



BOSTON FOOD FOREST COALITION

January 8, 2021

Ms. Shani Fletcher, Development Officer
The City of Boston
Department of Neighborhood Development
26 Court Street, 11th 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 Morton Street Community Farm and Food Forest at 632 Morton Street (assessor parcel number is 1404566000) as a community open space and garden in Mattapan. 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 Mattapan.

I have included the original proposal plus addendums. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 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 \$100,000.00 for phase one of development of the *Morton Street Community Farm & Food Forest* located at 632 Morton Street in the Mattapan neighborhood of Boston (assessor parcel number is 1404566000).

The vacant 3,794 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 hydroponics greenhouse that can also serve as an indoor/outdoor space for education and community events, surrounded by a food forest garden 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 *Morton Street 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 many 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 632 Morton Street 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. Urban community farms open to the entire neighborhood, with expanded growing capacity for training neighbors and sharing produce, are essential if we take seriously 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 rectangular 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 Mattapan 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 Morton St reduces 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

What is most unique about the plan for Farmers Collaborative is its integrated design of farmed and open space. When completed, Farmers Collaborative will have transformed a series of neglected 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; to gather, celebrate birthdays, read the newspaper, enjoy shade, catch-up with neighbors in a safe environment 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
1. Planting Plan completed with Landscape Designer	Winter 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete detailed planting plan specifying tree varieties and companion species of shrubs and perennials.• This plan will be to be developed with a certified Permaculture consultant, and a scale to scale map will be created.	
2. Site Prep, Soil Building, and Tree and Invasives Removals	Spring 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	
3. Structures and Pathways	Spring/Summer 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install aquaponics greenhouse• Excavate for paths, and concrete pours. Install walkways w/ edging, new fence, benches, lending library, community bulletin board, entrance pergola, water catchment, tool shed, and compost bins.	
4. Plantings & Signage & Art	Fall 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install tree, shrub and other perennials planted along with educational signage and art installed on site.	



5. Stewardship & Maintenance Plan

Farmers Collaborative will operate Morton Street as a community farm open to the public. The site will be managed by a volunteer Stewardship Team led by CJ 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 be smart with IOT/controlled 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 Aspinwall, Woodrow and Geneva Ave. since 2016.

BFFC is the land trust that will hold the site, 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 two to three seasonal work days that are 3 hours, or longer if needed. At the work days the volunteers will weed, remove trash removal, and care for the plants. The Stewardship Team will have a volunteer coordinator to organize these days.

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
- **Fence/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 Morton Street 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

Hero Hope Garden - 424 Geneva Ave, Dorchester

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.

This project has been favorably received by the neighbors, see the recent article, [Hope Garden Earns Rave Reviews](https://www.dotnews.com/2020/hero-hope-garden-geneva-avenue-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 of course this success is part of the news on the City of Boston website:

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



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

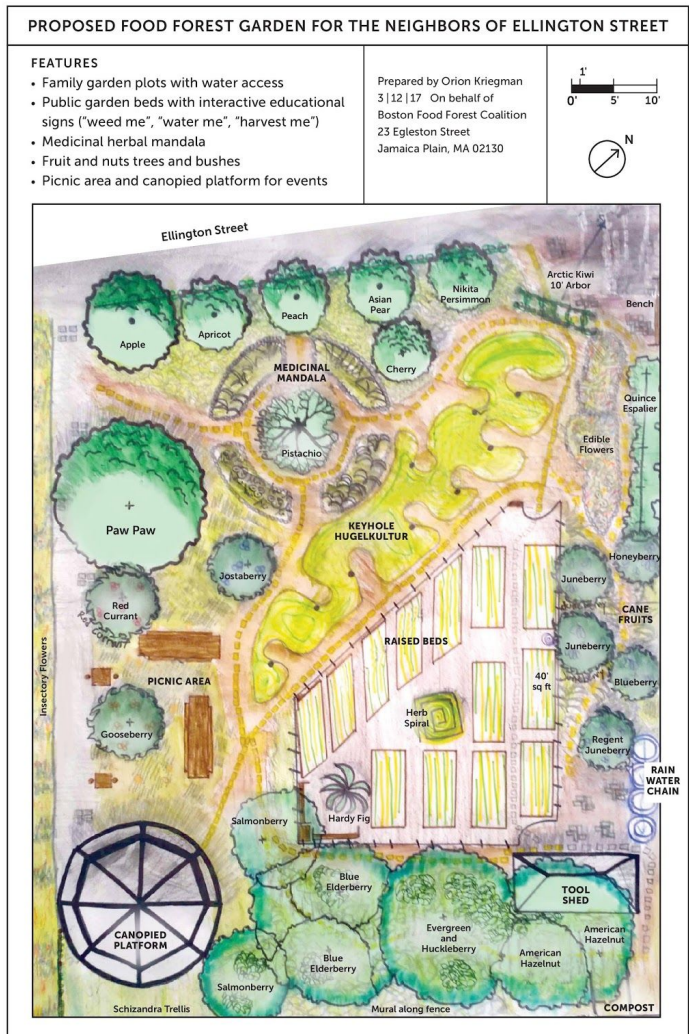
In 2012, working with local residents and neighborhood organizations, youth leaders from ACE (Alternatives for Community and the Environment) installed a dozen raised garden beds in old tires and recycled wooden and metal boxes. However the remaining space on the site remained overgrown with weeds, and 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, WFX-TV-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

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.

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)



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: _Morton Street Community Farm and Food Forest_

Hard costs		TOTAL (\$)	Grassroots (\$)	Applicant Organization(\$)
Demo/removals				
Earthwork/excavation/geotex		8,765		8,765
Drainage/utilities		70,000		70,000
Paving/edging		12,470		12,470
Masonry/concrete				
Fencing		7,700	7,700	
Site furnishings/structures		93,550	21,500	72,050
Planting		25,815	8,500	17,315
Other				
General conditions				
	Subtotal:	218,300	37,700	180,600
Contingency (10%)		21,830	3,770	18,060
	Subtotal:	240,130	41,470	198,660
Soft costs				
Consultants		10,650	10,650	
Construction documents		5,000	5,000	
Bid documents				
Civil Eng/Survey				
Insurance		500	500	
Permits				
Staff		1,500	1,500	
Project Management		17,000	17,000	
Materials		2,900	2,900	
	Subtotal:	37,550	37,550	
Overhead		27,768	20,980	6,788
(not to exceed 10% of total grant request)				
Fee		27,768		27,768
	Subtotal	55,536	20,980	34,556
	TOTAL project costs	333,216	100,000	233,216

Sources of Funds			Uses of Funds		
		Amount (\$)			Amount (\$)
Grassroots	pending	100,000.00	Construction		218,300
Applicant Organization	CPA funds awarded in 2020	30,000.00	Contingency		21,830
Henderson Foundation	to apply	30,000.00		Total	240,130
CPA Funds	applied	150,000.00	Staff		1,500
Applicant Org	(foregone fee)	23,216	Consultants		10,650
			Materials		2,900
			Other soft costs		22,500
In-kind donations				Total	37550
	Total	333,216		Subtotal	277680
			Overhead		27,768
			Fee		27,768
				Total	55,536
	Total Project Costs:	333,216		Total Project Costs:	333,216



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 *December 2020 Checking Account Statement from Eastern Bank* and *December 2020 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
Total received	\$177,700	

Anticipated funds

Wild Geese Foundation	\$10,000.00	Pledged
Cabot Foundation	\$30,000.00	Pledged



Babson	\$4,000.00	Pledged
Zakim Foundation	\$20,000.00	Applied
Bank of America	\$25,000.00	Applied
Clif Bar Foundation	\$7,500.00	Applied
CPA	\$350,000.00	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:	
Plants + Materials	
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
Volunteer Time	
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 Morton Street Community Farm & Food Forest.

