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# STREET TREES

*& the reconstruction of Cummins Highway*

February 23, 2022



Public Works



Transportation

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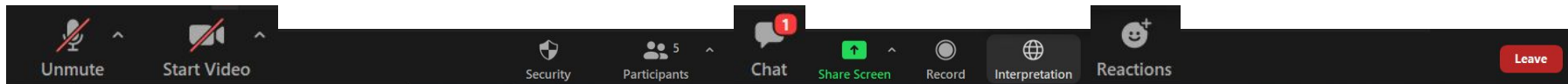
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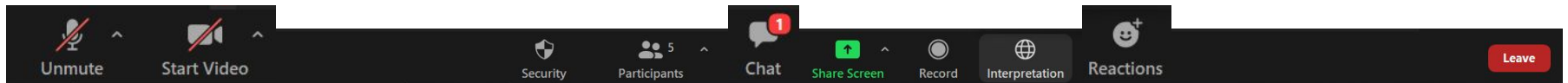
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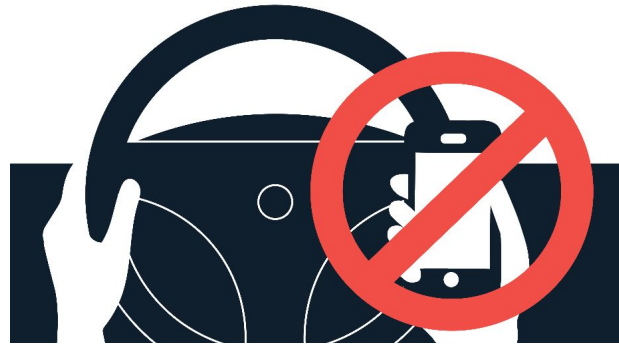
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# **DON'T** LOOK AT YOUR **SCREEN WHILE DRIVING**



# Hello! ¡Hola! *Bonjour!*

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# Meeting Goals

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## **Learn how the City is thinking about the future of street trees**

- Updates about Boston's Urban Forest Plan
- The role of street trees in the Urban Forest
- How the City plants, supports, and protects street trees
- How you can help care for street trees

## **Learn about the Cummins Highway reconstruction project**

- Project goals and opportunities
- What we've learned about existing street trees on Cummins
- How we will protect existing street trees and design for new trees
- Next steps for the project

# Cummins Highway Temporary Redesign

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We ended the trial on Cummins Highway in October 2021. *Until construction begins, the street will be like it was before.*

During the last year, we collected data on traffic speeds, travel times, and your experience of one lane in each direction. Visit [boston.gov/cummins-highway](https://boston.gov/cummins-highway) to review the data we collected.

The data we collected will inform how we design the new Cummins Highway, but **your input is still crucial.**





# Cummins Highway Reconstruction

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We cannot produce a design without your input. **You will help shape how Cummins should be for the next 70 years.**

Currently, we are doing community outreach to inform the final design.





# We plan to reconstruct Cummins Highway

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Cummins Highway hasn't been updated since the **spring of 1955**.

The street cars that ran along Cummins were removed in 1953 to make room for more cars.

The street's layout reflects the priorities of the 1950's: enable non-residents to drive quickly through our neighborhoods.



# Cummins Highway Reconstruction

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During a reconstruction project we **completely rebuild** the street, including sidewalks, curbs, street lights, traffic signals, road pavement, and replace or update utilities as necessary.

The City has budgeted approximately **\$24 million** for reconstruction of Cummins Highway.



# Cummins Highway Reconstruction

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- **Advance Go Boston 2030 goals:**
  - Improving safety on our streets
  - Reducing emissions
  - Investing in communities to achieve equity in access to opportunities





# Cummins Highway Reconstruction

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- *Advance Go Boston 2030 goals*
- **Partner with other City departments to advance our collective plans:**
  - To inform residents of the work happening around the City
  - To improve collaboration in our work and achieve neighborhood and citywide goals



# Cummins Highway Reconstruction

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- *Advance Go Boston 2030 goals*
- *Partner with other City departments to advance our collective plans*
- **Collaboration with residents to advance your goals:**
  - Awareness and participation in efforts that you care about
  - Confirm your vision for the future through our projects





# Urban Forest Plan

A photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, there are trees with yellow and orange autumn foliage. A brick building with a storefront is visible on the left. A street with cars and a stop sign is in the middle ground. In the background, there are multi-story residential buildings, some with balconies, and a hillside with more trees and a tower in the distance. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

# Healthy Places

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## *Three plans collaborating for a healthier Boston:*



### *Heat Resilience Study*

The heat resilience study identifies strategies to address future impacts of extreme heat. The goal is to increase citywide resilience.



### *Urban Forest Plan*

The 20-year plan will be designed to set citywide goals for canopy protection and expansion.



### *Open Space and Recreation Plan*

Updating the seven-year plan for improving and protecting open space in Boston.



# Urban Forest Plan

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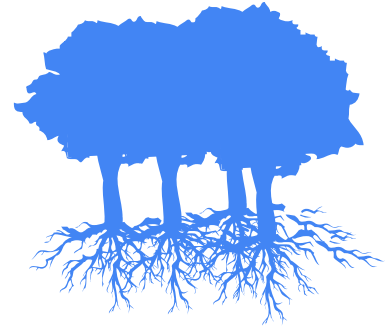
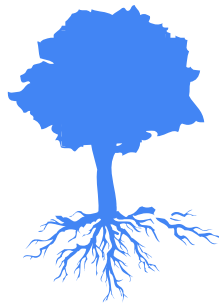
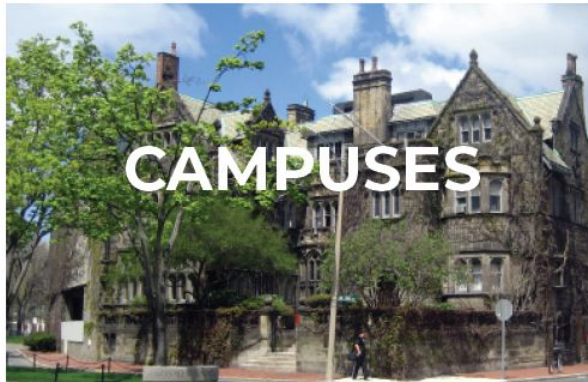
*All the trees, all the caretakers, the whole landscape. A-Z: Vision, values, policy, practice, funding, design*

- *Designing a forest consistent with community ideals*
- *Supporting community work*
- *Regulating trees on private properties*
- *Evaluating and recommending changes to City practices, funding, and policies.*
- *Workforce development: tree care jobs*



# Urban Forest Plan

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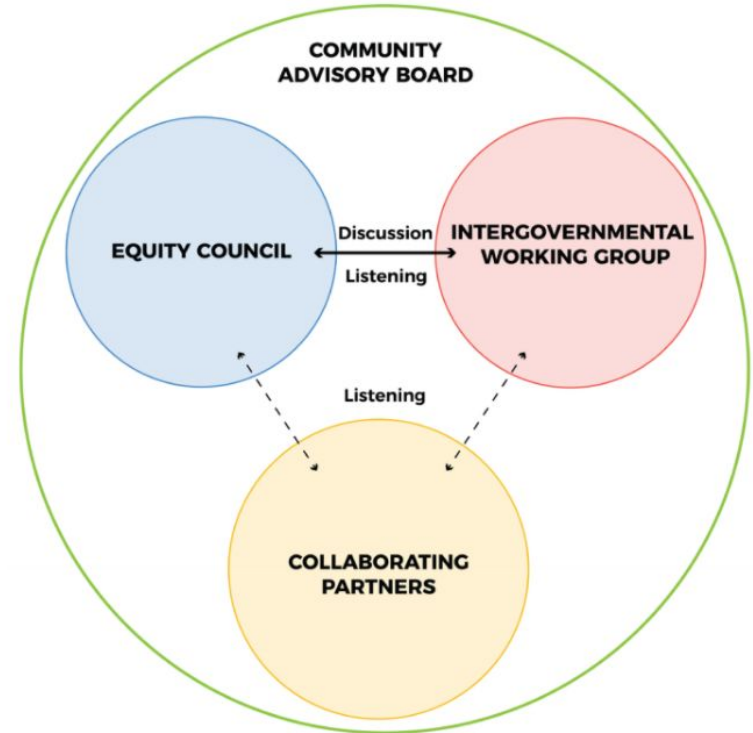


# Urban Forest Plan

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## Community Advisory Board

- 60+ members
  - Equity Council
  - Collaborating Partners
  - Intergovernmental Working Group
- These three bodies are working together through a series of workshops and meetings to inform the plan.





