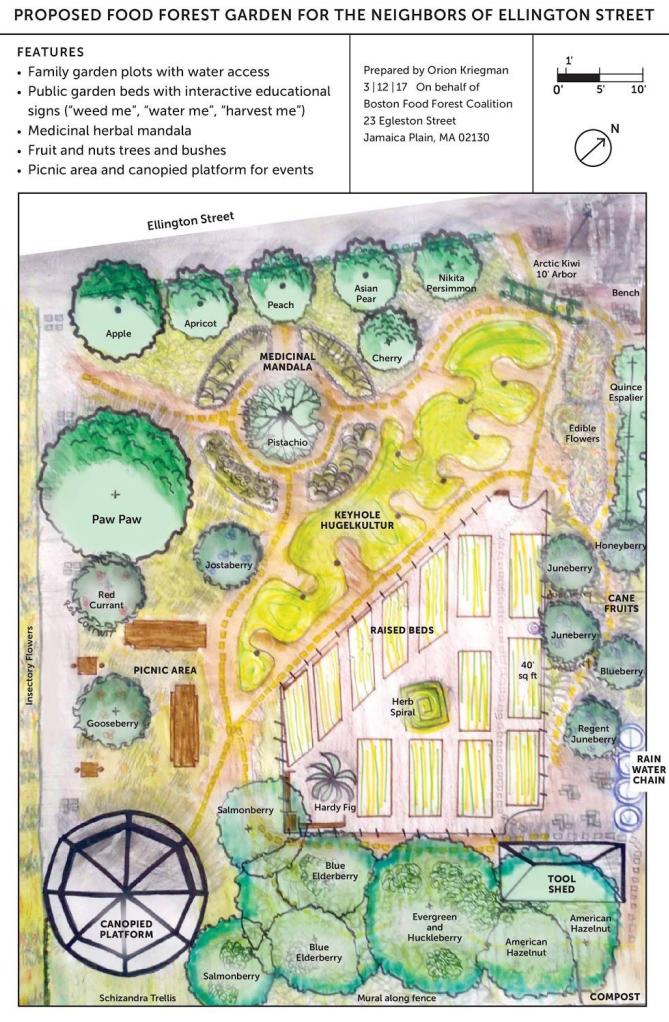
### Ellington Community Food Forest - 101&103 Ellington Street, Dorchester

In 2012, working with local residents and neighborhood organizations, youth leaders from ACE (Alternatives for Community and the Environment) installed a dozen raised garden beds in old tires and recycled wooden and metal boxes. However the remaining space on the site remained overgrown with weeds, and no additional support was provided to local neighborhood gardeners.

In 2015, in collaboration with ACE's youth leaders, BFFC met with local residents in an iterative design process to develop a detailed plan (pictured right). In 2017-2018, with support from DND Grassroots Fund, Trust for Public Land, Riley Foundation, and New England Grassroots Fund, as well as hundreds of volunteer hours from local residents, BFFC removed invasive weeds and scrub trees, repaired the soil, and installed 20 new raised beds as well as a city water hookup and garden hose. To complete the transformation into a community food forest, BFFC added additional amenities: accessible pathways, picnic tables, gazebo, tool shed, community bulletin board, stone patio, new cedar fence, medicinal herb mandala, espalier fruit tree, over 50 fruit trees and shrubs, pollinator and wildflower garden, benches.

In 2019, we completed the final stages of installation of this food forest and BFFC has taken deed to the land as part of our land trust. This site was featured in the Dorchester Reporter in an August 2018 article:

<https://www.dotnews.com/2018/he-s-mission-turn-boston-collection-food-forests>



### Egleston Community Orchard (ECO) - 195 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain

ECO is considered one of the founding member sites of Boston Food Forest Coalition and was launched as a guerilla garden in 2010 by local residents, who later gained a license to develop a garden on the site by working first in partnership with Jamaica Plain New Economy Transition (JPNET) and Commonwealth Land Trust (CLT), and since 2015 with BFFC. In 2015, BFFC in



partnership with CLT and DND, put ECO into permanent land trust (BFFC has a Memorandum of Agreement with CLT outlining the terms of ownership and operation of the space and we anticipate taking deed to the land).

BFFC developed ECO through a series of annual workdays that also served as skillshare opportunities among neighbors, organized and led by Boston Food Forest Coalition staff, interns and volunteers. These events have included building raised beds, planting fruit trees, and installing a brick path, grape arbor, bird bath, rain water barrels, patio, stone bench, tool shed, and perennial garden beds. Since 2010, this 3,725 sq ft lot has remained unlocked and open to the general public and has been used by neighbors for early morning coffee, birthday parties, easter-egg hunts, summer movie nights, and annual spring and harvest festivals.

BFFC has managed this work and the ongoing care and maintenance of the space by supporting and training the local neighborhood Stewardship Committee. BFFC interns, volunteers and fellows continue to provide professional logistical, educational, horticultural, fundraising and carpentry support. In 2015, ECO was featured in the Christian Science Monitor: <http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Making-a-difference/Change-Agent/2015/1002/A-visionary-s-quest-a-city-filled-with-gardens>



*The original site of Egleston Community Orchard served as a memorial for two gun victims, and the design of the space includes a brick path that leads from the grape arbor entranceway to a wildflower bed planted in the center, at the location of the original memorial.*

#### **Boston Nature Center Food Forest - 500 Walk Hill Street, Mattapan**

Since 2014, BFFC has been working with funding from Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center (BNC) to manage and improve their one acre urban orchard. Now in its fifth season of operation, BFFC has planted over seventy fruit and nut trees, shrubs, and perennials. BFFC has installed several mounded "hugelkultur" beds safe for annual vegetable production (husk



cherries, squash, potatoes, strawberries, kale, calendula, and more). We also installed an herb spiral, a grape arbor, wood chip pathways, compost, rainwater irrigation system, and recently added American Chestnut trees back to the landscape with the support of the American Chestnut Foundation. All of this work was done through educational workshops teaching gardening skills through applied activities to hundreds of volunteers. BFFC and BNC worked together to raise funds to support this educational work primarily from private foundations. In 2015, WFXTV-Fox25 and the Trust for Public Land recognized the work of BFFC through the Cox Enterprises Foundation “Cox Conserves Heroes” award:

<http://www.massaudubon.org/news-events/press-room/2015/boston-nature-center-food-forest-volunteer-a-heroes-finalist>



The initial design for the 1-acre food forest at BNC has been updated and refined, and we are now in our sixth year of planting the site through our educational Applied Permaculture workshop series.

### Old West Church Garden 131 Cambridge Street, West End

Since 2014, BFFC has been working with the congregation and pastor of Old West Church to transform their historic church yard into a carefully manicured food forest garden open to all. We have added several fruit trees, vines and shrubs, flower and garden beds, compost, an herb



spiral, and a rainwater irrigation system. This work was accomplished through volunteer work days organized and supervised by BFFC (including college work groups from Northeastern and other universities) and educational workshops. In 2016 this garden was recognized by the Beacon Hill Garden Club, which continues to support our work.



Volunteer workdays at Old West Church have allowed a phased transformation of the church yard into an attractive perennial food forest garden.

**In all of the above examples, BFFC has:**

- designed the garden spaces with extensive community input
- sourced all materials and plants
- supervised, led or completed all installation work with volunteers and subcontractors
- provided all educational workshops, trained local Stewardship Committees and coordinated community events and outreach
- ensured ongoing maintenance and care of the food forest gardens

Additionally we have been providing direct technical support (design services, workshops, workdays, and installation of garden features) to the permaculture gardens at Eastie Farm (294 Sumner Street, East Boston), Leland Cooperative Garden (15 Leland Street, Jamaica Plain), and Hero Hope Harden (424 Geneva Ave, Dorchester).

This work is accomplished through dedicated volunteers meeting regularly to coordinate the work of BFFC, a passionate Board of Directors, the full-time Executive Director, Associate Director of Operations, and additional consultants, teachers, horticulturalists and volunteers.



## 2. A review of each team member, their role, qualifications and relevant experience in the operation and management of similar open space work

### Project Team Members

#### ***Farmers Collaborative***

This team successfully completed construction of a food forest with greenhouse at 424 Geneva Ave.

**Jean Valerus “cJ”** is a Mattapan resident, co-founder of Farmers Collaborative and Boston native. In addition to coordinating the farming, outreach, and construction for Farmers Collaborative, cJ has been performing agroforestry in Haiti as well as farming in urban areas in Boston, California, Florida and Washington DC since 2008. He is a designer and research/developer who has worked as an engineer and builder for over 25 years.