Matching Funds - source	Amount	Documentation
Farmers Collaborative	22,000.00	Funds received to support STEM/STEAM youth program
CPA 2019	30,000.00	Funds awarded to pay for city water hookup
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 Morton Street 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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Dear Friends of the Food Forest,

The Boston Food Forest Coalition marks its 5th year! 2015-2020!

Five years ago, we were just a small group of neighbors trying to figure out how to bring our love of food and community together in the city of Boston. Today, The Boston Food Forest Coalition is a collection of sites in and around Boston. You can find our sites on the grounds of churches, libraries, The Massachusetts Audubon Society, The City of Boston, The Trustees of Reservations, auto dealerships, and our own land trust. Through the hard work of volunteers, staff, and stakeholders we continue to grow the organization in order to serve more of the Boston community. Despite the challenges of social distancing during a global pandemic, people are still growing food, helping their neighbors grow food, and caring for the food forests in and around Boston. We pivoted to an online educational format offering zoom classes and Facebook Live videos. Our sites are still open and we continue to serve our little slice of the planet by providing Boston's pollinators and wildlife with native plants for food and habitat, while sequestering carbon and cleaning the air we all breathe.

Our example has inspired other food forest efforts regionally and nationally.

We have been written up in several academic papers and books, as well as featured on podcasts, in the Christian Science Monitor, the local Dorchester Reporter, Boston Magazine, T.E.L.L. New England, Inhabitat magazine, On The Commons magazine, and on local Fox 25 tv.

As we continue to grow, the Board of Directors has been interviewing stakeholders and working with a Strategic Planning Committee to refine the scope of our work to better serve the needs of Boston neighborhoods in a way that is sustainable for the future. We hope to have a finalized strategic plan by the end of 2020 that will help to steer BFFC into the future. So far, we have learned that our value to the neighborhood we serve is very high, but our profile could be higher. If you appreciate your local food forest, tell your friends!

Wherever there is land and people to steward it, we want to be there organizing, educating, fundraising, friend-raising, and garden-raising. We support the creation of food forests wherever people want to build them. Being a land trust is especially gratifying because it ensures that when sites are incorporated with us, these perennial food gardens will remain accessible to the public in perpetuity!

All of this happens because we do it together. Together we build gardens. Together we build hugelbeds and herb spirals. Together we taste the first strawberries and mint with little hands sticky with love. Together we clean up broken glass, pull weeds, paint murals, collect rain falling off nearby roofs, build raised beds, and shovel mulch. Together we discuss books, sip homemade dandelion tea, taste acorn bread, and share our bounty with shut-in neighbors and new friends. I dream of a city full of public forests and edible plants on every corner.

If you share this dream, then join us. We are here for you. And we wouldn't exist without you. Become part of the movement to bring cooling shade, green sanctuary, clean air, water, delicious food, and pollinators, all together with humans in community, building a greener, safer, edible world, one food forest at a time.

In solidarity and a supreme love for all of creation,

—Rachele Rosi-Kessel | President, BFFC

5 Years of Community Impacts

- Developing and Maintaining **13 food forests** on formerly vacant lots in eight Boston neighborhoods.

- Planted over **400+ fruit and nut trees and shrubs** at community controlled spaces like the Egleston Community Orchard in Roxbury where neighbors grow berries and organize arts and community events.

- Partnered with neighborhood groups, churches, schools and community-based organizations to **create volunteer Stewardship Teams** to ensure the long-term maintenance and revitalization of these community-controlled open spaces.



- Cultivated grassroots environmental leadership from over **3,500 volunteers** through educational programming, technical assistance and support;



- Fostered **cross-cultural community building** through hundreds of collaborative events such as our garden raisings, herbal workshops, and Harvest Festivals, educational workshops and trainings;

- Developed and delivered model educational programming on urban forestry and permaculture at our flagship living classroom at Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center (BNC).

- **Successfully advocated for urban food forests as part of a sustainable vision for Boston and as part of a New England Food System** (consistent with Food Solutions New England's 50x60 vision) presenting at regional planning events, urban agriculture conferences, professional talks for designers and architects, farmers markets, local libraries, neighborhood associations.



- **Developed a strong partnership with the City of Boston**, receiving awards from the Mayor for community engagement and support to create new food forests.





Ellington Community Food Forest

Dreams of growing healthy food, hosting gardening workshops, art projects and an outdoor space in which to socialize, connect with nature, and build community inspired the creation of this garden. The Stewardship Committee is the guardian of this beautiful space.

In 2011, Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE) helped residents create a garden in the vacant lots of 101-103 Ellington Street. They built raised beds and provided seedlings to longtime residents. In the spring of 2015, Othneil Uter, a resident of Greenwood Street, and a founding member of the Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC), connected ACE to BFFC's Executive Director Orion Kriegman in an effort to involve more residents. ACE and Emily Haslett, the liaison for the BFFC to Ellington Community Food Forest and still active Steward of the garden door knocked and met Carolyn McGee. Carolyn not only is a Master Urban Gardner, a graduate of the Urban Farming Institute and certified expert in tree planting, she also galvanised the neighbourhood to get involved.

2019 saw the installation of the gazebo, the handicap access, the water shed, a living wall, and the Medicinal Mandala. Additionally, over 45 shrubs and trees have been planted and 10 additional raised beds for senior and families have been added. A local artist installed a community mosaic on the outer wall of the shed. Ellington Community Food Forest has donated over 150 lbs of food from the garden to residents and Rounding Bases, a local nonprofit that works with the elderly, veterans and families in the surrounding community. Thanks to the support and cooperative spirit of the entire street, surrounding neighborhoods and local organizations, this garden has blossomed into a project that brings joy, healthy food, and a loving sense of community to all.



Hero Hope Garden on Geneva Avenue

Being in a populated area near bus stops and residential housing, the Hero Hope Garden was started in the fall of 2018, to transform an abandoned plot of land into a community space. The project was started in collaboration with HERO Nurturing Center Inc. and Farmer's Collaborative, which has over 45-years of collective experience in agriculture and community organizing.

The space was transformed into an area that serves as a food forest, community garden, and meeting space for community members. In the summer of 2019 the oasis greenhouse was completed. The intention of this project is to provide a model for urban agricultural innovation and collaboration, and to:

- promote food security
- showcase the neighborhood's beauty
- create a space for rest and healing
- and foster neighborhood prosperity through civic engagement

In the future, the Hero Hope Garden wants to continue activating the site as a hub of farming/growing, learning, healing, and building community. They are also using the space as a place to connect with community members who are interested in growing their own gardens. In fall of 2020, during this intense time of COVID social distancing, we are proud the garden will be used by Boston Arts Academy as an outdoor classroom.

Dorchester Reporter

Hero Hope Garden on Geneva Avenue earns rave reviews

By Daniel Sheehan, Reporter Staff
August 6, 2020



The new garden and "food forest" on Geneva Ave. Daniel Sheehan photo

On Monday, Mayor Martin Walsh announced the official opening of the Hero Hope Garden, a new community space brought about through collaboration with the Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC), the Farmers Collaborative, and local residents that fills what had previously been a vacant lot at 424-428 Geneva Ave. in Dorchester.

