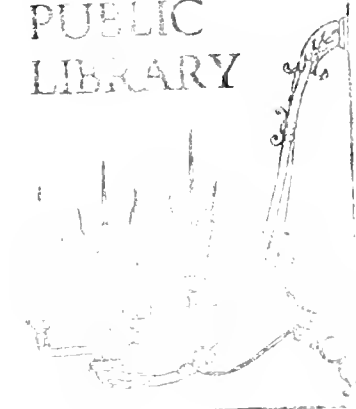




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FUNDRAISING  
STRATEGIES  
FOR THE  
SOUTH END-LOWER ROXBURY  
NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN SPACE  
LAND TRUST

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for  
The Boston Redevelopment Authority  
and  
The Trust for Public Land  
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Boston Urban Gardeners, Inc.

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March 9, 1990

Dear South End Resident:

After nearly a year of dedicated community activity, open space advocates in the South End report they are ready to submit a plan for permanent preservation, maintenance and ownership of the nine local garden parcels that were tentatively designated to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) in June of 1989.

As you may recall, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) asked TPL to organize a community-based planning effort last year with the goal of establishing a mechanism to preserve various community gardens as permanent open space for the enjoyment of present and future South End residents. Local residents have worked with TPL and the South End Garden Project to form a land trust that will own, manage, upgrade and maintain the nine sites identified for preservation last year.

BRA staff has been briefed on the status of this initiative, and we hope to bring the matter before our board of directors in early April requesting final designation of the land trust as redeveloper of the various sites prior to an actual conveyance of the land. Before moving forward, however, we invite you to join us for a presentation on plans for the gardens. This community meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Thursday, March 22, 1990  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Washington Manor Community Room  
1701 Washington Street, South End

If you have any questions about this matter, please call Maria Faria, senior project manager, at 722-4300 (ext. 4278).

I hope you will share our enthusiasm for this plan to preserve much-needed South End open space.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. O'Malley  
Assistant Director for  
Neighborhood Housing and Development





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# Introduction

On June 29, 1989, the Boston Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors voted to approve tentative designation of eight BRA-owned parcels of land in the South End/Lower Roxbury neighborhood to the Trust for Public Land as public open space. Five of these parcels had been used by residents as community gardens for more than a decade. These include the Lenox-Kendall Community Garden on Tremont Street, the Worcester Street Community Garden, the Warren Avenue-Clarendon Street Community Garden, the West Springfield Street Community Garden, and the Rutland-Washington Street or "Gazebo" Community Garden.

Also included were a small vacant lot at the corner of Columbus Avenue and Wellington Street, which the community would like to develop as a sitting park, a small, landscaped park on Dartmouth Street between Montgomery Street and Warren Avenue, and a vacant lot on Northampton Street, which the Worcester Square Neighborhood Association, Grant Manor Tenants, and the South End Garden Project plan to transform as a new community garden.

Designation of the eight parcels came with a challenge from the BRA to the community. Over the next eighteen months, those concerned about the long-term future of these South End/Lower Roxbury open spaces would work together to form a neighborhood "land trust" capable of holding title to and improving these community resources. The Trust for Public Land, a national non-profit land preservation group, spearheaded the effort, in conjunction with neighborhood residents and associations such as the South End Master Planning Working Group and the South End Garden Project.

The Trust for Public Land contracted with Boston Urban Gardeners to participate in the effort to form a neighborhood open space land trust as a result of Boston Urban Gardeners' longstanding relationships and previous work with gardeners and neighborhood open space advocates in the South End/Lower Roxbury area. Specifically, Boston Urban Gardeners was hired to:

- set up a series of preliminary community meetings to explain the proposed land trust concept and the process for forming the new organization;
- assist in building a strong community consensus and attracting a broad-based, multi-ethnic, multi-talented group of active participants to work with TPL;
- assist in strengthening community garden organizations as necessary;
- work with TPL to develop a phased fundraising strategy for implementation of proposed capital improvements and to identify possible sources of funding;
- develop a general maintenance strategy for the eight open spaces; and
- work with TPL and the South End Garden Project to set up a garden-by-garden design and capital improvements process resulting in schematic plans and suggested improvements for each site.

This report reflects the work of Boston Urban Gardeners from July through December of 1989 and represents, to the best of our ability, the plans and desires of the community for the emerging neighborhood open space land trust.



# **Community Organizing**



Boston Urban Gardeners has been working in the South End/Lower Roxbury neighborhood for almost 14 years. In that time, it has worked with residents both to develop community gardens and to assess the open space needs of the community under contract to the Boston Redevelopment Authority. When challenged to work with the community to help create a "neighborhood open space land trust," Boston Urban Gardeners first turned to the established community open space leaders -- garden coordinators and officers of the five community gardens, interested neighbors of the open spaces, and the officers of the South End Garden Project.

### **The First Organizational Meeting: Sharing Perspectives**

An initial meeting of these key community leaders was held on August 17, 1989, to discuss and plan the process for the next 18 months. Garden coordinators from all five existing community gardens were finally able to share common knowledge and difficulties, and everyone learned more about the BRA's challenge and the unified effort it would take to meet it.

### **The Second Meeting: Information and Planning**

A second informational and planning meeting was held on September 14 to review the process for newcomers and to form two working committees, one focusing on "Garden Improvements" and the other on the "Legal Structure" of the new land trust. From September through December, Boston Urban Gardeners worked closely with the Garden Improvements committee on developing a general landscape improvements and maintenance strategy for the land trust and to set up meetings with the constituencies of each open space to discuss site specific ideas.

### **The Fall Garden Clean-Up**

As a step to increasing self-sufficiency among South End/Lower Roxbury garden and open space groups, Boston Urban Gardeners organized and conducted an evening workshop on utilizing resources and volunteers in late October. A very successful neighborhood-wide "fall garden clean-up" on Saturday, November 4th proved the newly-acquired organizational skills invaluable. Over fifty volunteers worked with gardeners and neighbors at six of the open spaces, collecting hundreds of garbage bags of garden debris and preparing the sites for winter. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and other public agencies provided welcome help with trash collection.

### **Holiday Design Presentations and Neighborhood Pot Luck**

On December 12th, gardeners and neighbors of the eight tentatively designated open spaces were invited to a South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust update and open house. At this progress report and potluck dinner, both the Trust for Public Land and Boston Urban Gardeners presented a brief overview of the work accomplished by the community in the first six months of the challenge period. Schematic designs and a list of proposed landscape improvements for each site were on display, and people were able to discuss their hopes and concerns with each other and representatives from the BRA. The Trust for Public Land also presented its work with gardeners and interested neighborhood residents on creating the legal structure for the Land Trust.





**Record of  
General Correspondence  
and Meeting Notices**



- . THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND
- . BOSTON URBAN GARDENERS
- . SOUTH END GARDEN PROJECT

August 10, 1989

Dear

In case you haven't heard, we have great news to share. On June 29th, the BRA Board of Directors voted to protect eight community open spaces in the South End/Lower Roxbury neighborhood, five of which are community gardens. These sites are:

Worcester Street Community Garden  
Warren Avenue-Clarendon Street Community Garden  
Rutland-Washington Street or the "Gazebo" Garden  
Lenox-Kendall Community Garden  
West Springfield Street Community Garden  
Parcel 33B on Northhampton Street (to be a community garden)  
The small vacant lot at the corner of Wellington Street and  
Columbus Avenue, with a cherry tree (perhaps a  
seating park)  
The small landscaped area on Dartmouth Street near the  
Mackey School, planted and maintained by residents

However, our work is only just now beginning. We have an 18 month challenge ahead to prove to the BRA that we can come together to create what they are thinking of as a "South End/Lower Roxbury Neighborhood Open Space Land Trust", a group capable of holding title to and improving these neighborhood spaces.

In the interim time, the Trust For Public Land, which is a national non-profit land preservation group with a Boston office, will work with neighborhood residents and associations, community gardeners, the South End Master Planning Working Group, the South End Garden Project, and Boston Urban Gardeners to set up the South End Neighborhood Open Space Land Trust (or whatever people want it to be). Once this group, which may be an expanded South End Garden Project, is in place, the Trust For Public Land will request the BRA to grant the Land Trust final designation for the parcels.

Over the next 18 months, we will be working with you and with other community residents and gardeners to create this new group -- which will be what you want it to be, in order to meet the BRA's challenge to us. This work will include community organizing, landscape improvement and capital improvement plans, maintenance plans and the development of a long-term fundraising strategy in cooperation with the South End Garden Project.

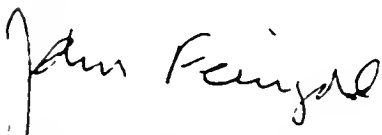


There will be a smallish meeting of key people (garden coordinators and other interested people) to talk about setting up a process for the next 18 months, and to go into more detail about what we need to do. The meeting will be on Thursday, August 17, at 7:30 p.m. at SNAP (South End Neighborhood Action Program, Inc.), 554 Columbus Avenue. Please don't hesitate to call with any questions you may have in the meantime, or to invite other key people from your garden if you think they would like to come.

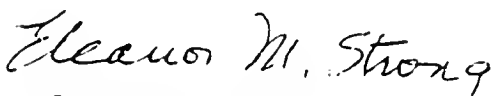
Also, Boston Urban Gardeners has several summer work-study students who will be going out to measure and draw maps of the gardens and open spaces to help us plan later on for improvements. You may see them out there. If you do, please give them a hand or just say hello.

If you can't come on the 17th, be sure to send another representative from your garden. (We'd be glad to offer people a ride home.)

Sincerely,

  
John Feingold

Trust For  
Public Land

  
Eleanor Strong

South End  
Garden Project

   
Charlotte Kahn & Julie Stone

Boston Urban Gardeners



MEETING AGENDA  
AUGUST 17, 1989 7:30 p.m.

- I. Introductions/Round Robin
- II. History and Background of South End Gardens  
Charlotte Kahn, Boston Urban Gardeners
- III. Beginning a Process to Respond to the Opportunity to make  
the Gardens Permanent  
John Feingold, Trust for Public Land
- IV. Slide Show: "The Potential for Community Garden  
Development," Julie Stone, Boston Urban Gardeners
- V. Working Committee Formation
- VI. Open Discussion





- THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND
- BOSTON URBAN GARDENERS
- SOUTH END GARDEN PROJECT

September 7, 1989

Dear Friend,

The first informational meeting about improving and making permanent eight of the Boston Redevelopment Authority-owned properties (5 community gardens and 3 open spaces) in the South End/Lower Roxbury was held on August 17th at SNAP. It was well attended and began the process of developing an organization of gardeners, community residents and neighborhood leaders capable of meeting the BRA challenge of assuming ownership of the properties and developing a plan to manage, maintain, and improve them. At this meeting, we also initiated plans to have a tour of the designated properties.

If you or anyone you know is interested in helping form this organization, going on the tour, or simply has questions or wants to listen and find out what this is all about, please come to the next meeting. It will be held in the conference room of United South End Settlements (USES), 566 Columbus Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 14.

For your information, we are including a reprint of the first letter we sent out that describes more fully the BRA's challenge and the process for the next 18 months.