# Urban Forest Plan

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- **Draft goals and recommendations**
  - Citywide [Virtual](#) Open House: March 14th at 5:30 p.m.
- **Is your community group holding a meeting in the next few months?**
  - Let us know! We would like to attend and share more information about the project.
- **Have questions about the project or trees?**
  - Check out the Urban Forest Plan page: [boston.gov/urban-forest-plan](https://boston.gov/urban-forest-plan)
  - Or, call or email Maggie Owens: 617-961-3025, [maggie.owens@boston.gov](mailto:maggie.owens@boston.gov)

STEP

**1**

WE ARE HERE,

EXISTING CONDITIONS  
AND ANALYSIS

STEP

**3**

...AND HERE

GOAL SETTING AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
(STARTING IN FALL 2021)

STEP

**2**

HERE,

STAKEHOLDER AND  
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT  
(STARTING IN MAY)

STEP

**4**

REPORT AND  
IMPLEMENTATION  
(STARTING SPRING 2022)

# Street trees as part of the urban forest

A photograph of a city street scene during autumn. In the foreground, there are trees with yellow and orange leaves. A brick building with a storefront is on the left, with a silver SUV and a red car parked in front. A street lamp stands near the intersection. In the middle ground, there are several multi-story residential buildings, some with balconies. A street with parked cars and a person walking leads up a hillside in the background. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text 'Street trees as part of the urban forest' is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

# Street Trees

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## **Public health benefits**

- *Cultural value*
- *Lowered heat and improved air quality*
- *Stormwater capture*
- *Wildlife habitat*
- *Air quality not a straightforward picture*



# Street trees terminology

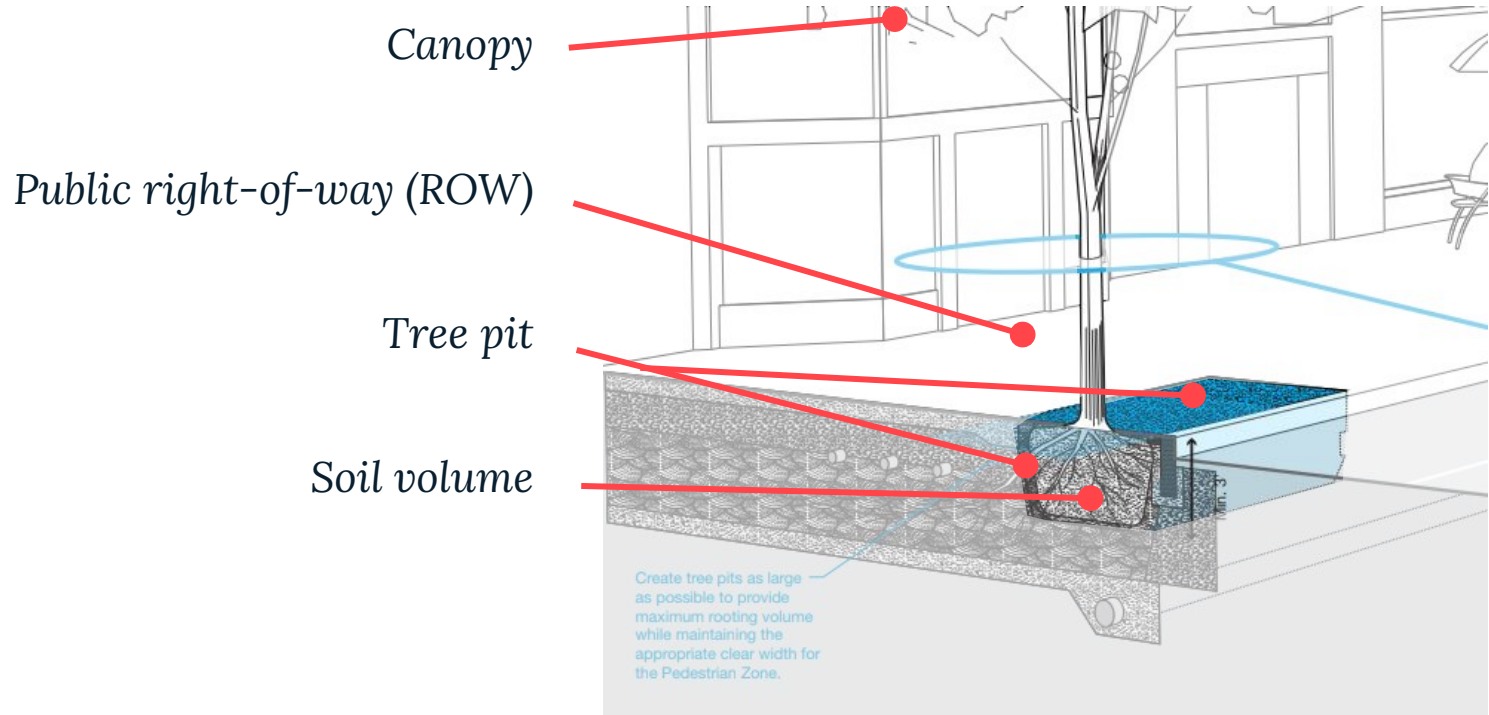


Image from [Boston Complete Streets Guidelines](#)



# Street Trees

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- 38,000+ street trees
- ~3,800 empty tree pits or potential planting sites
- Variety of species and ages
- 10.6% of total tree canopy
  - 2019: 869 acres (+23 acres since 2014)
  - Combination of growth and loss



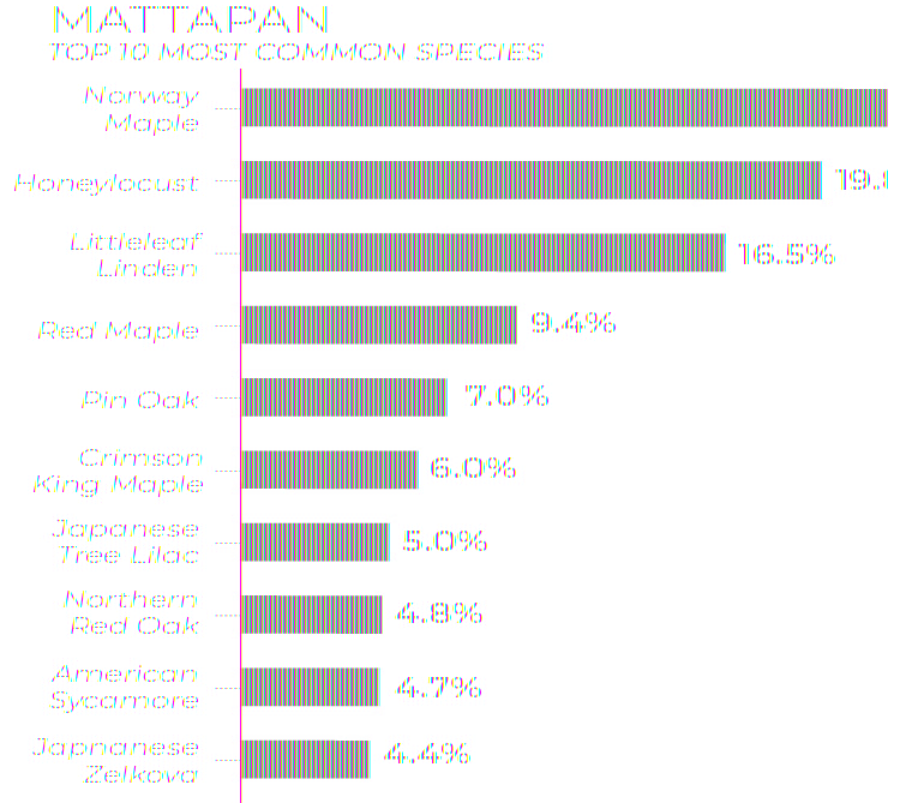
View the top species in your neighborhood or explore the map by visiting: [boston.gov/urban-forest-plan](https://www.boston.gov/urban-forest-plan)



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# Caring for Street Trees

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## *Maintaining life in a tough environment*

*Protecting existing trees is one of the most important things we can do*



# Maintaining life in a tough environment

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- **Health challenges:** Dog waste, salt, soil compaction, drought, vandalism, mechanical damage, pest/disease, construction, storms, soil volume, shadows
- **Maintainers:** Everyone!
  - BPRD, community members, sometimes special agreements (MOUs), anyone working in the public right-of-way
- **Removals:** dead, dying, or dangerous trees. Or, healthy street trees that have been approved through a Tree Hearing.

