

# Horticulture at Zoo New England AND Planting 250 Trees in 72 Hours

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MNLA Plant Geek Day

08/28/24

## In Memory of Steve Burns



Steve was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed spending time with family and friends, hunting, fishing, boating, or just admiring nature. He spent his entire forty plus year career at Arborway Tree Care as a Certified Arborist, a "Tree Doctor" he would say.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Steve to the Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo (one of his favorite accounts) for use in tree care.

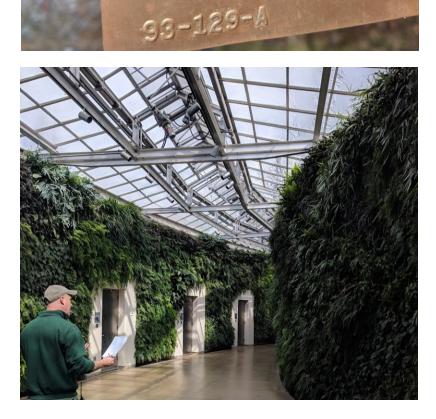
Please send to: "In Memory of Steve Burns", Development Office, Zoo New England, One Franklin Park Road, Boston, MA 02121



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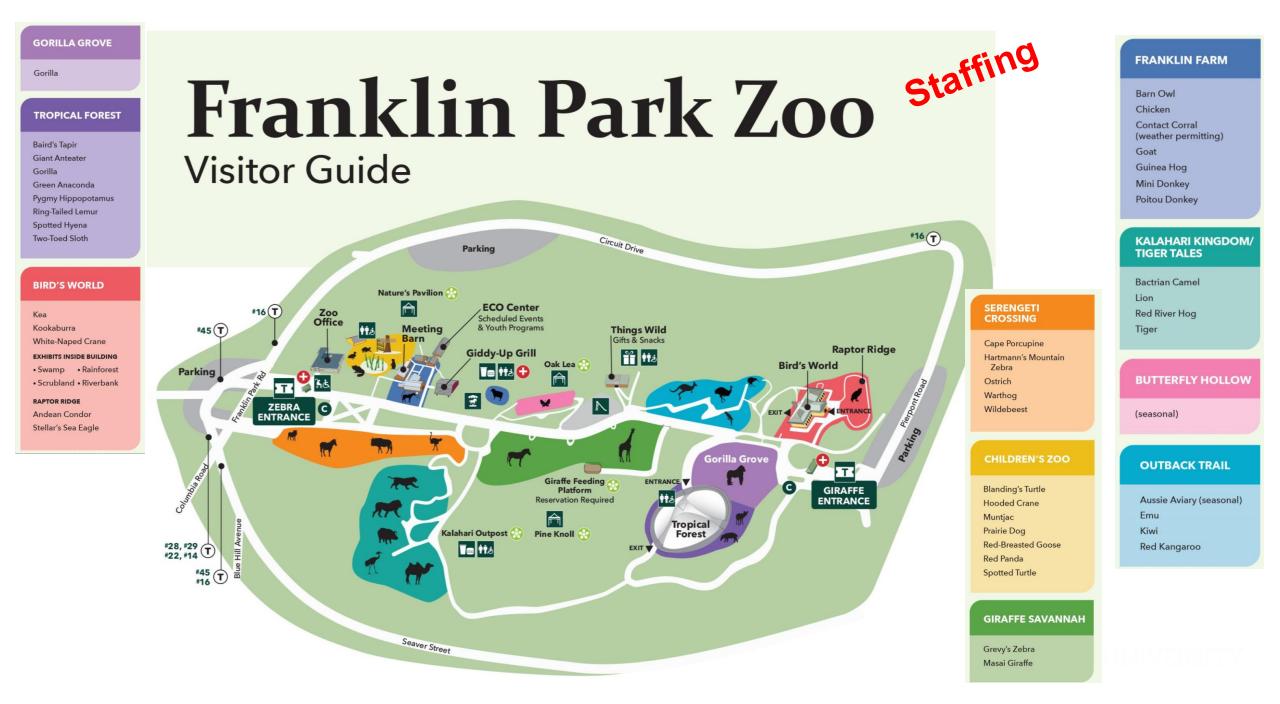












#### TREETOPS AND RIVERBEDS

Colobus Monkey North American River Otter White-Cheeked Gibbon

#### BARNYARD

Goat Pygmy Zebu Sheep

#### HIMALAYAN HIGHLANDS

Black-Necked Crane Markhor Snow Leopard Yak

MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES

# Stone Zoo Visitor Guide





- Source first Fauna first Fau

Landscaping | Horticulture | Grounds AZA and AZH







-Mostly natives when possible.

-Include plants native to fauna's habitat if possible.

- -When appropriate, non-native plants to match texture and visuals of fauna's habitat
- -Toxic plants cannot go in exhibits but may be approved by vet staff to go in protected nearby areas.
- -When experiencing a lower percentage of native plants, go for species with high biodiversity impact.

Planting philosophy + zoo needs = CHALLENGE



Browse and Branches For Zoo Animals (Please call Animal Care on ALL CALL or via email when cutting)

Austree	Linden
Bamboo	Maple (all spp. except red)
Beech	Magnolia
Birch	Mulberry
Cottonwood	Russian Olive
Elm	Sweet gum
Forsythia	Sumac
Grapevine	Tulip Tree
Hackberry	Viburnum (leatherleaf & sweet)
Honey locust	Willow & Pussy Willow
Knotweed	Witch hazel

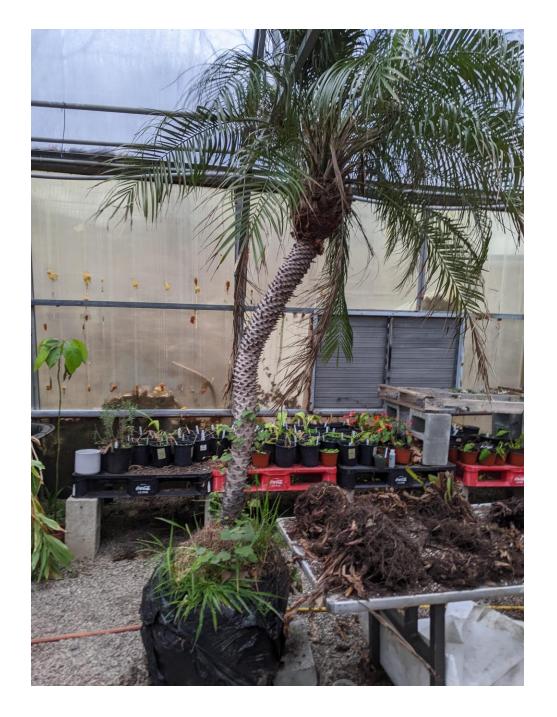
Tall grasses for nesting material (Giraffe burm) Oak branches for furniture only (not browse)







