OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Open space and outdoor recreation have many benefits for both people and the environment. Research has shown that increased access to open space can help improve both mental and physical health, and increased green space and tree canopy can help the city's natural resources by reducing the urban heat island effect and helping manage storm water runoff. Boston has a long history of prioritizing open space, with the Boston Common being the country's oldest public park. Residents enjoy hundreds of neighborhood parks, playgrounds, courts, fields, trails and urban wilds that provide open space and recreation opportunities.



Evergreen Cemetery Open Space and Recreation 2018

Allston-Brighton

• 2060 Commonwealth Ave, Brighton, MA 02135

CPA Award: \$370,000

Description of Project:

Repave paths to older gravesites; replace broken portions of perimeter iron fence and iron gate.





Shade-Structures on Spectacle Island Open Space and Recreation 2018

Boston Harbor

• Spectacle Island, Boston Harbor

CPA Award: \$48,720

Description of Project:

Creation of three portable shade structures on Spectacle Island.





Mary Hemenway Playground Open Space and Recreation 2018

Dorchester

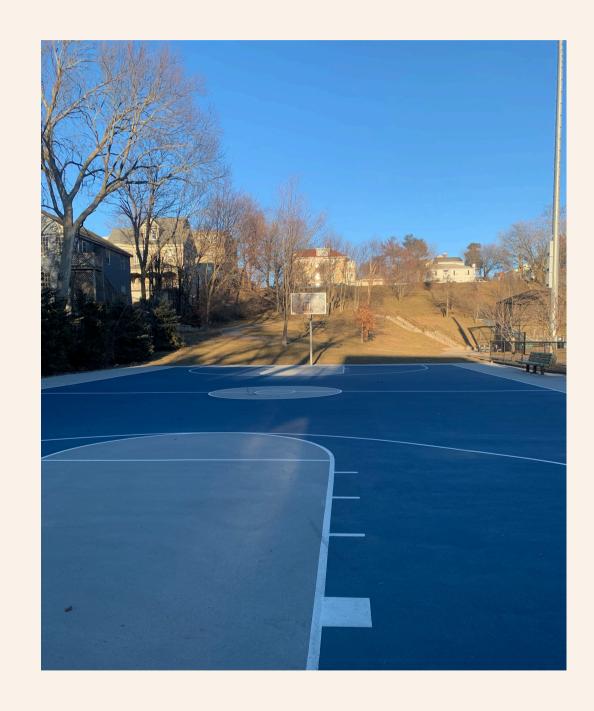
• 540 Adams St, Boston, MA 02122

CPA Award: \$92,063

Description of Project:

Full-depth renovation to Hemenway Playground basketball courts.





Talbot-Norfolk Triangle Garden Open Space and Recreation 2018

Dorchester

• 106 Norfolk St, Boston, MA 02124

CPA Award: \$30,000

Description of Project:

Install water and irrigation system in a local children's community learning garden.





Belle Isle Marsh Open Space and Recreation 2018

East Boston

• 1399 Bennington St, Boston, MA 02128

CPA Award: \$5,000

Description of Project:

Plant 125 trees to replace damaged and destroyed vegetation.





James Otis School Playground Open Space and Recreation 2018

East Boston

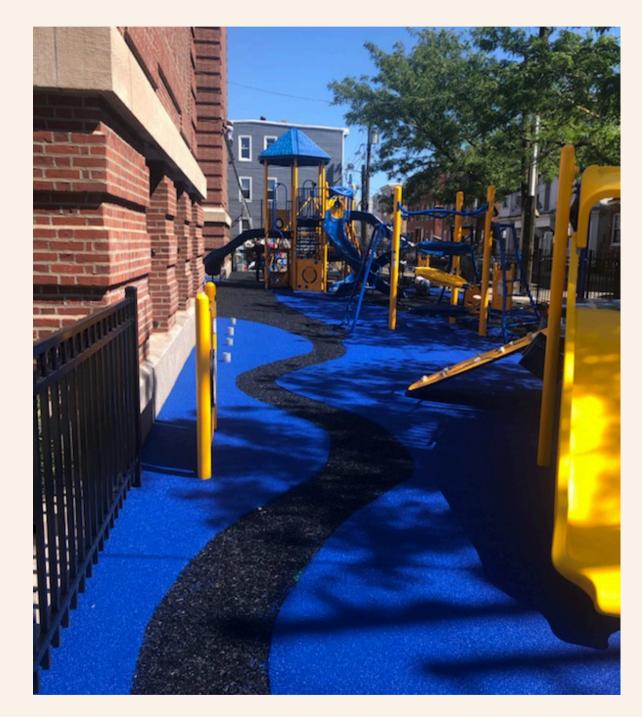
• 218 Marion St, Boston, MA 02128

CPA Award: \$456,000

Description of Project:

Build a playground at the James Otis Elementary School in East Boston.





We Grow Microgreens Urban Farm Path Open Space and Recreation 2018

Hyde Park

• 21 Norton St, Boston, MA 02136

CPA Award: \$134,700

Description of Project:

Build seating path through urban farm to connect neighborhoods and adjacent parks along the Neponset River.





Olmsted Park Open Space and Recreation 2018

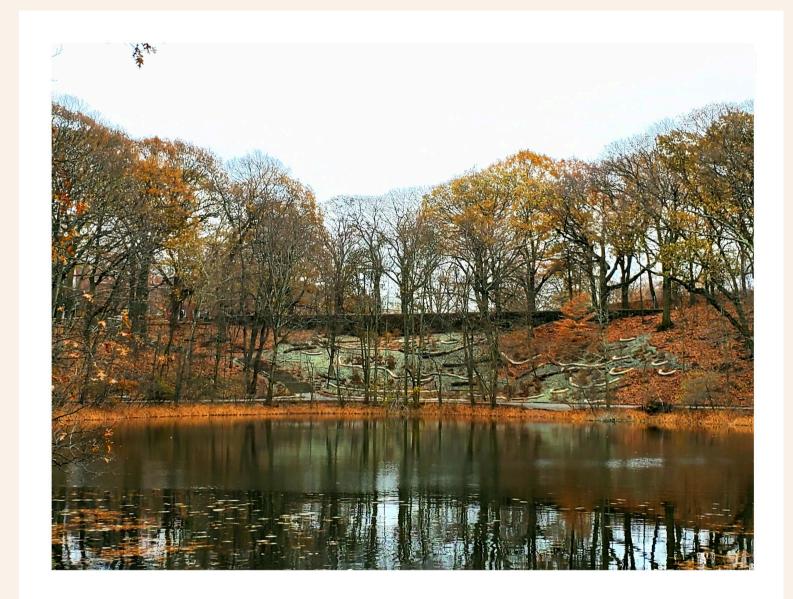
Jamaica Plain

• 217 Jamaicaway, Boston, MA 02130

CPA Award: \$352,000

Description of Project:

Restore paths, stairs, and woodland areas of Olmsted Park in the Emerald Necklace. Built between 1870-1880 and established in 1891, the park was originally designed to incorporate a series of small ponds and was known as Leverett Park. It was renamed after the designer Frederick Law Olmsted in 1900.