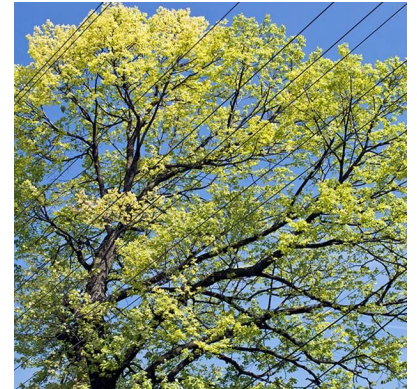




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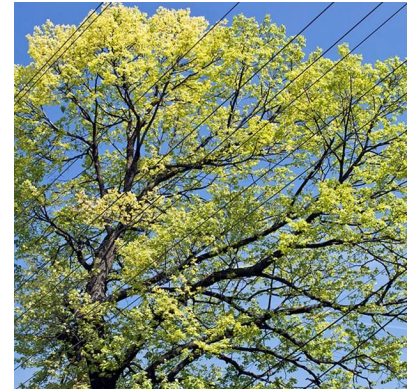
- **Location:** Is there enough room to create a tree pit? Is there enough room for the tree to grow? Would the tree conflict with other infrastructure? More details at [boston.gov/trees](https://boston.gov/trees)
- **Species:** Plant a diverse number of species to build a more resilient urban forest. Lowers the chance that any one health challenge wipes out long stretches of trees (heat, drought, disease, pests, etc.).
  - Additional considerations: height, spread, hardiness, tree droppings



# Planting life in a tough environment

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- **Planting happens a few ways:**
  - 311 requests
  - Roadway projects
  - Development projects\*
- **\*Development projects:**
  - Plant additional street trees.
  - Anyone may apply to remove healthy public street trees through the Tree Hearing process. If approved, pay fee for removal which may sometimes be recouped by planting new trees.
  - Anything beyond the standard pit design will need a special maintenance agreement where a third party agrees to take responsibility for the tree.





# Sustaining life in a tough environment

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- **How to help:**

- *Submit a 311 case to request a tree planting or maintenance*
- *Keep dogs away from pits. Keep trash out of pits.*
- *Avoid stepping in pits*
- *Water young trees*

*Learn more about caring for street trees and how to request a street tree or apply for a removal:*

[boston.gov/trees](https://boston.gov/trees)





# The Future of Street Trees

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## *Growing and expanding canopy coverage*

- *Citywide adoption of urban forest goals*
- *Funding for maintenance*
- *Staffing levels and workforce development*
- *Site prioritization*
- *Pit design*
- *Species diversity*
- *Practices and policies*
- *Finding ways to support community work*



# Planning for street trees on Cummins Highway

A photograph of a residential street in a town, likely Cummins Highway. The scene is captured from an elevated perspective, showing a street lined with multi-story houses. The houses are in various colors, including white, light blue, and brick. The trees are in full autumn foliage, with shades of yellow, orange, and red. A street with parked cars and a few people walking is visible in the distance. The sky is a clear, pale blue.



# We have the potential to add many more trees on Cummins

This ~1 mile stretch of Cummins has only 21 trees (and 7 empty pits)

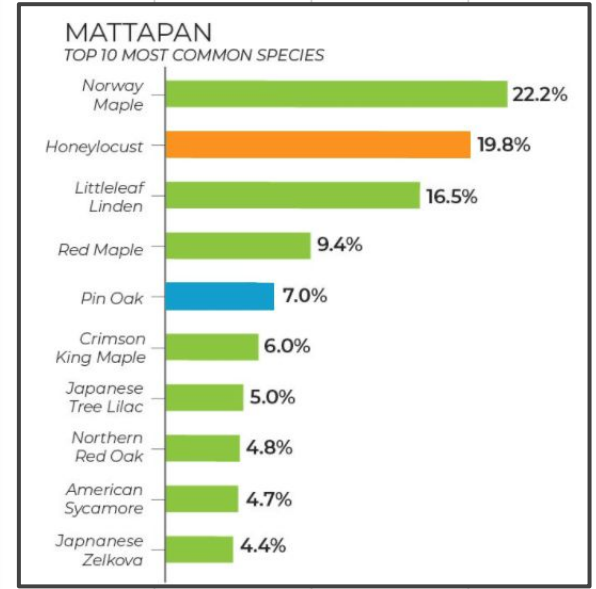
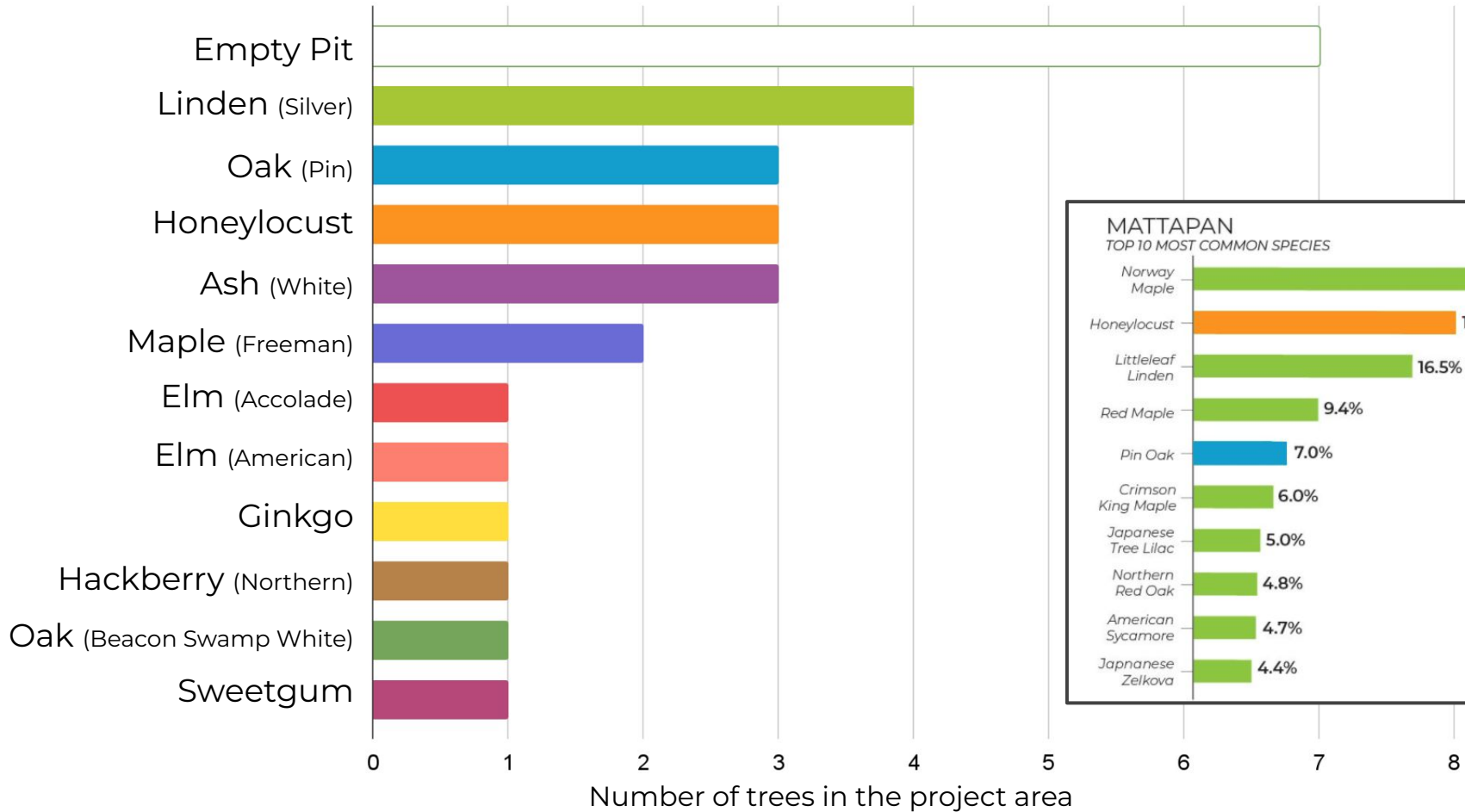
## Street Trees On Cummins