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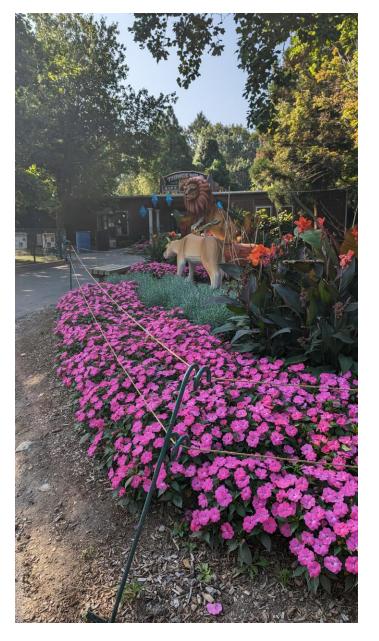




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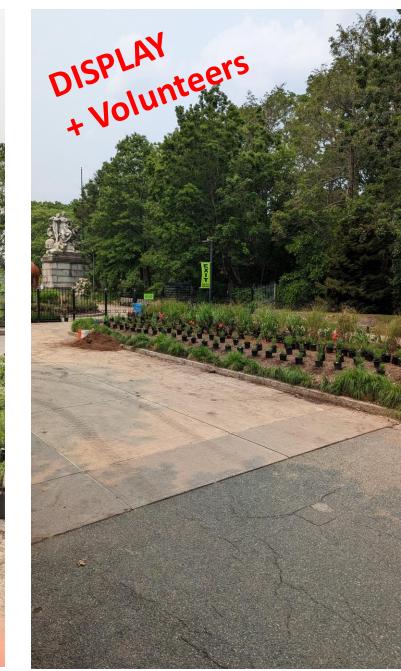


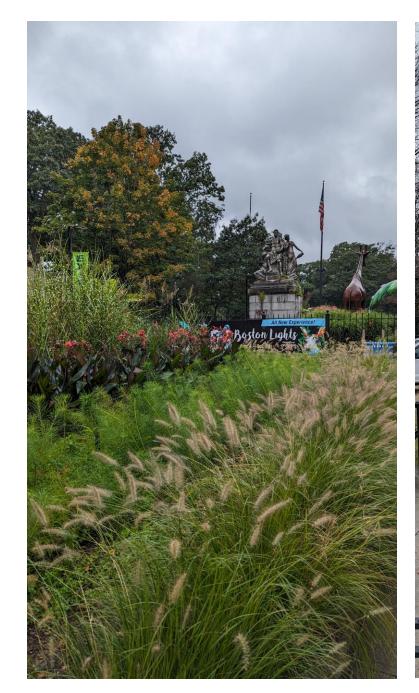


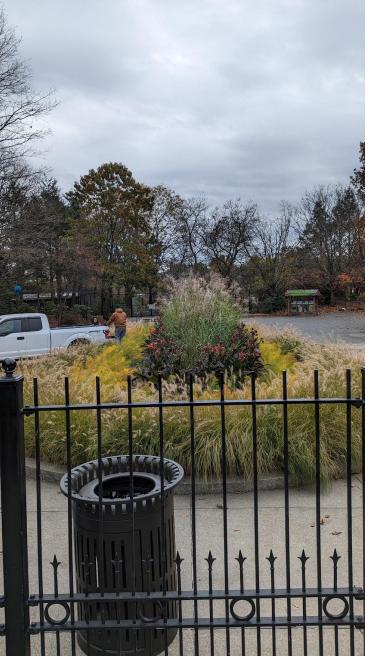




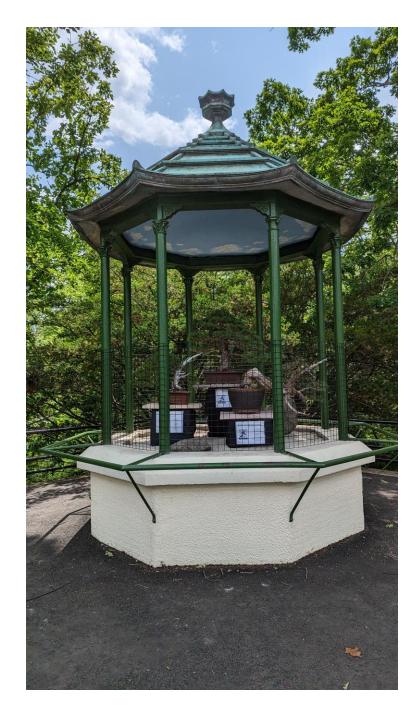














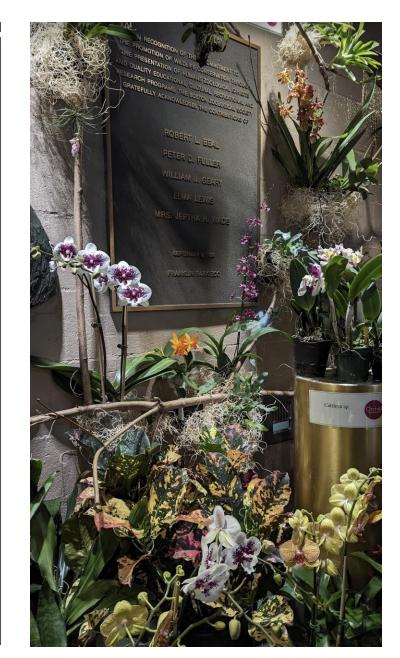
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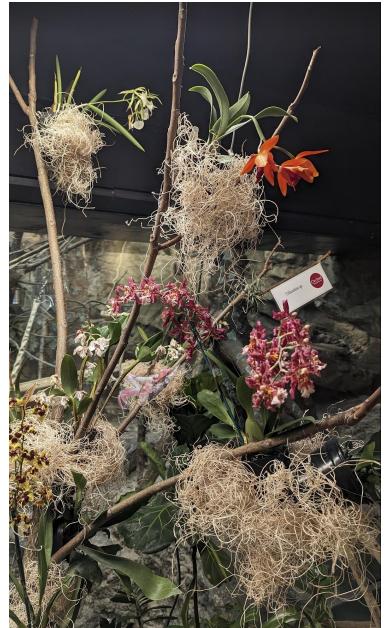