Looking forward to seeing those of you who were at the last meeting and to meeting new faces. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

*John Feingold*

John Feingold  
Trust for Public Land

*Eleanor M. Strong*

Eleanor Strong  
South End Garden Project

*Charlotte*      *Julie*

Charlotte Kahn & Julie Stone  
Boston Urban Gardeners



MEETING AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 14, 1989

- I. Introductions
- II. Updates
- III. Brief explanation of BRA challenge:
  - Role of: 1). South End gardeners and residents
  - 2). Organizations: The Trust for Public Land, Boston Urban Gardeners, South End Garden Project
- IV. Committee formation
  - Legal Structure/non-profit
  - Garden Improvements (garden by garden representation)
- V. Defining the group: "South End Ad Hoc Open Space Committee"
- VI. Slides
- VII. Tour of gardens:
  - Two tentative dates: Sunday, September 24 (afternoon)
  - Weekday morning
- VIII. Fall South End garden clean-up and bulb planting and/or tree planting in memory of South End friends on November 4th:
  - Gardeners, neighborhood association, City Year volunteers



- TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND
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Dear South End gardener/resident,

As you probably know by now, the Boston Redevelopment Authority has recently voted to approve tentative designation of eight BRA-owned parcels in the South End/Lower Roxbury neighborhood as permanent open space. At the September 14th meeting of South End gardeners and residents interested in planning for the future of these parcels, a Garden Improvements Committee was formed.

This committee will be discussing potential garden improvements (for example: arbors, seating, water systems, pathways, etc.) for each site. Eventually, the committee will help facilitate garden by garden meetings so that all members can plan and design improvements for their space. We very much want at least one representative from each site on this committee!

The first meeting of the Garden Improvement Committee will be:

**Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m.  
in the library, United South End Settlements  
566 Columbus Avenue**

If you were not able to attend the Sept. 14th meeting but would like to join the committee, please come and feel free to bring other interested gardeners or residents. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, for those of you who are interested but may not have heard, there will be a tour of the gardens on Tuesday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m., beginning at the garden on the corner of Rutland and Washington Streets (the "Gazebo Garden"). If you would like to come but need a ride, please call Julie at Boston Urban Gardeners between 9:00 and 9:30 on Tuesday morning to arrange transportation. (423-7497)



- THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND
- BOSTON URBAN GARDENERS
- SOUTH END GARDEN PROJECT

October, 1989

### South End Neighborhood Open Space Land Trust Update

On June 29th, the BRA Board of Directors voted to protect eight community open spaces in the South End/Lower Roxbury neighborhood, five of which are community gardens. These sites are:

- Worcester Street Community Garden
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- Rutland-Washington Street or the "Gazebo" Garden
- Lenox-Kendall Community Garden
- West Springfield Street Community Garden
- Parcel 33B on Northampton Street (to be a community garden)
- The small vacant lot at the corner of Wellington Street and Columbus Avenue, with a cherry tree
- The small neighborhood park on Dartmouth Street near the Mackey School, planted with shrubs and trees and maintained by residents

In June, the community received an 18-month challenge to prove to the BRA that we can come together to create what they are thinking of as a "South End/Lower Roxbury Neighborhood Open Space Land Trust," a group capable of holding title to and improving these neighborhood spaces -- in other words, becoming the new land owner. The Trust for Public Land, which is a national non-profit land preservation group with a Boston office, the South End Garden Project, and Boston Urban Gardeners are working with community residents in a joint effort to help organize this new land trust.

This fall, many activities are taking place to move this process forward, including the following:

#### 1.) Two committees have been formed:

- A "legal structure" committee has been formed and is meeting to plan the legal structure of the potential land trust (with one person from each site included);
- A "design improvements" committee has formed to coordinate solicitation of garden resources, fundraising, and coordination of garden improvements;

If you want to be a part of the legal structure group, please contact John Feingold at the Trust for Public Land at 451-7208. If you'd like to join the garden improvement committee, call Julie Stone at Boston Urban Gardeners, 423-7497.





2.) Garden by garden meetings are being held to discuss improvements at each site and to make preliminary design and maintenance improvement plans.

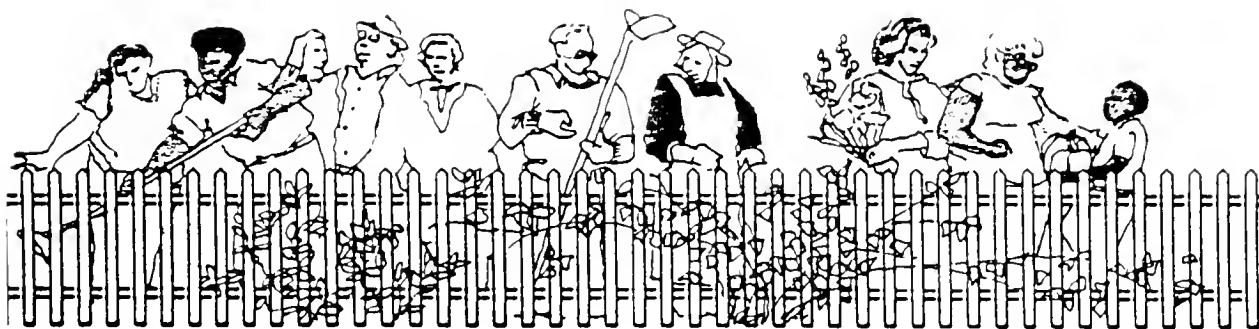
By the end of December, our goal is to have:

- plans for improvements at each site with general funding strategy;
- a maintenance strategy for the open spaces in the proposed land trust;
- a strategy for strengthening each individual garden organization.

During 1990, your garden group will continue to work with the Trust for Public Land, the other gardeners, and the Boston Redevelopment Authority to create the land trust. The BRA's decision to protect eight parcels of land within the increasingly dense South End/Lower Roxbury neighborhood will ensure a higher quality of life for all community residents. In order to keep the gardens and open spaces accessible for everyone, we urge you to get involved and help to improve these valuable resources.

This whole project is a model for not only Boston but for urban gardeners throughout the country. We need to get involved in this challenging and exciting approach to community ownership of garden and small open spaces in city neighborhoods. Please join in. We need you!





## IMPORTANT GARDEN MEETING!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 3:30 P. M.  
IN THE LIBRARY  
AT UNITED SOUTH END SETTLEMENTS  
566 COLUMBUS AVENUE

- ◆ Do you have ideas that would make your garden an even nicer space?
- ◆ Do you want to help plan for improvements in your garden -- arbors, pathways, water system updates, seating areas?
- ◆ If you do, please come to this important meeting!

## AND SAVE THESE DATES:

Tuesday, October 24  
Gardeners Resource Workshop  
6:00 p.m. at United South End Settlements

Saturday, November 4  
Garden Clean-up, 10:00 to 4:00



October 12, 1999

Dear West Springfield Street Community Gardener,

Do you have ideas that would make your garden an even nicer space? Do you want to help plan for improvements in your garden -- arbors, pathways, water system updates, seating areas? If you do, please come to an important garden meeting on Friday, October 20th.

As you may know, Boston Urban Gardeners has been working with the South End Garden Project and the Trust for Public Land to create a "South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust," a group that could be land owners for the community open spaces in the South End and work to improve them. (If you haven't heard about it, please see the update sheet included with this letter and get involved!) The West Springfield Street garden is one of the selected sites that could be given by the city to the South End neighborhood land trust when it is formed.

As part of our work, Boston Urban Gardeners' staff landscape architect, Nadine Gerds, and community garden organizer, Julie Stone, are available to work with individual garden groups to develop plans for garden improvements, both for the short and long-term. During the summer and fall, we have been drawing garden maps of the existing conditions. Now we need to meet with you to develop your ideas for the West Springfield Street garden. It's also important to have drawings and plans to prove to the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), the city authority that owns these open spaces, that the gardeners are ready to join in a Land Trust designated as owner of the parcels.

We have been working with your garden coordinator and have scheduled a meeting of the West Springfield garden for Friday, October 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the library at United South End Settlements, 566 Columbus Avenue. We very much hope you will be able to attend and join in planning for the future of your garden. If you can't come but would like to be involved in the planning process, please don't hesitate to call Nadine or Julie at the Boston Urban Gardeners office, 423-7497.

We look forward to meeting with you as we work to establish your garden as a permanent open space resource for your neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Julie Stone  
Garden Resource Organizer



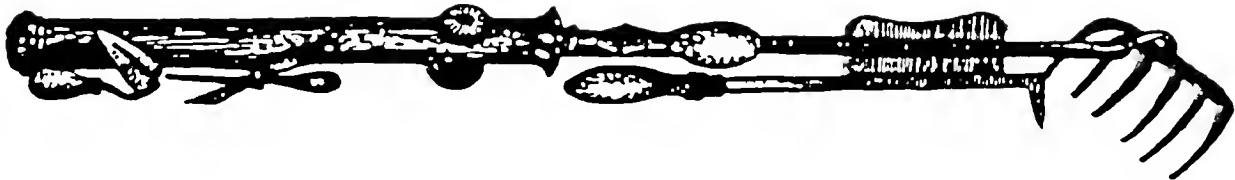
Nadine Gerds  
Landscape Architect



# **Record of Resource Workshop**







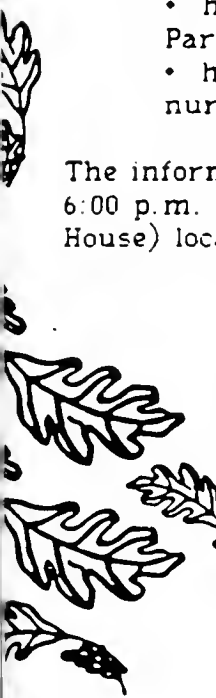
October 16, 1989

Dear Garden Coordinator,

On October 24, we are offering a garden resource workshop for gardeners. This workshop will focus on the following:

- how to locate and work with volunteers to help with special garden projects, such as fall clean-ups or building garden pathways and beds;
- how to take advantage of available city services, such as the Parks Department garden trash pick-up;
- how to make the most of donations, such as plants from local nurseries.

The informational workshop will be held on Tuesday evening, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. at United South End Settlements (formally the Harriet Tubman House) located at 566 Columbus Avenue.



The training will be put to use on Saturday, November 4th at a FALL GARDEN CLEAN-UP when City Year, a volunteer service corps, will provide volunteers for all interested community garden groups! On that day, we will have garbage bags and supplies available to garden clean-up workers, and we will arrange trash pick-up.

You and at least one other gardener from your community garden must attend this garden workshop (or make arrangements to send someone in your place) to be eligible for not only the volunteers, but for supplies and trash pick-up from the city on November 4th.

Please call to let us know who will be attending this workshop from your garden -- we can answer any questions you might have at that time.

We are looking forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

*Julie Stone*

Julie Stone  
Boston Urban Gardeners

*Lisa Morrison*

Lisa Morrison  
Liaison to Community Gardens  
Boston Parks and Recreation Department



# How to Use R E S O U R C E S

## A step-by-step guide for neighborhood open space groups

### What are resources?

- ♦ Resources can be people -- volunteers of all ages, both skilled and unskilled;
- ♦ Resources can be services, such as trash pick-up, rototilling, or technical assistance (landscape design, landscape construction, etc.);
- ♦ Resources can be donations of plants or of materials such as soil, compost, or wood chips.