Healy Field Community Garden Open Space and Recreation 2018

Roslindale

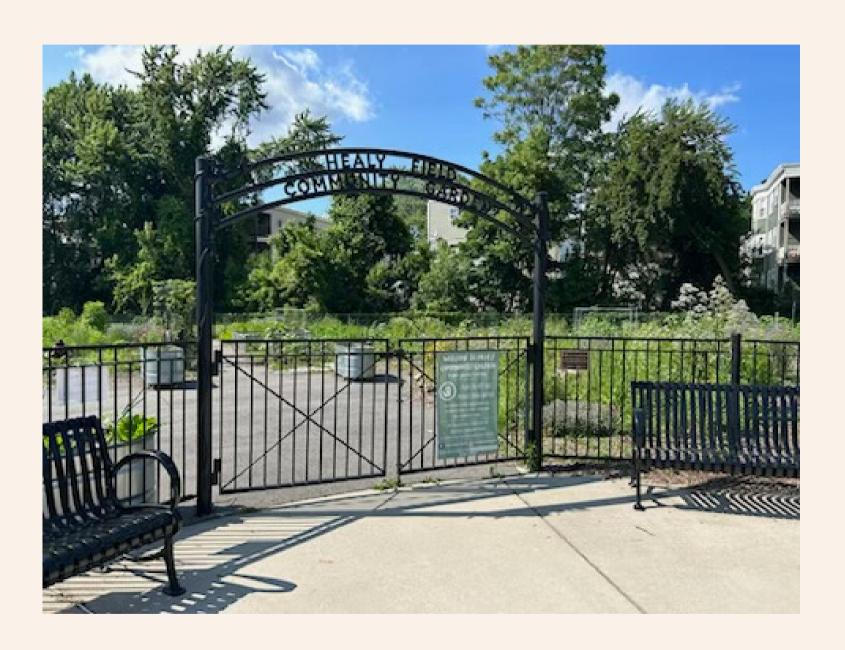
• 50 Firth Rd, Boston, MA 02131

CPA Award: \$175,000

Description of Project:

Build a community garden which includes a community gathering space, 84 garden beds, and individualized plots.





Mt. Hope Cemetery Open Space and Recreation 2018

Roslindale

• 355 Walk Hill St, Boston, MA 02131

CPA Award: \$5,000

Description of Project:

Replace decaying trees within the 120-acre historic garden cemetery.





Delphine's Courtyard Open Space and Recreation 2018

Roxbury

• 2040 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02119

CPA Award: \$200,00

Description of Project:

Create community greenspace with benches, game tables, and permaculture landscaping adjacent to the Egleston Branch Library.





Edna V. Bynoe Park / Orchard Park Open Space and Recreation 2018

Roxbury

• 2040 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02119

CPA Award: \$217,444

Description of Project:

Full-depth renovation to the tennis court, basketball court and two half basketball courts.





Higginson School Playground Open Space and Recreation 2018

Roxbury

• 160 Harrishof St, Roxbury, MA 02119

CPA Award: \$500,000

Description of Project:

Build a two-level playground with equipment for children of all ages at the Henry L. Higginson School in Roxbury.





Harry McDonough Sailing Center Open Space and Recreation 2018

South Boston

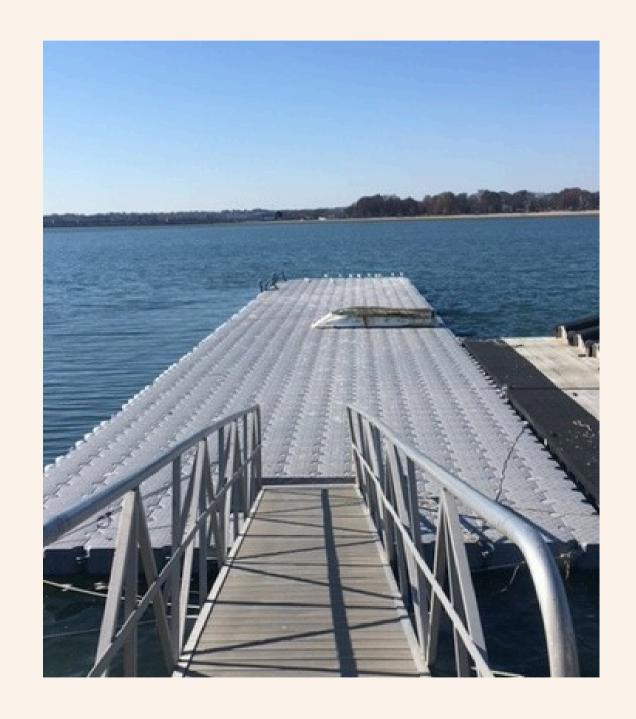
• Castle Island, South Boston, MA 02127

CPA Award: \$78,783

Description of Project:

Purchase and install new dock.





Martin's Park Open Space and Recreation 2018

South Boston

• 64 Sleeper St, Boston, MA 02210

CPA Award: \$500,000

Description of Project:

Add universally accessible playground equipment to a new public playground.







Charles River Esplanade Tree-Planting Open Space and Recreation 2019

Beacon Hill

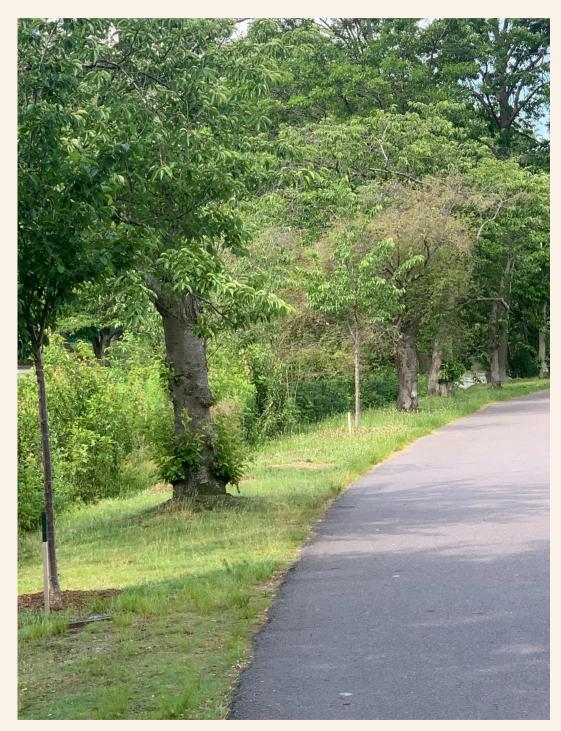
• The Charles River Esplanade

CPA Award: \$27,000

Description of Project:

To support the planting and management of the Charles River Esplanade trees, a key component of the City's effort to support and expand the tree canopy.





Gardens for Charlestown Open Space and Recreation 2019

Charlestown

• 444 Main St, Charlestown, MA 02129

CPA Award: \$6,000

Description of Project:

Replace informational signs to the Gardens for Charlestown, the only community garden in Boston always open to the public.





Kelly-McGoff Park Open Space and Recreation 2019

Charlestown

• 23 Prospect St, Boston, MA 02129

CPA Award: \$20,000

Description of Project:

Add new sod, benches, and fencing for Kelly-McGoff Park, a public park maintained by a mixed-income homeowners association.





Coppen's Square - DESIGN ONLY Open Space and Recreation 2019

Dorchester

• 325 Bowdoin St, Boston, MA 02124

CPA Award: \$100,000

Description of Project:

To design the renovation of Coppen's Square with a fountain, plaza, and landscaping. Coppen/Eaton Square is the site of the Lyman Memorial Fountain, commissioned in the 19th century by Nahum Capen in honor of Boston Mayor Theodore Lyman, Jr.





Farmer's Collaborative / Geneva Food Forest Open Space and Recreation 2019

Dorchester

• 424 Geneva Ave, Dorchester, MA 02122

CPA Award: \$75,000

Description of Project:

To renovate an empty lot to grow food with raised beds, an arbor, and fruit trees near Fields Corner.