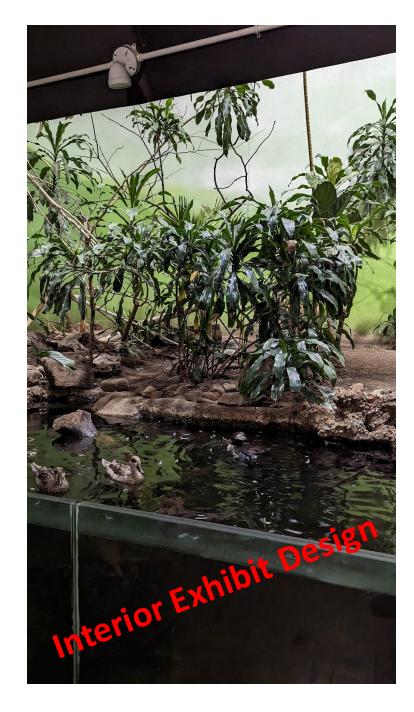
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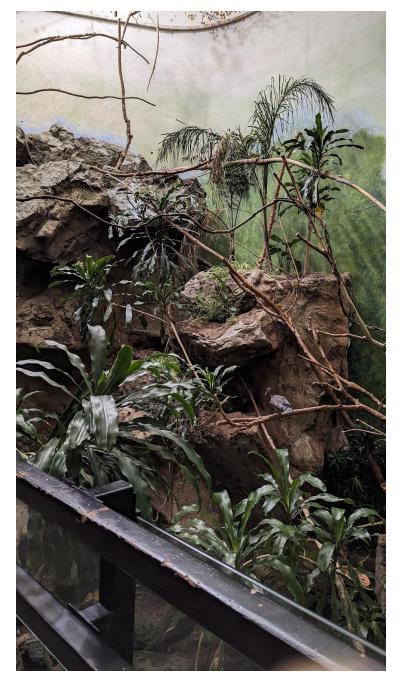
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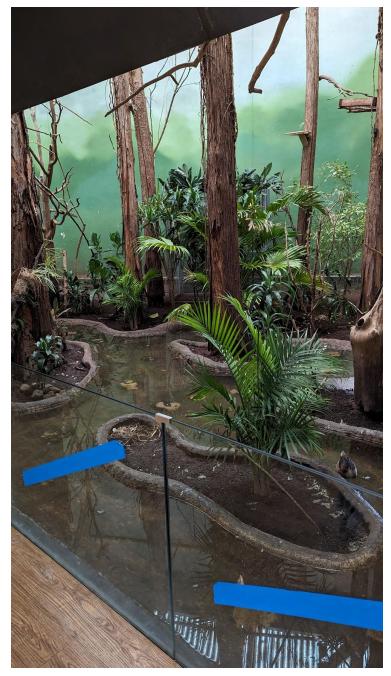


