



**Ringer Park**  
**Tree Hearing Meeting – Zoom**

August 19, 2025

Boston Parks & Recreation Department held a Zoom meeting for the Tree Hearing. The design team shared design visuals for all tree removals and tree maintenance during Ringer Park construction, along with all proposed tree locations and species. We recorded the following feedback.

**Feedback**

Each question noted below is a question from one community member. Responses from BPRD or the design team in *italics*.

**Eva: Will we have access to arborist report?**

*We will provide on project webpage*

**Eva: A lot of new trees not replacing where they are being cut down.**

*New trees would not thrive in those locations, need more trees for shade around high use areas (dog park, playground) We are also pruning many trees in those same locations.*

**Annie: Can we trim trees with rodent control in mind**

*Nellie: Will speak to tree rodent about ideas for rodent tree work.*

**Annie: Is there a tree that deters rodents**

*Rob: We are not aware of rodent free trees.*

**Annie: Will children/students have involvement/ opportunity to plant a tree?**

*Nellie: Will look into opportunity with Jackson Mann.*

**Andrew Lew: How are we paying for the tree work? Money from state budget (Kevin Honan) for tree removal and new trees?**

*Nellie: Two funding sources: Urban forestry department funding, Boston Parks capital improvements budgets set aside for tree pruning.*

**Ren: How will tree removal affect ecosystem and wildlife in the park?**

*Nellie: removals are all along areas that will already be disturbed from new pathways. Planting many new tree types will increase ecological integrity of site.*

*Rob: The contractor will have experience with tree removal, protection of trees to remain is being implemented (tree trunk protection and tree CRZ fencing).*



**Ren: Will park be closed off in these tree removal areas?**

*Nellie: Park will be closed during park construction during entire construction process.*

**Ren: How shady will the park be after these tree removals?**

*Rob: There will not be significant openings in the canopy, still many mature trees remaining that are providing canopy.*

**Tom: Were there any trees of heaven around park?**

*Nellie: We only inventory trees over 3" DBH. There most likely are trees of heaven around site that are not tagged.*

*Rob: Tree budget dictates how many trees were inventoried in the first place.*

**Gwen: What are going to do about Black locust root system and spreading?**

*Rob: Regrading around root system will likely removes the roots completely. Do not want to remove trees if it means more site disturbance.*

*Nellie: Other invasives that are not part of the scope.*

**Jennifer: Some trees are dying from drought, are there mitigation efforts to maintain the new trees?**

*Nellie: We include 2 year warranty on new trees. New trees are assessed and are replaced if they die within 2 year period.*

**Andrea: Have the trees along Allston Street been assessed for removal or pruning.**

*Nellie: No because that area is out of the scope of work and note being significantly changed. Specific trees can be 311'd if there are concerns.*

**Eva: Many trees on site that do not have signs even though they are dead or invasive. Some trees look healthy. Are these all design decisions to remove? Should the project wait until there is enough money to address all trees instead of picking and choosing?**

*Nellie: We're only removing 6 trees for design intent. Limited scope means we cant just remove every dead tree. Would be doing more harm than good to just remove all trees that are invasive/dead.*

*Rob: The inventory would pick up anything along pathways and proposed work that is high risk.*

**George: Is there a possibility to reduce the number of live trees?**



*Nellie: We've identified the trees that need to be removed to build the park. If we end up not having to remove a tree during the construction process, field adjustments might be able to avoid those trees.*

*Wendy: Is there any reason not to use multiple contractors so the park is closed for less time?*

*Rob/Nellie: General contractor/project manager will have sub contractors. Most efficient way for construction sequencing. Ideally construction would be wrapped up by June 2026.*

*Andrew: Many people don't know about this meeting.*

*Nellie: Would be happy to reach out to individuals via email, and can update them on the meeting.*

*Andrew: Will construction impact Allston street? Construction could be unsafe for children and elderly.*

*Nellie: Hours of construction between 7am-4pm*

*Rob: Allston should not have construction vehicles, there is not much scope on that side of the park.*

*Nellie: We will send out flyers prior to construction to keep people updated on construction.*

*Ren:*

*How will the construction/tree removal affect people who live in the area? Will it get very noisy, will streets or sidewalks be blocked off?*

*Nellie: Tree removals will be included during the rest of the park construction. Park entrances will be blocked off, not necessarily walkways on the perimeter of the park.*

*George: The people who were involved in prior meeting, are they involved in the tree maintenance planning as well?*

*Nellie: They were contacted with the same email list and were made aware of this meeting.*