- Empty Pit or Planting Site
- Linden (Silver)
- Oak (Pin)
- Oak (Beacon Swamp White)
- Ash (White)
- Honeylocust
- Elm (Accolade)
- Elm (American)
- Ginkgo
- Hackberry (Northern)
- Maple (Freeman)
- Sweetgum





# Linden and oak trees are the most common trees on Cummins



# Tree species on Cummins Highway



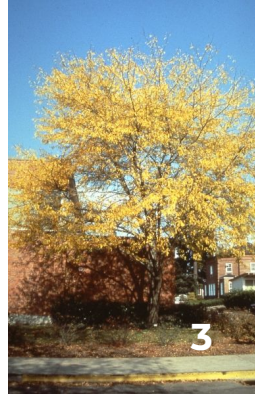
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Linden (Silver)



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Oak (Pin)



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Honeylocust



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Ash (White)



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Maple (Freeman)



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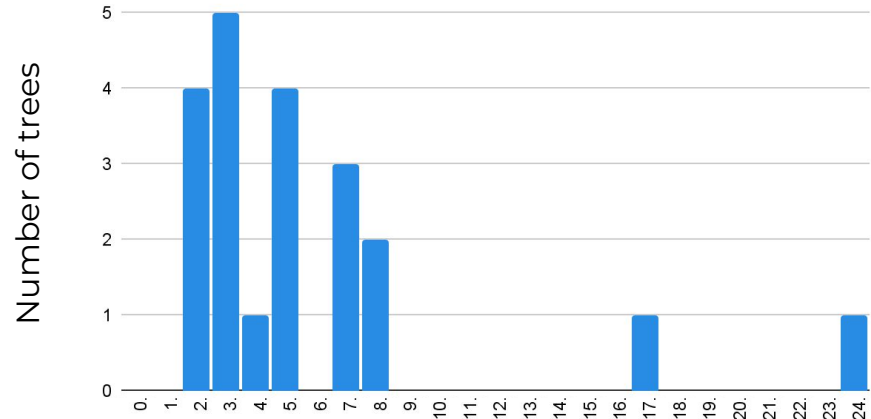


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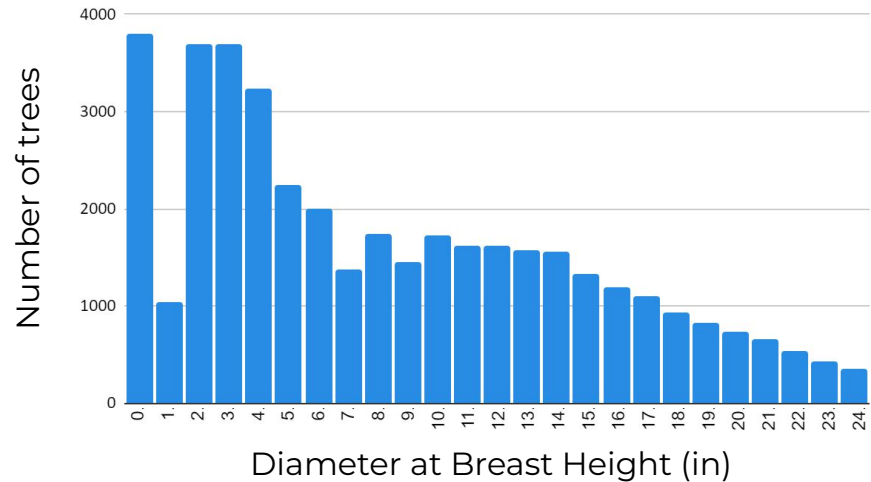
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# Trees along Cummins tend to be smaller trees

Trees on Cummins Highway  
(within the project area)



All Street Trees  
(Citywide)





# Some trees on Cummins aren't very healthy (as of May 2021)



- Three Ash trees are dead or in decline
- Three Linden trees are in poor to fair condition

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Dead

# Protecting our existing trees during construction

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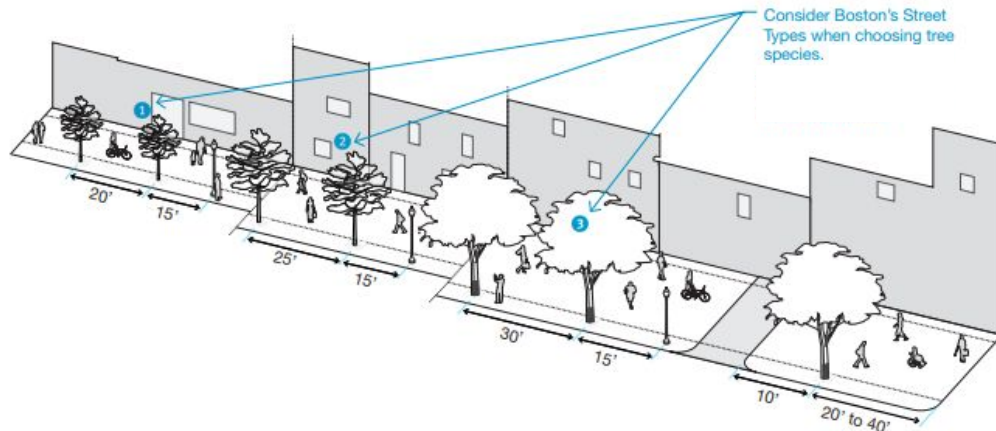
We will use:

- Boards to protect trunks
- Fences around tree pit to protect branches and roots
- High pressure air to address soil compaction from heavy equipment



# Adding new trees on Cummins

- We aim for street trees evenly spaced along the street
- 30' apart is ideal for a street like Cummins



Preferred Tree Spacing and Offsets

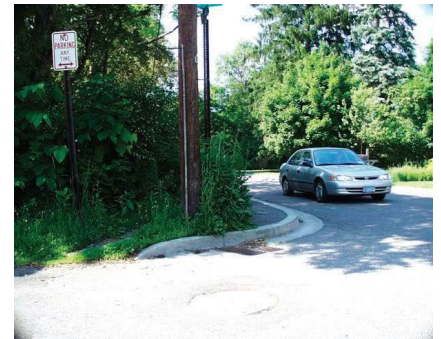
	1 Short Stature Ornamental Trees	2 Medium Stature Trees	3 Large Stature Shade Trees
On-Center Spacing	20'	25'	30'
Offset from Curbs or Path Edges	2'-8"	2'-6"	2'-6"
Offset from Light Poles	15'	15'	15'
Offset from Driveways, Fire Hydrants, Loading Zones	10'	10'	10'
Offset from Intersections (Depending on direction of traffic)	20'	20' to 40'	20' to 40'