**Leon David**, a Dorchester resident is a co-founder of Farmers Collaborative. Leon is currently a public servant working in State Government. Leon supports the Farmers Collaborative contributing to the coordination of urban farming activities, outreach and partnerships, and construction.

Architects - Justin Brazier & Wyly Brown

Contractors - TBD (e.g., David Hurst, Restoring Roots Cooperative, Ben Crouch/Land of Plenty)

**Orion Kriegman**, Executive Director of the BFFC, is a certified permaculture designer, with decades of community organizing experience, and a Masters in Public Policy and Urban Planning from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He is the former Co-Director of [NET New England](#), addressing challenges of community resilience at a regional level, where he co-founded and led Jamaica Plain New Economy Transition (JP NET), a community-driven project in Boston pioneering a “new” economy that is place-based, sustainable, and reduces race and class inequality. Prior to this he was an Associate at Tellus Institute, where he served for many years as Coordinator of the Great Transition Initiative (GTI), an international network of scholars and activists exploring scenarios of sustainable global development. In the past, he has focused on ways to enhance meaningful community participation in the sustainable development of urban neighborhoods. Orion has coordinated the creation of the Urban Ecovillage Network, and was the Project Officer for Reflecting on Peace Practice, a practitioner’s learning network gathering lessons learned about various peace-building efforts in internal armed conflicts. He also worked for two years in Guatemala with the Organization of American States to help the government and civil society implement the policies outlined in the

1996 peace accords.



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## Project Development Budget (Appendix 2)

See Attached Development Budget (below).

## APPENDIX 2: DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

PROPOSER'S NAME: Boston Food Forest Coalition

Complete the below Development Budget, or substitute another form that provides substantially equivalent information. Note: Total of Uses of Funds should equal Total of Sources of Funds for the development.

PROJECT NAME: Aspinwall Road Community Farm and Food Forest

Hard costs		TOTAL (\$)	Grassroots (\$)	Applicant Organization(\$)
Demo/removals				
Earthwork/excavation/geotex		8,765		8,765
Drainage/utilities		70,000	500	69,500
Paving/edging		5,000		5,000
Masonry/concrete		7,470		7,470
Fencing				
Site furnishings/structures		71550	10,500	61,050
Planting		25950	17,450	8,500
Other				
General conditions				
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	188,735	28,450	160,285
Contingency (10%)		18,874	2,845	16,029
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	207,609	31,295	176,314
<b>Soft costs</b>				
Consultants		10,650	9,000	1,650
Construction documents		5,000	5,000	
Bid documents				

Civil Eng/Survey				
Insurance		500		500
Permits				
Staff		1,500		1,500
Project Management		10,000		10,000
Materials		2,900		2,900
	<b>Subtotal:</b>	30,550	14,000	16,550
Overhead		23,816	23,816	
(not to exceed 10% of total grant request				
Fee		23,816	5,889	17,927
	<b>Subtotal</b>	47,632	29,705	17,927
	<b>TOTAL project costs</b>	285,791	75,000	210,791

Sources of Funds			Uses of Funds		
		Amount (\$)			Amount (\$)
Grassroots	<b>pending</b>	75,000.00	Construction		188,735
			Contingency		18,874
Henderson Foundation	<b>to apply</b>	50,000.00		<b>Total</b>	207,609
CPA Funds	<b>pledged</b>	100,000.00	Staff		1,500
Applicant Org	<b>foregone fee</b>	17,927	Consultants		10,650
			Materials		2,900

other foundation		40,000	Other soft costs		15,500
In-kind donations		2,864		<b>Total</b>	30,550
	<b>Total</b>	285,791		<b>Subtotal</b>	238,159
			Overhead		23,816
			Fee		23,816
				<b>Total</b>	47,632
	<b>Total Project Costs:</b>	285,791		<b>Total Project Costs:</b>	285,791



## Evidence of Financing

Boston Food Forest Coalition is in a stage of continued organizational growth and development. Our *2020 YTD Statement of Activity* is included, as well as our *BiAnnual Report for 2018 & 2019*. Also attached is our *February 2021 Checking Account Statement from Eastern Bank* and *February 2021 Paypal Statement* showing our cash on-hand. Attached is our 2021 projected budget for the upcoming fiscal year, January 1 2021 through December 31 2021 - this budget does not include in-kind donations of office space, materials, and labor (see below).

### **1. All sources of funds, including grants, cash on hand and in-kind donations of material, services and labor**

SOURCE	Award Amount	Status
Schraft Foundation	\$2,500	Received
Blum Foundation	\$1,000	Received
Boston Foundation	\$5,000	Received
PHRMA	\$2,000	Received
Riley Foundation	\$1,000	Received
NEGEF	\$3,050	Received
Beacon Hill Garden Club	\$2,000	Received
PPP	\$10,220	Received
EIDL	\$1,000	Received
DND Grassroots (for 424-428a Geneva Ave)	\$50,000	Guaranteed, Partially Received
DND Grassroots (for 11a Everett Ave.)	\$100,000	Guaranteed, Partially Received
Wild Geese Foundation	\$10,000.00	Received
Cabot Foundation	\$30,000.00	Received
Babson	\$4,000.00	Received
<b>Total received</b>	<b>\$221,700</b>	



### Anticipated funds

CPA	\$200,000.00	Pledged
MAPC	\$50,000.00	Applied
Riley Foundation	\$55,000.00	Applied

### Notes

- Additional foundations are being approached for funding.
- Member donations, workshop fees, and fees for services are collected during the year.

IN-KIND DONATIONS +DISCOUNTS from previous years have included:	
<b>Plants + Materials</b>	
Triple Brook Farm	33% off all plants. Donated trees.
Allandale Farm	10% off all purchases. Donated excess inventory.
Agricultural Hall	15% off all purchases. Donated straw and sharing apple cider press.
Russell Cohen	Plants and services, teaching propagation techniques
American Chestnut Foundation	3 trees
Trustees	Trees for Arbor Day
Marion Institute	Trees for Rainforest Maker workday
Arborway Tree Care	120+ cubic yards of wood chips
Boston Nature Center	Office space and supplies
Fair Foods	Tools, water sprayers, lumber
Home Depot	Shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and other tools
Land of Plenty	Landscape services, teaching pruning and tree planting
Planet Subaru	Trees, land and supplies for planting
City of Boston, Department of Neighborhood Development	City Water hook-up, design, engineering, and installation
<b>Volunteer Time</b>	
Portland Resilience Hub	\$2,000 in design consultation and professional development trainings
Core Volunteer Hours	1,000s of hours
Chapman Farm School	Volunteer hours
Gann Academy	Volunteer hours



## **2. Documentation of organizational resources available to this project**

These organizational resources have been allocated to directly support development of the Aspinwall Road Community Farm & Food Forest.

Matching Funds - source	Amount	Documentation
Farmers Collaborative	22,000.00	Funds received to support STEM/STEAM youth program
CPA 2021	100,000.00	Funds anticipated
Note: BFFC has sufficient funds on-hand to assure our contribution to the construction budget		

## **3. Narrative description of the financial and administrative capability to develop & manage the project**

BFFC Steering Team has experience working together to install and manage food forest gardens that contain all of the planned elements and features in our design for the Aspinwall Road Site. Orion Kriegman, BFFC Executive Director, will manage and supervise the development process and has experience doing so in all phases of development (see the examples of previous work listed above). CJ Valerus and Leon David coordinated the design and construction of the Aquaponics Greenhouse at Hope Garden at 424 Geneva Ave, while engaging other neighborhood leaders and mobilizing neighborhood resources (time, labor, skills) for development. In our network of volunteers we have many pro bono professionals, and we have previously hired and supervised additional subcontractors (carpenters, arborists, masons, artists) as needed.