Resources can be solicited from both the public sector (like the city government) and the private sector (such as banks, landscape companies, unions etc.).

Volunteers can also be solicited from both the public sector and the private sector. Some examples of volunteer groups are:

Public:      The JFK Library Corps  
                 City Year  
                 Massachusetts Half-Way  
                 Houses

Private:    Banks  
                 Schools  
                 Church groups

### How do we use resources?

#### 1). Decide what needs to be done.

First, ask your group, "What needs to be done that we can't do ourselves or that we need assistance with?" Do you have elderly people or handicapped gardeners that need a hand? Are there jobs that require technical expertise, special equipment and people who know how to use it, a large group of people, or just plain muscle?



Tasks might include:

- ♦ assisting in fall or spring clean-ups;
- ♦ planting trees or fall bulbs;
- ♦ building or repairing existing garden beds; or
- ♦ mulching pathways.

(Regular maintenance tasks are usually done by the group without volunteers except in the case of elderly or handicapped gardeners.)

**2.) After you have agreed upon the task or job to be done, then target the volunteers/company/technical expert that you think can help you. Here's an example:**

Your group has decided that it needs a volunteer group of about 10 people to help elderly gardeners at a fall clean-up work day. What are the steps you need to take?

a.) Locate a volunteer group willing to help you (one with the skills or muscle power you need) and set a date for the work day.

b). Decide what tools, supplies and materials you will need to do the job. Do you have the necessary supplies? If not, you may need to solicit "in-kind" support (in-kind support includes services and donated resources...almost anything but money). You may look for ways to get donated woodchips, garbage bags, tools, etc. from local hardware stores or community organizations. Tell potential donors about your project and how they can help you with a specific request.

c.) Decide who will be in charge of the workday. (It might be your garden coordinator.) The person in charge will be the contact for the volunteer group and will be responsible for the success or failure of the project. He or she will also be responsible for COORDINATING THE OTHER GROUP MEMBERS TO SUPPORT AND WORK on the project. She/he will need to delegate or divide up the jobs among the group members and FOLLOW UP TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE DONE.



Task could include:

- ♦ meeting the volunteers and orienting them to your site
- ♦ locating and arranging for supplies, tools and in-kind services
- ♦ providing refreshments or lunch to volunteers
- ♦ alerting the media, such as local newspapers
- ♦ writing thank-you letters after the event

d.) Lastly, be prompt when meeting volunteers (they might be late, having never been to your neighborhood before, but you should be on time) and take time to explain a little about your garden and the people who use it. Make the volunteers feel useful and helpful -- you may need their help again some day.

### **Important tips:**

- ♦ Remember how important it is to say "thank you" for donations, volunteers, and other resources.
- ♦ When you ask a business or company to give you something, remember that nothing is free -- they generally want something in return. They might want to be acknowledged in the local paper, recognized by a public official, etc. Sometimes this isn't possible, but when it is, use it to your advantage.
- ♦ Try not to keep asking the same person to help out -- this is a big city with lots of resources!





## VOLUNTEER PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

Name of Project (or community garden):

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Address/location of project:

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Date and time of project (with raindate):

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Site (community garden) contact person:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (plus home phone or weekend phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of volunteer group (or individual):

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Number of volunteers needed (maximum and minimum):

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Volunteer contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (plus home phone or weekend phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Tasks (please describe):

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Needs -- tools, supplies, services, food:

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Directions to site by subway and by car:

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Other contact people: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Boston

Raymond L. Flynn, Mayor

Boston Parks and Recreation is available to assist community gardeners in the management of their gardens. So far we are working with twenty gardens around the city to help them keep their gardens neat and productive. There's room for more gardens to participate. Call us for:

Spring and Fall garden cleanups

- free trashbags
- garden tools to borrow
- volunteers to help
- trash pickup

Regular trash pickups throughout growing season

Free annuals to plant common areas of the garden\*

Free woodchips and horse manure\*

(\*Limited availability and limited delivery)

HELP in working with other city agencies  
on community garden issues

Call Lisa Morrison at 725-4505, ext. 6522 to take advantage of these services.  
If you cannot reach me, please leave a message and I will return your call.

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You can call some city agencies directly for help with common problems:

Boston Water and Sewer Commission - 330-9400  
for breaks in the water line outside of the garden

Inspectional Services - 442-4216  
for rodent control

Public Facilities Department - 725-3570  
for information on the Grassroots Program,  
which funds the creation of new gardens and major rehabilitation  
of existing gardens, like the Berkeley Street renovation

Municipal Police - 725-DUMP  
to report illegal dumping in the garden

Boston Police - call the community service officer  
at your local station to let the Police know where  
your garden is and that you would like to see it  
patrolled regularly. Call 911 to report criminal activity



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# **Record of Open Space Clean-Up Day**





## November 4th Garden Clean-up Contacts

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Alternate: Esseline Salesman 267-9686
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Alternate: Barbara Hoffman 536-7551  
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- 4.) Warren/Clarendon (corner of Warren/Clarendon)  
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Alternate: Kaysie Ives 267-6931
- 5.) Lenox/Kendall Garden (922-948 Tremont at Lenox and Kendall)  
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## November 4th Garden Clean-up Tool List

<u>Site</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Needs</u>
Rutland/Washington	move woodchips; dig tulip bulbs	6 pointed shovels 2 spading forks gloves/bags
Lenox/Kendall	general clean-up	2 shears 2 loppers 2 brooms 2 iron rakes 2 shovels gloves/bags
West Springfield	general clean-up	2 loppers 2 shears 3 grass whips 4 iron rakes 4 spading forks 1 shovel - flat 3 pointed shovels 1 broom gloves/bags
Warren/Clarendon	take down A-frame greenhouse, some clean-up	1 lopper 1 shears 1 broom gloves/bags
Worcester Street	general clean-up	3 iron rakes 3 pointed shovels gloves/bags
Dartmouth Street	general clean-up	3 iron rakes 1 hedge clippers 2 loppers 2 hand saws gloves/bags



**Worcester Street Community Garden: meeting Amos Williams at garden**

Volunteers needed: 6 to 10

Tasks: general garden clean-up -- weeding, raking, bagging, etc.

**Directions to Site:**

Public Transportation: Take #43 bus from Park Street station. It travels down Tremont Street into the South End. You want to get off at corner of Tremont and Mass. Ave. Walk back down Tremont two blocks to Worcester Street. Take a left on Worcester. Garden is on the left.

Driving: Limited metered street parking -- best not to drive. Take Tremont Street past the Common, through the Theater District, and into the South End. Go several blocks down Tremont. Look for Worcester Street off to your right. Take it or next street, whichever you can (lots of one way streets around here) to the right. Garden is on Worcester Street just off Tremont.

**Return Directions to City Year Office:**

Public Transportation: Take #43 bus back to Park Street station. To get to City Year office, take the Red Line T to South Station, walk down Atlantic past the Federal Reserve Building, and take a right on Congress. Walk down Congress over the Fort Point Channel, past Boston Tea Party Museum, Children's Museum, etc. After the channel, go about four blocks and you will see Stillings Street on the left. Take a left and office is one building down on the right.

Driving: Try taking Washington Street back into town. When you get to Kneeland/Stuart Street, take a right. This intersects Atlantic, and you want to take a left on Atlantic. Pass South Station and take a right on Congress St. Follow directions above from there.

Notes: Bus costs \$.50 and you must have exact change. It runs every fifteen minutes both going and coming.

If your contact person is not at the garden when you get there, just wait! He or she may just be little late.



**Record of  
Land Trust Update Meeting  
and Potluck Dinner**





All South End/Lower Roxbury Community Gardeners  
and Neighbors Interested in Open Space are invited to a

*South End Open Space Land Trust Update  
and Open House*

Tuesday, December 12, 1989

4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

United South End Settlements  
566 Columbus Avenue

*You're invited to:*

- A pot luck buffet;
- Look over plans for South End/Lower Roxbury garden improvements;
- Hear how the legal side of the land trust is progressing;
- Meet other people in the neighborhood who will be part of this exciting new land trust membership;
- Talk to BRA representatives about why you want to preserve your garden.

There will be a brief progress report on the work completed during the past five months on plans for the new South End/Lower Roxbury Neighborhood Open Space Land Trust and the work remaining in the upcoming year both at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

*Please come and bring a dish to share!*  
*(We'll provide the beverages)*

Your participation is vital to plan for the transfer of land ownership from the BRA to the neighborhood through the South End Open Space Land Trust. Join this process to preserve South End/Lower Roxbury community gardens and neighborhood open spaces forever.



Progress Report  
on the proposed  
South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust

December 12, 1989

4:00 Coffee

4:30 Progress Reports

- ◆ Welcome and Introduction
- ◆ Report on Land Trust's Legal Committee's Work
- ◆ Report on Land Trust's Garden Improvements Committee's Work
- ◆ Report on Individual Garden Improvement Plans

5:30 Buffet Dinner and Informal Discussion

7:00 Progress Reports (repeat of 4:30 presentations)

Happy Holidays!



## **SOME ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAND TRUST**

- 1.) How can we best preserve the community gardens in the South End and Lower Roxbury?**

Form the South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust, as proposed by the BRA's Director.

- 2.) What is an open space land trust?**

An open space land trust is an organization which is empowered to own, maintain and conserve open space as a resource for present and future generations. Land that is deeded as part of the land trust will be restricted for use as open space and cannot be sold or developed.

- 3.) What exactly will the South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust be?**

It will be a community-based organization dedicated to providing open space and gardening opportunities for South End and Lower Roxbury residents.

- 4.) How will the land trust be run?**

The land trust will be run by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of South End/Lower Roxbury residents, green space users and gardeners. Each community garden member and open space user involved with the land trust will elect someone to represent him/her on the Board. Other residents of the neighborhood interested in the land trust could also serve on its Board.

- 5.) What will the Land Trust do?**

The Land Trust will be responsible for working with each garden or open space in its trust to make garden improvements, keep up maintenance of the gardens and open spaces, and organize annual clean-ups, work days, and neighborhood-wide celebrations. Each garden group will continue to be most responsible for themselves.

- 6.) What will the Board of Directors do?**

The Board will be responsible for fundraising and managing the land trust's finances, keeping track of membership, recruiting new members, working on public relations, and generally ensuring that the Land Trust is serving the community and fulfilling the purposes for which it was founded.

- 7.) How will the land trust help me as a South End/Lower Roxbury gardener or resident?**

A strong neighborhood land trust will enable you to keep enjoying open space in your neighborhood for years to come. It will help with emergency maintenance problems, with fundraising for major improvements, and with bulk purchases of tools and plants. The land trust will help to improve the South End/Lower Roxbury open spaces and gardens, bringing gardeners and friends of open space together to work for the common good.



# **General Maintenance Strategy**





## I. MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

The Land Trust will develop maintenance "standards" with the participation of all gardens and as many gardeners as possible for submission, review, amendment and approval by the Board of Directors of the Land Trust.