## Where we can't put trees:

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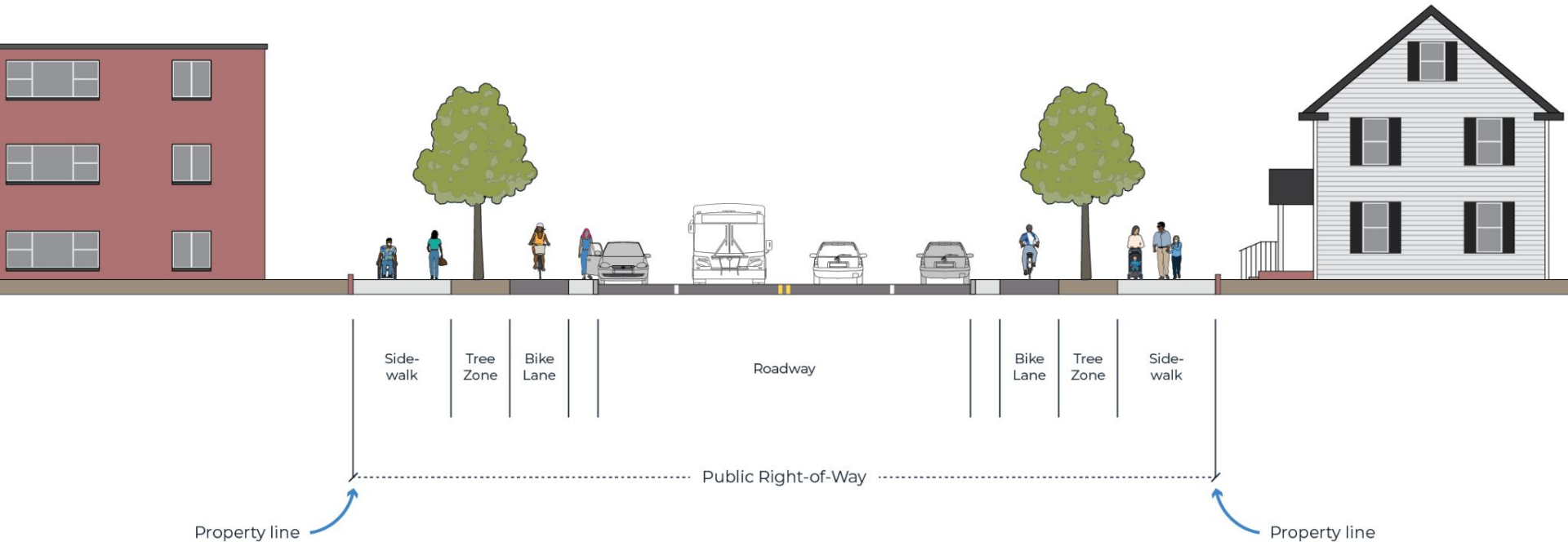
- Where underground utilities or ledge (e.g. rock) would prevent trees from taking root
- Too close to light poles, fire hydrants, loading zones, driveways
- Where they'd block sight lines
- Where there's not enough space for a tree pit



# We are designing zones suitable for planting trees

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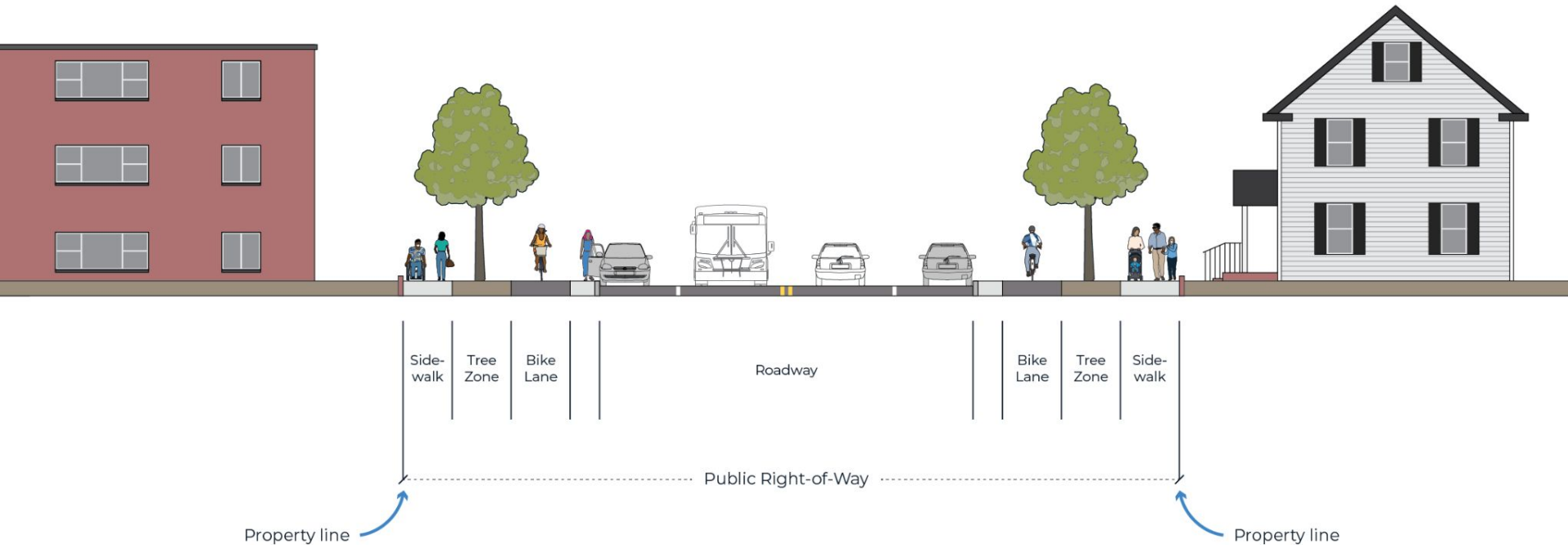
We will add new trees on both sides of the street. Usually, trees will go between the sidewalk and the bike lane:



# The design changes to accommodate existing trees.

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Sidewalks are a little narrower:

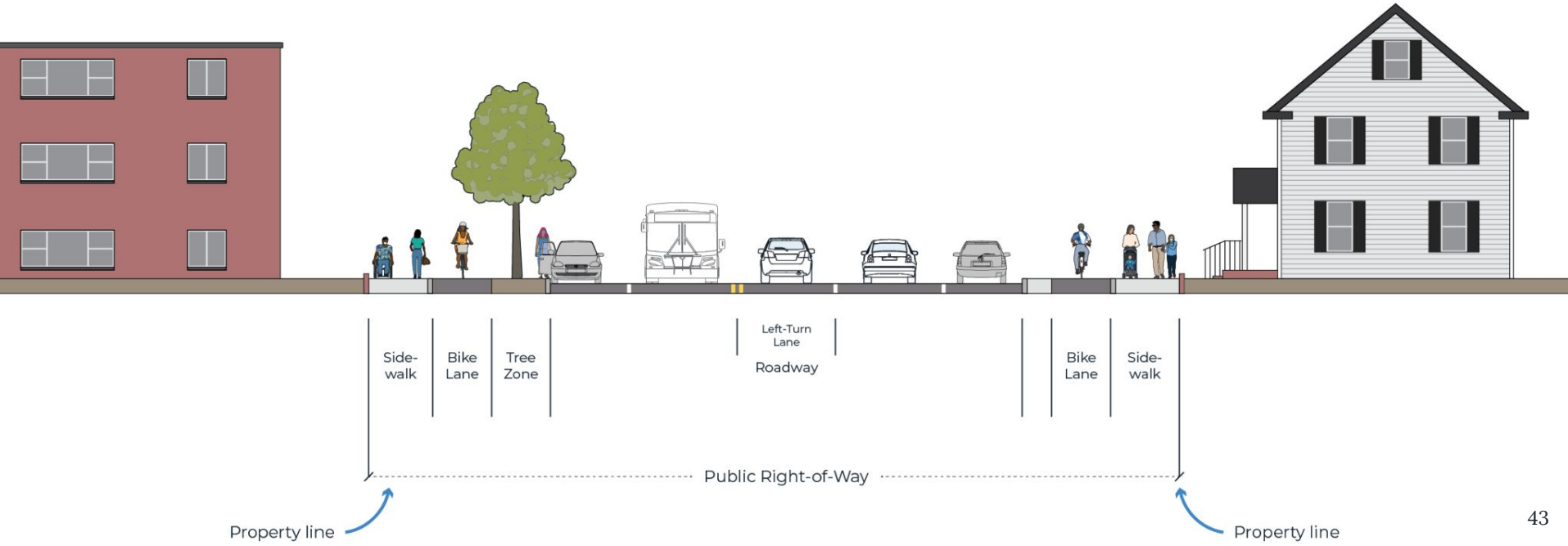




# In some places, we may only have room for trees on one side

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For example, where we have more travel lanes:



# Selecting new trees

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Generally, we want trees that:

- Provide shade
- Lose their leaves in the winter (deciduous trees)
- Tolerate conditions on an urban street (drought, heat, salt, etc.)
- Thrive in Boston's climate (now and as the climate changes)

We will:

- Include diverse tree types to mitigate risk from pests and disease
- Pick the right tree for the right location



# Making sure new trees stay healthy

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- Make space for trees in the design of the overall project
- Choose planting locations carefully
- Choose robust tree species
- Maintain new trees for two years, a critical period for their long-term health





## In some places, the sidewalk next to the trees is heaving

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Sidewalks are heaving around some of the easternmost trees.

When tree roots encounter challenges, they change direction, stop growing, or adapt by remaining abnormally close to the surface.

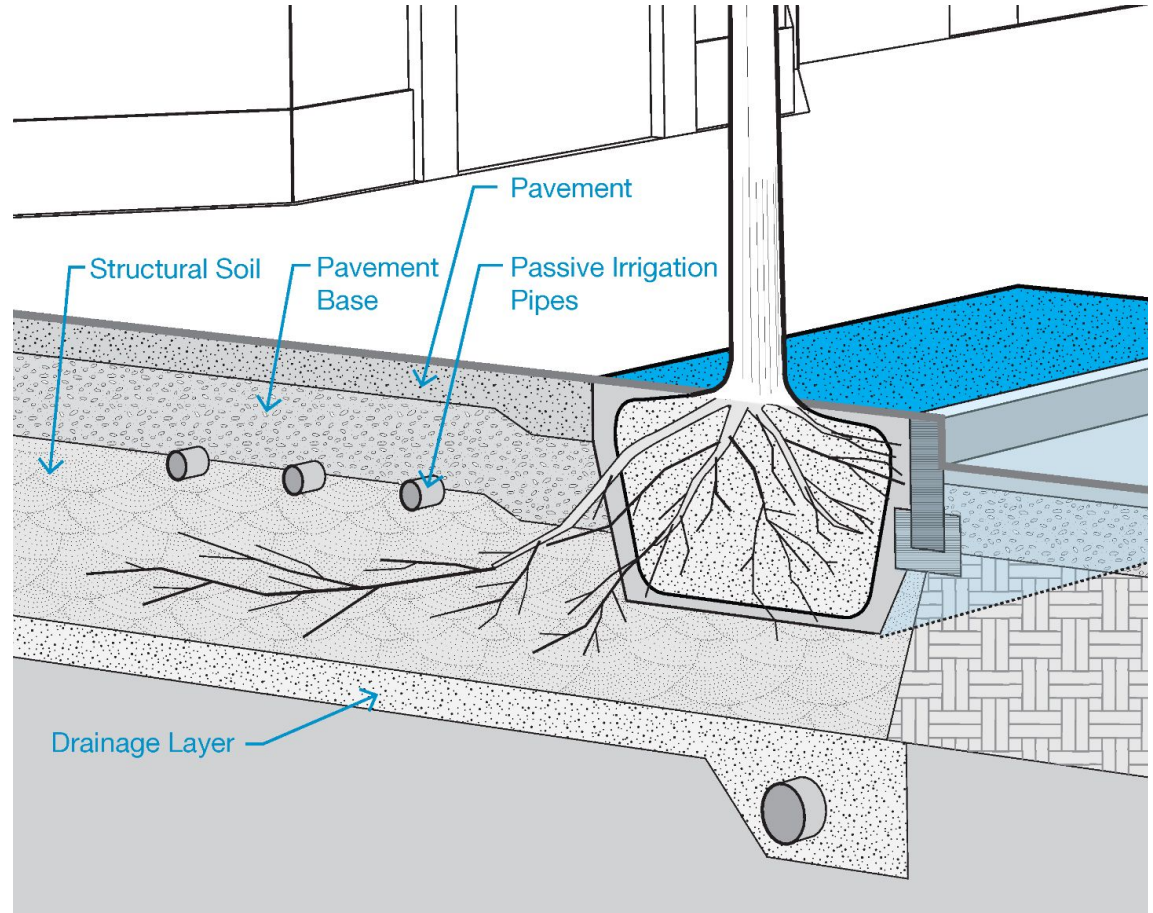
Roots can then take advantage of freeze/thaw cracks in the sidewalk or pavement, causing heaving.



# Making sure new trees have room to grow

We'll use **structural soil** under sidewalks:

- Prevents soil compaction
- Gives tree roots room to expand
- Keeps soils oxygenated
- Allows for water drainage



## When will we know more?

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- We're still designing the street, so we don't know exactly how many new trees we will be able to plant or where to expect them.
- We'll host a meeting to share the details once we have them.



# What's next for Cummins Highway?



# The Cummins Highway reconstruction goal: safer, more accessible

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Transform Cummins Highway into a ***tree-lined neighborhood street*** that is *safer* for families to walk, wait for the bus, ride bikes, or travel by vehicle.

It will *connect residents* to the City's network of *open spaces* and make it easier for elders to cross the street.



# Timeline of Cummins Highway reconstruction project

**Apr. 11, 2019** 1st public meeting at Mattahunt

**Feb. 27, 2020** 3rd public meeting at Mattahunt

▶ *Presented design concepts*



**Design Trial  
(Phase 2)**  
October 2020 - October 2021

**Jul., 2021 - Ongoing**  
Design for Cummins Reconstruction



**Design Trial  
(Phase 1)**  
Jul. - Oct.  
2020

**Oct. 29, 2019** 2nd public meeting at Mattahunt

**Jun., 2021 - Ongoing**

Engagement for the design of Cummins Reconstruction

- ▶ *June: Special T-Talk - Arrested Mobility with Mattapan Food & Fitness*
- ▶ *July: Heat Resilience*
- ▶ *July: Air Quality*
- ▶ *August: Land Use*
- ▶ *September: Lighting*
- ▶ *October: Public Health*
- ▶ *October: Green infrastructure*
- ▶ *January: Bus stops*
- ▶ *February: Street trees*
- ▶ *March: Roundabouts and intersections*



## Focused conversations and input

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We will continue to have conversations with you about the redesign of Cummins Highway. **Your input during these discussions will be used to inform the design of Cummins and will be shared with other departments to inform their work as well.**

*In June, 2021 we hosted a special edition of T-Talk with Charles T. Brown to discuss ways mobility of Black Americans is limited in the U.S. through police, policies, and polity.*

 [twitter.com/ctbrown1911](https://twitter.com/ctbrown1911)

 [equitablecities.com](https://equitablecities.com)

## Focused conversations and input

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*In July 2021, we hosted two virtual meetings with the Environment Department:*

**We talked about the City's heat resilience study and the redesign on Cummins.** During this conversation we heard:

- You would like us to add more shade. We are looking into trees and shelters. Look for a community conversation in the coming months!
- You were concerned about the temporary redesign and its impact on emergency services and traffic.

**We talked about air quality and how transportation policies and design influence air quality.** During this conversation we heard:

- You were interested in us monitoring air quality on the corridor. We are looking at locations where air quality monitors can be located in the project area.
- You were concerned about the temporary redesign on Cummins Highway and how traffic is affecting air quality.