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**Customer Statement**

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Statement Period: Feb 01, 2021 thru Feb 28, 2021  
 Account Number: 00600916142  
 Number of Items Enclosed: 1

**Summary - All Accounts**

Type	Account #	Ending Balance
FREE BUSINESS CKG	00600916142	\$9,217.23
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>		<b>\$9,217.23</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>		<b>\$9,217.23</b>

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 23 EGGLESTON ST  
 JAMAICA PLAIN MA 02130

**FREE BUSINESS CHECKING - 00600916142**

Date	Transaction Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
<b>STARTING BALANCE</b>				
Feb 01	Automatic Transfer Transfer From CASH RESERVE 0159940206			<b>\$0.00</b>
Feb 01	Electronic Payment ADP 401k ADP 401k 210201 L4AYA 012903V02	115.38		115.38
Feb 05	Automatic Transfer Transfer From CASH RESERVE 0159940206			42.96
Feb 05	Electronic Payment ADP PAYROLL FEES ADP - FEES 210205 2RAYA 4273351	42.96		
Feb 08	Automatic Transfer Transfer From CASH RESERVE 0159940206			1,000.00
Feb 10	Automatic Transfer Transfer From CASH RESERVE 0159940206			7,556.68
Feb 10	Electronic Payment CARDMEMBER SERV WEB PYMT 210210	7,556.68		
Feb 11	Automatic Transfer Transfer From CASH RESERVE 0159940206			944.83
Feb 11	Electronic Payment ADP Tax ADP Tax 210211 L4AYA 021204A01	944.83		
Feb 11	Electronic Payment ADP WAGE PAY WAGE PAY 210211 644076064382AYA	2,809.53		
Feb 12	Automatic Transfer Transfer From CASH RESERVE 0159940206			37.00
Feb 12	Return ITEM ADP WAGE PAY WAGE PAY 210211 644076064382AYA Check			2,809.53
Feb 12	NSF Return Item Fee FOR Return OF Electronic Payment 021000026787137	37.00		
Feb 16	BOOK Transfer Credit REF 0470915L FUNDS TRANSFER FRM DEP 192525277 FROM			10,000.00
Feb 16	BOOK Transfer Credit REF 0461319L FUNDS TRANSFER FRM DEP 192525277 FROM			25,000.00
Feb 16	Automatic Payment AUTOMATIC LOAN PAY	62.42		
Feb 16	Transfer Debit DP-LS REF 0462301L FUNDS Transfer To	22,896.48		

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**FREE BUSINESS CHECKING - 00600916142 (Continued)**

Date	Transaction Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
	LOAN 159940206 NOTE 1 FROM			
Feb 16	Electronic Payment ADP 401k ADP 401k 210216 L4AYA 021204V02	115.38		
Feb 17	Electronic Payment ADP WAGE PAY WAGE PAY 210217 509077936246AYA	2,809.53		
Feb 19	Electronic Payment ADP PAYROLL FEES ADP - FEES 210219 2RAYA 2052694	44.60		
Feb 22	Electronic Payment DREW LOVE ONLINE PMT 210222 CKF486331829POS	1,075.00		
Feb 25	Prauthorized Credit BostonFdn439 Grant fund The Boston Food Fo rest Coalition		5,000.00	
Feb 25	Electronic Payment ADP Tax ADP Tax 210225 L4AYA 022605A01	944.83		
Feb 25	Electronic Payment ADP WAGE PAY WAGE PAY 210225 000211839444AYA	2,809.53		
Feb 26	Electronic Payment ADP PAYROLL FEES ADP - FEES 210226 789581706841156	25.00		

**Starting Balance: \$0.00****Number of Days in Period: 28****Ending Balance: \$9,217.23****Total Deposits/Credits: \$52,506.38****Average Collected Balance: \$4,123.00****Total Withdrawals/Debits: \$43,289.15****Check Summary**

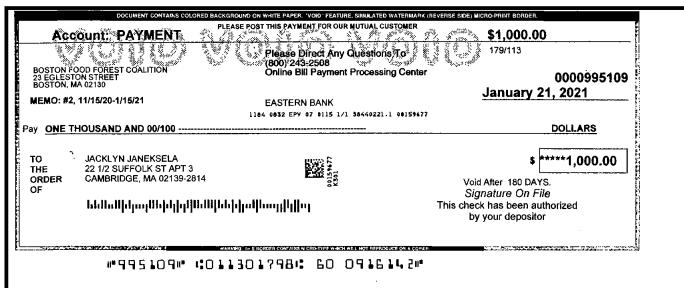
Check No.	Date	Amount	Check No.	Date	Amount	Check No.	Date	Amount
995109	02/08	1,000.00						

Total 1 Checks @ \$1,000.00 \* Indicates a skip in sequence † Indicates a substitute check

**Balance Summary**

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
02/01	0.00	02/10	0.00	02/16	11,925.72	02/22	7,996.59
02/05	0.00	02/11	2,809.53-	02/17	9,116.19	02/25	9,242.23
02/08	0.00	02/12	0.00	02/19	9,071.59	02/26	9,217.23

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23 EGGLESTON ST  
JAMAICA PLAIN MA 02130

## Summary - All Accounts

Type	Account #	Ending Balance
BUSINESS SAVINGS	00192525277	\$99,309.14
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>		<b>\$99,309.14</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>		<b>\$99,309.14</b>

## BUSINESS STATEMENT SAVINGS - 00192525277

Date	Transaction Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
	<b>STARTING BALANCE</b>			<b>\$151,307.31</b>
Feb 04	Withdrawal-TRANSFER TLR15901 BR 159	17,000.00		
Feb 16	BOOK Transfer Debit REF 0470915L FUNDS Transfer To DEP 600916142 FROM	10,000.00		
Feb 16	BOOK Transfer Debit REF 0461319L FUNDS Transfer To DEP 600916142 FROM	25,000.00		
Feb 28	Interest Credit		1.83	

Starting Balance: \$151,307.31

Number of Days in Period: 28

Ending Balance: \$99,309.14

Total Deposits/Credits: \$1.83

Average Collected Balance: \$119,878.00

Total Withdrawals/Debits: \$52,000.00

## Interest Rate Summary

Interest Earned This Period	Year to Date Interest Paid	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	Interest Rate	
			Date	Rate
\$1.83	\$4.25		01/31/21	0.02%

## Balance Summary

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
02/04	134,307.31	02/16	99,307.31	02/28	99,309.14		

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Merchant Account ID: NDCMLNCJMWHZS

PayPal ID: orion@bostonfoodforest.org

2/1/21 - 2/28/21

## Statement for February 2021

Boston Food Forest Coalition  
23 Egleston Street  
02130 Jamaica Plain

### Balance Summary (2/1/21 - 2/28/21)

	Available beginning	Available ending	Withheld beginning	Withheld ending
USD	6,949.93	6,940.58	0.00	0.00



Merchant Account ID: NDCMLNCJMWHZS

PayPal ID: orion@bostonfoodforest.org

2/1/21 - 2/28/21

**Activity Summary (2/1/21 - 2/28/21)**

	USD
<b>Beginning Available Balance</b>	<b>6,949.93</b>
Payments received	257.00
Payments sent	-257.72
Withdrawals and Debits	0.00
Deposits and Credits	0.00
Fees	-8.63
<b>Ending Available Balance</b>	<b>6,940.58</b>



Merchant Account ID: NDCMLNCJMWHZS

PayPal ID: orion@bostonfoodforest.org

2/1/21 - 2/28/21

**Payments received**

Description	USD
Donation Payment	150.00
Mass Pay payment	1.00
Subscription Payment	106.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>257.00</b>

**Payments sent**

Description	USD
Express Checkout Payment	-107.72
General payment	-150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-257.72</b>

**Fees**

Description	USD
Payment Fee	-8.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>-8.63</b>



Merchant Account ID: NDCMLNCJMWZS

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2/1/21 - 2/28/21

**Transaction History - USD**

Date	Description	Name \ Email	Gross	Fee	Net
2/1/21	Subscription Payment ID: 5UM608127N488753W	Samantha Tan Consulting Samanthajtan@gmail.com	30.00	-0.96	29.04
2/3/21	Subscription Payment ID: 0JN14529L2132832J	Gregory Caplan glcaplan@earthlink.net	6.00	-0.43	5.57
2/4/21	Donation Payment ID: 9YV74856VF264022T	Christopher Binns cbinns47@yahoo.com	100.00	-2.50	97.50
2/8/21	Subscription Payment ID: 4MY427276N7015605	Bonnie Rovics zenmassage@gmail.com	10.00	-0.52	9.48
2/9/21	Donation Payment ID: 3HY90864JA8166228	Justin Kang justinjkang@gmail.com	50.00	-1.40	48.60
2/13/21	Subscription Payment ID: 7HK5177343247831S	Virgina DeLuca ginnymdeluca@gmail.com	10.00	-0.52	9.48
2/16/21	Subscription Payment ID: 4DY10178RH3779052	Carlos Munoz Kampff (dba Sound Fountain Studio) poofmasterc@yahoo.com	5.00	-0.41	4.59
2/20/21	Express Checkout Payment ID: 9MG23959PA761322K	Eventbrite paypalmerchant@eventbrite.com	-107.72	0.00	-107.72
2/20/21	General Payment ID: 49069175MY340303D	Jovielle Gers jovielleg@gmail.com	-150.00	0.00	-150.00
2/22/21	Subscription Payment ID: 7RE43335JS497145T	Jasmine Bhambra jasbh292@gmail.com	10.00	-0.52	9.48
2/24/21	Mass Pay Payment ID: 4T5524011T942611X	PayPal Giving Fund PPGFUSPay@paypalgivingfund.org	1.00	0.00	1.00
2/28/21	Subscription Payment ID: 36M10105VV9962647	Janet Kolodner kolodner@bellsouth.net	10.00	-0.52	9.48
2/28/21	Subscription Payment ID: 28367735F6623400V	David Kokorowski dkokorowski@gmail.com	25.00	-0.85	24.15

