



Mayor's Youth Council & Youth Lead the Change

PROJECT OVERVIEW AND DESCRIPTION:

Plant the City

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Year of Proposal: 2019

Amount of votes: 5,480

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

This project invests in planting trees and plants around the city of Boston, especially in more urbanized areas along streets and sidewalks, to both beautify our city and help fight climate change.

INSPIRED BY IDEA(S):

- Idea number 74
- New York City's Street Tree Program

WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

In the urbanization and industrial growth of Boston, many green areas of our city have been turned over in the attempt to create a space for increasing populations. The lack of green space in our neighborhood is particularly distressing to Boston residents as it loses visual appeal and challenges the sustainable reputation of our city. By planting trees and other vegetation around the sidewalks, streets, and alleyways, we can enhance the quality of life for all Boston residents. These plants will increase the liveliness of our city by creating a lighter atmosphere and reducing our carbon footprint to combat the accelerating effects of the global climate crisis.

LONG DESCRIPTION

The goal of this project is to help combat the growing environmental issues and air pollution in Boston by planting trees and plants across the city of Boston, which would bring life and air to areas generally full of tall buildings and plain concrete sidewalks. Planting more vegetation would make walking more pleasant and enjoyable, and aid in beautifying the neighborhood. Additionally, more trees would increase air quality, which is why this project is so beneficial to a city like ours. Plants and trees are fairly self-sustaining, but the Environmental Department will also contribute to ensuring that the greenery is thriving. The entire city and all the citizens will feel the benefits of this project.



DATA AND RESEARCH USED

Link to any research done about necessity and general schematics and design.

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/trees/street-tree-planting>

PICTURES





LOCATIONS

Where will this project be located/implemented?

This will be located along the sidewalks of neighborhoods such as:

- TBD; we will discuss possible future location with city departments
- Additionally, we can ask students where they think there is a need
- The non-profit MYC works with can give advice

CITY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE

Which city department will oversee this project and make sure it gets done?

- Environmental Department
 - Greenovate
- Public Works

FUNDING ALLOCATION

333K

Implementation Requirements

1. The Youth Lead the Change committee must be involved in the following:
 - a. Contractor selection
 - b. Project design proposal
 - c. Community input process
 - d. Final design selection, schematics, and implementation.
 - e. The spending of all allocated funds
2. Once the project is completed MYC / YLC must approve the following:
 - a. Change of use
 - b. Any policies that infringe upon a student's rights to use the space
3. This project must be implemented at a Boston Housing Authority space