The Hero Hope Garden includes a "food forest" with fruit trees, plants, and raised bed gardens; a greenhouse for community and educational use; and a community meeting and gathering space with a handful of tables, chairs, and umbrellas.

Walsh noted that residents and non-profits were key drivers for creating the new green space, having maintained the parcel for years until it was officially designated a community space.

"This is a shared effort and would not have been possible without the support from the neighborhood and our partners," said Walsh. "I am proud that through the DND Grassroots program and Community Preservation Act funding we were able to help add vibrancy and green space to this lot in Dorchester. Community gardening provides great physical activity, increases access to affordable healthy fresh produce, and brings the residents of our neighborhoods closer together."

BFFC, which was instrumental to the project's success, will continue to manage and care for the space.

"We could not have created this new garden without the support of the mayor, many neighbors and community members, neighboring businesses, local tradespersons, teachers, students from neighboring schools, Bowdoin Geneva Main Streets, Jones Hill Neighborhood Association, Department of Neighborhood Development, Community Preservation Act, MassArt & Wylly Brown, YouthBuild, and UFI," said Orion Kriegman, executive director of the Boston Food Forest Coalition.

"Farmers Collaborative has been a leading force on the establishment of this beautiful garden and gathering space. We are proud that our innovative design of this land will knit this community together."

The redevelopment work was paid for in part by \$75,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding and a \$50,000 grant from the Grassroots Program at the Department of Neighborhood Development, which provides funding, city-owned land, and technical assistance to neighborhood groups and non-profits that want to organize, develop, own, manage, and maintain community gardens and open space in Boston's neighborhoods.

Hero Hope Garden, a project created in collaboration with the Boston Food Forest Coalition was written about in the *Dorchester Reporter* in August 2020.

Fiscal Overview from 2019

REVENUE

	2018 Fiscal Year	2019 Fiscal Year
One-Time Donations	\$1,203	\$8,857
Recurring Monthly Donations	\$293	\$330
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS	\$ 1,496	\$ 9,187
Program Service Fees	\$ 1,200	
Workshop Revenue	\$ 2,459	\$ 3,450
PROGRAM & WORKSHOP REVENUE	\$ 3,659	\$ 3,450
NON-GOVERNMENT GRANTS	\$ 31,726	\$ 13,100
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	\$ 96,707	\$ 106,528
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 133,587	\$ 132,265

EXPENSES

	2018 Fiscal Year	2019 Fiscal Year
SITE EXPENSES Construction and Maintenance	\$ 36,853	\$ 61,487
WORKSHOP RELATED EXPENSES	\$ 9,654	\$ 12,055
SALARIES AND RELATED EXPENSES	\$ 34,068	\$ 55,703
SERVICE EXPENSES Consultants, Accounting, Legal, Web, Design	\$ 16,130	\$ 13,024
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES Insurance, office supplies, vehicle, marketing, bank fees	\$ 6,065	\$ 13,139
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 102,769	\$ 155,407

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Allandale Farm
Agricultural Hall
City Soil
Home Depot South Bay/Boston
ACE Hardware
The Resilience Hub
Institute for Policy Studies (IPS)
Arborway Tree Care
Core Volunteer Hours

SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS

Gann Academy
Zoo New England
The Food Project
ACE's Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project (REEP)
City of Boston
The Trust For Public Land (TPL)
The Trustees
Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center
New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF)
Beacon Hill Garden Club
Old West Church
Allandale Farm
American Chestnut Foundation
Tripple Brook Farm
New England Wildflower Society
Taproot Healing (Su Cousineau)
Lauren Almquist and Mary Hansen, Gaia School of Natural Healing
Jamaica Plain New Economy Transition (JPNET)
Speak for the Trees
Farmers Collaborative
HERO Nurturing Center



BOSTON FOOD FOREST COALITION

OUR MISSION

The Boston Food Forest Coalition cultivates community, reclaims land, and educates for the future by establishing urban edible food forests for all. We work with local communities to create these gardens open to the public through the transfer of city-owned land into our land trust.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Boston Food Forest Coalition
23 Egleston Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

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

Fundraiser		
One-Time Donations	\$	15,000
Recurring Monthly Donations	\$	761
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS	\$	15,761

Program Service Fees		
Workshop Revenue	\$	3,450
PROGRAM & WORKSHOP REVENUE	\$	3,450

Non-Government Grants	\$	119,585
Government Grants	\$	529,426

Revenue from Investments

TOTAL REVENUE	\$	668,222
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EXPENSES

Contracts - Construction	\$	469,370
Contracts - Site Maintenance	\$	10,000
SITE RELATED EXPENSES	\$	479,370

Contracts - Workshop Instructors	\$	3,800
WORKSHOP RELATED EXPENSES	\$	3,800

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
SALARIES & RELATED EXPENSES	\$	100,702

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
OVERHEAD SERVICE EXPENSES	\$	59,000

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	\$	-
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$	25,350

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	668,222
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$	(0)

Boston Food Forest Coalition: 2020 Statement of Activity**REVENUE**

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

EXPENSES

Contracts - Construction	\$	67,206.67
Contracts - Site Maintenance	\$	95.32
SITE RELATED EXPENSES	\$	67,301.99
Contracts - Workshop Instructors	\$	750
WORKSHOP RELATED EXPENSES	\$	750
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
SALARIES & RELATED EXPENSES	\$	58,169
Overhead - Contracts - Consultants & Services	\$	9,660
Overhead - Accounting Fees	\$	12,031
Overhead - Legal Fees	\$	1,759
Overhead - Website Development	\$	3,037
Overhead - Design	\$	-
OVERHEAD SERVICE EXPENSES	\$	26,487
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
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$	11,310
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	164,017
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$	(25,672)



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12/1/20 - 12/31/20

Statement for December 2020

Boston Food Forest Coalition
23 Egleston Street
02130 Jamaica Plain

Balance Summary (12/1/20 - 12/31/20)

	Available beginning	Available ending	Withheld beginning	Withheld ending
USD	4,917.83	6,507.94	0.00	0.00



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12/1/20 - 12/31/20

Activity Summary (12/1/20 - 12/31/20)

	USD
Beginning Available Balance	4,917.83
Payments received	1,636.00
Payments sent	0.00
Withdrawals and Debits	0.00
Deposits and Credits	0.00
Fees	-45.89
Ending Available Balance	6,507.94



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12/1/20 - 12/31/20

Payments received

Description	USD
Donation Payment	1,430.00
General payment	100.00
Subscription Payment	106.00
Total	1,636.00