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## Boston Food Forest Coalition: 2020 Statement of Activity

### REVENUE

Fundraiser		
One-Time Donations	\$	6,220
Recurring Monthly Donations	\$	761
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,981</b>
Program Service Fees	\$	3,000
Workshop Revenue	\$	454
<b>PROGRAM &amp; WORKSHOP REVENUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,454</b>
Non-Government Grants	\$	41,113
Government Grants	\$	86,794
<b>Revenue from Investments</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>138,345</b>

### EXPENSES

Contracts - Construction	\$	67,206.67
Contracts - Site Maintenance	\$	95.32
<b>SITE RELATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>67,301.99</b>
Contracts - Workshop Instructors	\$	750
<b>WORKSHOP RELATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>750</b>
Salary - Gross, Officers & Directors Wages	\$	51,334
Salary - Social Security	\$	3,183
Salary - Medicare	\$	744
Salary - State Unemployment Insurance	\$	371
Salary - Payroll Services Fee	\$	1,267
Salary - IRA	\$	1,269
<b>SALARIES &amp; RELATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>58,169</b>
Overhead - Contracts - Consultants & Services	\$	9,660
Overhead - Accounting Fees	\$	12,031
Overhead - Legal Fees	\$	1,759
Overhead - Website Development	\$	3,037
Overhead - Design	\$	-
<b>OVERHEAD SERVICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>26,487</b>
Other - Office Supplies	\$	156
Other - Vehicle	\$	2,031
Other - Insurance - general liability & vehicle	\$	3,917
Other - Advertising & Marketing	\$	1,035
Other - Bank Fees, Licenses, Tax	\$	778
Other - Interest	\$	192
Other - Grants to Other Organizations	\$	1,902
Other - Other	\$	367
Other - Sales Tax	\$	932
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,310</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>164,017</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(25,672)</b>

**Boston Food Forest Coalition: 2021 Projected Statement of Activity**

**REVENUE**

Fundraiser		
One-Time Donations	\$	15,000
Recurring Monthly Donations	\$	761
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS</b>	\$	<b>15,761</b>
Program Service Fees		
Workshop Revenue	\$	3,450
<b>PROGRAM &amp; WORKSHOP REVENUE</b>	\$	<b>3,450</b>
Non-Government Grants	\$	119,585
Government Grants	\$	529,426

**Revenue from Investments**

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$	<b>668,222</b>
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**EXPENSES**

Contracts - Construction	\$	469,370
Contracts - Site Maintenance	\$	10,000
<b>SITE RELATED EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b>479,370</b>
Contracts - Workshop Instructors	\$	3,800
<b>WORKSHOP RELATED EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b>3,800</b>
Salary - Gross, Officers & Directors Wages	\$	90,000
Salary - Social Security	\$	5,580
Salary - Medicare	\$	1,305
Salary - State Unemployment Insurance	\$	-
Salary - Payroll Services Fee	\$	1,117
Salary - IRA	\$	2,700
<b>SALARIES &amp; RELATED EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b>100,702</b>
Overhead - Contracts - Consultants & Services	\$	10,000
Overhead - Accounting Fees	\$	21,000
Overhead - Legal Fees	\$	3,000
Overhead - Website Development	\$	5,000
Overhead - Design	\$	20,000
<b>OVERHEAD SERVICE EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b>59,000</b>
Other - Office Supplies	\$	650
Other - Vehicle	\$	2,000
Other - Insurance - general liability & vehicle	\$	4,000
Other - Advertising & Marketing	\$	100
Other - Bank Fees, Licenses, Tax	\$	600
Other - Interest	\$	-
Other - Grants to Other Organizations	\$	17,600
Other - Other	\$	400
Other - Sales Tax	\$	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b>25,350</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b>668,222</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	\$	<b>(0)</b>



## Design and Construction Narrative, Documents, Site Plans, Specifications

### **Existing Site Conditions & Site Plan**

**Please see the site plan and vision (attached).**

44 Aspinwall Rd parcel's assessor parcel number is 1700685000.



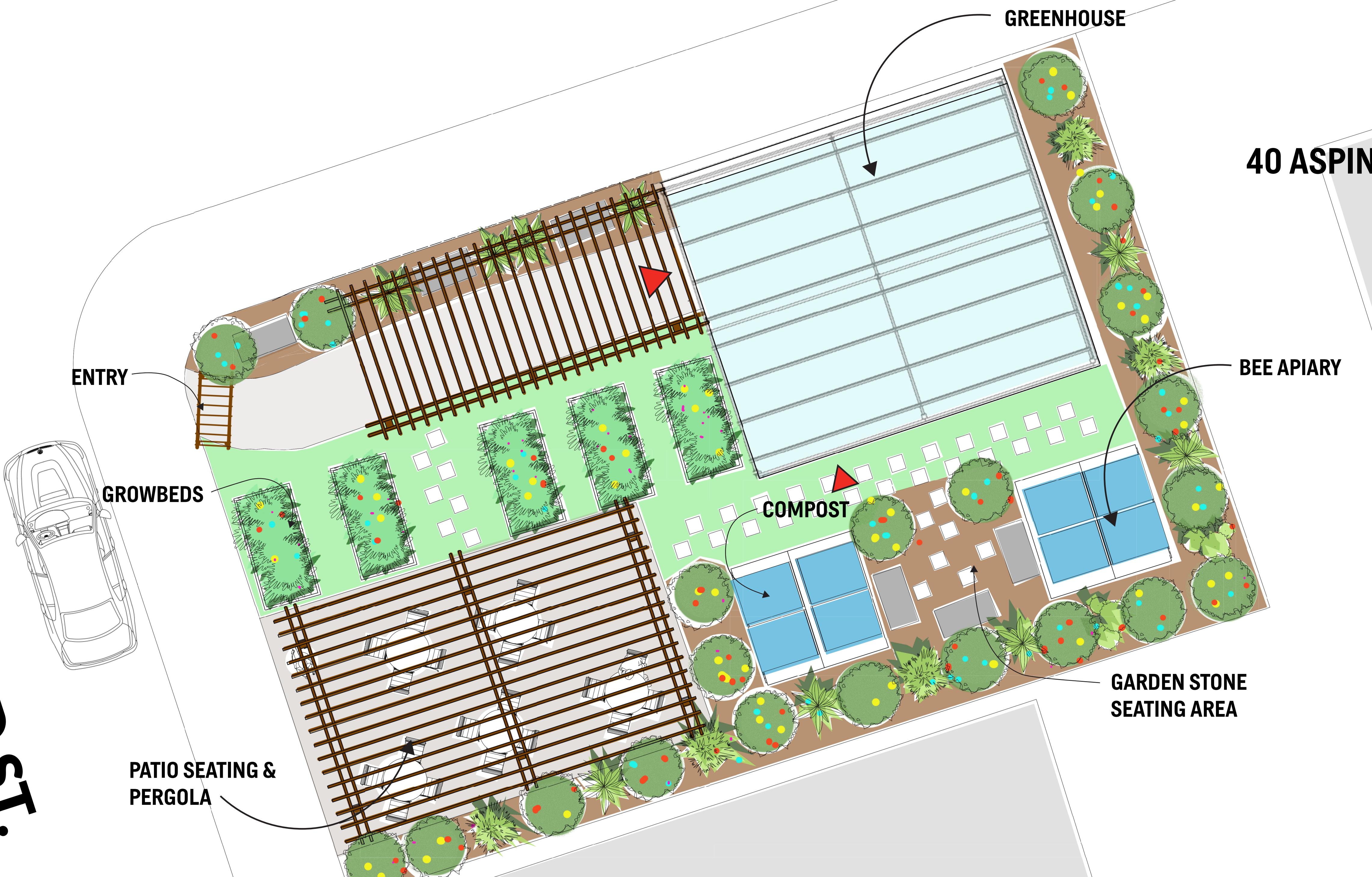
As a community growing space, 2,796 square foot, the site is accessible through the corner of the sidewalk. The site is sunny but shaded by existing homes and structures.

