

2017 Annual Report - Public Garden

Boylston Street Border

\$30,050

Toby Wolf's design for the final phase V was completed and accepted. This is the area in the Garden behind the Channing Memorial. Hardscape improvements were implemented, including a new macadam path leading to the Memorial, reset post and chain, and removal of pavement to increase planting bed size. We look forward to the planting of new trees and shrubs in the spring of 2018.

Pruning

\$76,875

The pruning schedule established in 2012 continues to be adhered to. In 2017, 100 trees received attention. Four commercial companies performed major and minor pruning: Capizzi and Company, Tree Specialists, Barrett Tree, and Maltby and Company.

Disease Control

\$50,050

There were numerous disease issues in the Garden during 2017. This year an Amelanchier succumbed to root-borne disease (due to a combination of shaded conditions and wet soil) while infectious cankers continued to threaten some beech trees. During an early winter wind event a Shadblow Serviceberry toppled over revealing extensive root disease and no root ball.

Soil Improvements and Fertilization

\$13,880

The focus of these two programs continues to be on plant health and with targeted trees, applying both fertilizer (fall application) and limestone (late fall/early winter applications). Aeration also plays an important role by treating the same-targeted trees from trunk to drip-line. Norm Helie of The Growing Tree performs these treatments.

Irrigation

\$35,390

This is the second year that the Friends have monitored, controlled and financed all irrigation in the Garden. Cambridge Landscaping replaces missing heads and are investigating a smart irrigation system including differential watering of separate zones. With management of the irrigation system, there has been a noticeable reduction in water-related stresses.

Sculpture Conservation and Maintenance

\$112,775

Our Collections Care Manager Sarah Hutt worked with Tierney Contracting to control watering and cleaning of all fountains in the Garden, in particular the Ether and White memorials. The complete and successful cleaning of the Channing Memorial by Daedalus was the highlight of the year. Grime was removed and broken pieces repaired, returning the sculpture to its former glory.

Sponsored Benches and Trees	\$32,215
Nine new trees were planted and seven existing trees and three benches were adopted for fifteen year periods by both private groups and individuals.	
Rose Brigade	\$11,970
This is the annual allotment of tools, gloves, and assorted supplies necessary for work in the four rose beds. This group of twenty volunteers completed their 30 th year under the supervision of the organization's founder, China Altman and co-leader Carl Foster. Expenditure includes the purchase and installation of compost mulch out of Vermont. Like its newer sister, the Border Brigade, they work closely with a Park Department staff member.	
Park Rangers	\$1,666
This is the Garden's allocation for the \$5,000 contribution to the Friends of the Boston Park Ranger Mounted Unit. This is not in the FY18 budget.	
Geese Control	\$2,700
This is the Friends annual contribution made to Goose Busters for the control of Canada Geese.	
Swan Release	\$500
This is the Friends annual contribution made to releasing the swans into the Garden.	
Lagoon Island	\$3,050
This is the Friends annual spring cleanup of the Island by Capizzi and Company.	
TOTAL Expenditures	\$371,121

Submitted by Barbara Moore, Public Garden Committee chair