Garvey Playground Open Space and Recreation 2019

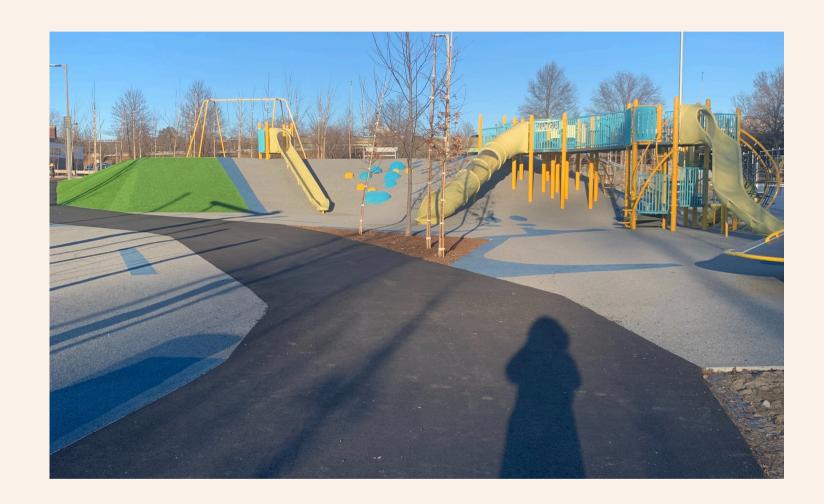
Dorchester

• 340 Neponset Ave, Boston, MA 02122

CPA Award: \$790,000

Description of Project:

Complete renovation of the playground with active use areas and a community-requested dog park.





Geneva Ave / Grove Hall Park - DESIGN ONLY Open Space and Recreation 2019

Dorchester

• 40-54 Geneva Ave, Boston, MA 02121

CPA Award: \$140,000

Description of Project:

Plan and design a new park in the center of Grove Hall, across from the Jeremiah E. Burke High School, Grove Hall Branch Library, and Grove Hall Community Center.



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Lee School Playground Open Space and Recreation 2019

Dorchester

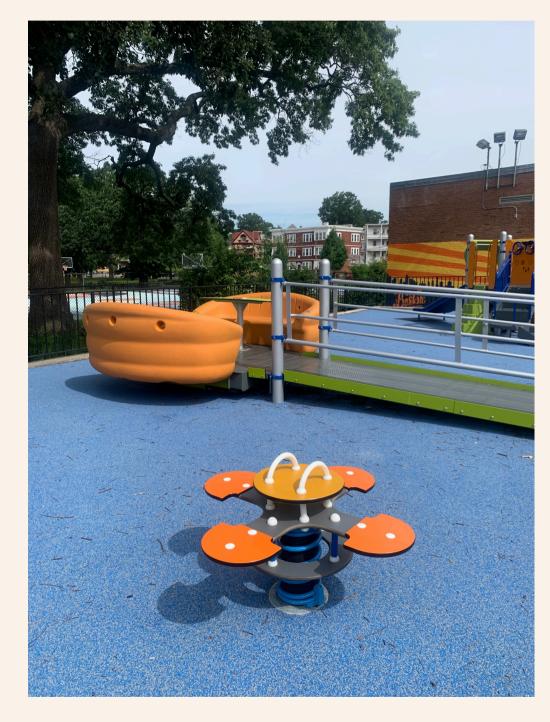
• 155 Talbot Ave, Boston, MA 02124

CPA Award: \$850,000

Description of Project:

To build a new playground for the Joseph Lee K-8 School that offers a specialized program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.





Lena Park Playground Open Space and Recreation 2019

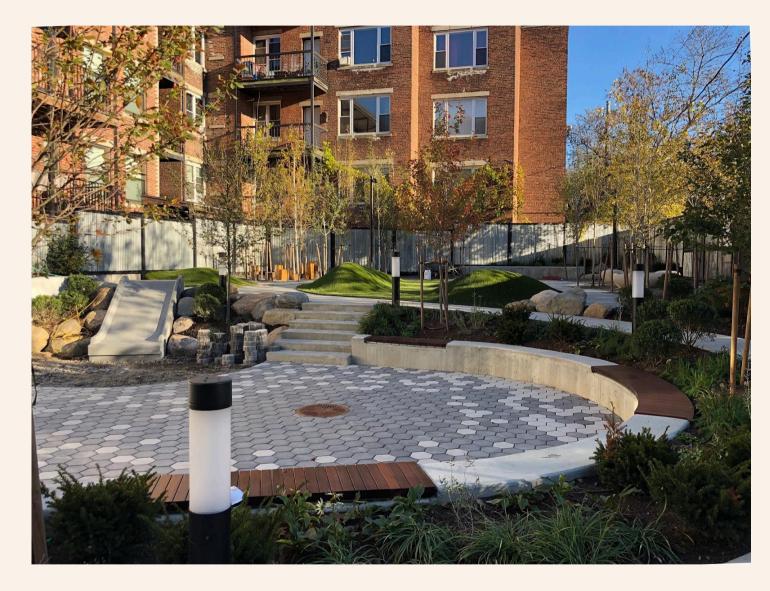
Dorchester

• 1756 Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester, MA 02121

CPA Award: \$600,000

Description of Project:

To build a new park for family day care programs and community events adjacent to Lena Park's affordable housing units.





E. Boston Early Education Center Playground Open Space and Recreation 2019

East Boston

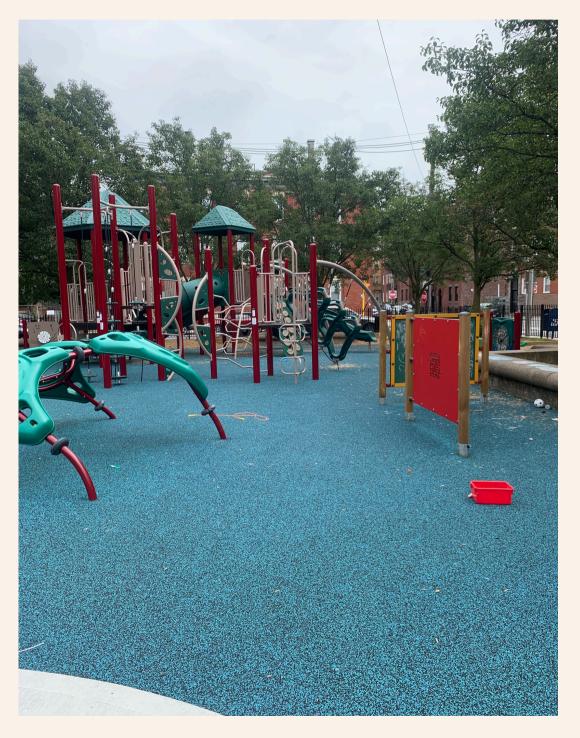
• 135 Gove St, Boston, MA 02128

CPA Award: \$600,000

Description of Project:

Build a new playground at the East Boston Early Education Center with rubber surfaces and accessible play structures.