The standards will relate to such issues as:

A.) Streetside edges (Example: Weeds should be removed, beds mulched and, if feasible, flowers planted for the enjoyment of non-gardening neighbors and passersby and to block auto emissions. The garden-edge could be assigned as a separate plot for people interested in maintaining an ornamental annual and perennial border);

B.) Common paths (Example: Weeds should be removed and paths mulched, paved, or otherwise made neat and safe);

C.) Individual beds (Example: Gardeners should remove weeds before they go to seed; plots allocated but not planted by June 1 can be reallocated by the elected coordinator to someone on a waiting list, unless the coordinator is notified and a credible reason for delay explained; plots planted but not cultivated, weeded or otherwise cared for by July 1 may be reallocated to someone on a waiting list);

D.) Annual clean-ups (Example: Two annual clean-ups will be held, one in the spring to clean up winter trash and prepare the garden for the new growing season, and one in the fall to remove temporary fences and structures, compost or remove organic debris and prepare the garden for winter viewing by neighbors and passersby);

E.) Annual work days, if necessary (Example: A work day will be organized by each garden, perhaps with the involvement of gardeners from other sites or other volunteers, to address tasks such as fence and path improvements, the mulching of flower and shrub beds, painting garden furniture and gazebos as necessary, etc. This could be combined with an annual barbecue/pot luck lunch or supper, etc.);

F.) Plant-ins and training workshops (Example: The Land Trust could organize bulk bulb and perennial purchases, community bulb plantings, plant swaps, etc.);

G.) Maintenance Supervisors (Example: Each garden could elect a Maintenance Supervisor as well as a Coordinator and Board representative at its regular election, perhaps every two years. The Maintenance Supervisors would join together to form a Maintenance Committee for the Land Trust, and work together to organize garden clean-ups, bulk purchases, work days, plant-ins, etc. They would help the Coordinator with some of the on-site burdens of clean-up and beautification, participate in special training sessions about pruning, mulching, etc., which could then be gradually passed along to the other gardeners over the growing season.



## II. MAINTENANCE RELATIONSHIPS

**The South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust Maintenance Committee will enter into agreements with public agencies and community groups to enhance its capacity to maintain the gardens.**

Examples of agencies or groups which the South End Neighborhood Open Space Land Trust could have ongoing agreements and working relationships with are:

- A.) The Boston Parks and Recreation Department for scheduled pick-up of bagged trash and debris, at least three times per growing season (once after each clean-up and once after each work day, at a minimum), and for an annual arrangement for leaf mold compost and wood chips in conjunction with the city's new leaf composting program or from the Forest Hills Cemetery. (If possible, the Parks Department will initiate a direct line to the Community Garden Liaison to facilitate these kinds of agreements);
- B.) A fence contractor, with a pre-arranged hourly rate, for emergency repairs beyond the scope that an individual gardener or garden group might be expected to handle;
- C.) Suppliers, such as arborists, of mulching materials and wood chips, in addition to the agreement with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department;
- D.) A plumber, with a pre-arranged hourly rate, for emergency repairs beyond the scope that an individual gardener or garden group could reasonably be expected to handle;
- E.) A carpenter with a pre-arranged hourly rate (see above);
- F.) Someone who could rototill individual garden plots or whole gardens as needed and desired. (This could be a small business for a gardener, who could rototill individual plots for a fee, or make agreements with individual garden groups to rototill an entire garden for a flat fee);
- G.) Technical assistance and education groups and agencies such as the Suffolk County Extension Service, the Southwest Corridor Community Farm, Boston Urban Gardeners, Roxbury Community College, the Arnold Arboretum and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.



# **Handouts/Notes/Garden Rules**



Date: Thursday, September 20, 1989

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: United South End Settlements (USES), 566 Columbus Avenue

Present: Charlotte Kahn (B.U.G.), Eleanor Strong (South End Garden Project), Kevin Koerner (Gazebo Garden/33B Northampton), Nancy Kafka (Wellington Street); Kaycie Ives and Helen Gore (Warren - Clarendon Garden). (Julie Stone, absent due to illness, but supplied meeting agenda)

The meeting was opened by C. Kahn with a general discussion of the need for specific rules and regulation for the gardens. These would be basic rules for all the city gardens. E. Strong suggested coordinating this with Suffolk County Cooperative Extension Service. This subject will be discussed further in future meetings. Although some present felt this subject would be better covered by the Legal Structure Committee, C. Kahn stressed that Garden Improvements was the proper forum. One example of the types of rules needed was the establishment of a minimum of 2 cleanup dates per annum.

The next area of discussion was the big cleanup schedule for Saturday, November 4, 1989, with assistance from City Year volunteers. Tuesday, October 24, was tentatively set as the date for a training session for the Garden Improvement Committee and for all other gardeners who are interested. The meeting would be at 6 p.m. at USES. It would be used as a building





block for learning to use volunteers, a skill p.2  
useful for present and future projects. Specifically,  
the meeting would be used to plan for the 11/4  
cleanup. B.U.G. hopes to schedule a design  
meeting with each individual garden in  
advance of the training session. They will notify  
all gardens of the above plans and dates.

Other items on the agenda were the need  
for fairly fast-track planning (18 month deadline),  
the need for 2 representatives on the Garden  
Improvement Committee from each garden,  
J. Stone's agenda request for complete lists of  
gardeners from all the gardens. Some, such  
as the Montgomery Street garden, are still  
lacking. Kaycie Ives agreed to contact Rita Gallo  
of the Montgomery Street garden.

Eleanor Strong discussed the success of the  
South End Garden Project in acquiring grant funds.  
She felt that funding was still available for  
worthy projects through Boston's Public Facilities  
Department.

In addressing the desire of the Wellington Street  
Garden and the Neighborhood Association to  
involve the neighborhood in a positive way through  
a design competition, C. Kahu recommended  
caution and, in this case, consultation with the  
B.R.A. She viewed the idea positively, but  
stressed the many complexities involved, some  
legal in nature.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.  
Eleanor Strong 9/28/89



## Gardener's Agreement

(Please read all rules before signing up)

### ALL MEMBERS AGREE:

1. To pay yearly non-refundable membership fee, agreed to be \_\_\_\_\_, to pay for \_\_\_\_\_
2. To come to garden meetings and participate in a Spring clean-up and a Fall clean-up.
3. Each person or family is responsible for one plot in the garden. If this plot is not maintained for a month, someone else will be allowed to garden on it.
4. If you leave for a vacation and want someone else to take over your plot while you are gone, give written permission to the garden coordinator, \_\_\_\_\_
5. The garden is for families to grow food on. Children who have plots in the garden must ask their mother or father or an adult in the garden to agree to come out for at least an hour a week to help out with supervision.
6. No pets are allowed in the garden.
7. If anyone is caught taking someone else's vegetables or destroying someone else's property, that person will have to give up his or her garden plot immediately.
8. No one is allowed in the garden after dark.
9. Members agree to respect all other gardeners and not trespass upon other garden plots.
10. Members agree to remove and throw away all trash and arrange for it to be put out on trash day.

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ AGES IN FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle age of main gardener in family)

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ GARDEN PLOT # \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS SIGNATURE (For children under 18) \_\_\_\_\_



(Date)

## A P P L I C A T I O N

Application for a single plot ( ), double plot ( ) in the  
\_\_\_\_\_. Single plot size is approximately 9' x 15'.

Number of individuals being fed by the plot: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of gardening experience: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must comply with the following guidelines in order to keep my plot for the following garden season:

1. Maintain a neat garden, keeping garden area and surrounding paths free from overgrown weeds.
2. Remove all unsightly piles of rocks or stones or other forms of litter into trash barrels. Waste vegetable matter shall be placed in compost bins.
3. Harvest all produce when it has reached maturity (or arrange to have it harvested to deter vandalism).
4. Remove all plants when they have ceased to bear.
5. Maintain garden consistently throughout the growing season, and arrange that care shall be taken should extended absences arise, such as vacations.
6. Comply fully with all Federal and State laws and regulations regarding the use of pesticides and other chemicals.
7. Respect all other gardener areas and not trespass upon other garden plots.
8. Participate in the vandal watch and report incidents of vandalism to the garden coordinator, and get to know fellow gardeners.
9. Make concerted efforts to conserve water by turning off faucet after watering garden.
10. Cars will not be allowed past black-top area.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

(work) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please report any change of address to garden coordinator

Original to garden file  
Copy to gardener

(Over)



Welcome to the \_\_\_\_\_garden. This land is owned by \_\_\_\_\_. Plots are assigned on a space-available basis. Anyone may apply. For information contact\_\_\_\_\_. All garden members are expected to share the following responsibilities:

1. Participate in spring and fall garden cleanups.
2. Plant your plot by June 1 or lose it.
3. Keep your plot clean and help maintain common areas, paths and fencelines.
4. Conserve water, don't waste it.
5. Avoid chemical pesticides.
6. No herbicides.
7. Prepare you plot for winter by November 30. Clean up. Protect your soil from erosion.
8. No pets in the garden.
9. Children must be supervised in the garden.
10. Discourage theft: Harvest regularly; don't pick from your neighbor's plot.

GARDENING HERE IS A PRIVILEGE.





ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GARDENING RULES

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NO.

have received, read, understood, and agree to abide by the rules set forth for gardening. I also understand that any violation or violations of the rules, is grounds for forfeiture of my garden plot.

SIGNED, \_\_\_\_\_



# **Capital Improvements and Fundraising Strategy**



## I. MAINTENANCE FUNDRAISING

A general Emergency and Maintenance Fund would be set up consisting of an interest-bearing endowment, a contribution from annual membership fees, and the proceeds of special neighborhood fundraisers. This money could be used to help individual sites with emergency situations and repairs as necessary and could also be used to assist with occasional special purchases for all gardens, such as tools and beautification plantings.

A.) Endowment fund (Example: If approved by the Board of Directors of the Land Trust and the BRA, a minor portion, perhaps \$25,000, of the PRUPAC public benefits contribution could be set up as an endowment contributing interest to the emergency maintenance fund.)

B.) Membership dues (Example: \$3 out of the \$5 Land Trust membership dues from each gardener would go into the Land Trust's "emergency and maintenance fund," and \$2 would go into the Land Trust's general operations account. Additional funds raised from plot fees on each garden would go into each gardens' own maintenance account.)

C.) Garden fundraisers (Example: The Land Trust as a whole might hold occasional neighborhood-wide fundraisers and special events to contribute to the general maintenance and emergency fund. An individual garden group could also raise funds for its maintenance account through special sales and local neighborhood fundraisers. Amounts over \$500 collected or raised by individual garden groups would be deposited in that garden's account at the Land Trust).

## II. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUNDRAISING

A.) The Land Trust would implement a phased plan of capital improvements for all gardens based on the immediate needs of gardens and planned design improvements, as approved by the Land Trust's Board of Directors and the BRA.

B.) Grant and donation fundraising initiatives from the Land Trust as a whole would begin to implement the agreed on phased program of capital improvements. Requests for support could be submitted to such entities as corporate foundations, banks, businesses, and individuals, using the Land Trust's tax-exempt status to offer tax-deductibility to donors. Larger Boston-based and national foundations, the Browne Fund and the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department's Grassroots Program would also be appropriate places to seek funding for certain capital improvements projects.