ASPINWALL RD.

WHITFIELD ST.

43 WHITFIELD ST.

40 ASPINWALL RD.





### Walking Tour of the Completed Site

Entering from the corner on Aspinwall Rd., visitors will pass through the front arbor or side pergola gate into the community farm and food forest. In front of them, they will see a sign, display case for park info. It will be apparent that debris removal & disposal has been replaced with excavation and grading to the site. Sheet mulching around all the fruit trees, fruiting shrubs, fruiting vines, flowering trees, perennial & annual plants and outdoor raised grow beds with new soil. An ADA compliant stone dust walkway leads around the site and to the granite/stone patio. Rainwater, wind and solar collection help power the 20 x 32 greenhouse. The garden hose, reel & fittings, drip irrigation can be seen along the woodchip pathways w/ mosaic stepping stones. On the patio and outdoor gathering spaces can be seen picnic tables, outdoor lighting and educational signage. Beyond the pergola can be found the tool shed, compost areas and bee apiary. Walking into the greenhouse one will see the large variety of vegetable seedlings. On the northern wall of the greenhouse through the trees you can see the community mural and other community art projects.



**Phase 1** will be completely funded with DND Grassroots and CPA grants and will accomplish: all site prep, grading and new pathways, patio, arbor, greenhouse, outdoor lighting, tool shed, compost, benches, educational signage, and initial fruit tree and shrub plantings.

Future phases will add:

Bee Apiary
Vermiculture
Aquaponics
Solar Power Kits
Micro-green growing kits
Mushroom growing kits
Hydroponics growing wall
Mural and other community art

## Narrative and evidence of community participation and support

Neighbors and abutters in the community support the project, as do local leaders (see attached letters of support). Farmers Collaborative has met with neighbors to discuss desires and intentions for a community farm beginning in Fall of 2017, Spring 2018, and Summer 2019.

Farmers Collaborative has been actively stewarding the site as a community grow space involving abutting neighbors and local volunteers since 2016.

## Planning, Design + Development Timetable

Development Milestone	Anticipated Completion Date
Community Outreach + Door Knocking	Fall 2017 - to present
Zoning Relief Anticipated? y/n	No
Final Bid Documents Complete	Winter 2021
Contractor Selected (Hired)	Spring 2021
Construction Start	Spring 2021



Construction Complete

Spring 2022

## Applicant's Plan for Diversity and Inclusion

**Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC)** is committed to racial justice and social equity and we strive to achieve that in our organization, among our network of volunteers, and through our organizational partnerships as this is critical to the success of our work. BFFC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, height, weight, or marital status in employment or the provision of services. Knowing its importance to the success of our work, BFFC is committed to diversity and inclusion, and we aspire to build a diverse staff team and community, including groups that are traditionally underrepresented among our sector leadership. While our board (50% Black Women) and founding members are racially diverse, our tiny staff is not currently; this has varied over the years. In all hiring, BFFC is committed to diversity and inclusion, and we aspire to build a diverse staff team and community, and prioritize outreach to underrepresented communities.

**Farmers Collaborative** is a BLACK-led grassroots, scattered site farm throughout Boston's most underserved neighborhoods of Mattapan, Dorchester and Roxbury. Just as we did at 424 Geneva Ave, we will do the development and construction and subcontract as needed prioritizing local minority-owned businesses. Where formerly vacant lots gathered trash we now gather harvests and teach. Farmers Collaborative team boasts over 45-years collective experience in agriculture and community organizing. Since 2016, we work locally with neighbors and community organizations to support urban agricultural activities from beekeeping to growing superfoods, and organize the neighborhood and local businesses to use these spaces for community gathering. We collaborate with local stakeholders to transform neglected space in our most underserved areas to create programming to reduce the food wealth gap and increase access to nutritious foods. We focus on opportunities where we see reparative economic opportunities, work skills development; improved educational outcomes and access to educational opportunities by offering STEAM and DIY workshops in partnership with schools, civic agencies and public/private sectors.

### **Aspinwall Road Community Farm & Food Forest: Diversity + Inclusion Plan**

Our plan for outreach and community inclusion focuses on:

- **Black Local Youth** in building and maintaining the site, with outreach provided by past Youthbuild graduates, the Neighborhood Associations & Schools, Fairmount Innovation Lab past cohort of entrepreneurs and neighbors.
- **Neighbors, abutters and other residents** are already involved in the planning and design, and more outreach will be led by the FarmCollab Stewardship Team reflecting



the full diversity of the area. Neighbors already play a role in trash clean-up, and monitoring the site, as well as dog walking and some abutting neighbors have small gardens which are supported by our larger site providing seedlings, compost, soil and support.

- **Ongoing education** - Boston Food Forest Coalition brings permaculture teachers and ecological gardeners to teach workshops that support the development and maintenance of our food forests. Workshop topics will include tree planting, winter pruning, companion planting, soil health, herbal remedies, among others. Past and present UFI graduates within our network will also provide education on related topics like nutrition and the role of environmental conditions on emotional well-being.
- **Organizational Partnerships** - This project includes partnership with Additionally local churches, neighborhood businesses, and civic associations are engaged in supporting this effort and activating the space.

As a grassroots non-profit land trust, BFFC has a strong track record ensuring community participation and engagement in the ongoing management and maintenance of all the food forest gardens we have created and continue to support. This is essential to the BFFC mission and model - local teams of volunteer stewards determine the programming to activate this community open space. BFFC exists to ensure long-term community ownership.

As already indicated above, our experience shows that when neighbors are involved in the design and construction of their food forest this builds lasting relationships across urban divides of race, class, language and culture. We are confident of our ability to forge lasting relationships between neighbors and the land, as well as to enhance the social capital of the neighborhood by creating new friendships among diverse residents - and indeed this work has already begun.



## Operational Budget

*Site operational budget for ongoing maintenance and operations costs once food forest is built.*

Item	Estimated Annual Cost	Source
Liability Insurance	\$300.00	Community Fundraisers/ BFFC
Water	\$400.00	Community Fundraisers
Snow Removal	\$100.00	In-kind donation of labor from neighborhood gardeners
Annual Clean-ups & Trash Removal	\$300.00	In-kind donation of labor from neighborhood gardeners
Plant Care & Maintenance	\$2,000.00	In-kind donation of labor from neighborhood gardeners
Special Projects/Events	\$1,500.00	Foundation Grants
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,600.00</b>	

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Name	Street Address	Phone Email	Signature
Roosevelt Auguste	452 Geneva Ave Dorchester, MA 02122	Roosevelt.Auguste@gmail.com. 857-615-3553	Roosevelt Auguste
Hurry Demas	26 Josephine St. Dorchester, MA		Hurry Demas
Yessy	Minina's Restaurant Brenda Loria 730 Geneva	617-860-9357 617-860-9351	Yessy
Hilario Rodriguez	LeRoy St Mattapan 02138	#8 401-263-8368	Hilario Rodriguez
Jay U. Carney	18 Fuchs St	857-4117-6946	Jay Carney
U Prady Gellie	422 Geneva Dorchester	781 492 4081	U Prady Gellie
Josef Batista	422 Geneva Ave Dorchester	617-749-7572	Josef Batista

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Cesarito Bach	422 Geneva Dorchester 164 W. Village St #3 Dor, MA 02132	617-633-7308	Cesarito Bach
Natividad Plaza	177 Westville St #1 B MA 02122	617-533-7368	Mirza
Erico Delina	181 Westville St	873087663	Erico Ecny.
Silvio Ramos	176 Westville St 508-965-7813		Silvio
Mohamed Hosseini	172 Westville St 2 malyani@gmail.com		Om
Rickey Coplin	161 Westville St 857-318-2355		Rickey
Huoy Kim Gam	403 Geneva Ave	617-287-8220	Huoy
Carman Chaver	415 Geneva	617-407-3188	Carman

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Melissa Soto	59 W. 16th	774-707-9952	MS
Carey Hawig	597 Morton	617-296-7873	Carey Hawig
Emma Leason	15 Estell St	617-615-8404	Emma Leason
Joshua Rodriguez	16 Estell St	617-298-3359	Joshua Rodriguez
Cynthia Persaud	619 Morton	617-265-8869	C. Persaud
Jacolyn Castro	638 Morton St APT #2	617-229-8965	Jacolyn Castro
Veronica	638 Morton St	857-334-3874	Veronica
Madge Jackson			Madge from Mattapan