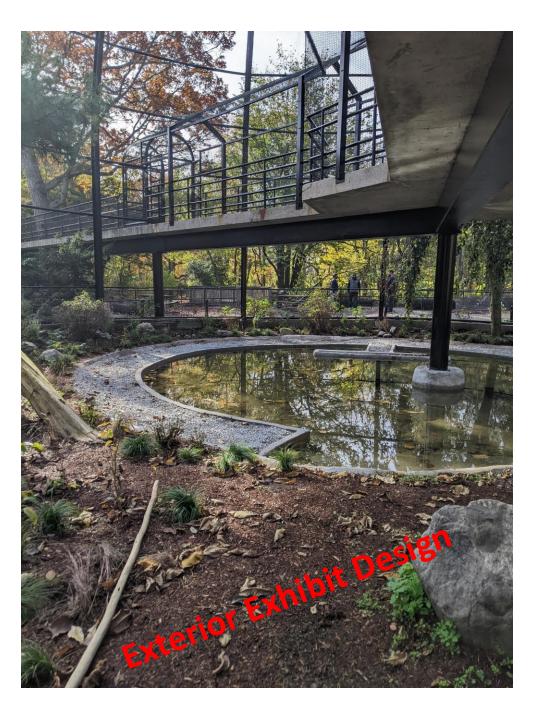




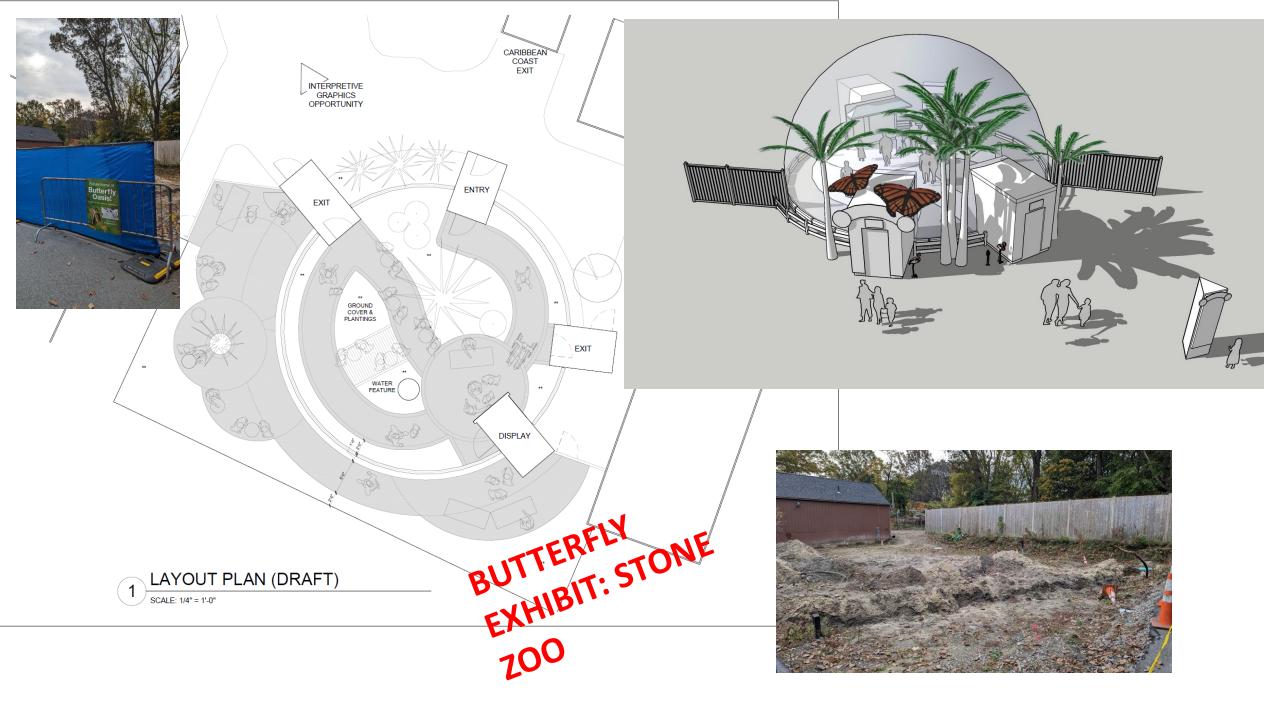








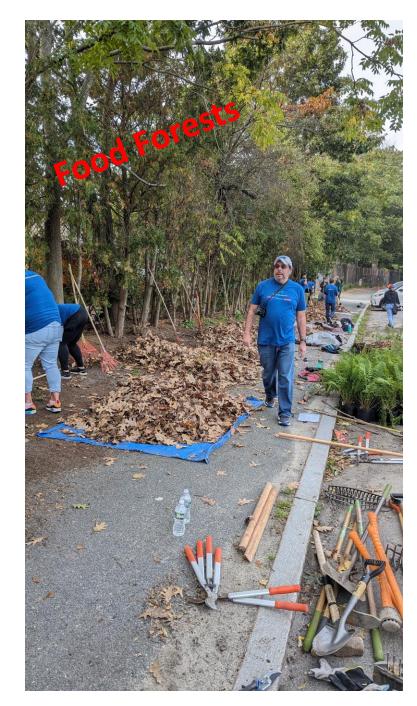


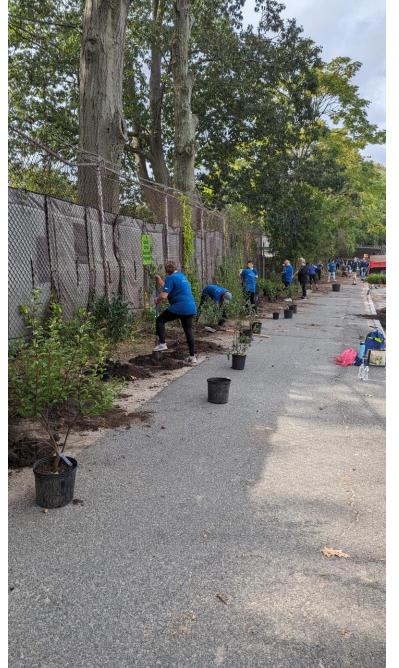


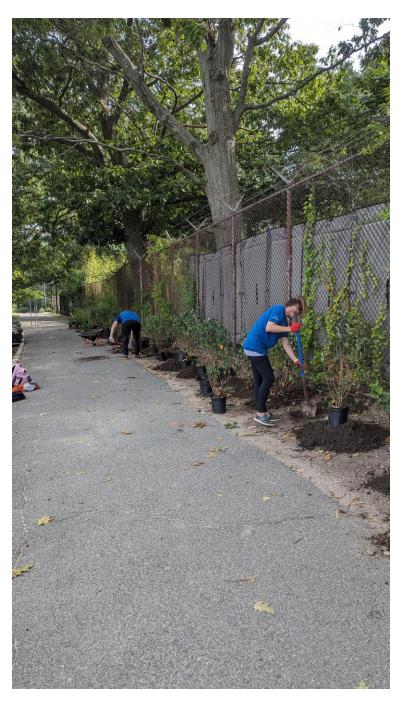


ROCK GARDEN













## Education, Communication and Climate Literacy

Climate Policy Visitor and Community Engagement

> Mitigation Resilience Climate Justice Wildlife Conservation

Climate Action



NEW ENGLAND

Franklin Park Zoo 🔶 Stone Zoo

Increase climate literacy by sharing information about climate as a system that shapes human wellbeing as well as habitats that support biodiversity locally and around the world to increase climate literacy.

Foster hope by sharing information about ways people are already helping to reduce the rate of climate change and preparing for resilience as harmful impacts happen.

Engage a growing number of our audience to help reduce the rate of climate change.

Engage our local communities in the co-design of programs that mitigate climate change or foster community resilience as climate-related events impact our region.

Align with the Carbon Free Boston initiative to become carbon neutral by 2050 by significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

Additionally, we aim to implement the following mitigation goals: -Reduce GHG Emissions -Enhance Carbon Sinks -Implement Sustainable Materials Procurement -Implement Sustainable Waste Management -Implement Sustainable Transportation

Leverage ZNE resources and partnerships to address climate-related equity challenges in the communities we serve. Optimize energy efficiency for systems that safeguard animal health, visitor comfort and staff comfort.

Prepare for Extreme Weather and Develop Disaster Planning Scenarios

Implement Sustainable Water Practices

Increase organizational impact on climate change policy at three levels:

Engage the public to advocate for positive climate policy actions at the local, state, and federal level.

As an institution, advocate directly for policies related to climate change.

Join with the larger AZA community to jointly advocate for positive climate legislation.

Consider all field conservation activities through a climate lens to improve adaptation and resilience to climate impacts.

Assist communities in and around our field sites to improve their adaptation and resilience to climate impacts.

## Call to Action (why this plan, why now?)

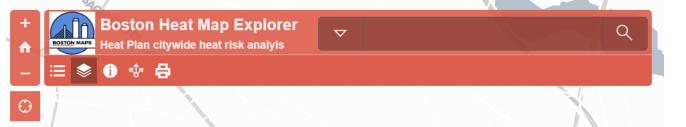
- Living collections are greatly impacted by climate change.
- We have a lot of acreage and responsibility to our community
- We reach over 1 million visitors a year / have a great opportunity to educate.
- ZNE is connected to many local government initiatives that prioritize climate action (Boston's climate goals, Franklin Park Action Plan, etc)
- Embarking on many new building / deferred maintenance projects.
- We need a plan to tackle sustainability initiatives efficiently and effectively.