C.) A portion of the PRUPAC public benefits contribution could, if approved by the Board of Directors of the Land Trust and the Board of the BRA, be allocated toward those general capital improvements which are a) high priorities in terms of increasing garden productivity and food production, especially for gardeners on low or fixed incomes; and b) high priorities in terms of creating a positive aesthetic impact on the surrounding neighborhood.



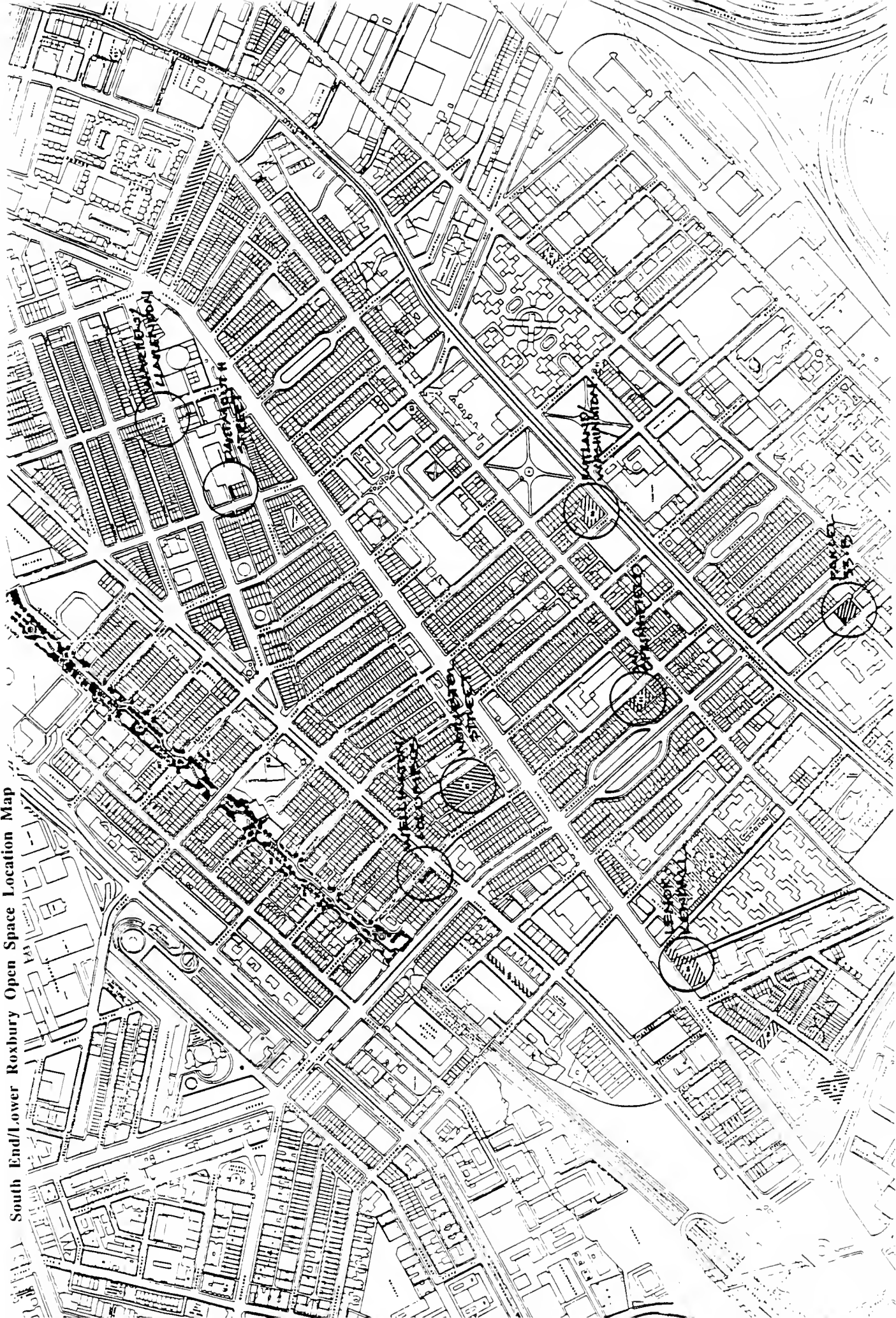
D.) The Land Trust might hold one or several neighborhood-wide fundraising events annually which would also promote general membership and support its basic purposes, such as a "garden party," bulk purchases of plants, tools and bulbs, the sale of special crops and flowers, and so on.

E.) Grants and major donations could be applied for on behalf of an individual garden using the Land Trust's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status if approved by the Board of Directors. Grants could be applied for from major Boston-based foundations (i.e., the Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust, the Parker Foundation, the Riley Foundation, the Godfrey M. and Sarah Hyams Trusts, the Boston Foundation, the Peabody Trust, and others), the Small Grants Program of the Boston Foundation, the City of Boston Trust Office's Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund, the Henderson Fund, the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department's Grassroots Program, and the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities).





South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Location Map





# **Design Improvements Strategy**



## **Participatory Design Process**

Boston Urban Gardeners' experience over the past thirteen years in the low and moderate income neighborhoods of Boston has shown that making the design process accessible to local residents and leaders is essential to the productivity and maintenance of public open space. Although six of the eight tentatively designated parcels of land in the South End/Lower Roxbury area had been gardened or used as passive outdoor space for many years, all were in the market for improvements, from the bare bones installation of water systems to the more aesthetic consideration of arbors, flower borders, and signage. Boston Urban Gardeners was charged with undertaking a design and capital improvements process with the constituents of each open space which would result in schematic plans and suggested landscape improvements for each site. Boston Urban Gardeners' staff landscape architect worked on all of the tentatively designated sites, with the exception of Parcel 33-B, which was fortunate in having the services of its own landscape architect (and future gardener) Kevin Koerner.

Before meeting with the gardeners and neighbors of each open space, the landscape architecture staff of Boston Urban Gardeners reviewed the maps and written materials we had collected on each site. The staff visited each open space to get an idea of what was possible given the current site conditions and measured each parcel in order to make an accurate base map. Each garden coordinator or set of neighbors was then contacted about setting up a meeting for the constituents of each space. The smaller groups preferred to organize and publicize the meeting themselves, while we assisted the larger community garden groups by producing and mailing a letter and flyer to their membership explaining the upcoming process and inviting them to a garden meeting.

## **The Framework for Design**

The garden-by-garden meetings familiarized South End open space users with the land trust concept and the responsibilities and benefits of the trust on their particular space. Many gardeners and neighbors had not attended the informational meetings held in August and September, so the design meetings were a time to learn about the ongoing community process and for us to encourage involvement in the formation of the trust. A discussion of possible landscape improvements was the focus of each meeting. Boston Urban Gardeners presented ideas and options through slides and informal discussion. The opportunity to hear what the gardeners and open space users wanted and their thoughts for long-term garden permanence and low maintenance landscaping provided the framework for the design process.

## **Schematic Designs and Improvements**

With the information gathered at the meetings, Boston Urban Gardeners began to design a schematic plan and compile a suggested list of improvements for each site which attempt to incorporate the majority of the suggestions of the open space users. The plans were refined as they progressed; several phone calls to garden users and site visits to re-evaluate the feasibility of certain ideas were necessary. At the land trust update meeting in December, these plans and suggestions were posted on large boards for all the open space users to review. Feedback from gardeners and neighbors was incorporated into the final designs and suggested improvements included in this report.



**Location Map, Schematic Design,  
Physical Site Improvement Strategy  
and Membership List  
for Individual Sites**

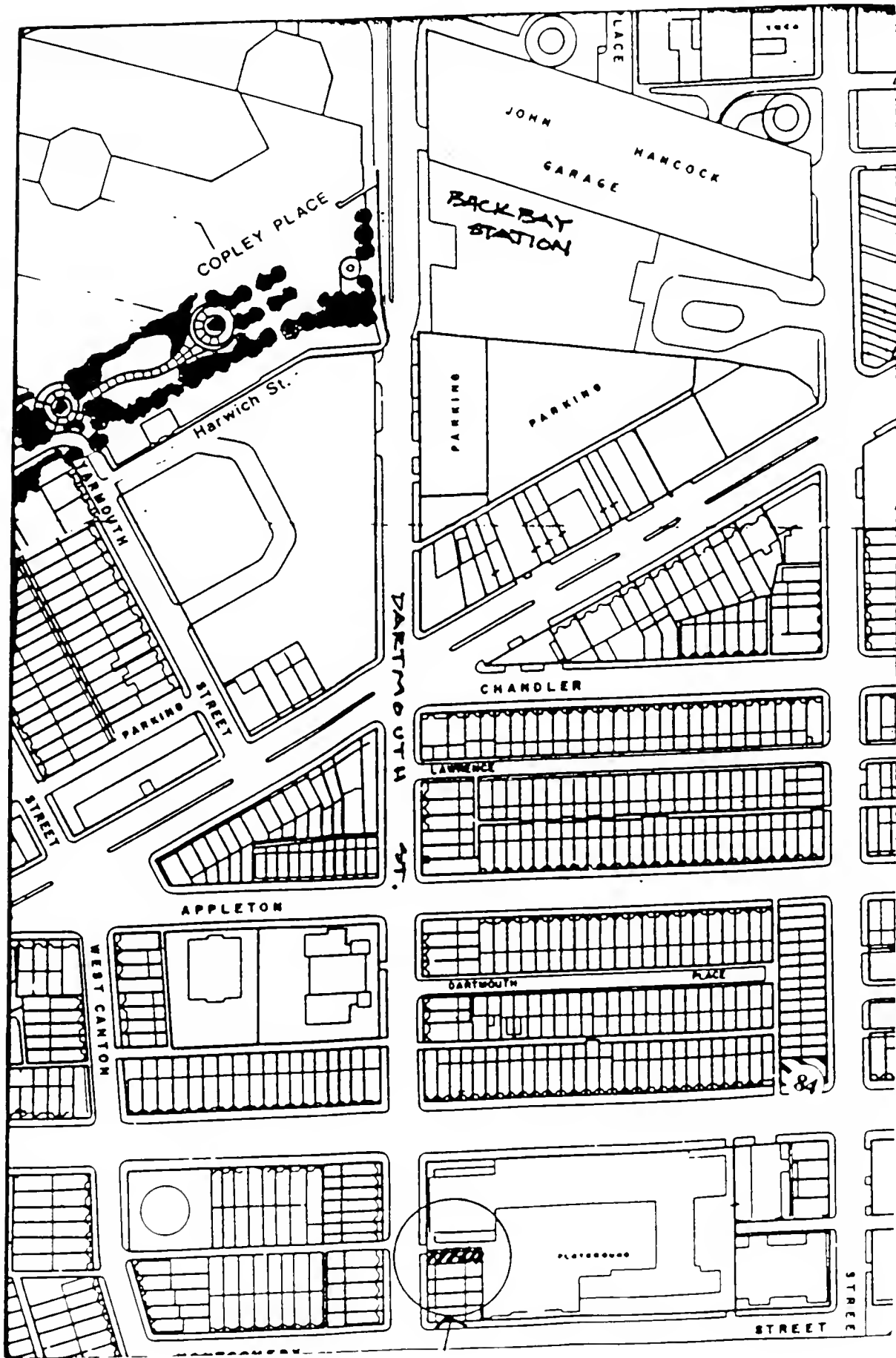




**Dartmouth Street Community Park**



# Dartmouth Street Community Park





## Proposed Garden Improvements

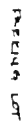
- Develop seating area at back of garden;
- Enhance existing planting with more deciduous and evergreen shrubs, ground covers and bulbs;
- Develop an environmental educational link with students at the Mackey School. (Students could assist with planting projects and garden maintenance, install labels with botanical plant names, etc.);
- Install edging for gravel pathway;
- Install front and back gates. Front gate should be iron to match existing front fence. The gates could be specially made to reflect the site's proximity to the Mackey School -- with perhaps a children's motif as public art.