Fees

Description	USD
Payment Fee	-45.89
Total	-45.89



Merchant Account ID: NDCMLNCJMWHZS

PayPal ID: orion@bostonfoodforest.org

12/1/20 - 12/31/20

Transaction History - USD

Date	Description	Name \ Email	Gross	Fee	Net
12/1/20	Donation Payment ID: 7YK32590AH623832F	Alexander Klosterkemper AXK@PPAXK.COM	25.00	-0.85	24.15
12/1/20	Subscription Payment ID: 41G77478PN981583R	Samantha Tan Consulting Samanthajtan@gmail.com	30.00	-0.96	29.04
12/1/20	Donation Payment ID: 7C006288X3031702J	Adam Kurowski akurowski@gmail.com	50.00	-1.40	48.60
12/1/20	Donation Payment ID: 44497100UD647780E	Susan Jackson susan@familyjackson.net	10.00	-0.52	9.48
12/3/20	Subscription Payment ID: 9G892722D5394812T	Gregory Caplan glcaplan@earthlink.net	6.00	-0.43	5.57
12/3/20	Subscription Payment ID: 7B220730LL497203F	Bonnie Rovics zenmassage@gmail.com	10.00	-0.52	9.48
12/4/20	Donation Payment ID: 53D13536J3475680X	Shawn Wilson redmare9@yahoo.com	50.00	-1.40	48.60
12/4/20	Donation Payment ID: 5X474342KT827125T	Brittany Gravely biosphere@public-information.org	40.00	-1.18	38.82
12/13/20	Subscription Payment ID: 6211306576187234V	Virgina DeLuca ginnydeluca@gmail.com	10.00	-0.52	9.48
12/16/20	Subscription Payment ID: 4PP62190UJ422405C	Carlos Munoz Kampff (dba Sound Fountain Studio) poofmasterc@yahoo.com	5.00	-0.41	4.59
12/17/20	Donation Payment ID: 0C6815746K1079104	nadine lin npetronko55@hotmail.com	50.00	-1.40	48.60
12/21/20	Donation Payment ID: 2FC27187569759203	betsy hallett bhallett39@gmail.com	100.00	-2.50	97.50
12/21/20	Donation Payment ID: 69D55323DU481244F	Mary E Jacobs mejacobs1126@comcast.net	25.00	-0.85	24.15
12/21/20	Donation Payment ID: 2JB21686B16296748	Timothy McKenna mckenna.tim@gmail.com	100.00	-2.50	97.50
12/21/20	Donation Payment ID: 9U429112K7917642V	deborah clasby clasbyd7@yahoo.com	45.00	-1.29	43.71
12/22/20	General Payment ID: 8RW86677JV082021U	Bea Yu beahyu@mykolab.com	100.00	-2.50	97.50
12/22/20	Subscription Payment ID: 5TS83222RS785010V	Jasmine Bhambra jasbh292@gmail.com	10.00	-0.52	9.48
12/24/20	Donation Payment ID: 6JG31078M0517110P	mark mettler markmettler36@gmail.com	50.00	-1.40	48.60



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12/1/20 - 12/31/20

Transaction History - USD

Date	Description	Name \ Email	Gross	Fee	Net
12/24/20	Donation Payment ID: 9M284695NF382645U	alexandra hoey ajhoey86@gmail.com	75.00	-1.95	73.05
12/26/20	Donation Payment ID: 7V932564NG464021D	Russell A Cohen eatwild@rcn.com	100.00	-2.50	97.50
12/27/20	Donation Payment ID: 8CU949972A896890Y	judith Kummer judyk181818@gmail.com	25.00	-0.85	24.15
12/28/20	Donation Payment ID: 7GM27009LD483942L	Myrna Greenfield myrna@goodeggmarketing.com	50.00	-1.40	48.60
12/29/20	Donation Payment ID: 82W80048G9222310T	Arcadia Davies daviesarcadia@gmail.com	50.00	-1.40	48.60
12/30/20	Subscription Payment ID: 2TY94355521442525	David Kokorowski dkokorowski@gmail.com	25.00	-0.85	24.15
12/30/20	Subscription Payment ID: 9UH56846KF4439611	Janet Kolodner kolodner@bellsouth.net	10.00	-0.52	9.48
12/30/20	Donation Payment ID: 24E031815K581842R	Marlene S Archer marcher04@yahoo.com	25.00	-0.85	24.15
12/30/20	Donation Payment ID: 6N8408770W442053G	Meridith Levy mlevy@bncft.org	65.00	-1.73	63.27
12/30/20	Donation Payment ID: 5GH24042PV275093V	Christopher Muskopf chris.muskopf@gmail.com	100.00	-2.50	97.50
12/31/20	Donation Payment ID: 50U70791PD1342105	David Meshoulam daveedmesh@gmail.com	50.00	-1.40	48.60
12/31/20	Donation Payment ID: 5BY483972R563170J	Melissa Rosenblatt melissa.rosenblatt@gmail.com	20.00	-0.74	19.26
12/31/20	Donation Payment ID: 9R770843Y1334433V	Rob Larsen paypal@drunkenfist.com	250.00	-5.80	244.20
12/31/20	Donation Payment ID: 8RM45233CR4340718	Matthew Carter cartermatt@earthlink.net	50.00	-1.40	48.60
12/31/20	Donation Payment ID: 5DM73905XA7011747	Delphine Gabbay delgabbay@gmail.com	25.00	-0.85	24.15

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Customer Statement

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Statement Period: Dec 01, 2020 thru Dec 31, 2020
Account Number: 00192525277

BOSTON FOOD FOREST COALITION INC
23 EGLESTON ST
JAMAICA PLAIN MA 02130

Summary - All Accounts

Type	Account #	Ending Balance
BUSINESS SAVINGS	00192525277	\$123,004.89
TOTAL BALANCE		\$123,004.89
Total Balance		\$123,004.89

BUSINESS STATEMENT SAVINGS - 00192525277

Date	Transaction Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
	STARTING BALANCE			\$93,003.14
Dec 21	Preauthorized Credit CABOT FAMILY CT PAYMENTS 201221		30,000.00	
Dec 31	Interest Credit		1.75	

Starting Balance: \$93,003.14
Ending Balance: \$123,004.89
Average Collected Balance: \$103,648.00

Number of Days in Period: 31
Total Deposits/Credits: \$30,001.75
Total Withdrawals/Debits: \$0.00

Interest Rate Summary

Interest Earned This Period	Year to Date Interest Paid	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	Interest Rate	
			Date	Rate
\$1.75	\$4.85		11/30/20	0.02%

Balance Summary

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
12/21	123,003.14	12/31	123,004.89				

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Statement Period: Dec 01, 2020 thru Dec 31, 2020
Account Number: 00192525277

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When you notify us, please include the following information:

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MANAGING OVERDRAFT FEES

The easiest way to avoid overdrawing your account is to record all transactions in your checkbook register and to reconcile your register to your monthly bank statement.