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Doudji Moise	59 Wilcock St Dorchester	doudji.m@gmail.com	Doudji Moise
Juleesa Vaz	7 Estrella St APT)	jivazquez185@gmail.com	Juleesa Vaz
Melissa Henry	38 Estrella Mattapan		Melissa Henry
Frank Swoboda	640 Morton #3 Mattapan MA	frank.e.swoboda@gmail.com	Frank Swoboda
Charmaine Thomas	64 Morton St Mattapan	C.Thomas6787@gmail.com	Charmaine Thomas
JUNIOR MELO	638 Morton St APT #2	SUNIOPACHE6080@gmail.com	JUNIOR MELO

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Winsome Williams	609 Morton St	Winsome 617.com	<del>Winsome@gmail</del>	Ms. Williams
Jean Serour	55 Wilcock St	617-590-0766	MARIOSEROUR@GMAIL.COM	<del>Jean</del>
Margie Conley	636 Morton St	401)585-0582		Margie
Linda G.	436 North St	617-265-0533		<del>Linda G.</del>
Michael Williams	636 Morton St	617-460-9879	MW	<del>Michael Williams</del>
Albert Caron	57 Wilcock St	617-850-2448		<del>Albert Caron</del>
Virginia Commo	39 Wilcock St	857-249-9880		Virginia Commo
Ashley Walcott	39 Wilcock St	857-294-9664		Ashley Walcott
Jessie Walker	31 Wilcock	857-258-0793		Jessie Walker

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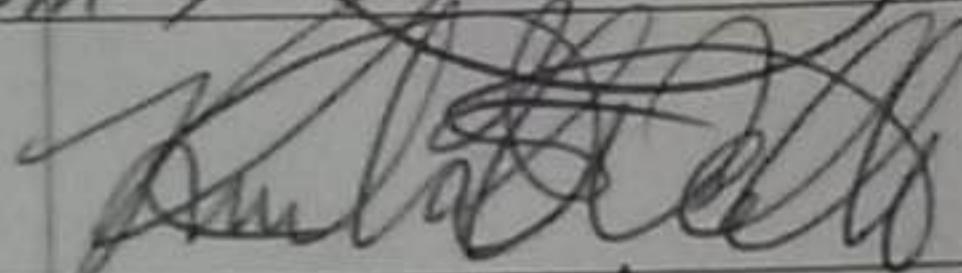
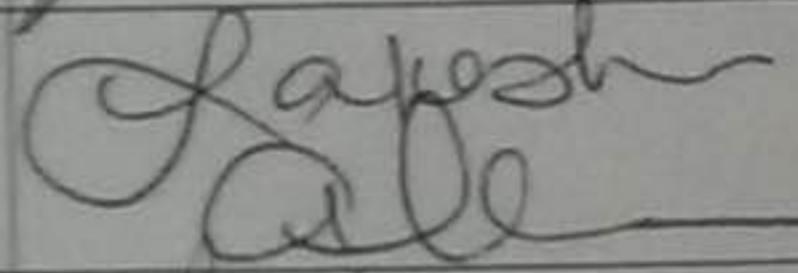
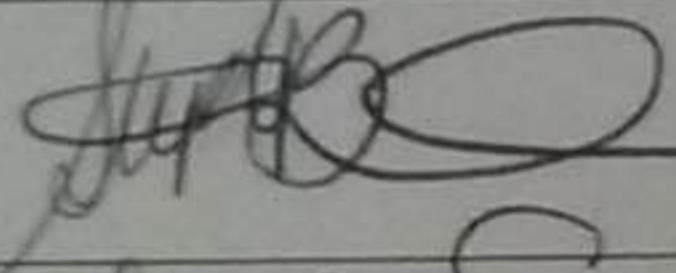
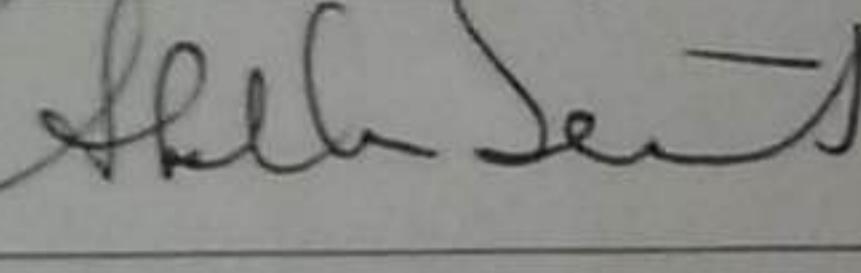
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Maryam David	1 Copeland PK Apt 2, Roxbury 6 41 matta	dnok24@yahoo.com chinareyedoll@aol.com	Maryam David
Shavonne Herrington	mattapan	617.980.4291	Shavonne Herrington
Jessica Jefferson	70 Esward	781 507 5708	Jessica Jefferson
Jalina Suggs	1 Gold. Apt 2 Cobden St Roxbury, MA 64 Orton 2047	778-417-1830 jalina.suggs@unioncapital lwestone.com	Jalina Suggs
Diana Garcia	Marotta, WI 243 Broadway	diana.garcia@unioncapitalBoston.com CMcKoy517@gmail.com	Diana Garcia
Cynthia McKoy	Cambridge MA	857-266-1739	
Lizella Reed	129 1/2 Centre St Dor. 02124 mattapan	617-385 5396 857-251-0051	Lizella Reed
Sylvia Brewer	Mass. 02126	Sylvia.brewer72@gmail.com	Sylvia Brewer

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Rhonda Tillman	16 mosgrove Ave Ros MA 02131	6173072091 truth919@gmail.com	
Romelia Webb	217 Georgetowne Hyde Park, MA 02133	857 243 3721	
Lakesha Allen	11 Gleason St apt 1 Dorchester	8575441563 lakesha.allene@yahoo.com	
Stephanie Butzer	21 Hosmerst mattapan, MA 02126	774-3228683 Stephnyaan17@gmail.com	
Shellina Semexant	80 B Ellington St Dorchester, MA 02121	Shellinamathurin@gmail.com	

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Christina DiTerlizzi	19 Atwood Ave Wakefield MA 01880	508-847-0089 cditerlizzi@gmail.com	Christina DiTerlizzi

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CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT  
**MARTIN J. WALSH, MAYOR**

September 26, 2018

Community Preservation Committee  
City of Boston

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

The Department of Neighborhood Development (“DND”) has identified the following five sites as priorities for small-scale neighborhood farms:

- 44 Aspinwall Road, Dorchester, Ward 17, Parcel 00685000
- 214-208 Woodrow Avenue, Mattapan, Ward 14, Parcel 03485000
- 183-193 Woodrow Avenue, Mattapan, Ward 14, Parcel 03289000
- 424-428A Geneva Avenue, Dorchester, Ward 15, Parcel 00673000
- 632 Morton Street, Mattapan, Ward 14, Parcel 04566000

These sites are intended to promote community open space and local food security. Community meetings were held in the fall of 2016, which generated excitement and support for the sites. Initial funding was awarded in the summer of 2017 to pursue operations as farm sites.

DND supports continued fundraising to fully develop these sites as agricultural open space, and intends to continue operations as such through license agreements. Ultimately, DND seeks to convey the parcels with agricultural deed restrictions to a qualified non-profit who will be required to continue to operate the site as agricultural open space.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Sincerely,

  
Donald Wright  
Deputy Director  
Real Estate Management and Sales Division





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Ms. Christine Poff, Director  
Community Preservation  
City of Boston  
26 Court Street, 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02108

November 13, 2020

**Re: The Farmers Collaborative, FY21 Community Preservation Act**

Dear Director Poff,

I am writing in support of the Farmers Collaborative's application to the Community Preservation Grant Committee. The Farmers Collaborative is a consortium of urban farmers, social workers, veterans, and technicians with plans to convert blighted properties into open green spaces. The Farmers Collaborative together with its partner, The Boston Food Forest Coalition, embodies community-based values and this proposal would be a tremendous asset to neighborhoods they serve.

Activating these lots in particular will be beneficial for the community, contributing open air space for respite, healthy activities and agriculture. Left underutilized and vacant for decades, they have encouraged illegal dumping and unsafe activities. Converting these parcels into compact farms that provide open green spaces for community use would be a tremendous benefit to the City of Boston and the residents that reside in these neighborhoods.