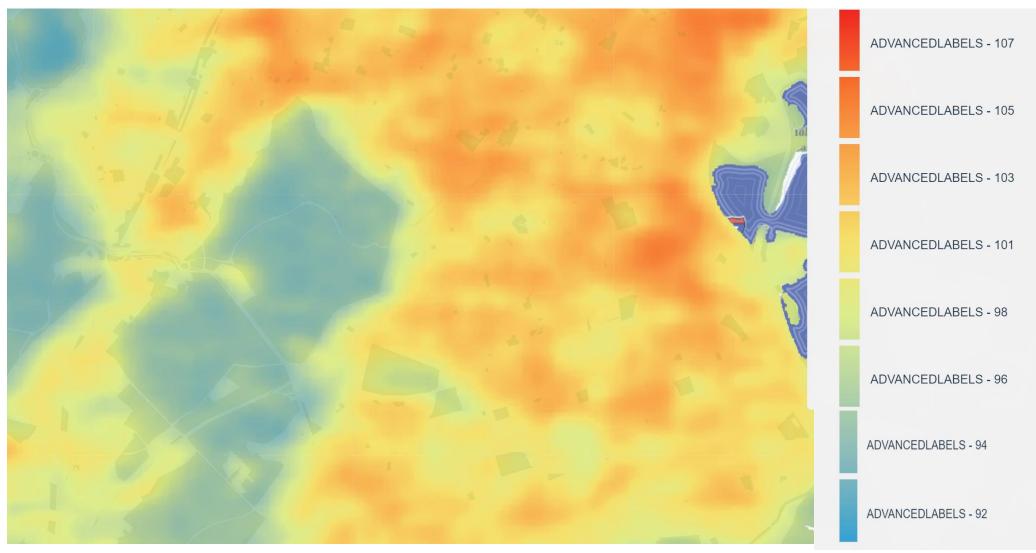


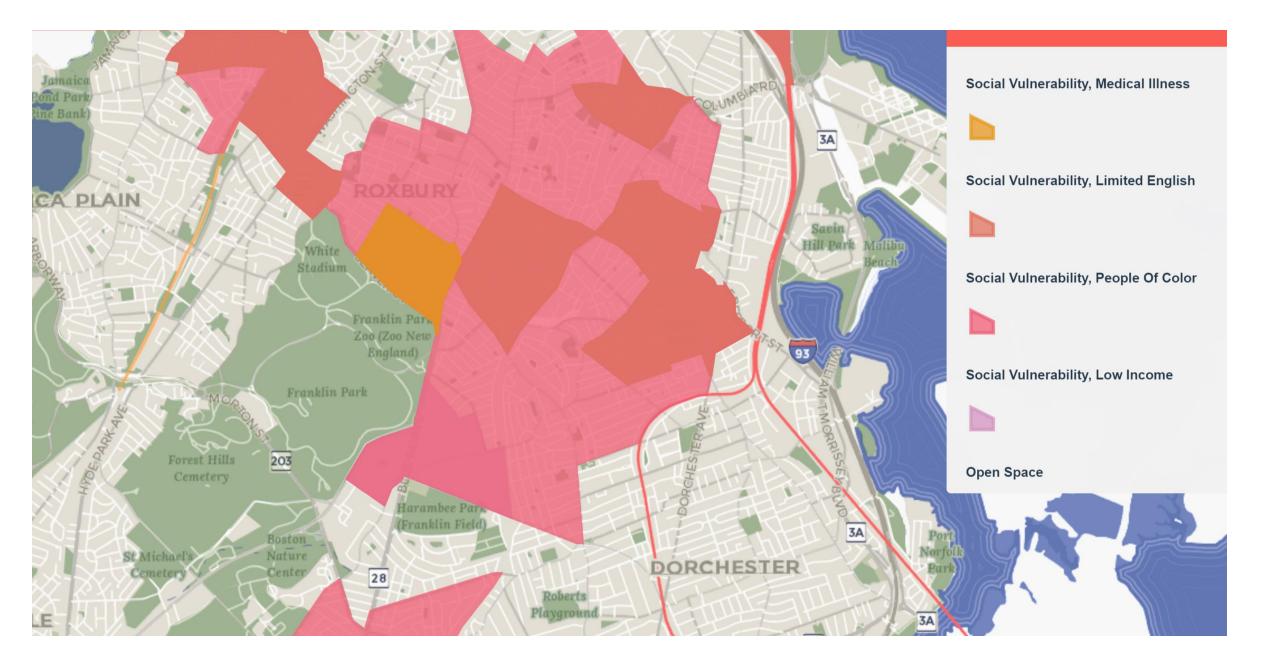
## NEW ENGLAND Franklin Park Zoo + Stone Zoo





This map shows the modeled daytime air temperature at 3pm during a week long analysis in July 2019. Daytime temperatures are higher in dense areas and large paved spaces and lower in well shaded spaces and areas with significant tree canopy.





#### 7/5/2023, Rev 8/31/2023



Title

Zoo New England Tree Protection Policy

#### Authored by Josh Meyer

#### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote a diverse, healthy and sustainable collection of trees in order to support the Zoo New England (ZNE) mission rooted in conservation, education, community, and guest experience. Specifically, this policy applies to ZNE's two properties being Franklin Park Zoo in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood as well as Stone Zoo in Stoneham, MA.

The preservation of existing trees and the promotion of new tree planting is a public purpose that protects the public health, welfare, environment and aesthetics of the surrounding community and its citizens. The urban forests of ZNE properties serves a wide variety of functions, which promote the health, safety and welfare of staff, guests, living collections, and nearby residents.

#### These functions include<sup>1</sup>:

(a) conserving energy, by providing shade and evaporative cooling through transpiration;
(b) improving local and global air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and ozone, absorbing particulate matter, and producing oxygen;
(c) reducing wind speed and directing air flow;
(d) reducing noise pollution;
(e) providing habitat for birds, small mammals, and other wildlife;
(f) reducing storm runoff and the potential for soil erosion; and
(g) increasing real property values;

Additionally, this policy seeks to align with and is furthermore overridden by relevant state and local bylaws and regulations related to tree protection when applicable. This includes:

The Code of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts, Chapter 24: Trees<sup>2</sup> City of Boston, MA Ordinance 7-15: Establishing protections for the city of Boston tree canopy<sup>3</sup> City of Boston, Urban Forest Plan<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> City of Cambridge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.stoneham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1234/CH24-Trees

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2021/08/0858.PDF

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/urban-forest-plan

## Tree Replacement and Canopy Regeneration Plan Franklin Park Zoo

Franklin Park Zoo

Zoo New England

9/2023

Josh Meyer



## P-1

A new specimen , red pine is the only recommendation for planting due to restrictions from the perimeter fence. Food forest shrubs should be prioritized.

### Z-1

There's space for approximately 25 new canopy trees: 5 between A2 and Condor; 12 around Australia; and 8 on Glen Iane. More oak, maple, and hickory should be considered. Additionally, there's ample space for the planting of 25 understory trees. Native understory and specimens should be considered.

## Z-2

Up two 20 canopy and 20 understory trees should be planted along the public pathways. Recommended species include oak, sweetgum, maple, redbud, cherry, holly and hickory.



## SUMMARY

### P-2

A total of 35 canopy trees as well as 70 understory trees can be planted in this area.

Blue Hill Ave area: plant 25 understory and 10 canopy trees. Outside Seaver St: plant 20 understory and 5 canopy trees. Inside Seaver St: plant 25 understory and 20 canopy.