Additional Resources:

<http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/overdraft/overdraft-hi-rez.pdf>

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B. ADD DEPOSIT/CREDITS NOT SHOWN ON STATEMENT		
C. TOTAL (A & B)		
D. SUBTRACT TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS/ DEBITS/ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS		
THIS BALANCE SHOULD AGREE WITH YOUR CHECKBOOK BALANCE		

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS NOT TRANSFERABLE EXCEPT ON THE RECORDS OF THE BANK



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Customer Statement

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Statement Period: Dec 01, 2020 thru Dec 31, 2020
Account Number: 00600916142

BOSTON FOOD FOREST COALITION
23 EGLESTON ST
JAMAICA PLAIN MA 02130

Summary - All Accounts

Type	Account #	Ending Balance
FREE BUSINESS CKG	00600916142	\$24,490.60
TOTAL BALANCE		\$24,490.60
Total Balance		\$24,490.60

FREE BUSINESS CHECKING - 00600916142

Date	Transaction Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
	STARTING BALANCE			\$33,930.48
Dec 02	Electronic Payment DAVID A KAY, MA ONLINE PMT 201202 CKF486331829POS	206.25		
Dec 02	Electronic Payment JACKLYN JANEKSEL ONLINE PMT 201202 CKF486331829POS	500.00		
Dec 03	Electronic Payment BOSTON WATER AND BILLPAY 201203	94.32		
Dec 03	Electronic Payment ADP Tax ADP Tax 201203 L4AYA 120413A01	498.43		
Dec 03	Electronic Payment ADP WAGE PAY WAGE PAY 201203 561041729087AYA	1,514.07		
Dec 07	Electronic Payment ADP 401k ADP 401k 201207 L4AYA 120413V02	115.38		
Dec 08	Automatic Payment AUTOMATIC LOAN PAY	62.34		
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Statement Period: Dec 01, 2020 thru Dec 31, 2020
 Account Number: 00600916142

FREE BUSINESS CHECKING - 00600916142 (Continued)

Date	Transaction Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
Dec 31	Electronic Payment ADP Tax ADP Tax 201231 L4AYA 010401A01	537.18		
Dec 31	Electronic Payment ADP WAGE PAY WAGE PAY 201231 717079578734AYA	1,522.94		

Starting Balance: \$33,930.48
Ending Balance: \$24,490.60
Average Collected Balance: \$29,092.00

Number of Days in Period: 31
Total Deposits/Credits: \$0.00
Total Withdrawals/Debits: \$9,439.88

Balance Summary

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
12/02	33,224.23	12/08	30,939.69	12/17	28,448.48	12/28	26,550.72
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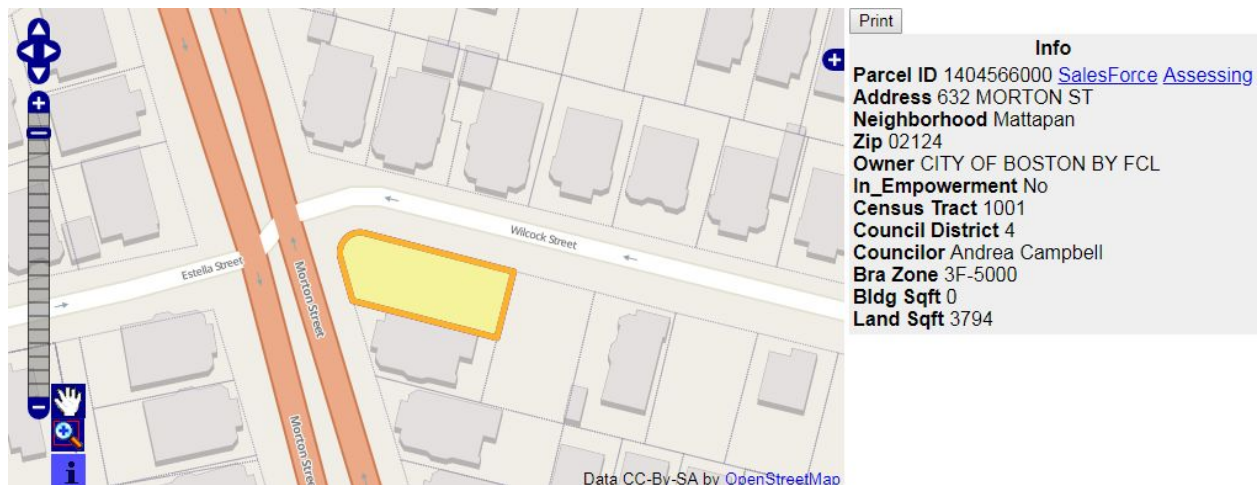


Design and Construction Narrative, Documents, Site Plans, Specifications

Existing Site Conditions & Site Plan

Please see the site plan developed with Youth Build and included in the 2019 presentation of site conditions and vision (attached).

632 Morton Street parcel's assessor parcel number is 1404566000.





As a community growing space, 3,794 square foot, the site is accessible through two points on the sidewalk. The site is sunny but substantially shaded by existing homes and structures.



Walking Tour of the Completed Site

Entering from Morton St, 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, and a tiny free library. 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, vermiculture, aquaponics, micro-greens, mushrooms, and hydroponics. On the northern wall of the greenhouse through the trees you can see the community mural and other community art projects.

632 Morton St.- Boston

Phase I - Intro

March 4, 2019 – Youth Build



Site

632 Morton St.



Site



Before



Current Site Conditions



**Existing chain
link fence**

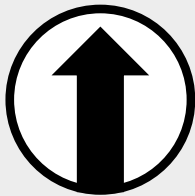
**Existing Bee
Shed**

**(12) 4x8 Planting
Beds**

**Shared Path w.
neighbour**

WILCOCK STREET

MORTON STREET



636 Morton St.

Existing Conditions



Vision

**New gate for
exg. fence
opening**

**New fence
opening with gate**

Crushed stone path

**New Ceres
Greenhouse**

**Aquaponics
System set up**

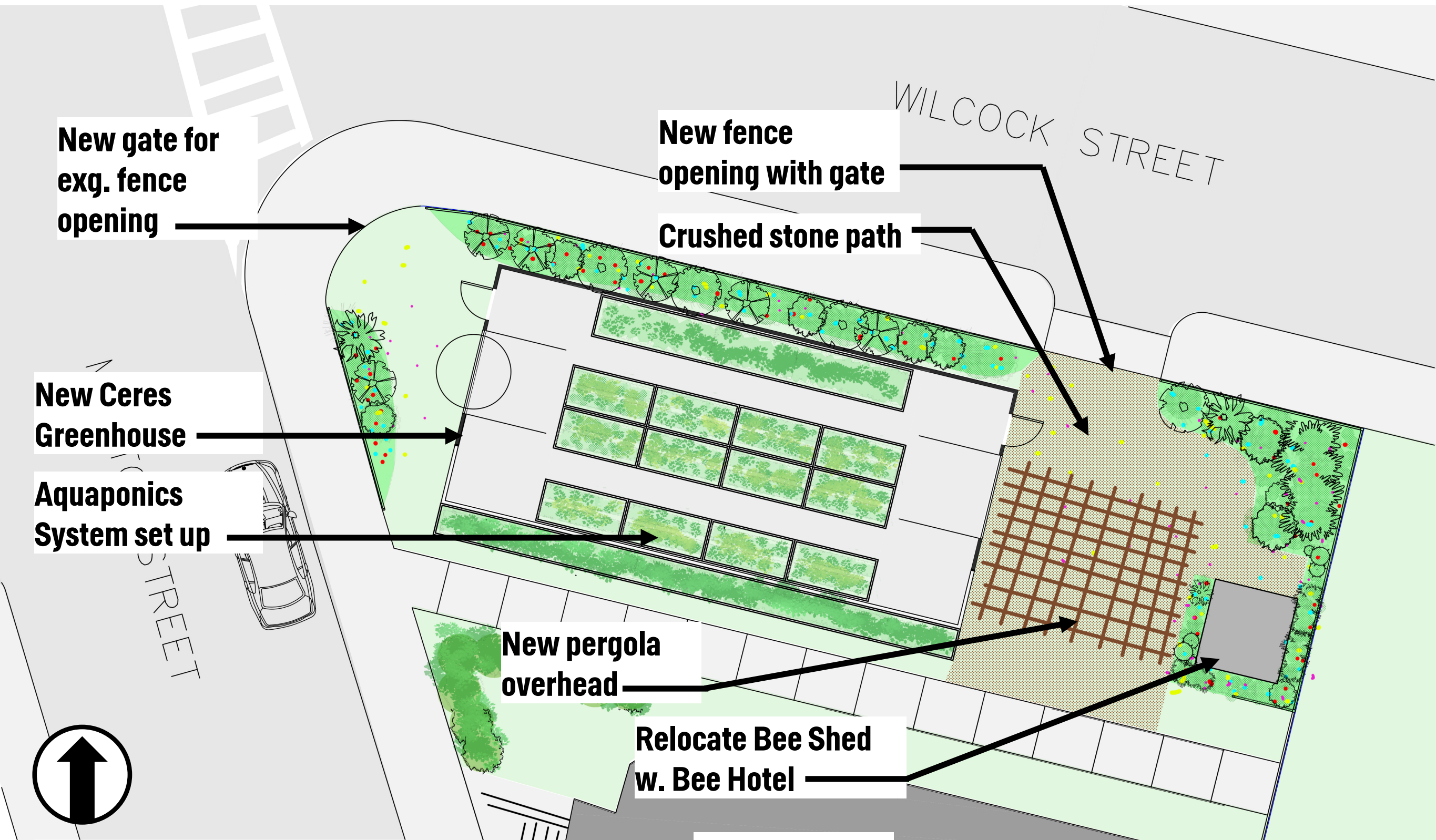
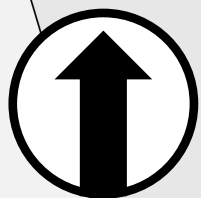
**New pergola
overhead**