## Funding Strategy

- The Mackey School should apply for a Small Grant from the Boston Foundation for planning and design.
- Establish a formal "Friends" group which can coordinate fundraising in the neighborhood, work with the Mackey School, and conduct "Plant-In" Workshops.
- Apply to the Browne Fund for funds for public art piece in the design of the iron gates.
- Join with other South End/Lower Roxbury gardens to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant to fund physical site improvements to the gardens in the form of cultural and neighborhood expression, public and environmental art.



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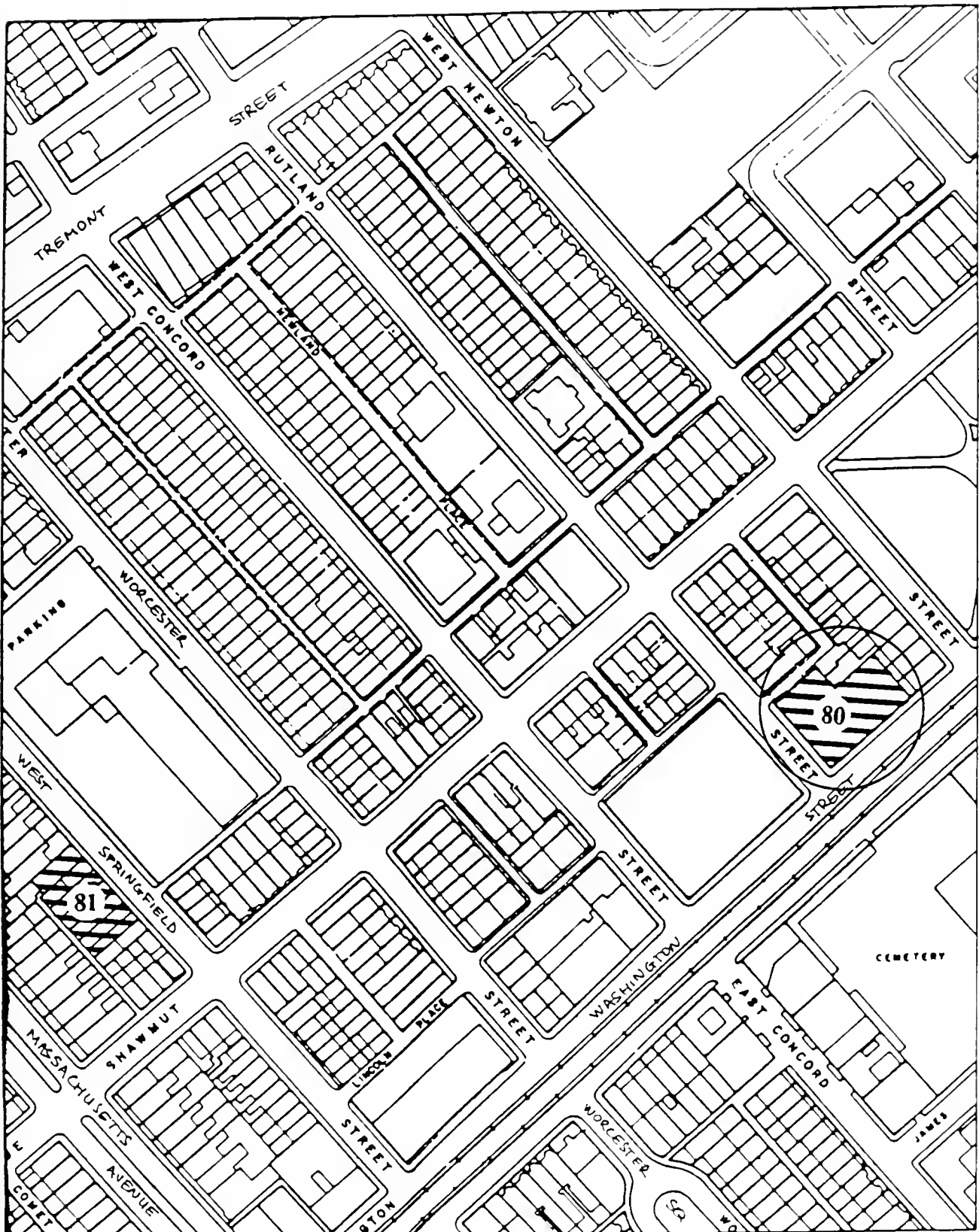
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**Gazebo Garden**  
**Rutland and Washington Streets**



# Gazebo Garden: Rutland and Washington Streets





## Proposed Garden Improvements

- Improve perennial and annual border along perimeter of site;
- Create common herb beds and raised planters accessible to handicapped gardeners around gazebo;
- Develop common strawberry and herb beds and composting area;
- Install grape arbor and common gathering/delivery area;
- Improve pathways;
- Install metal fence with granite curb.

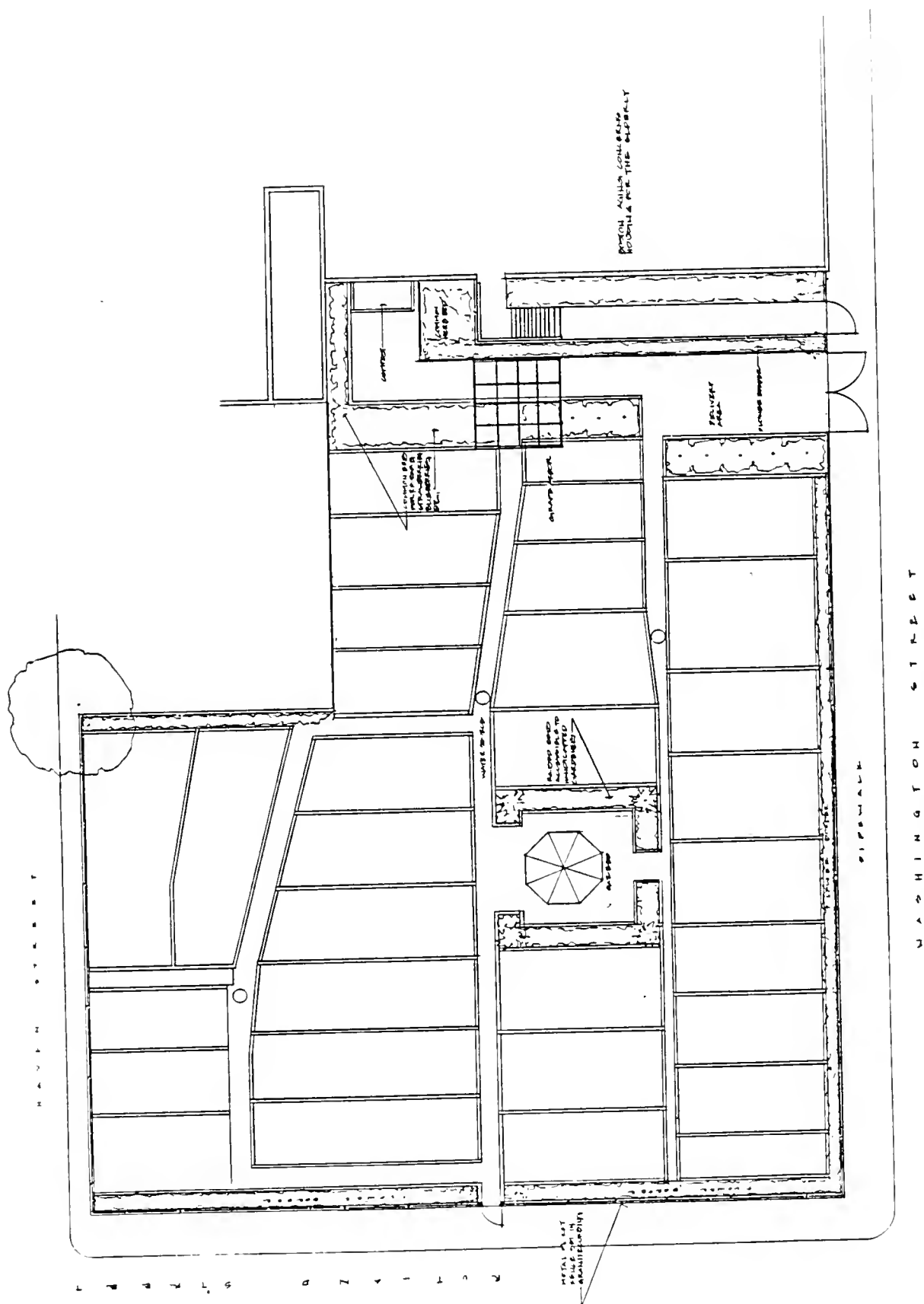
## Funding Strategy

- Apply for a Small Grant from the Boston Foundation for planning and design.
- Coordinate design and fundraising with developers of adjacent site.
- If sufficient funds for garden improvements cannot be made available as part of the development process, apply for a Grassroots Grant from the Public Facilities Department.
- Join with other South End/Lower Roxbury gardens to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant to fund physical site improvements to the gardens in the form of cultural and neighborhood expression, public and environmental art.