It is for these reasons that I support their application for CPA funds. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

NICK COLLINS  
*State Senator*



**ANDREA J. CAMPBELL  
BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR  
DISTRICT 4**

November 13, 2020

Community Preservation Committee  
Attention: Felicia Jacques  
City of Boston  
26 Court St  
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Jacques,

I am writing to support the Farmers Collaborative's proposal for Community Preservation Act funding to turn two vacant lots (44 Aspinwall in Dorchester & 632 Morton in Mattapan) into community open space and agricultural sites. This team has proven their ability to complete projects of this scale at 424 Geneva Ave.

The Farmers Collaborative, a consortium of dedicated individuals (including urban farmers, social workers, veterans, and technicians), has the support of over 50 immediate abutters, and will convert blighted properties of over 20 years into an oasis of beautification and open green spaces. The Farmers Collaborative together with its partners The Boston Food Forest Coalition and HERO, Inc. embody what the Community Preservation Grant Committee values in an applicant and they are a tremendous asset to neighborhoods they serve.

These properties are priority areas for activation of vacant space: both are corner lots on main thoroughfares, with city bus stops directly in front that currently have no bench or shelter; both are adjacent to dense residential and commercial zones of laundromats, convenience stores, sandwich/pizza shops, churches and schools. The possibility to use CPA funds to activate vacant lots in my district for healthy activities and agriculture is precisely why I was a strong proponent for CPA passage in 2016, and I believe the Farmer's Collaborative plan would be a great use of these public dollars.

Sincerely,

*Andrea J. Campbell*

Andrea J. Campbell  
Boston City Council, District 4



## PROPOSAL FORM

**SUBMITTED TO: DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE RECEIVED BY DND:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMITTED BY: NAME:** Orion Kriegman

**ADDRESS:** 23 Egleston St., Boston MA 02130

**TELEPHONE:** 857-928-4066

**EMAIL:** orion@bostonfoodforest.org

Under the conditions set forth by the Department of Neighborhood Development, the accompanying proposal is submitted for:

**Property Address:** 44 Aspinwall Rd, Dorchester MA 02124

For this proposal to be properly evaluated all questions must be answered by the Proposer. The Awarding Authority (the Department of Neighborhood Development) will regard all responses to questions and all submissions as accurate portrayals of the Proposer's qualifications and any discrepancy between these statements and any subsequent investigation may result in the proposal being rejected.

- i. The name(s) and address(es) of all persons participating in this application as principals other than the undersigned are:

Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use separate sheet and attach if additional principals are involved.

- ii. The applicant is a/an:  
501c3 Non-profit Corporation  
(Individual/Partnership/Joint/Venture/Corporation/Trust, etc.)

A. If applicant is a Partnership, state name and residential address of both general and limited partners: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. If applicant is a Corporation, state the following:

Corporation is incorporated in the State of: Massachusetts  
President is: Rachele Rosi-Kessel  
Treasurer is: Greg Gullickson  
Place of Business: 500 Walk Hill Street, Mattapan MA 02126

C. If applicant is a Joint Venture, state the names and business addresses of each person, firm or company that is a party to the joint venture:

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A copy of the joint venture agreement is on file at: \_\_\_\_\_ and will be delivered to the Official on request.

D. If applicant is a Trust, state the name and residential address of all Trustees as:

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Trust documents are on file at \_\_\_\_\_  
And will be delivered to the Official on request.

- iii. Bank reference(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. If business is conducted under any title other than the real name of the owner, state the time when, and place where, the certificate required by General Laws, c.110, §5 was filed:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- v. Number of years organization has been in business under current name:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- vi. Has organization ever failed to perform any contract? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes/No

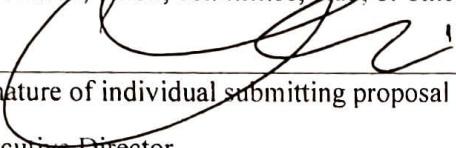
If answer is "Yes", state circumstances):  
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We propose the following purchase price: \$ 100.00

vii. AUTHORIZATION:

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

  
Signature of individual submitting proposal

Executive Director

Title

Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.

Legal Name of Organization

Dated at: Eastern Bank

This 8 day of March, 2021

NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.

BY: Orion Kriegman

TITLE: Executive Director

i. ATTESTATION:

Orion Kriegman being duly sworn deposes and says that  
(he/she) is the Executive Director of Boston Food Forest Coalition and that all  
answers to foregoing questions and all statements contained herein are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 8th day of March, 2021

Notary Public:

My Commission Expires:



MARILYN J. GARCIA  
Notary Public  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
My Commission Expires Sept. 14, 2025

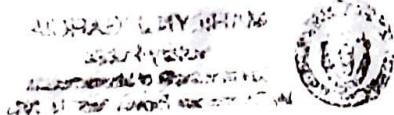
NOTE: This proposal form must bear the written signature of the applicant.

If the applicant is an individual doing business under a name other than his own name the application must state so, giving the address of the individual.

If the applicant is a partnership a partner designated as such must sign the application.

If the applicant is a corporation, trust or joint venture the application must be signed by a duly-authorized officer or agent of such corporation, trust or joint venture and contain written evidence of the authority to bind the entity.

(Please include the name of the agency or department and position held in that agency or department.)



**Conflict of Interest Affidavit Form**

The undersigned hereby certifies, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that neither they, nor those with whom they have business ties, nor any immediate family member of the undersigned, is currently or has been within the past twelve months, an employee, agent, consultant, officer or elected or appointed official of the City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development. For purposes of this affidavit "immediate family member" shall include parents, spouse, siblings, or children, irrespective of their place of residence.

I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true, correct, accurate, complete and correct in all respects.

WITNESS:

Jarrell

BORROWER:

Orion Kriegman

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

Then personally appeared the above named Orion Kriegman, (title) of (organization) and executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be (his/her) free act and deed as (title) aforesaid and the free act and deed of (organization), before me.

Marilyn Garcia  
Name: Marilyn Garcia  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2023



**MARYLYN J. GARCIA**  
Notary Public  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
My Commission Expires Sept. 14, 2023

**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR  
TRANSACTION WITH A PUBLIC AGENCY CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY  
M.G.L. c. 7C, s. 38 (formerly M.G.L. c. 7, s. 40J)**

**INSTRUCTION SHEET**

**NOTE:** The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) shall have no responsibility for insuring that the Disclosure Statement has been properly completed as required by law. Acceptance by DCAMM of a Disclosure Statement for filing does not constitute DCAMM's approval of this Disclosure Statement or the information contained therein. Please carefully read M.G.L. c. 7C, s. 38 which is reprinted in Section 8 of this Disclosure Statement.

**Section (1):** Identify the real property, including its street address, and city or town. If there is no street address then identify the property in some other manner such as the nearest cross street and its tax assessors' parcel number.

**Section (2):** Identify the type of transaction to which this Disclosure Statement pertains --such as a sale, purchase, lease, etc.

**Section (3):** Insert the exact legal name of the Public Agency participating in this Transaction with the Disclosing Party. The Public Agency may be a Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or some other public entity. Please do not abbreviate.

**Section (4):** Insert the exact legal name of the Disclosing Party. Indicate whether the Disclosing Party is an individual, tenants in common, tenants by the entirety, corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, LLC, or other entity. If the Disclosing Party is the trustees of a trust then identify the trustees by name, indicate that they are trustees, and add the name of the trust.

**Section (5):** Indicate the role of the Disclosing Party in the transaction by checking one of the blanks. If the Disclosing Party's role in the transaction is not covered by one of the listed roles then describe the role in words.

**Section (6):** List the names and addresses of every legal entity and every natural person that has or will have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the real property. The only exceptions are those stated in the first paragraph of the statute that is reprinted in Section 8 of this Disclosure Statement. If the Disclosing Party is another public entity such as a city or town, insert "inhabitants of the (name of public entity)." If the Disclosing Party is a non-profit with no individual persons having any beneficial interest then indicate the purpose or type of the non-profit entity. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet and incorporate it by reference into Section 6.

**Section (7):** Check "NONE" in the box if none of the persons mentioned in Section 6 is employed by DCAMM or an official elected to public office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Otherwise list any parties disclosed in Section 6 that are employees of DCAMM or an official elected to public office.

**Section (8):** The individual signing this statement on behalf of the Disclosing Party acknowledges that he/she has read the included provisions of Chapter 7C, Section 38 (formerly Chapter 7, Section 40J) of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

**Section (9):** Make sure that this Disclosure Statement is signed by all required parties. If the Disclosing Party is a corporation, please make sure that this Disclosure Statement is signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation as required by the statute reprinted in Section 8 of this Disclosure Statement.

DCAMM's acceptance of a statement for filing does not signify any opinion by DCAMM that the statement complies with applicable law.