**Relocate Bee Shed
w. Bee Hotel**

636 Morton St.

WILCOCK STREET

STREET



Vision



Vision



Bee Hotel



Aquaponics





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	November 2021

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.



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

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Boston City Council, District 4



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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick Collins".

NICK COLLINS
State Senator



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





MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY
BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE

Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.
500 Walk Hill Street
Mattapan, MA 02126

Dear Boston Food Forest Coalition, Inc.,

I write to congratulate you on your award of \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund. Your application was excellent, and we are thrilled to be able to assist the Morton Street Food Forest in its growth and success.

Since the adoption of the Community Preservation Act in November 2016, \$67 million has been awarded to 131 projects spanning across every neighborhood in the City of Boston. These projects are vital to ensuring that Boston remains a City filled with rich historical landmarks, open space and parks while we continue to build much needed affordable housing. You and your team should be proud of your well-deserved contribution to the future of Boston.

Congratulations again. If you have any questions, comments or if there are any other matters in which I can be helpful to you, please reach out to my office at 617-635-4205 or Michael.Flaherty@boston.gov.

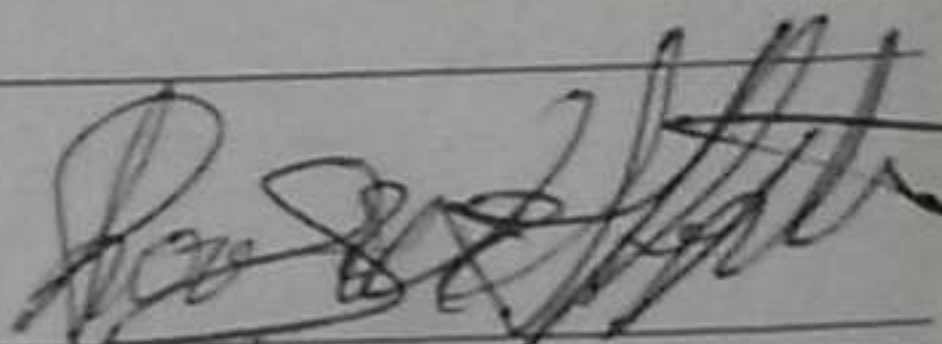
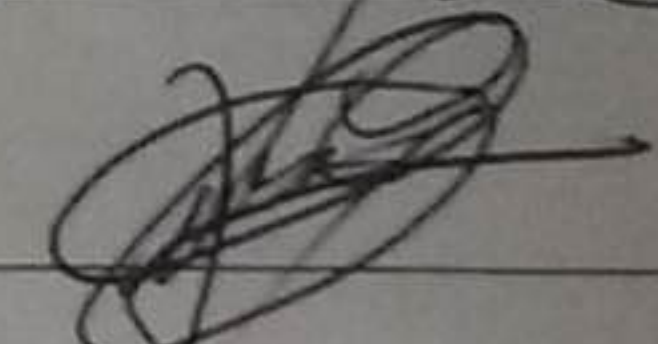
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Michael F. Flaherty

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Rafael Rosa	730 Geneva	617-265-3139	Kapel Rosa
Hilario Rodriguez	#8 Le Roy St	401-263-8368	Hilario Rodriguez
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* Yvonne G. Green	422 Geneva Ave Dorchester	781-492-4001	Yvonne Green
* Abel Bautista	422 Geneva Ave Dorchester	617-745-7572	

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Enrico Delina	181 Westville St	857 308 7663	Enrico Delina
Silvio Ramos	176 Westville St	508-965-7813	Silvio Ramos
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Rickey Coplin	161 Westville St	857-318-3355	Rickey Coplin
Huoy Kim Lam	403 Geneva Ave	617-287-8220	Huoy Kim Lam
Carmen Chavez	415 Geneva	617-407-3188	ACH.