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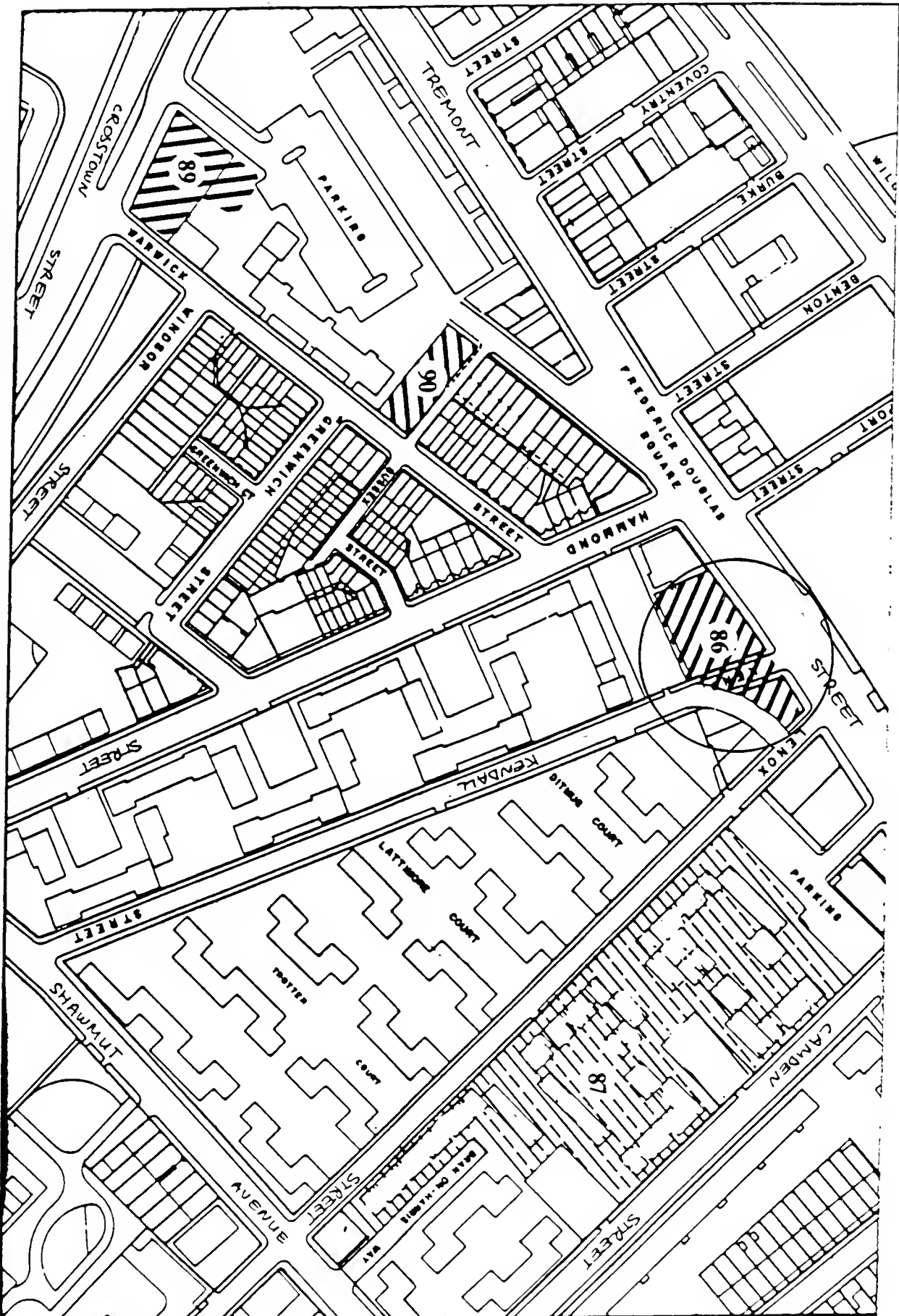




# **Lenox/Kendall Community Garden**



# Lenox/Kendall Community Garden





## Proposed Garden Improvements

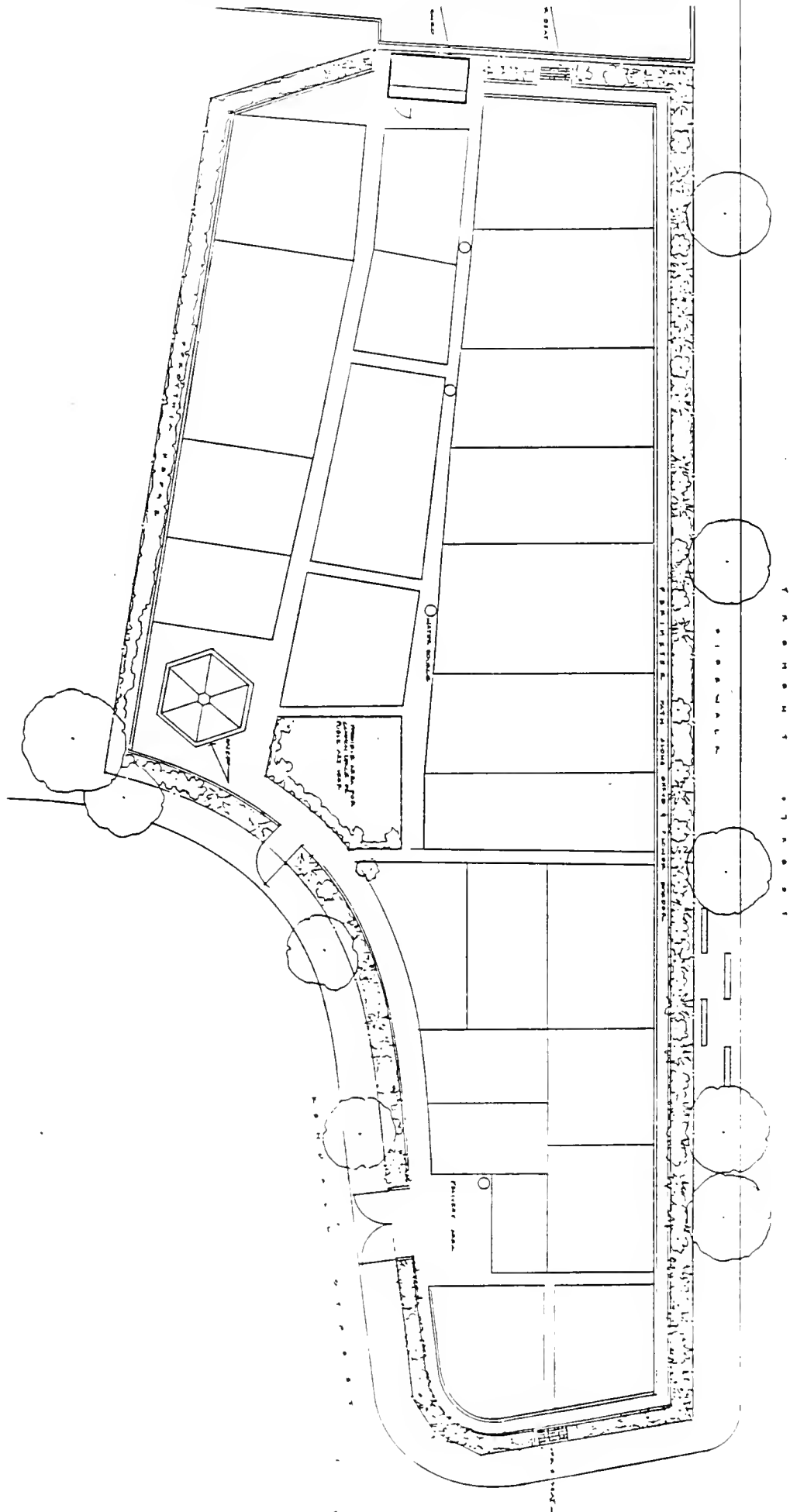
- Create perimeter path around garden to enable easier maintenance of shrub and flower border;
- Create arbor seats from existing arbors. Install along garden border and install roses and vines to climb arbor;
- Possibly develop site for public garden art in area of garden entrance;
- Stain or paint gazebo and plant climbing roses and annual vines for center uprights;
- Improve garden paths and regularize size of garden beds.

## Funding Strategy

- Apply for a Small Grant from the Boston Foundation for proposed garden improvements.
- Use a small portion of the interest from endowment funds annually to make incremental improvements to the site as proposed.
- Coordinate an annual "garden party/barbecue" fundraiser with the other gardens in Lower Roxbury for small garden improvements and a general maintenance fund.
- Join with other South End/Lower Roxbury gardens to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant to fund physical site improvements to the gardens in the form of cultural and neighborhood expression, public and environmental art.



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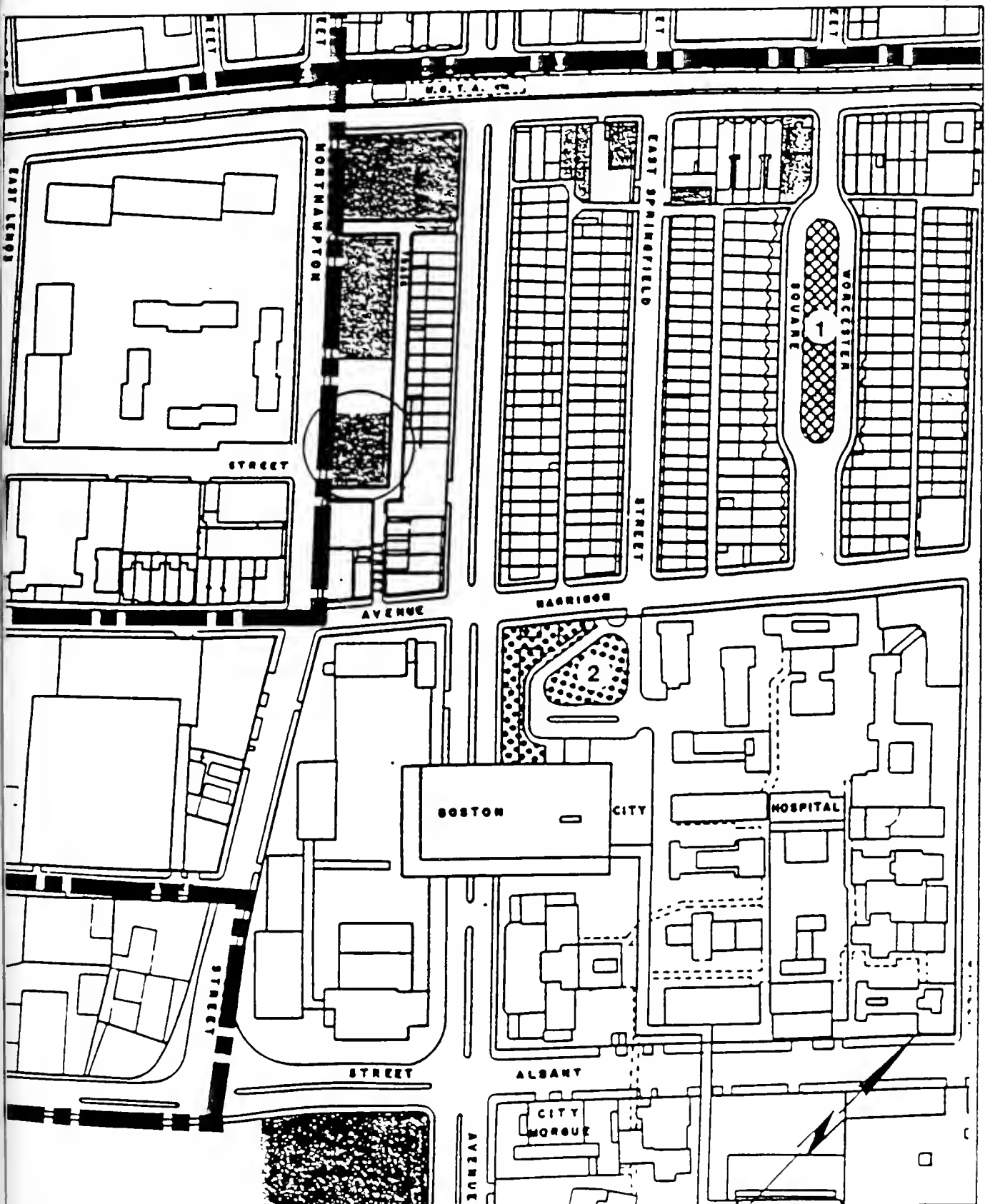
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**Parcel 33-B  
Northampton between  
Washington Street and Harrison  
Avenue**



Parcel 33-B: Northampton between Washington Street  
and Harrison Avenue





## **Garden Improvements**

- Develop community garden on vacant lot according to neighborhood-approved plans and design;
- Include perimeter perennial and annual flower border;
- Include garden structure as focal point in the garden.