This completed and signed Disclosure Statement should be mailed or otherwise delivered to:

Deputy Commissioner for Real Estate  
Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance  
One Ashburton Place, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108

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The undersigned party to a real property transaction with a public agency hereby discloses and certifies, under pains and penalties of perjury, the following information as required by law:

(1) **REAL PROPERTY:**

44 Aspinwall Road, (assessor parcel number is 1700685000 )  
Dorchester 02124

(2) **TYPE OF TRANSACTION, AGREEMENT, or DOCUMENT:**

**SALE**

(3) **PUBLIC AGENCY PARTICIPATING in TRANSACTION:**

**City of Boston, Department of Neighborhood Development**

(4) **DISCLOSING PARTY'S NAME AND TYPE OF ENTITY:**

**Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc. 501c3 Nonprofit**

(5) **ROLE OF DISCLOSING PARTY (Check appropriate role):**

Lessor/Landlord  Lessee/Tenant

Seller/Grantor  **Buyer/Grantee**

Other (Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

(6) The names and addresses of all persons and individuals who have or will have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the real property excluding only 1) a stockholder of a corporation the stock of which is listed for sale to the general public with the securities and exchange commission, if such stockholder holds less than ten per cent of the outstanding stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting of such corporation or 2) an owner of a time share that has an interest in a leasehold condominium meeting all of the conditions specified in M.G.L. c. 7C, s. 38, are hereby disclosed as follows (attach additional pages if necessary):

**NAME** **RESIDENCE**

**Boston Food Forest Coalition is a grassroots nonprofit land trust which  
holds the land on behalf of the neighbors of Boston.**

(7) None of the above- named persons is an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance or an official elected to public office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, except as listed below (Check "NONE" if NONE):

**X NONE**

**NAME:** **POSITION:**

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(8) The individual signing this statement on behalf of the above-named party acknowledges that he/she has read the following provisions of Chapter 7C, Section 38 (formerly Chapter 7, Section 40J) of the General Laws of Massachusetts:

*No agreement to rent or to sell real property to or to rent or purchase real property from a public agency, and no renewal or extension of such agreement, shall be valid and no payment shall be made to the lessor or seller of such property unless a statement, signed, under the penalties of perjury, has been filed by the lessor, lessee, seller or purchaser, and in the case of a corporation by a duly authorized officer thereof giving the true names and addresses of all persons who have or will have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in said property with the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any stockholder of a corporation the stock of which is listed for sale to the general public with the securities and exchange commission, if such stockholder holds less than ten per cent of the outstanding stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting of such corporation. In the case of an agreement to rent property from a public agency where the lessee's interest is held by the organization of unit owners of a leasehold condominium created under chapter one hundred and eighty-three A, and time-shares are created in the leasehold condominium under chapter one hundred and eighty-three B, the provisions of this section shall not apply to an owner of a time-share in the leasehold condominium who (i) acquires the time-share on or after a bona fide arms length transfer of such time-share made after the rental agreement with the public agency is executed and (ii) who holds less than three percent of the votes entitled to vote at the annual meeting of such organization of unit owners. A disclosure statement shall also be made in writing, under penalty of perjury, during the term of a rental agreement in case of any change of interest in such property, as provided for above, within thirty days of such change.*

*Any official elected to public office in the commonwealth, or any employee of the division of capital asset management and maintenance disclosing beneficial interest in real property pursuant to this section, shall identify his position as part of the disclosure statement. The commissioner shall notify the state ethics commission of such names, and shall make copies of any and all disclosure statements received available to the state ethics commission upon request.*

*The commissioner shall keep a copy of each disclosure statement received available for public inspection during regular business hours.*

(9) This Disclosure Statement is hereby signed under penalties of perjury.

**Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.**  
PRINT NAME OF DISCLOSING PARTY (from Section 4, above)



3/7/2021

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE of DISCLOSING PARTY      DATE (MM / DD / YYYY)

**Orion Kriegman, Executive Director**

PRINT NAME & TITLE of AUTHORIZED SIGNER

## **AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Developer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Any person submitting an application for under this RFP must truthfully complete this Affidavit and submit it with their application.

1. Do any of the principals owe the City of Boston any monies for incurred real estate taxes, rents, water and sewer charges or other indebtedness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Are any of the principals employed by the City of Boston? If so, in what capacity? (Please include name of principal, name of agency or department, and position held in that agency or department).
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Were any of the principals ever the owners of any property upon which the City of Boston foreclosed for his/her failure to pay real estate taxes or other indebtedness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Have any of the principals ever been convicted of any arson-related crimes, or currently under indictment for any such crime?
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Have any of the principals been convicted of violating any law, code, statute or ordinance regarding conditions of human habitation within the last three (3) years?

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: 

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Boston (COB) – Property Affidavit Form**

**Instructions:** List all City of Boston properties currently owned, or previously foreclosed upon for failure to pay real estate taxes or other indebtedness, by the applicant or by any other legal entity in which the applicant has had or now has an ownership or beneficial interest. If there are any past due amounts owed to the Department of Neighborhood Development, the Inspectional Services Department, the Treasury Department and/or the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, such **must be paid in full** before: (1) a vote request can be presented to the City of Boston Public Facilities Commission concerning the sale of property to the applicant or any other business entity in which the applicant has an ownership or beneficial interest; OR (2) the commitment of funding to the applicant or any other business entity in which the applicant has an ownership or beneficial interest. Public Facilities Commission votes are not to be requested until the Property Affidavit has been approved and the Legal Unit has signed the Property Clearance Form.

Upon approval, the Property Affidavit will be valid for ninety (90) calendar days from the date it is signed by the Applicant.

For any additional properties that do not fit on this form, attach a spreadsheet. Do not use another property affidavit form. Only one signature page is to be submitted. All entries made on this form must be typed in the form fields provided below.

**Applicant:** Boston Food Forest Coalition

<b>List Addresses of Boston Properties Owned:</b>	<b>PARCEL ID NUMBER</b>
101 Ellington Street	1401796000
103 Ellington Street	1401797000
11a Everett Avenue	1301372000
424-428a Geneva Avenue	1500673000
Savin Hill Avenue	02555000
<b>Boston Properties Previously Foreclosed Upon by COB:</b>	<b>PARCEL ID NUMBER</b>

I declare under pains and penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true, accurate, complete and correct in all respects.



3/7/2021

Orion Kriegman, Executive Director

Print Name and Title

Authorized Representative's Signature

Date

orion@bostonfoodforest.org

857 928 4066

Applicant Contact (If different from above)

Telephone Number

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY (Fax the completed form to DND at 635-0262. Delinquency Reported: (If Yes (Y) state the amount owed):**

**Boston Water & Sewer Commission**

Y \$ \_\_\_\_\_ N

Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department of Neighborhood Development**

Y \$ \_\_\_\_\_ N

Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Works Department**

Y \$ \_\_\_\_\_ N

Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasury Department**

Y \$ \_\_\_\_\_ N

Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

DND Contact

Division

Program

Phone: ext.



**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
(For Corporations Only)

10/28/2020

(Current Date)

At a meeting of the Directors of the Boston Food Forest Coalition  
(Name of Corporation)  
duly called and held at remotely over Zoom  
(Location of Meeting)  
on the 27 day of October 2020 at which a quorum was present and acting,  
it was VOTED, that Orion Kriegman  
(Name)  
the Executive Director of this corporation is hereby  
(Position)  
authorized and empowered to make, enter into, sign, seal and deliver in behalf of this corporation  
a contract for the ownership and development of any and all food forests, including but not limited to  
(Describe Service)  
the Edgewater Food Forest located at River Street in Mattapan,

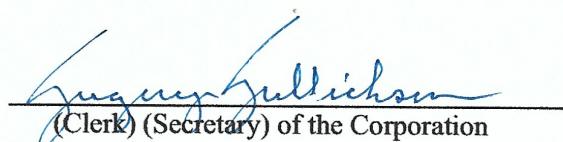
with the City of Boston, and a performance bond in connection with said contract.

I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the record that said vote  
has not been amended or repealed and is in full force and effect as of this date, and that

Orion Kriegman  
(Name)  
is the duly elected Executive Director of this  
(Position)  
corporation.

Attest:

**(Affix Corporate Seal Here)**

  
Gregory Jullrichson  
(Clerk) (Secretary) of the Corporation

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY CORPORATION COUNSEL FEBRUARY, 1998  
THIS FORM IS VOID AND WITHOUT LEGAL EFFECT IF ALTERED IN ANY WAY