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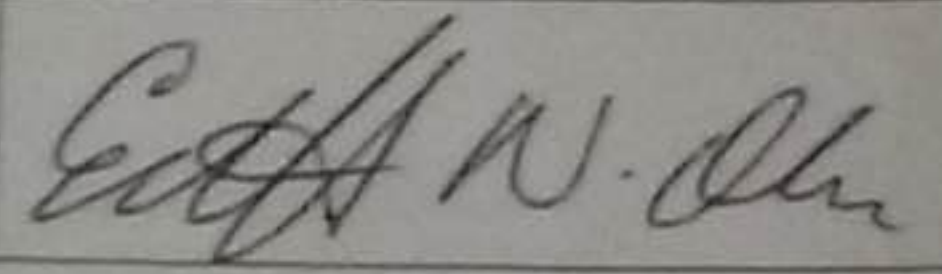
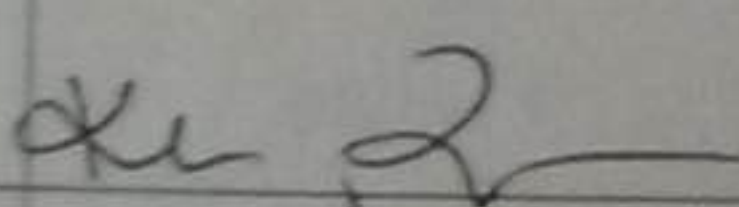
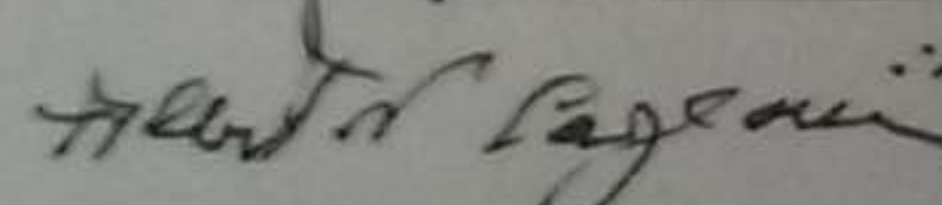
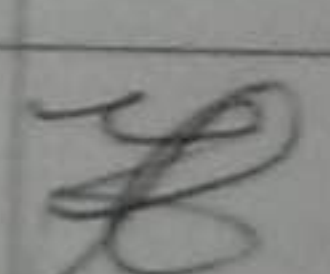
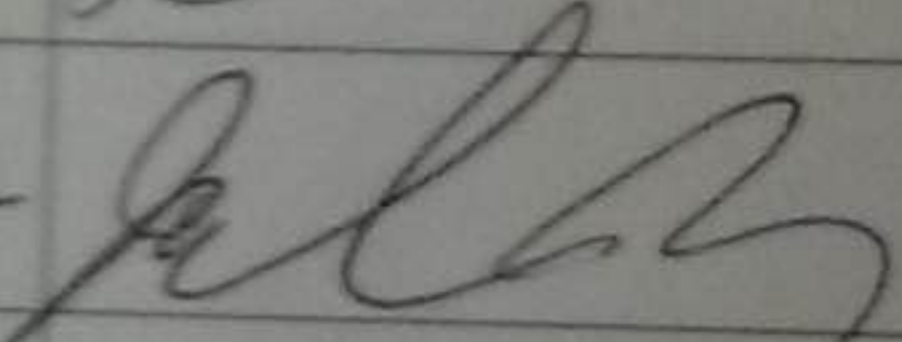
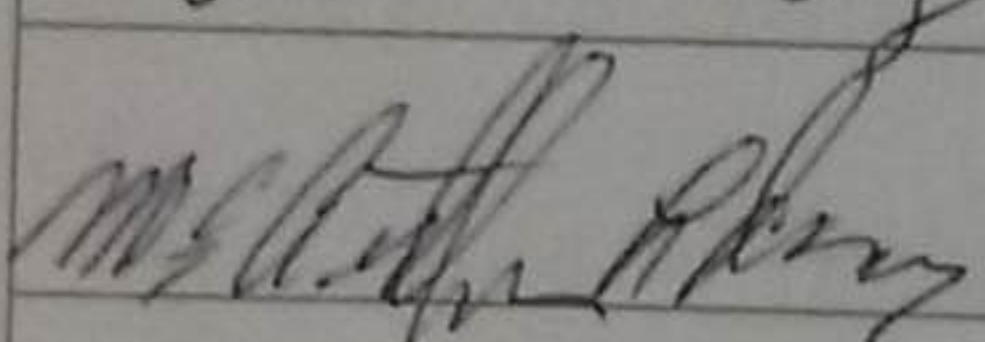
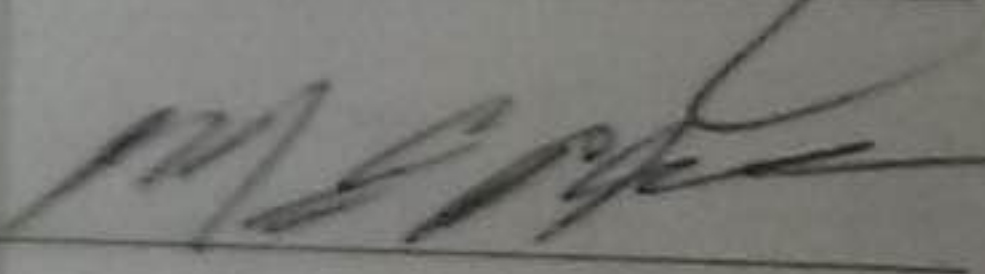
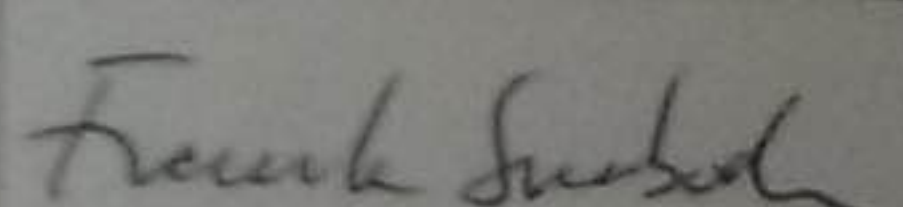
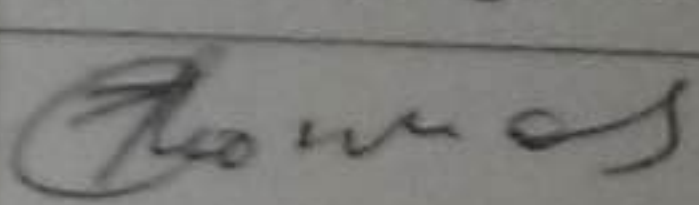
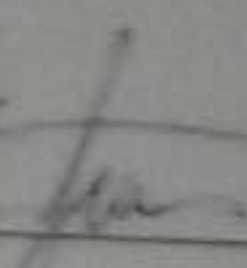
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Joshua Rodriguez	16 Estabrook	617-298-3359	J Rodriguez
Cynthia Persaud	619 Morton	617-265-8889	C. Persaud
Jarolyn Castro	638 Morton St APT #2	617-229-8965	Jarolyn Castro
Alexander Abreu	638 Morton St	857-334-3874	Alexander Abreu
Madeline Escobar	← MADRE from Morton		