Eastie Dock / LoPresti Park - DESIGN ONLY Open Space and Recreation 2019

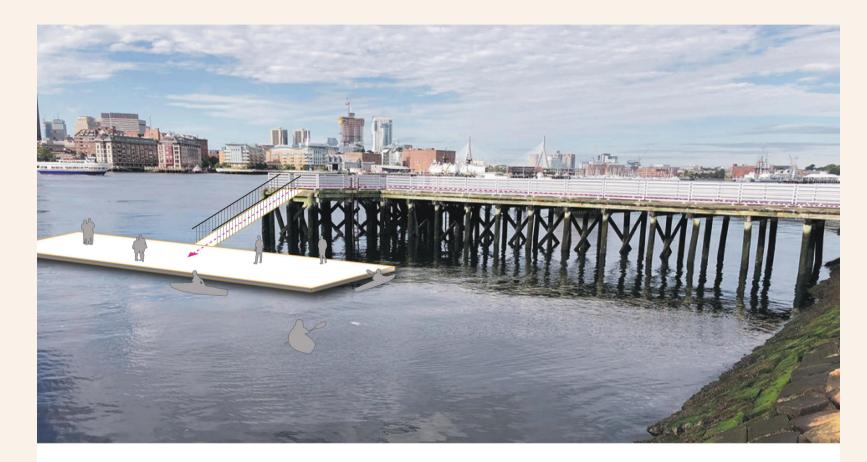
East Boston

• 33 Sumner St, Boston, MA 02128

CPA Award: \$300,000 (price needs to be adjusted)

Description of Project:

Construct a public access dock and dock house in a busy shoreline park to create equitable access to the Boston Harbor and for coastal educational and recreational programming.







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Orient Heights Park Open Space and Recreation 2019

East Boston

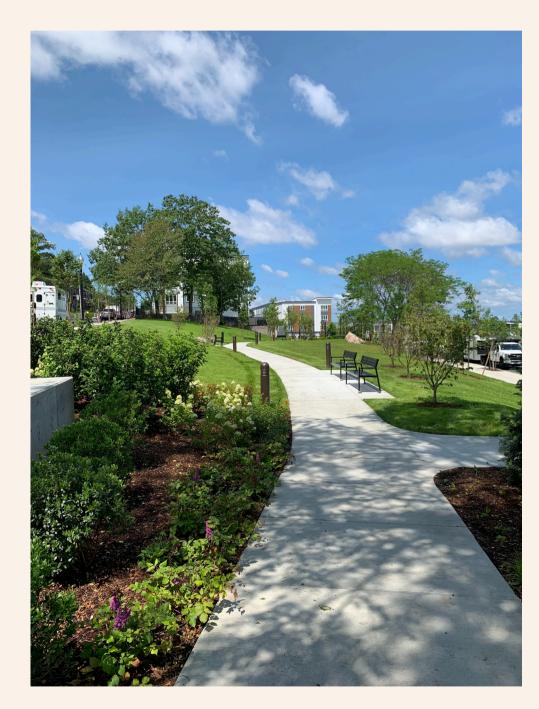
• Faywood Ave. & Vallar Rd, Boston, MA 02128

CPA Award: \$500,000

Description of Project:

Design and Construction of a .5-acre within an approximately .75 acre public park providing muchneeded outdoor recreational and passive green space to the residents of Orient Heights. Planned features include permanent furnishings and plantings, walkways, a plaza, lighting, and an irrigation system.





Charlesgate Park Transformation - DESIGN ONLY Open Space and Recreation 2019

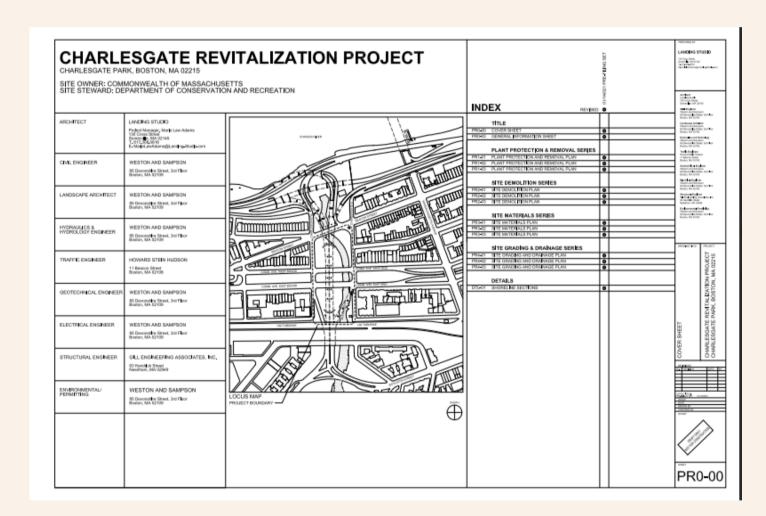
Fenway/Kenmore

• Between Charlesgate East / West, & Storrow Drive / Mass. Turnpike

CPA Award: \$400,000

Description of Project:

The design for the proposed renovated 5-acre Charlesgate Park located between the Massachusetts Turnpike and Beacon Street, between the Back Bay and Kenmore neighborhoods.





Hyde Park Library Garden Open Space and Recreation 2019

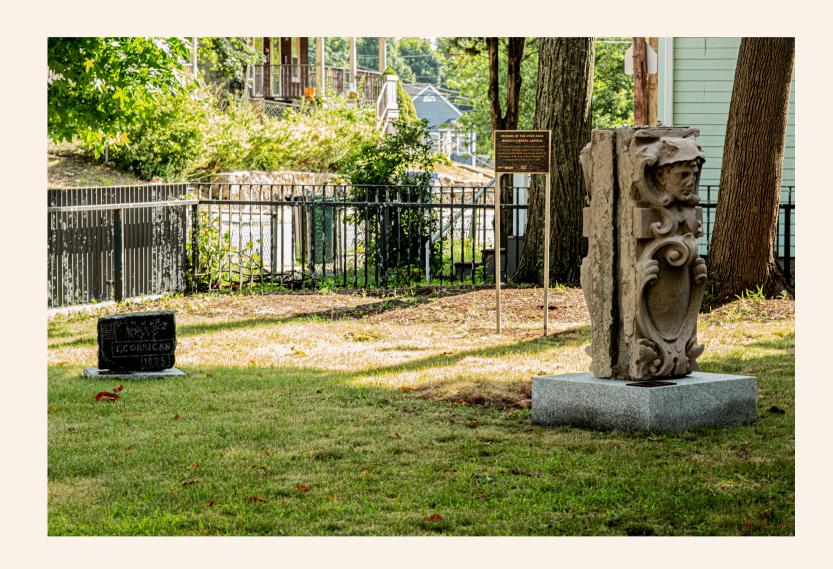
Hyde Park

• 35 Harvard Ave, Hyde Park, MA 02136

CPA Award: \$20,000

Description of Project:

Creation of seating area on the library grounds with benches and landscaping, which will include the restoration and display of historic cornices, at the Hyde Park Library.





Menino YMCA Open Space and Recreation 2019

Hyde Park

• 1137 River St, Hyde Park, MA 02136

CPA Award: \$450,000

Description of Project:

Create a community recreation and healthy living outdoor space with play and exercise structures, behind the Menino YMCA in Hyde Park.





Mildred Hailey Playground Open Space and Recreation 2019

Jamaica Plain

• 60 Bickford St, Boston, MA 02130

CPA Award: \$498,000

Description of Project:

To build a new playground adjacent to the Martha Eliot Health Center, Boston Housing Authority Mildred Hailey Apartments, and Jackson Square shops.