# Air quality sensors have been installed on Cummins Highway

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- Following our conversation in July, we installed air quality sensors along Cummins Highway
- A partnership between the City's Environment Department, Public Works Department, and the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics
- There are 8 air quality sensors along or near Cummins Highway (signs just went up!)

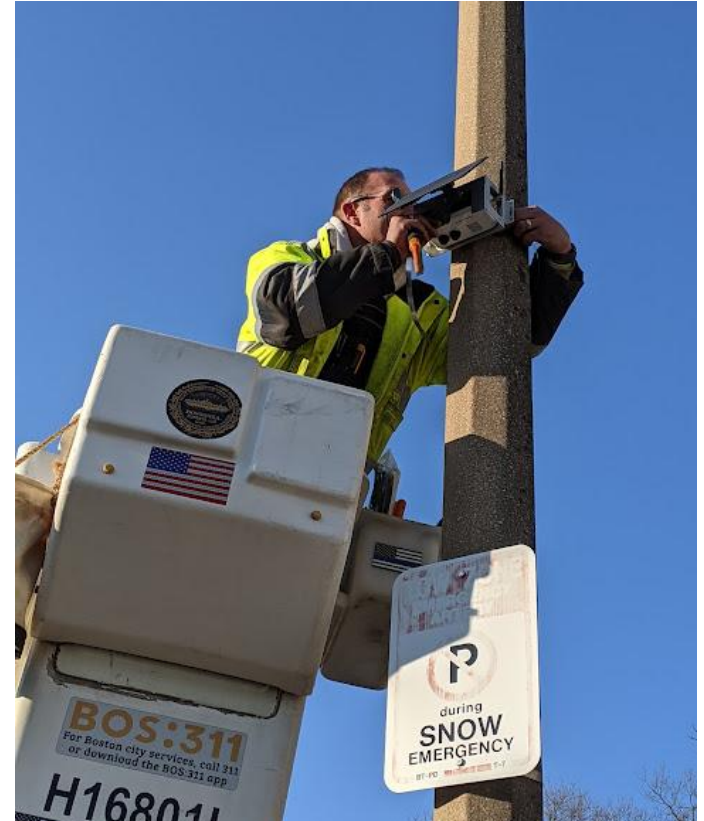




# The sensors measure particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide

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- We're hoping to learn:
  - What effect will the Cummins Highway reconstruction have on local air quality?
  - How can we best use the air quality data we collect?
  - How can we best make the data open and accessible to everyone?
- We will have online dashboard to share later this year



## Focused conversations and input

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*In August 2021, we hosted a virtual meeting with the Boston Planning and Development Agency:*

**We talked about PLAN Mattapan, how their work related to transportation, and how our departments collaborate.** During this conversation we heard:

- That Cummins is part of a network, therefore we need to take a look at the traffic on side streets too. We conducted traffic counts.
- You want us to be proactive and make sure we are working with MBTA, trash removal trucks, and school buses on traffic management before the a new design is implemented.

## Focused conversations and input

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*In September 2021, we hosted a virtual meeting with the City's Street Lighting Division:*

**We talked about the goals of the city for street lighting and the opportunities for the Cummins Reconstruction.** During this conversation we heard:

- You were concerned about the brightness and color of the light, we will work with you to find the appropriate brightness and color that can help improve visibility.
- You wanted to know where you can see lighting similar to the one Public Works is proposing.
  - River Street from Cummins Highway to Hyde Park (Way St)
  - Nubian Square



## Focused conversations and input

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*In early October 2021, we hosted a virtual meeting with the Boston Public Health Commission:*

**We talked about the connection between street design, health, and wellbeing.** During this conversation we heard:

- You were concerned about the traffic during the trial and the effect on side streets. We conducted traffic counts in September on side streets. We are scheduling new traffic counts on side streets now that the trial has ended.
- You wanted to know more about how we are engaging residents of the community in the process for the redesign. We went over some of the other ways people are receiving information and engaging with our project.

# Focused conversations and input

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*In January 2022, we hosted a virtual meeting to discuss bus stops on Cummins Highway:*

## **We talked about:**

- How we plan to space bus stops along the corridor
- What factors make a bus stop accessible
- How we plan to design bus stops on Cummins Highway

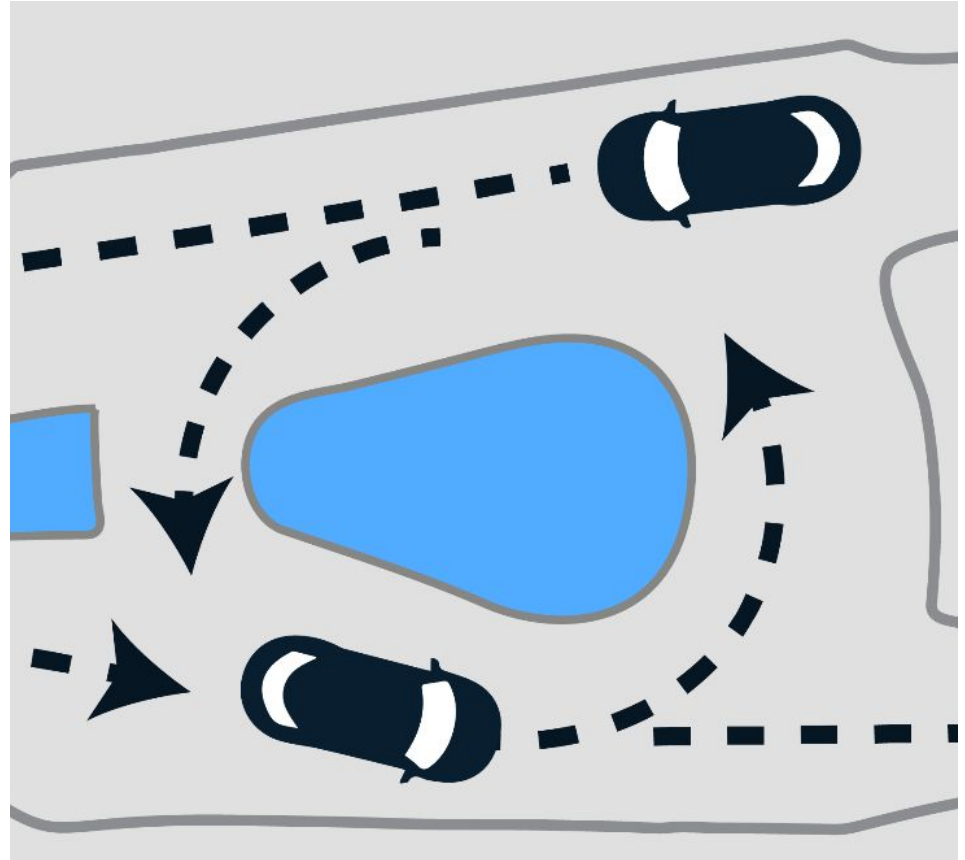


# Our next meeting will be on March 29

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## *Roundabouts and intersections* in the Cummins Highway redesign

- Tuesday, March 29
- 6:30 p.m.
- Register:  
[bit.ly/Cummins-March29](https://bit.ly/Cummins-March29)





# Resources and staying engaged



# Urban Forest Master Plan: Virtual Open House

Join us!

- Monday, March 14
- 5:30 p.m.
- Via Zoom

[boston.gov/urban-forest-plan#events](https://boston.gov/urban-forest-plan#events)

Questions? Contact

[maggie.owens@boston.gov](mailto:maggie.owens@boston.gov)

Our urban forest is made up of all the trees in Boston



IN YARDS



ON STREETS



IN PARKS

These trees provide different values to different people including:



GIVING US SHADE



IMPROVING  
OUR HEALTH



CAPTURING  
RAINWATER



BUILDING  
COMMUNITY

We will begin to understand the urban forest through:



STAKEHOLDER AND  
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



EXISTING CONDITIONS  
ASSESSMENT



EVALUATION  
AND ANALYSIS

Which will help create strategies and goals that make up the Urban Forest Plan, guiding future action.