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Michael Williams	636 Morton Street	617-440-9819	(mu)
Albert Cozeau	51 Wilcock St	617-850-2448	
Virginia Comma	39 Wilcock St	857-249-9880	Virginia Comma
Ashley Walcott	39 Wilcock St	857-294-9664	Ashley Walcott
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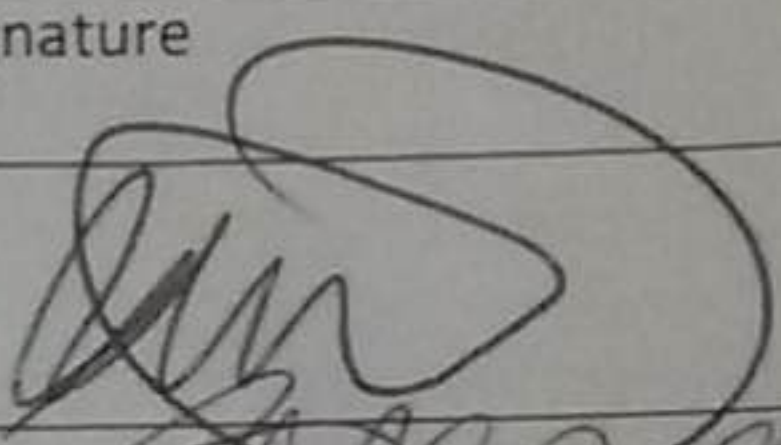
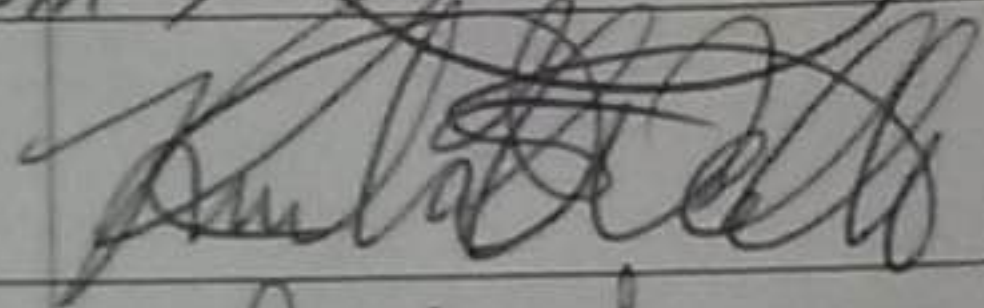
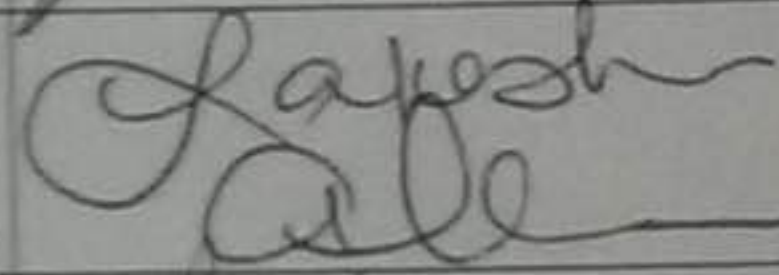
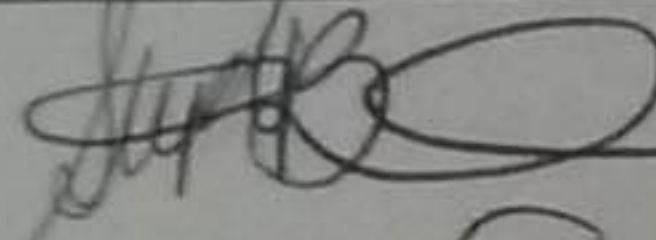
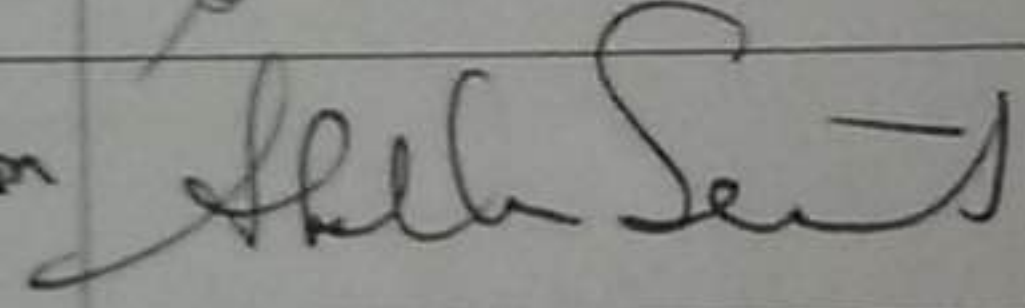
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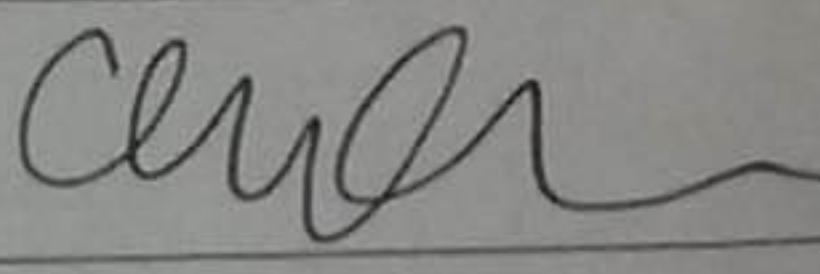
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Shellina Semexant	80 B Ellington St Dorchester, MA 02121	Shellnamathurin@gmail.com	

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I live in the vicinity of the blighted parcels of lands located at Morton St, Aspinwall St, and Geneva Ave. These parcels of land are long overdue for improvements contributing to a negative image of my neighborhood and community. Maintenance of these parcels has been subpar and this contributes to illegal dumping, trash and debris accumulation, and maladaptive activities that harm my neighborhood.

I wholeheartedly support the vision of the Farmers Collaborative Team to convert the use of these parcels into an oasis of beautification and open green spaces, including:

- 1. Shared open green spaces for community use & gardening
- 2. Beautification
- 3. Promoting healing, respite, and urban agriculture
- 4. Converting blight into neighborhood prosperity

Name	Street Address	Phone Email	Signature
Christina Diterlizzi	19 Atwood Ave Wakefield MA 01880	508-847-0089 Cditerlizzi@gmail.com	

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Farmers Collaborative is a BIPOC-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.

Morton Street 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 Wilcock Neighborhood Association, Fairmount Innovation Lab past cohort of entrepreneurs, Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, Chez Vous, Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition
- **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	\$100.00	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
Total	\$4,300.00	

PROPOSAL FORM

**SUBMITTED TO: DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT
BID COUNTER
26 COURT STREET, 10TH FLOOR
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108**

DATE RECEIVED BY DND: _____

SUBMITTED BY: NAME: Orion Kriegman

ADDRESS: 23 Egleston Street

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: 632 Morton Street, Mattapan 02126

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 Nonprofit 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:

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:

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:

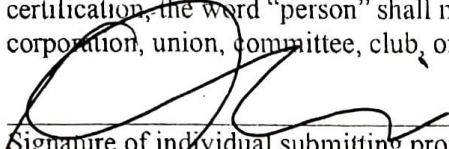
vi. _____
Has organization ever failed to perform any contract? _____ Yes/No

If answer is "Yes", state circumstances): _____

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 of 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

Legal Name of Organization

Dated at: Eastern Bank

This 8 day of January, 2021

NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

Boston Food Forest Coalition

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 8 day of Jan, 2021

Notary Public: 

My Commission Expires:

September 14, 2023
(Month) (Year)

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



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

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.

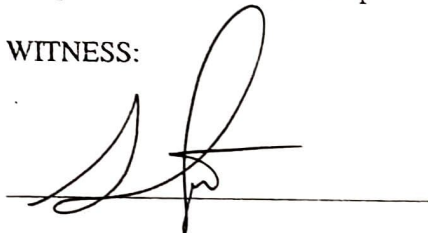
(Please include the name of the agency or department and position held in that agency or department.)

Conflict of Interest Affidavit Form

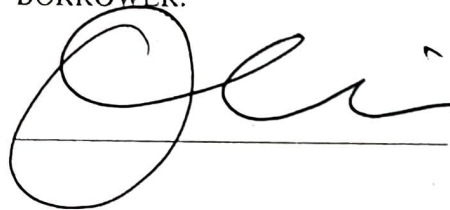
The undersigned hereby certifies, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that neither they, nor those with whom they have business ties, nor any immediate family member of the undersigned, is currently or has been within the past twelve months, an employee, agent, consultant, officer or elected or 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:



BORROWER:



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

January 8th 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.


Name: Marilyn J. Garcia
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2023



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

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,

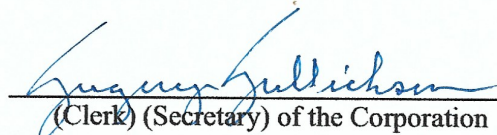
with the City of Boston, and a performance bond in connection with said contract.

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)


(Clerk) (Secretary) of the Corporation

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

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

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



1/8/2021

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.

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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, 15th 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:

632 Morton Street, Mattapan 02126 (assessor parcel number is 1404566000)

(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 X 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):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
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)



1/8/2021

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

Orion Kriegman, Executive Director

PRINT NAME & TITLE of AUTHORIZED SIGNER