### Z-3

Aim to plant at least 20 oaks. Aim to diversify with hickory species, at least 10-15. Grow nursery of 20 willow / austree in barn 4 yard. Use redbud as an understory specimen in public areas.

### Z-4

Plant 20 canopy and 20 understory trees along Glen Rd.



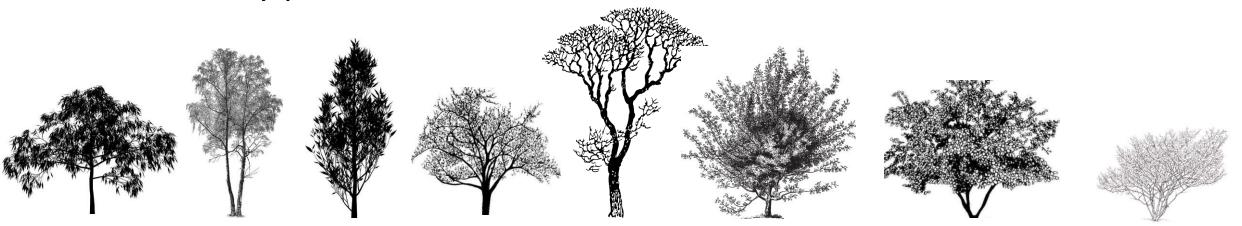
Food forest trees should be considered in the public areas along Circuit Dr. There is room to plant up to 50 canopy and 50 understory here. Inside of the perimeter fence, there is ample space to plant up to 100 species using the entirety of the species list with special attention paid to Viversity?

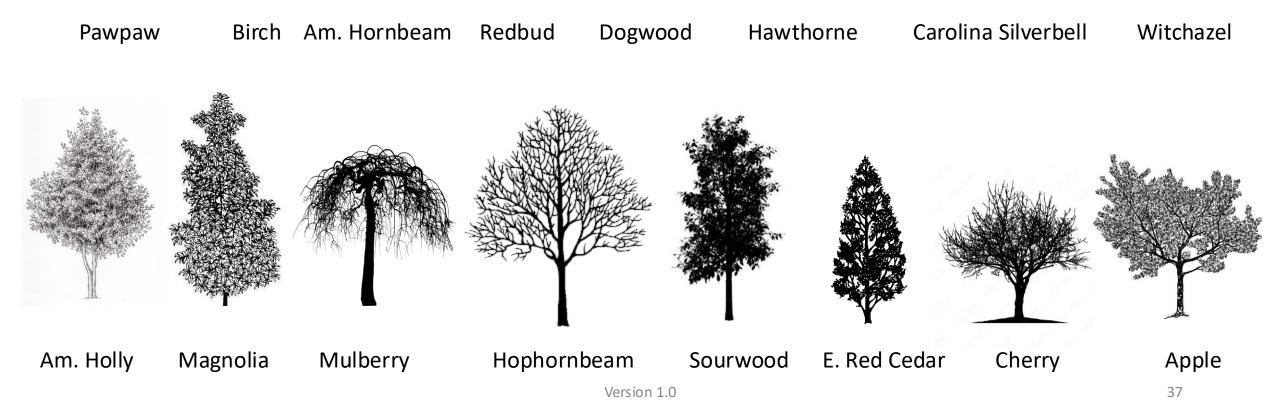
## P-3

Pause on tree planting until new design comes out.

## Ideal dominate canopy species at Franklin Park Zoo Oak(s) Maple(s) Hickory(s) Birch(es) **Tulip Poplar** Sweetgum **Black Willow** Hackberry Catalpa Persimmon White Spruce Sassafras American Sycamore Black Gum

#### Ideal dominate understory species at Franklin Park Zoo





### SUMMARY

Canopy trees to plant

250

Understory trees to plant

**500** 

In

**P-1** A new specimen red pine

2023

75 shrub

planted

food forest

P-1

2024-25 P-2 Z-4 Blue Hill Ave area: plant 25 understory and 10 canopy trees. Outside Seaver St: plant 20 understory and 5 canopy trees. Inside Seaver St: plant 25 understory and 20 canopy. Rd. Z-3 Grow nursery of 20 willow / austree in barn 4 yard.

2026-27 Plant 5 canopy and 5 understory trees along Glen Rd. Z-4 Plant 15 canopy and 15 understory trees along Glen P-2 Inside Seaver St: plant 25 understory and 20 canopy.

**Z-2** Up two 20 canopy and 20 understory trees should be planted along the public pathways.

2028-29

Z-1 There's space for approximately 25 new canopy trees: 5 between A2 and Condor; 12 around Australia: and 8 on Glen lane. Additiona lly, there's ample space for the planting of 25 understory trees.

2030-31

**P-4** Plant up to 25 canopy and 25 understory on the inside of the perimeter fence.

P-4 Plant up to 50 canopy and 50 understory on the outside of the perimeter fence. 2032-33

Z-3

Plant at least 20 oaks and 10-15 hickory species, Use 10-20 redbud as an understory specimen in public areas.

**P-3** Pause on tree planting until new design comes out.

**P-4** Plant up to 25 canopy and 25 understory on the inside of the perimeter

fence.

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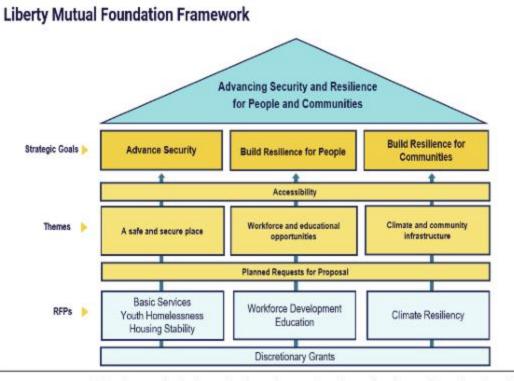