Astoria Farm Open Space and Recreation 2019

Mattapan

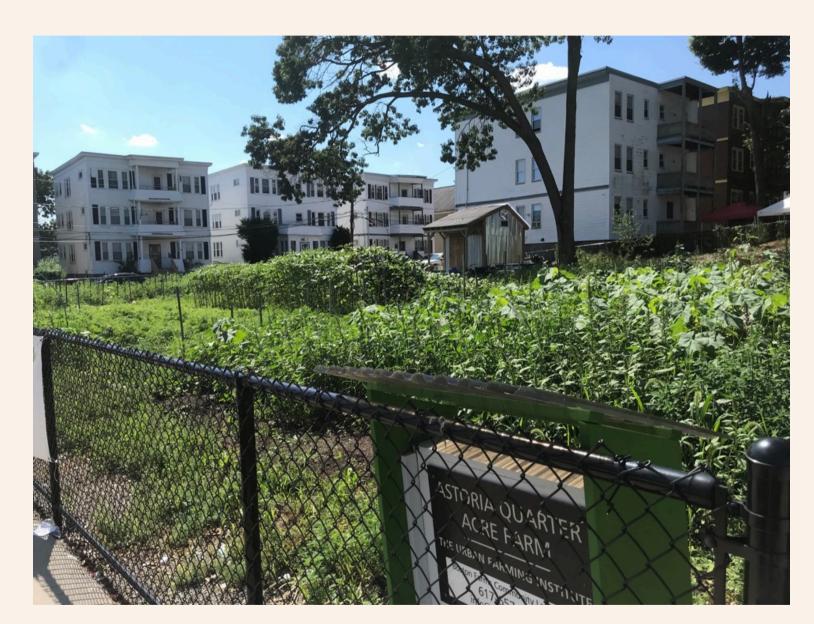
• 11-15 & 19-21 Flint St, Boston, MA 02126

CPA Award: \$135,000

Description of Project:

The construction of a new urban farm for healthy food production and farming activities.





Walker Playground / Norfolk Park Open Space and Recreation 2019

Mattapan

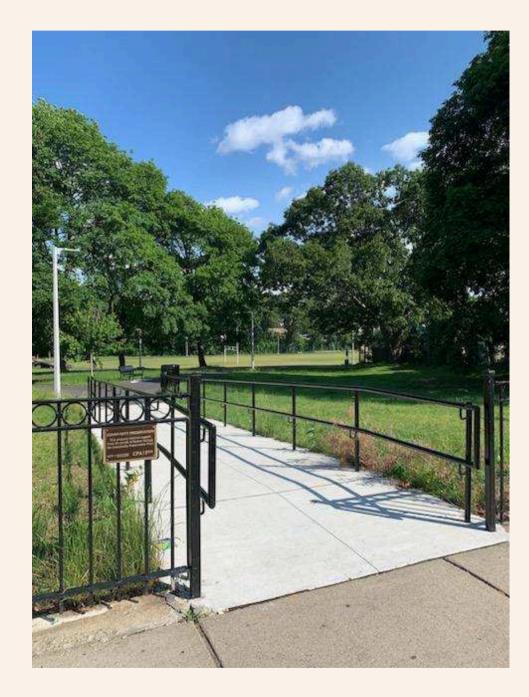
• 550 Norfolk St, Boston, MA 02126

CPA Award: \$680,000

Description of Project:

Renovation of the natural grass playing field and walking path to the forthcoming Walker Playground/Norfolk Park children's play area reconstruction project.





Langone Park / Puopolo Playground Open Space and Recreation 2019

North End

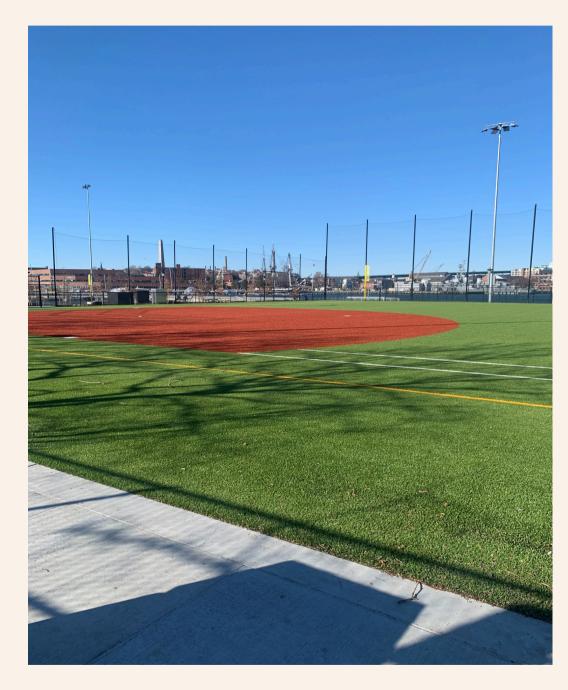
• 517-543 Commercial St, Boston, MA 02109

CPA Award: \$1,000,000

Description of Project:

Gap funding for renovation of the only park with an athletic field in the North End - add modifications to accommodate expected sea level rise at this harbor front park.





Paula Titus Park - DESIGN ONLY Open Space and Recreation 2019

Roxbury

• 66 Fort Ave, Boston, MA 02119

CPA Award: \$35,000

Description of Project:

Design a new passive park on a vacant parcel.





Peter's Park Open Space and Recreation 2019

South End

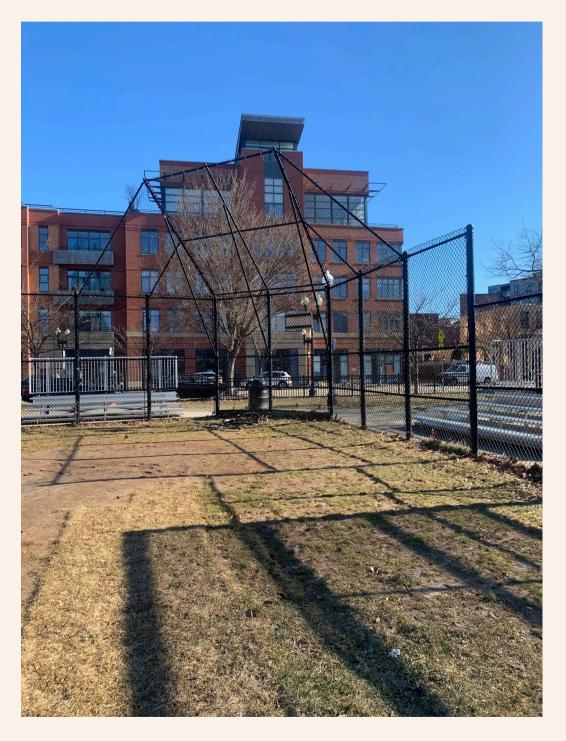
• 230 Shawmut Ave, Boston, MA 02118

CPA Award: \$146,000

Description of Project:

Complete park renovation, includes path restoration and athletic features for local youth sports.







Charles River Esplanade Tree-Planting Open Space and Recreation 2020

Back Bay

• The Charles River Esplanade

CPA Award: \$10,000

Description of Project:

Implement second year of Tree Management Plan: Plant 29 new trees and restore some of the original Arthur Shurcliff landscape design elements.







Henderson School Playground Open Space and Recreation 2020

Dorchester

• 1669 Dorchester Ave, Boston, MA 02124

CPA Award: \$730,000

Description of Project:

To build a new, fully accessible playground and school-yard on its lower campus.





Magnolia Street Garden Open Space and Recreation 2020

Dorchester

• 26 Magnolia St, Boston, MA 02125

CPA Award: \$150,000

Description of Project:

To develop a permanent community garden and neighborhood plaza after serving as an informal gardening space for several years.





Harry Ellis Dickson Park Open Space and Recreation 2020

Fenway / Kenmore

• Edgerly Rd. & Westland Ave, Boston, MA 02115

CPA Award: \$35,000

Description of Project:

Partial funding for installation of an irrigation system for a community-maintained pocket park in the Fenway.