## You can now ride route 23, 28, and 29 FOR FREE

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Route **23, 28, and 29** bus riders are able to board buses at all doors without paying a fare for *two years*.

More information at [boston.gov/free-bus](https://www.boston.gov/free-bus)





# Youth-focused T-Talk this Saturday

## Blue Hill Avenue: As a Place

- Strictly for Mattapan youth aged 10-19
- Attendees could win a \$100 or \$50 Nike gift card
- Saturday, February 26
- 11 a.m.

Register: [bit.ly/bha\\_as\\_a\\_place](https://bit.ly/bha_as_a_place)

Check out past T-Talks:

[mattapanfoodandfit.org/transportationtalks](https://mattapanfoodandfit.org/transportationtalks)

**T-Talk**  
TIME: 1.5 HOURS

**RAFFLE**  
\$300 IN NIKE GIFT CARDS  
At the end of the T-Talk, we will be raffling off \$300 in Nike gift cards for present and active participants.

AGES 10-19

GIFT CARDS: (2) \$100 NIKE GIFT (2) \$50 NIKE GIFT CARD

saturday, Feb 26, 2022 11AM  
**BLUE HILL AVE**  
**AS A PLACE**

SCAN ME

• Blue Hill Ave is changing and you should be included in the conversation.

Join this conversation and share your thoughts!

Powerful Pathways

ZOOM LINK:  
[https://bit.ly/bha\\_as\\_a\\_place](https://bit.ly/bha_as_a_place)



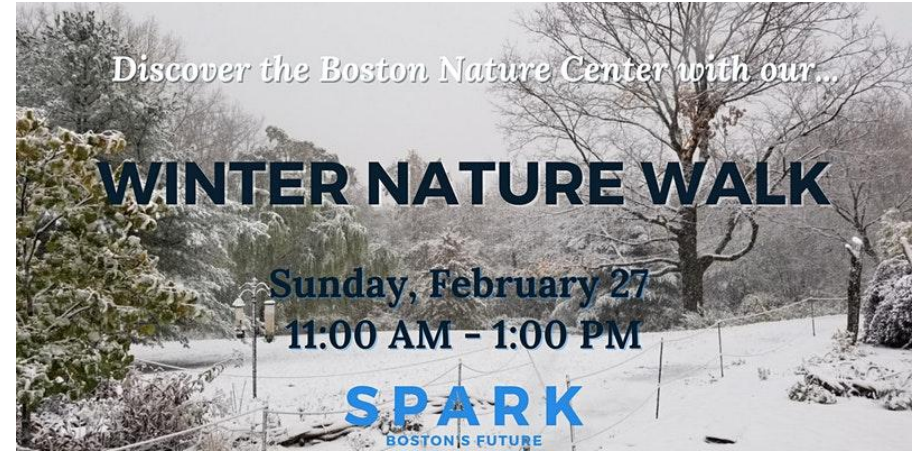
# Winter Walk at the Boston Nature Center

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Join the SPARK Boston Council for a guided tour with a Mass Audubon naturalist.

Free snacks!

- Sunday, February 27
- 11 a.m.
- 500 Walk Hill Street



[eventbrite.com/e/winter-nature-walk-mattapan-tickets-269159572527](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-nature-walk-mattapan-tickets-269159572527)

[boston.gov/spark-boston](https://www.boston.gov/spark-boston)

## Documentary film club at the Mattapan Branch Library

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This month, we will learn more about activist, educator, and philosopher Angela Davis while watching the film *Free Angela and All Political Prisoners*.

- Tuesday, March 1
- 5:30 p.m.
- 1350 Blue Hill Ave

**DOCUMENTARY CLUB**  
AT THE MATTAPAN BRANCH

**FREE ANGELA**  
AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

**MARCH 1ST**  
**5:30 PM**  
Mattapan Branch Library

**DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW**

[bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/62051cf4600a0f4100298ef2](https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/62051cf4600a0f4100298ef2)

# Cooking with Confidence

Join Bond of Color and the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition for a dynamic series of virtual cultural nutrition classes.

- Mondays, March 14, 21, 28 and April 4
- 6 p.m.
- Register for Zoom meeting at [www.mattapanfoodandfit.org](http://www.mattapanfoodandfit.org)



JOIN BOND OF COLOR AND THE MATTAPAN  
FOOD AND FITNESS COALITION FOR

## Cooking with Confidence

a dynamic series of virtual cultural nutrition education classes  
**Monday, March 14, 21, 28, and April 4: 6:00 to 7:30 PM**

Scan the QR code  
to register by  
February 28, 2022



Attend all four sessions  
and receive a \$100  
Supermarket gift card  
and a toolkit of kitchen  
essentials!

**This Cooking with Confidence series invites us**

- to share and learn new skills and techniques to prepare healthy, delicious meals
- Set goals to create healthy eating strategies that work for you and your family
- Learn tools to help sustain new eating habits

# New Dorchester Community Center Meeting

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Join this public meeting to hear programming and location ideas for a new BCYF Community Center in Dorchester

- February 28, 2022
- 6:00 p.m.
- [bit.ly/BCYFDorchester](https://bit.ly/BCYFDorchester)



## Want to See a New Community Center in Dorchester?

**Join us: This is a public meeting to hear programming and location ideas from the Dorchester community.**

**Monday, February 28, 2022  
6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting Registration Link:  
[bit.ly/BCYFDorchester](https://bit.ly/BCYFDorchester)**



*Translation, interpretation and disability access are available at no cost, but please request access through the registration website.*



# Community Choice Electricity

Learn how to make the best choice for electricity with Mothers Out-Front West Roxbury, Keep Hyde Park Beautiful, and the City's Environment Department.

- Tonight! February 23
- 7:30-8:30 p.m.

[bit.ly/CCE223](http://bit.ly/CCE223)

Learn more about CCE:

[boston.gov/community-choice-electricity](http://boston.gov/community-choice-electricity)

**BOSTON  
COMMUNITY  
CHOICE  
ELECTRICITY  
(CCE)**

*Hyde Park & Mattapan has your electricity bill gone up?*

*Attend a presentation to learn why and how you can save.*

**When:** February 23rd  
7:30-8:30 pm

Register for the presentation at:  
<http://bit.ly/3385hjz>

Questions?  
Sign up for an office hour at  
[calendly.com/bcce](https://calendly.com/bcce).

## Ride Bluebikes at a discount!

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Discounted passes are available for our public bike share.

People who participate in public assistance programs or otherwise have a qualifying income can receive a discount.

Discounted passes are only **\$50 a year or \$5 a month** with no annual commitment. Include unlimited one-hour trips.

[boston.gov/discounted-bluebikes](https://boston.gov/discounted-bluebikes)



## Rental Relief Fund

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City of Boston is dedicating federal funds to help Boston residents who have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are having difficulty paying their rent.

For more information about eligibility, resources, and to apply:

[\*\*boston.gov/rental-relief\*\*](https://www.boston.gov/rental-relief)

Visit [\*\*boston.gov/housing-stability\*\*](https://www.boston.gov/housing-stability) or call (617) 635-4200 for additional information on your rights as a renter.

## Stay in touch:

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### Boston's Urban Forest Plan

- Visit website: [boston.gov/urban-forest-plan](https://boston.gov/urban-forest-plan)
- Email: [maggie.owens@boston.gov](mailto:maggie.owens@boston.gov)
- Meeting reminder: Citywide Virtual Open House, March 14th at 5:30 p.m.

### Cummins Highway Reconstruction

- Visit the project website: [boston.gov/cummins-highway](https://boston.gov/cummins-highway)
- Chat with us: [bit.ly/Cummins-15](https://bit.ly/Cummins-15)
- Reach out to Jeff Alexis: [jeffrey.alexis@boston.gov](mailto:jeffrey.alexis@boston.gov)



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