# **Community Investments**

Corporate Giving | Torchbearers | Community Engagement

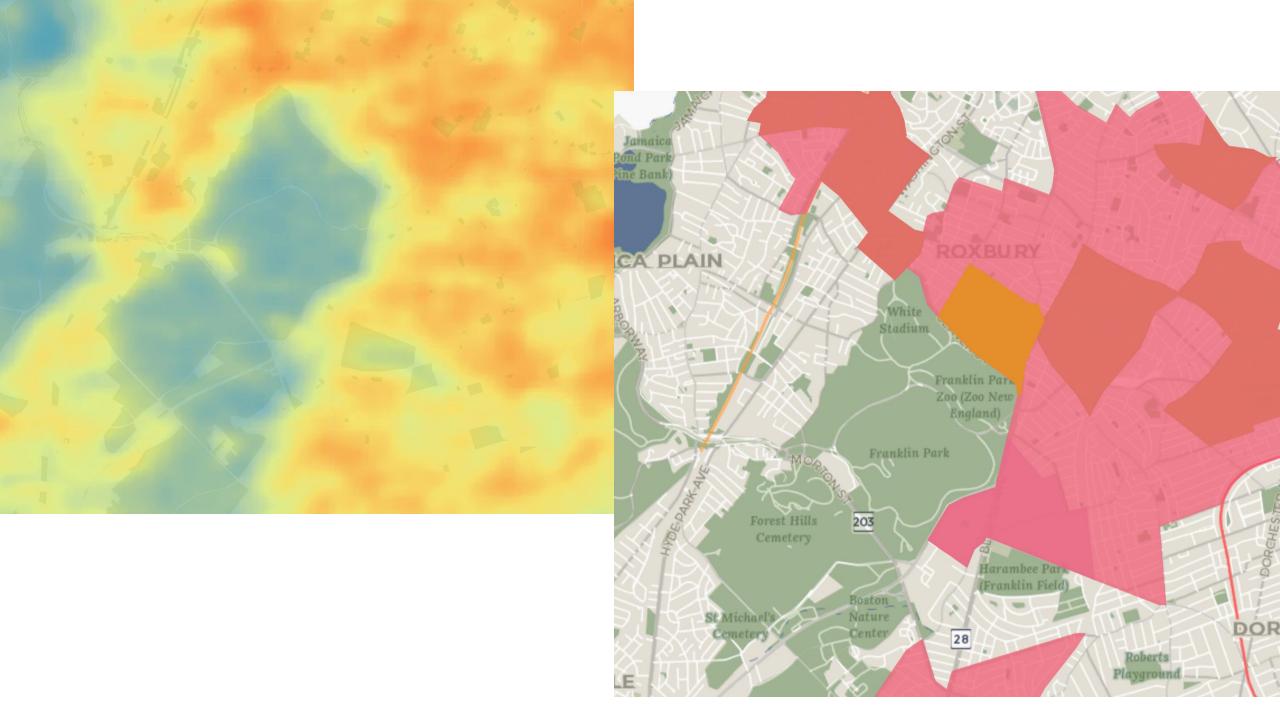
#### 2024 Grantmaking Framework & Overview



Liberty Mutual Foundation works to advance the security and resilience for people and communities. Simply stated, we are **Building Resiliency for People** and **Building Resiliency for Communities.** As a Mutual company it is at the heart of our business and the center of our community partnerships. Our Strategic Goals, Programmatic Themes, and ultimately our RFP Initiatives emerge from this framework.

Additionally, as we champion issues of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in all that we do, accessibility, is at the forefront of our approach. We prioritize community initiatives dedicated to advancing access for people with disabilities. To that end, the Foundation gives preference to organizations and

programs with thoughtful and clearly articulated plans for the inclusion of people of all abilities.



Zoo New England (ZNE) Franklin Park Zoo Department of Horticulture

Request for Proposals: RFP 24 Tree Planting and Installations at Franklin Park Zoo

Section 1 – Overview and Schedule

#### A. Executive Summary

Zoo New England's Franklin Park Zoo is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide landscape services for the planting of 250 bare root trees on their property within a 72 hour time period.

Specific tasks include the following:

- 1. Reading site plans to identify planting locations.
- 2. Reading corresponding plant labels and tags to correctly select designation locations and species.
- 3. Digging holes, preparing site, planting bare root tree, and backfilling per ANSI standards or similar.
- 4. Adding tree protection and watering equipment (such as tree watering bags) per ANSI standards or similar.
- 5. Performing all of the above work within a 72 hour time period while preventing plant material from drying out.

#### **B.** Schedule

The following table provides a Schedule of Events for this RFP through contract finalization and approval. Zoo New England (ZNE) reserves the right to amend this schedule at its sole discretion and at any time through a published Addendum.

EVENT	DATE	LOCAL TIME
RFP Released to Proposers (Advertisement)	3/01/2024	
Deadline for Submitting Proposals	3/09/2024	5:00 PM
Estimated Notification of Selection	3/13/2024	12:00 PM
Estimated Commencement of Tree Planting Project	4/8/2024	7:00 AM



# Skinner Overlook

1949 TRANS

TRANSFORMING PROPERTIES

posal #:	L2024-1145 (Franklin Park Zoo)	Date:	03/13/2024
stomer:	Zoo New England	Attn:	Josh Meyer
Address:	1 Franklin Park Rd.	Phone #:	207-233-5945
Address:	Boston, MA 02121	Email:	jmeyer@zoonewengland.org
		Submitted By:	Eric Moorehead

#### PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATE (Tree Planting Installations at Franklin Park Zoo)

This Proposal is to plant 250 bare root trees at Franklin Park Zoo in a 3-day, 72-hour period.

All 250 trees will be supplied by Zoo New England. ZNE will also be responsible for marking all tree locations prior to the start of work. ZNE will supply all soil, tree protection and watering bags.

Skinner Overlook Landscape and Design Inc agrees to supply all necessary labor and hand tools to complete this project in a 72-hour period. In the event of heavy machinery being required, upon agreement with ZNE a change order will be made for the machine and operator at a cost of \$175 per hour paid by ZNE.

Project start date: April 1, 2024.

### Why bare root?

- Value
- Aggressive canopy goals
- Supported case studies (small scale)