Mt. Hope Cemetery Open Space and Recreation 2020

Roslindale

• 355 Walk Hill St, Roslindale 02131

CPA Award: \$5,000

Description of Project:

To plant trees and increase Boston's tree canopy in this historic burying ground on the border with Mattapan.





Oasis at Bartlett Arts Park Open Space and Recreation 2020

Roxbury

• Bartlett Station Dr, Boston, MA 02119

CPA Award: \$250,000

Description of Project:

To create a new arts park for the community and for the residents of Bartlett Yard, a new affordable housing community near Nubian Square.





Barnard Place Park Open Space and Recreation 2020

South Boston

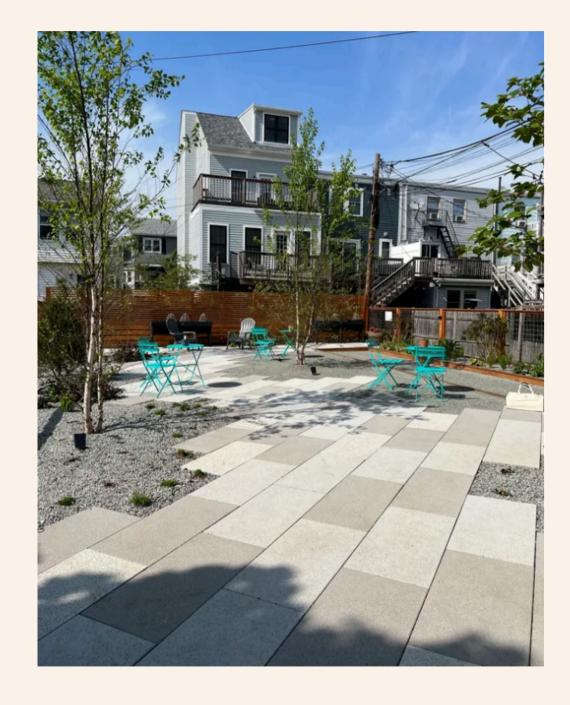
• 603R E 2nd St, South Boston, MA 02127

CPA Award: \$150,000

Description of Project:

Final design, site work, and landscape planting to transform a vacant lot into a pocket park for community use with planting beds, benches, and a bocce court.





Brook Farm Historic Site Open Space and Recreation 2020

West Roxbury

• 670 Baker St, West Roxbury, MA 02132

CPA Award: \$20,000

Description of Project:

Funding for an archaeology dig and landscape improvements. Brook Farm is the site of the transcendentalist experiment in the 1840's.







Charles River Esplanade Open Space and Recreation 2021

Beacon Hill

• The Charles River Esplanade

CPA Award: \$14,241

Description of Project:

Plant 45 trees on the Esplanade to improve tree canopy in the City of Boston.





Chin Park Open Space and Recreation 2021

Chinatown

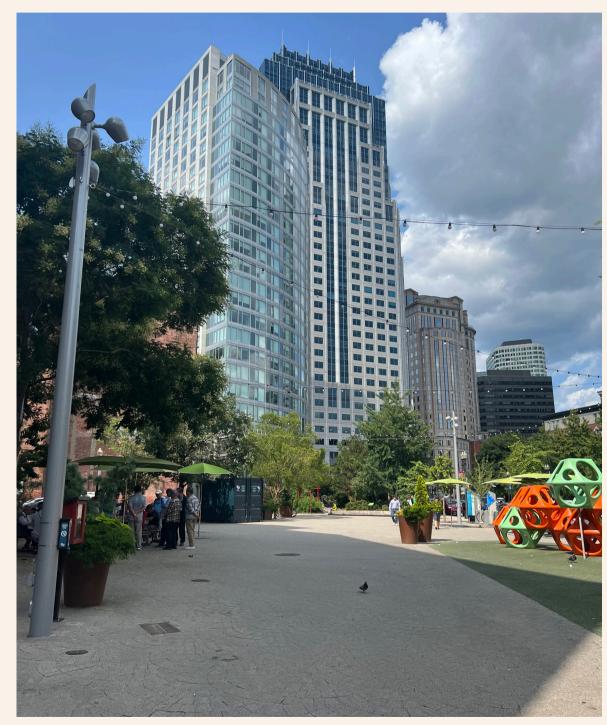
• 34W Lincoln St, Boston, MA 02111

CPA Award: \$250,000

Description of Project:

Addition of six pole top lighting fixtures, new catenary light fixtures, installation of fixtures and capital improvements to Chin Park.





Cedar Grove Cemetery Open Space and Recreation 2021

Dorchester

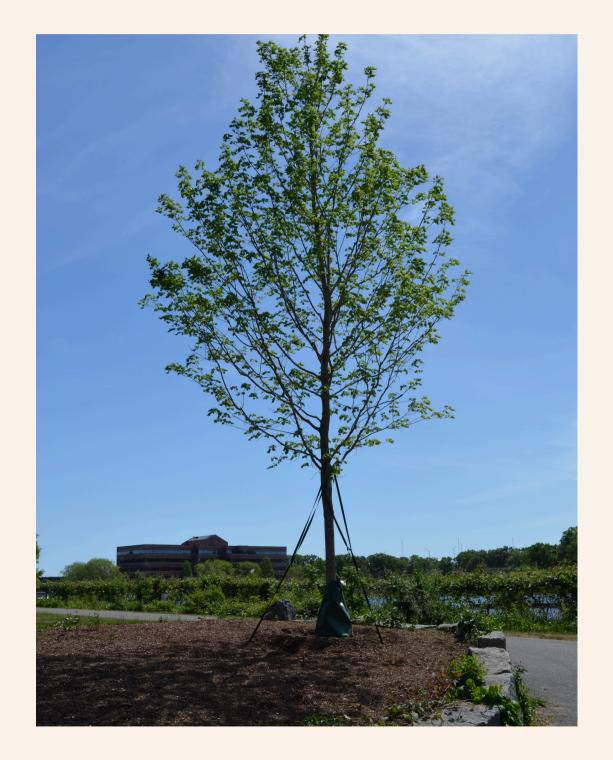
• 920 Adams St, Dorchester, MA, 02124

CPA Award: \$50,000

Description of Project:

Replacement of trees due to age and the planting of perimeter trees and arborvitae to frame new sections.





Dudley Village Playground Open Space and Recreation 2021

Dorchester

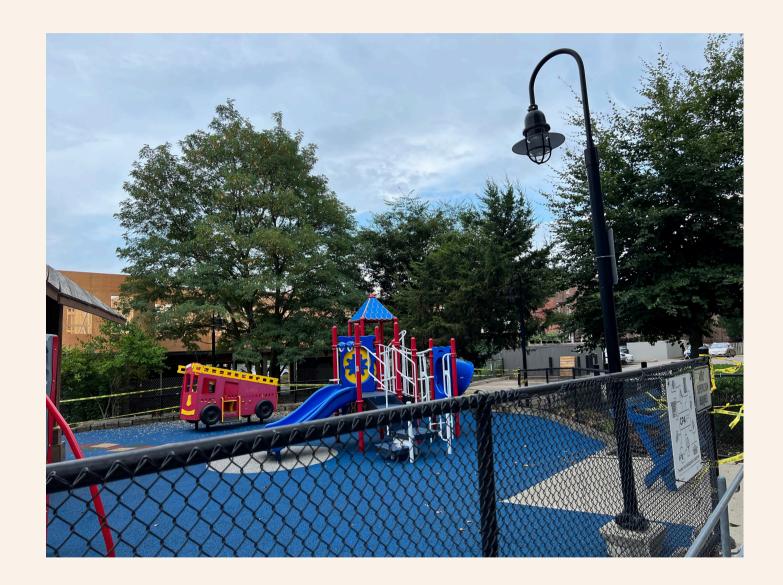
• 590 Dudley St, Dorchester, MA 02125

CPA Award: \$25,000

Description of Project:

Resurface an actively used playground to provide quality and healthy outdoor space at Dudley Village.





