

BACKGROUND

In 2015, the City of Boston was awarded a three-year grant from Cities of Service. The grant kicked off the Love Your Block mini-grant program, continuing to be a high-impact service initiative today.

With the release of this service plan, Love Your Block will now be a permanent Boston program, incorporating year-round cleanups (formerly *Boston Shines*) and community tool sheds. The plan also provides a new volunteer web portal and rewards ceremony, making it easier to get and stay involved in your community.

As always, the Office of Civic Engagement continues to urge Bostonians to revitalize their neighborhoods, one block at a time.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED



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ENGAGING BOSTON





SERVICE PLAN

LOVE YOUR BLOCK

Love Your Block allows Bostonians to partner with their city to beautify their neighborhoods in three ways.

1. Mini-grants

Funding for Bostonians looking to improve their neighborhoods

2. Year-round Cleanups

Ongoing opportunities to volunteer with your fellow neighbors

3. Community Tool Sheds

Tools located throughout the city to assist you in accomplishing your goal

AT A GLANCE

SERVE BOSTON

Serve Boston makes it easier for Bostonians to get involved in their communities.

1. Patriots for Volunteering Portal

Online website connecting volunteer opportunities to interested individuals, corporations, and organizations

2. Civic Engagement Ceremony

Awards that are designed to highlight the benefits of volunteering while keeping everyone involved



Shangri-La Rock Garden



Egleston Square



Waldren Road Community Garden



BEFORE & AFTER