	Ordr Qty	Ackn Qty	Item Description	 •	. · · ·	Price	Amount
Goals / Selection Criteria	25	25	OSTRYA VIRGINIANA 1" HOP HORNBEAM		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$79.52	\$1,988.00
<ul><li>Increase canopy</li><li>Add natives</li><li>Add browse</li></ul>	25	25	QUERCUS BICOLOR 'JFS-KW12' 1.25" AMERICAN DREAM SWAMP WHITE OAK			\$82.53	\$2,063.25
	25	25	QUERCUS MACROCARPA 'JFS-KW14" 1" COBBLESTONE BUR OAK			\$75.67	\$ <b>1,</b> 891.75
<ul><li>Add enrichment</li><li>Confident in establishing</li></ul>	25	25	CATALPA SPECIOSA 1" PURPLE CATALPA			\$78.80	\$1,970.00
Colorful understory	25	25	CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS 9' HACKBERRY			\$41.75	\$1,043.75
<ul><li>Successional oak planting</li><li>Oak alternatives</li></ul>	25	25	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA 'JFS-OZ' 1.5" EMERALD CITY TULIP TREE			\$91.81	\$2,295.25
<ul> <li>Try out urban tolerant nativars</li> </ul>	25	25	ACER SACCHARUM 'LEGACY' 1.25" LEGACY SUGAR MAPLE			\$96.70	\$2,417.50
<ul> <li>Deep shade options</li> </ul>	25	25	CERCIS CANADENSIS 'UMN7101' 7 ' HEART'S DESIRE REDBUD		s <sup>-</sup>	\$78.56	\$1,964.00
	25	25	CRATAEGUS PHAENOPYRUM 5' WASHINGTON HAWTHORN			\$35.97	\$899.25
	25	25	QUERCUS BICOLOR 1" SWAMP WHITE OAK	· · · · ·		\$63.70	\$1,592.50
	25	25	BETULA NIGRA 'CITY SLICKER' 5' CITY SLICKER BIRCH			\$23.17	\$579.25
BIGELOW	25	25	MALUS 'DONALD WYMAN' 1" DONALD WYMAN CRAB			\$52.58	\$1,314.50
NURSERIES	300	300			NET AMOUN + FREIGH TAX EXEMP	Г	\$20,019.00 \$420.00

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\$20,439,00

TOTAL



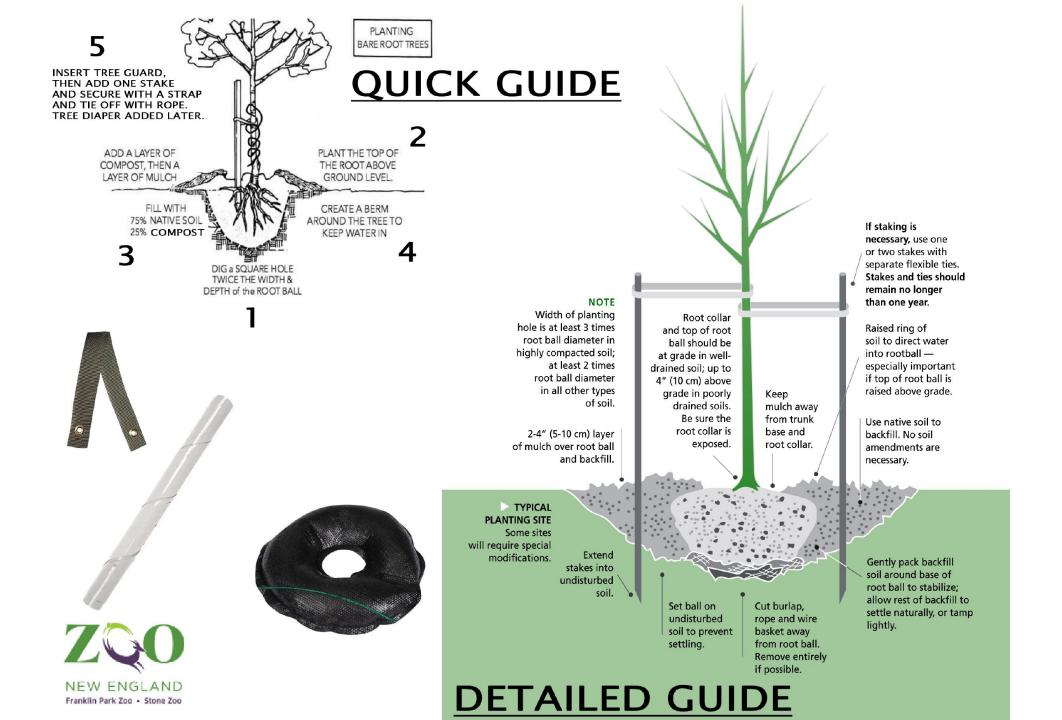


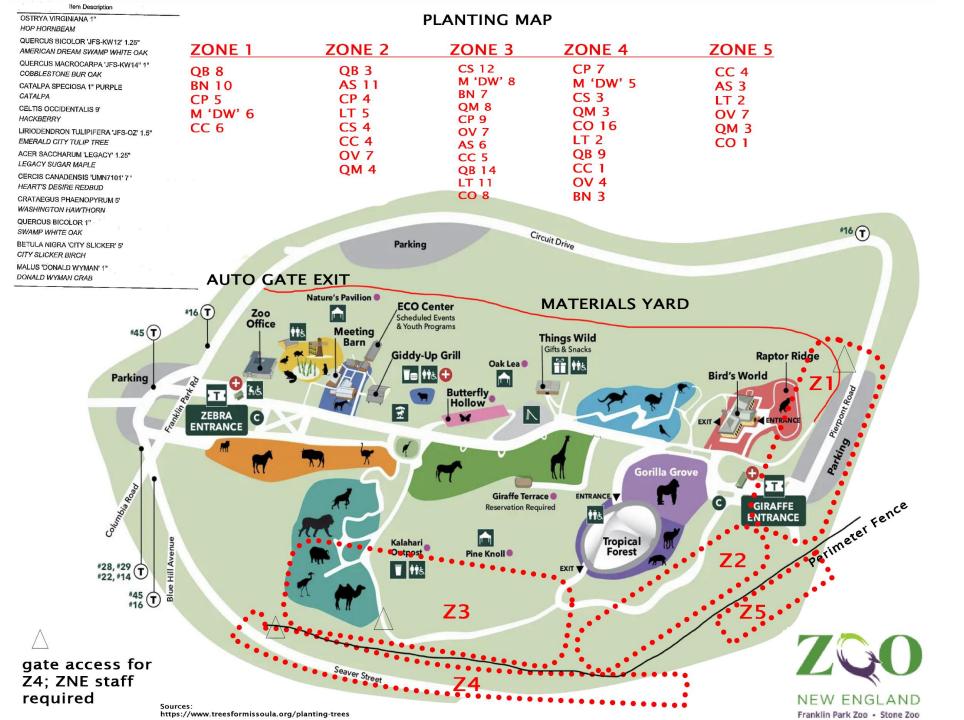












## **Five Month Progress**

#### Report

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## Recommended Bare Root Install?

Yes

Yes, but water well!

No

Yes

Yes

Yes, but water well!

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes, but water well!

Yes

Yes

#### **Observations**

Does ok in shade

Needs consistent watering; some sun

Did not establish well

Took long to leaf out. Patience

Can take sun or shade / tough sites

Did not do well if neglected

Cultivar establishes well

Takes all conditions

Flowered/seeded first year; has rust

Needs consistent watering; some sun

Leaf drop when dry

Flowered/seeded first year; has rust





# Looking Ahead.....

-Orchid Show February 2025 -Bonsai Show summer 2025

-Planting more trees!





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