Westville Urban Farm Open Space and Recreation 2021

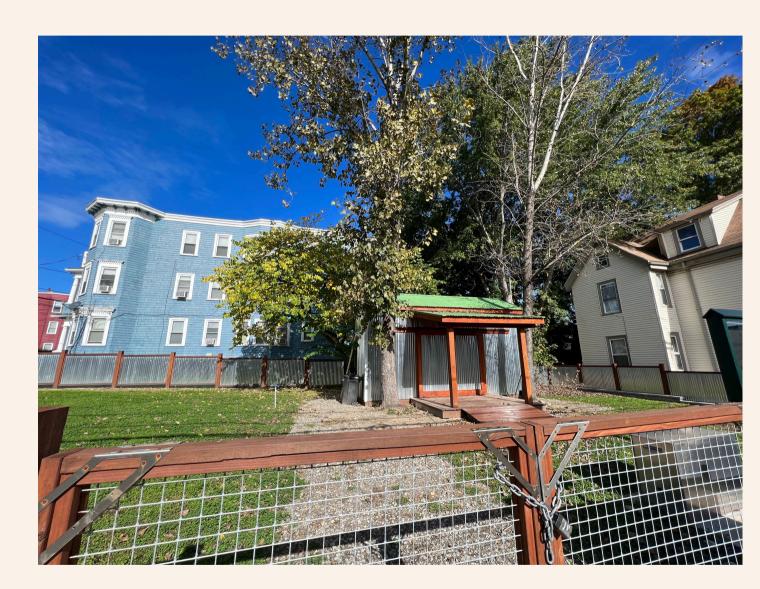
Dorchester

• 100-106 Westville St, Dorchester, MA, 02124

CPA Award: \$150,000

Description of Project:

Design and construction of a distressed lot to create a commercial and community urban farm at Westville Urban Farm. The project includes the growing beds, water hookups, fences, a shed, storm water systems, and other infrastructure improvements.





City Water at 6 Chelsea Terrace Open Space and Recreation 2021

Eats Boston

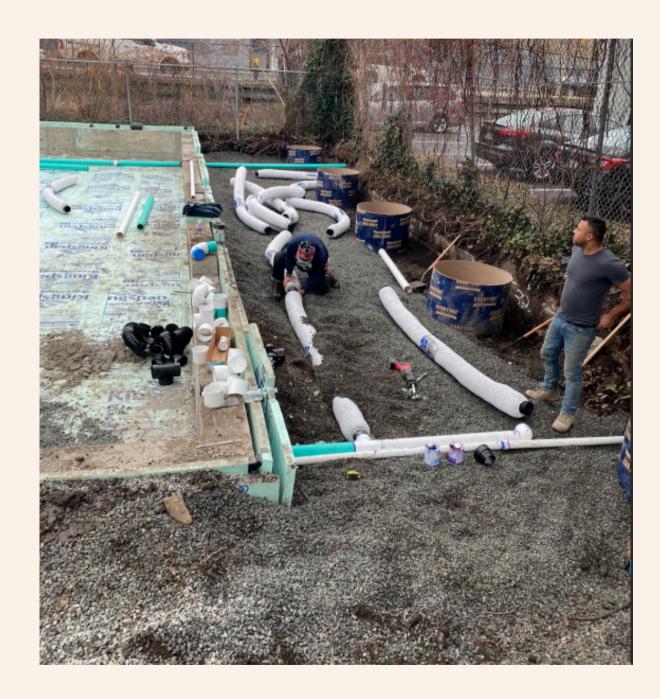
• 6 Chelsea Terrace, Boston, MA 02128

CPA Award: \$50,000

Description of Project:

Design and water installation in an urban community garden for successful crop growth to make recreational land more functional for the intended use.





Muddy River Watergoat Initiative Open Space and Recreation 2021

Fenway / Kenmore

• Between Ipswich St, Storrow Drive, & Charlesgate East / West

CPA Award: \$40,000

Description of Project:

To fund the design, permitting, and capital improvement costs associated with the Installation of two permanent stakes into the banks of the Muddy River. These stakes will secure a watergoat, which is a trash reduction device tethered across the river to capture debris and help protect the Muddy River from injury, harm, or destruction.





Factory Hill Park Open Space and Recreation 2021

Hyde Park

• Town St, Boston, MA 02136

CPA Award: \$300,000

Description of Project:

Infrastructure improvements, site preparations, path improvements, and furnishings to rehabilitate the Factory Hill Park.





Moynihan Playground Open Space and Recreation 2021

Hyde Park

• 920 Truman Pkwy, Hyde Park, MA 02136

CPA Award: \$200,000

Description of Project:

Rehabilitation of Moynihan Playground, including design and construction of site improvements.





We Grow Microgreens Open Space and Recreation 2021

Hyde Park

• 21 Norton St, Boston, MA 02136

CPA Award: \$12,507

Description of Project:

Install watering drip irrigation system along community walking path to ensure growth of shrubs, plants and small trees.





Brooke Mattapan Athletic Fields & Playgrounds Open Space and Recreation 2021

Mattapan

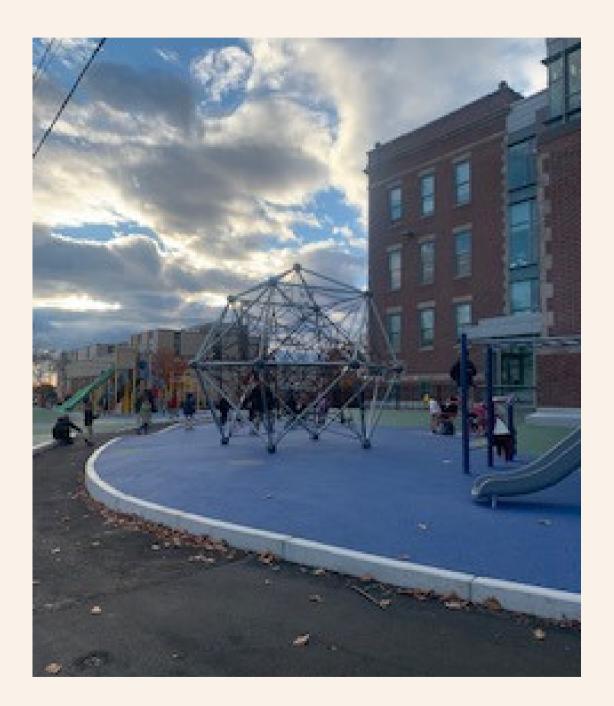
• 150 American Legion Hwy, Boston, MA 02124

CPA Award: \$100,000

Description of Project:

Site work to redesign, expand, and rehabilitate the multi-purpose recreational space behind the Brooke Charter School and Lena Park Community Center for active use.





Oasis at Bartlett Arts Park Open Space and Recreation 2021

Roxbury

• Bartlett Station Dr, Boston, MA 02119

CPA Award: \$200,000

Description of Project:

Creation of an arts park and greenspace to serve the new Bartlett Yard affordable housing community, local artists and Roxbury residents.





Winthrop Community Garden Open Space and Recreation 2021

Roxbury

• 25 Winthrop St, Boston, MA 02119

CPA Award: \$180,000

Description of Project:

Expand and renovate the Winthrop Community Garden in Roxbury to improve visitor experience, visitation and program participation. The proposed project will double the capacity of the existing garden.





