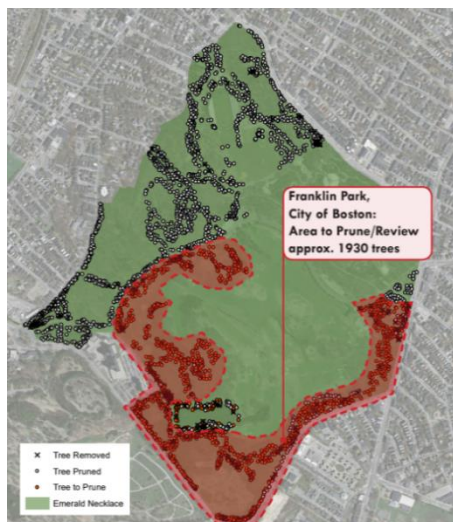


Conservancy-Funded Projects and Programs

Tree Care & Field Operations

- \$1.9 million invested to care for 7,000+ trees on City of Boston land over 10 years (2014-2024)
- Purchasing a watering truck and hiring a Tree Watering Associate to care for 200 newly planted trees from spring to fall
- Tree plantings with local youth and volunteers, including 10 trees planted every April to celebrate Arbor Day (20 in Franklin Park from 2021 and 2022)
- Assessing all pathway and parkway trees on a 7-year cycle to evaluate tree health (next Franklin Park project scheduled to begin winter of 2025)
- Pruning trees identified through the arborist assessments on a 7-year cycle (next Franklin Park project scheduled to begin winter of 2025)
- Treating select Ash trees to prevent against the impacts of invasive Emerald Ash Borer beetles
- 1,184 volunteers per year providing 2,636.5 hours of work in 2023
 - 164 volunteers provided 142.5 hours of work, an estimated labor valuation of \$14,570.19, in 2023.
- 1,056 bags of trash and invasive plant material removed from the parks in 2023
 - 193 bags of trash & invasives (estimated 3860 lbs.) removed from Franklin Park alone
 - Trash & invasives removed from 690 acres of Franklin Park
- Weekly pruning & maintenance in the Kelleher Rose Garden during the warm months
- Host site for Boston PowerCorps crews since the program's inception



Left: map of trees inspected and pruned in Franklin Park in 2021 and 2022. Right: Volunteers removing invasive plants from Franklin Park.

Park Amenities & Infrastructure

- Multi-million-dollar renovation of the Stony Brook Gate House to serve as a public visitor center with a public restroom and exhibits about the Emerald Necklace, open daily during the summer and 5 days per week during the winter
- Installation of 5 drinking fountains/bottle fillers/doggie bowls throughout the parks
- Installation of a permanent electrical connection in Franklin Park, to power the Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park summer concert series without the use of diesel generators



Left: newly installed utility box for electrical connection in Franklin Park. Right: visitors viewing exhibits at our Shattuck Visitor Center in the Back Bay Fens.

Advocacy

- Investment in the 2001 Kelleher Rose Garden improvements
- Advocacy for increased park budgets at the City and Commonwealth levels



Volunteers working in the Kelleher Rose Garden.

Public Programming

- Free public events in the parks every summer, including concerts, dance classes, public art installations and more
- \$900,000 raised and spent for the *Fog x FLO* public fog sculpture installation in 2017
- \$200,000 in grants for local artists to activate parks across Boston, not just in the Emerald Necklace, as part of our Olmsted bicentennial programming
- Creation and deployment of all social distancing signage in the Emerald Necklace during COVID-19
- Creation of self-guided tours, scavenger hunts, coloring pages, virtual programming and more during COVID-19
- Development, maintenance and fees for [free Mobile Tour Guide](#)
- Distribution of tens of thousands of free paper maps to Emerald Necklace visitors, the Boston Common Visitor Center, at Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and in other public locations



Left: community mural painting at an Olmsted bicentennial event. Right: a toddler enjoys live music at JP Porchfest at the Jamaica Plain Boat House.