Castle Island & Pleasure Bay Signs Open Space and Recreation 2021

South Boston

• Castle Island, South Boston, MA 02127

CPA Award: \$75,000

Description of Project:

Design and construction of interpretive signs to celebrate the history and environment of this location. The interpretive signs will be placed along the Harborwalk at Castle Island and Pleasure Bay in South Boston.





Cammarata Little League Open Space and Recreation 2021

West Roxbury

• 2 Dow Rd, Boston, MA 02132

CPA Award: \$350,000

Description of Project:

Site demolition and construction of a new little league field that will host cross-neighborhood tournament games within the City of Boston.







Charles River Esplanade Open Space and Recreation 2022

Beacon Hill

• The Charles River Esplanade

CPA Award: \$18,810

Description of Project:

For a multi-year improvement project to plant approximately 50 trees on the Esplanade from 2022 to 2023.





Warren-Prescott K-8 School Open Space and Recreation 2022

Charlestown

• 50 School St, Charlestown, MA 02129

CPA Award: \$1,000,000

Description of Project:

To restore and redesign the decades-old Warren-Prescott K-8 school play structure and outdoor playspace, which serves as the primary playground for over 500 public school students.





Garden at Magnolia Open Space and Recreation 2022

Dorchester

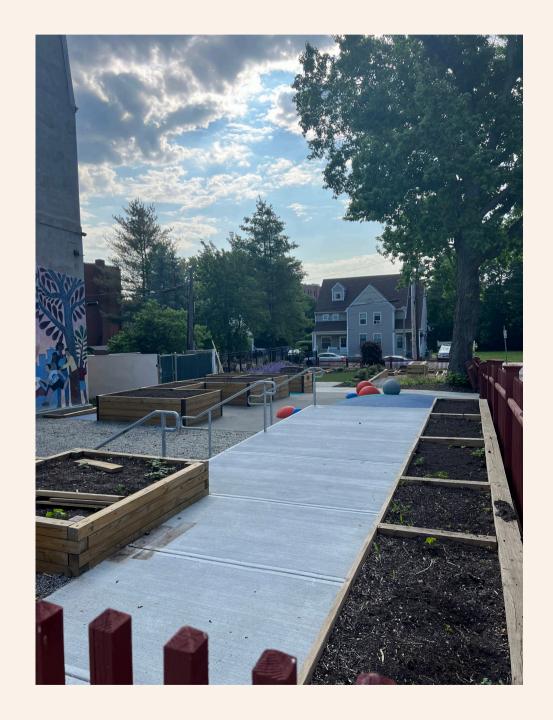
• 6 Magnolia St, Boston, MA 02125

CPA Award: \$94,961

Description of Project:

The continued construction to help complete a new community garden, lawn, perennial beds, and children's garden in Upham's Corner.





6 Chelsea Terrace Secret Garden Open Space and Recreation 2022

East Boston

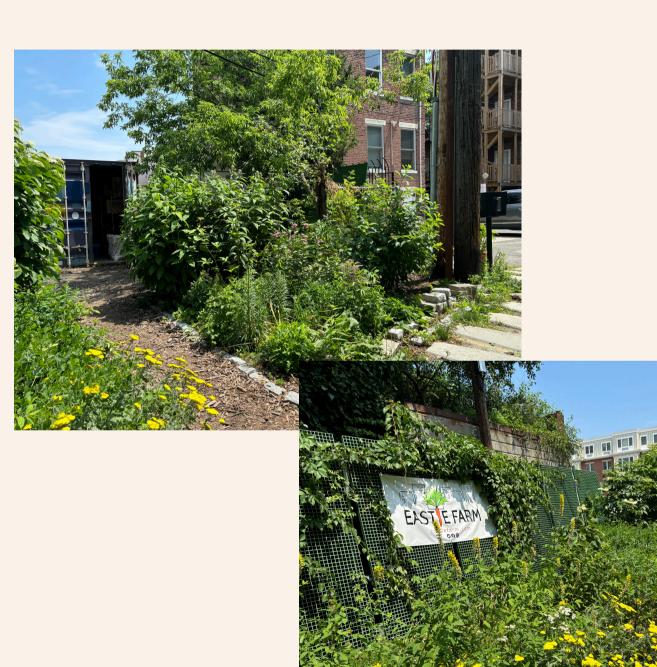
• 6 Chelsea Terrace, Boston, MA 02128

CPA Award: \$225,000

Description of Project:

For the creation of recreational space, funding critical improvements to a blighted lot to make it a functional community garden with seating and a public path.





Sherrin Woods Trailhead and Wetland Buffer Restoration Open Space and Recreation 2022

Hyde Park

• 62 Sherrin St, Boston, MA 02136

CPA Award: \$250,000

Description of Project:

For the rehabilitation and restoration of the degraded portions of the property at the Sherrin Street entrance, street side, and adjacent wetland buffers.





Edgewater Food Forest Open Space and Recreation 2022

Mattapan

• 640 River St and Burmah St, Boston, MA 02126

CPA Award: \$104,369

Description of Project:

For the creation of new community food forest on a vacant 11,816 SF property for active and passive recreational use including the development of a community garden, trails, and park space.





Barnard Place Park Open Space and Recreation 2022

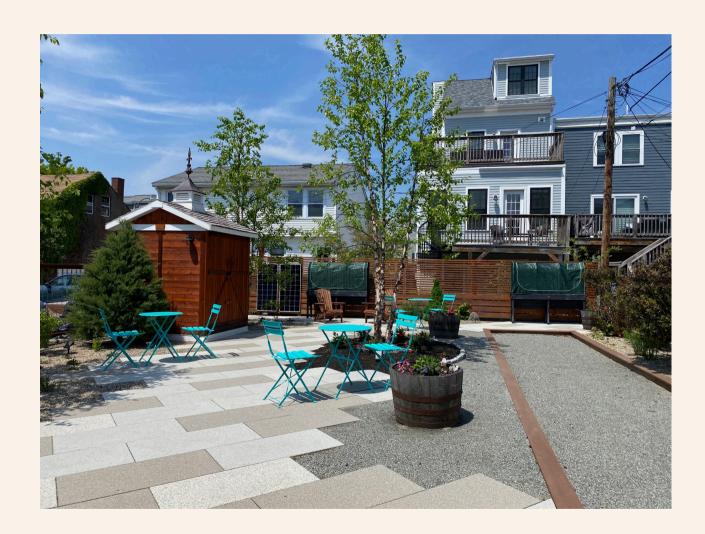
South Boston

• 603R E 2nd St, South Boston, MA 02127

CPA Award: \$18,810

Description of Project:

For the continued capital improvements to help complete a new small neighborhood park in South Boston to make it functional and secure for local residents. Work includes installation of irrigation and solar security lighting.







Gardens for Charlestown Reconstruction Open Space and Recreation 2023

Charlestown

• 499 Main St, Boston, MA 02129

CPA Award: \$60,000

Description of Project:

To rehabilitate the border and retaining walls of the Charlestown community garden by replacing the existing timbers with manufactured stone.







WE Tree Boston Inc Restoring Thoreau Path Open Space and Recreation 2024

West End

 Center of Thoreau Path between The Boston Synagogue and Hawthorne Place and between 8 Whittier Place and 7 Emerson Place West End, Boston MA 02114

CPA Award: \$27,500

Description of Project:

To rehabilitate Thoreau Path though tree planting and other improvements.