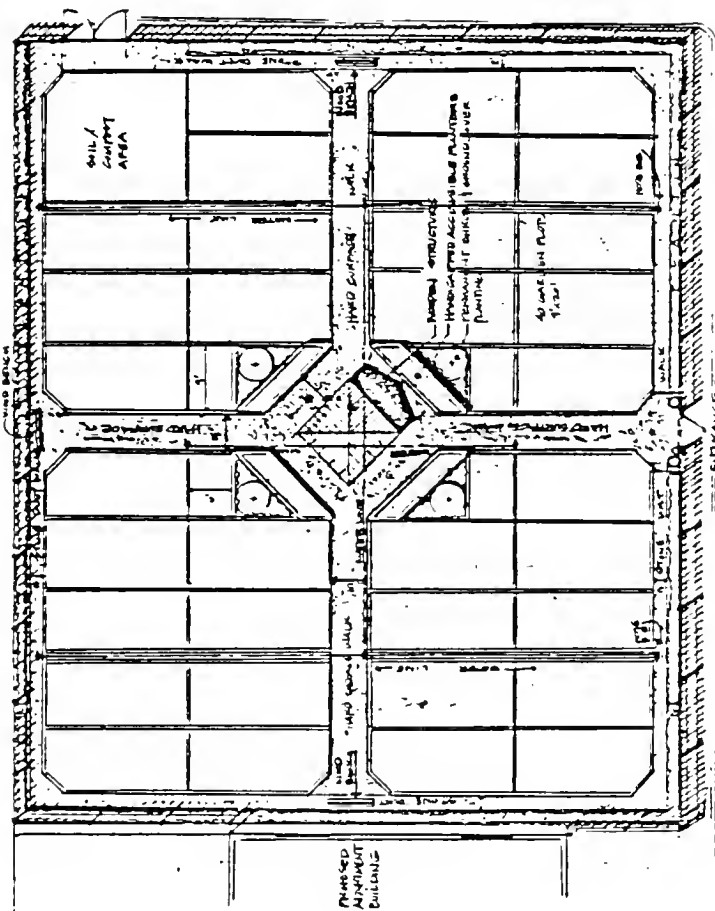
## **Funding Strategy**

- Apply for a Grassroots Grant from the Boston Public Facilities Department.
- Join with other South End/Lower Roxbury gardens to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant to fund physical site improvements to the gardens in the form of cultural and neighborhood expression, public and environmental art.





PARKING LOT



WORTHINGTON STREET

# PARCEL 33B - GARDEN PLOT PRELIMINARY LAYOUT STUDY

WALE 10" = 1'-0"

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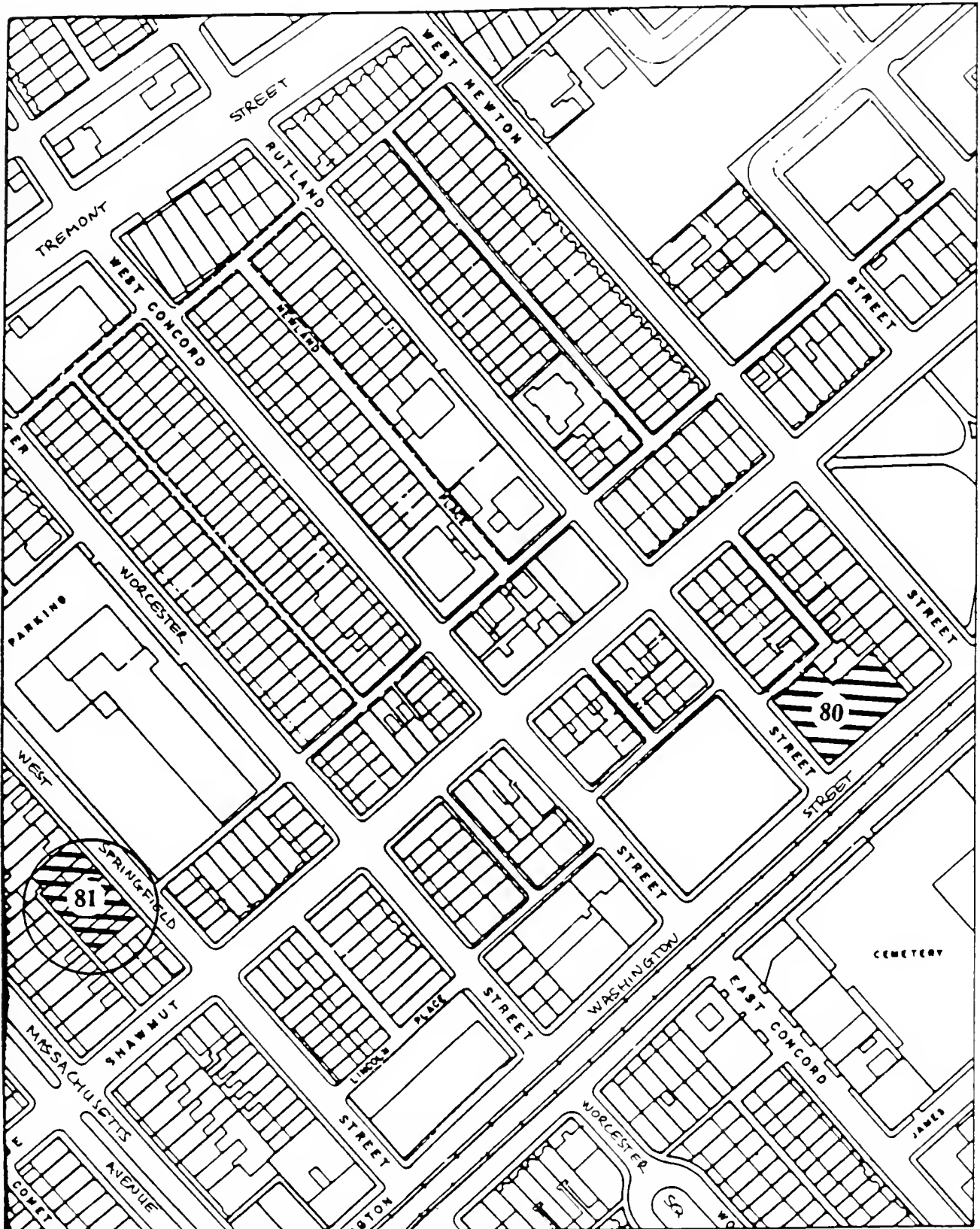
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**Tenants' Development Corporation  
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West Springfield Street**



**Tenants' Development Corporation Community Garden:  
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## **Proposed Garden Improvements**

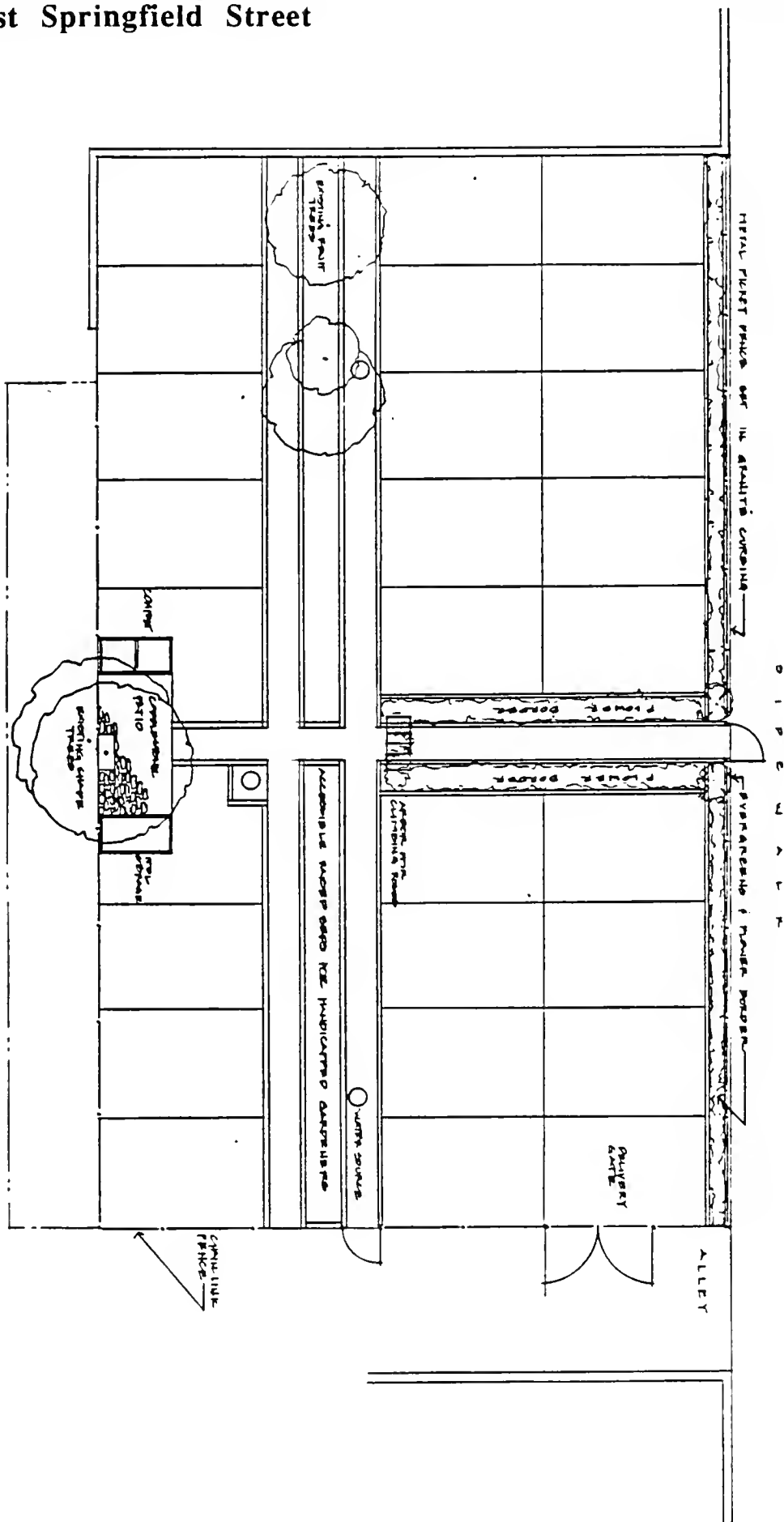
- Develop central pathway with flower borders and rose arbor;
- Create raised beds using slope of land toward middle of garden. Beds could be used by handicapped gardeners;
- Install delivery gate and delivery area;
- Expand front perennial and rose border;
- Regularize size of garden beds;
- Install metal picket or iron fence in granite curbing along street edge.

## **Funding Strategy**

- Apply for a Grassroots Grant from the Boston Public Facilities Department.
- Join with other South End/Lower Roxbury gardens to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant to fund physical site improvements to the gardens in the form of cultural and neighborhood expression, public and environmental art.



# Tenants' Development Corporation Community Garden: West Springfield Street



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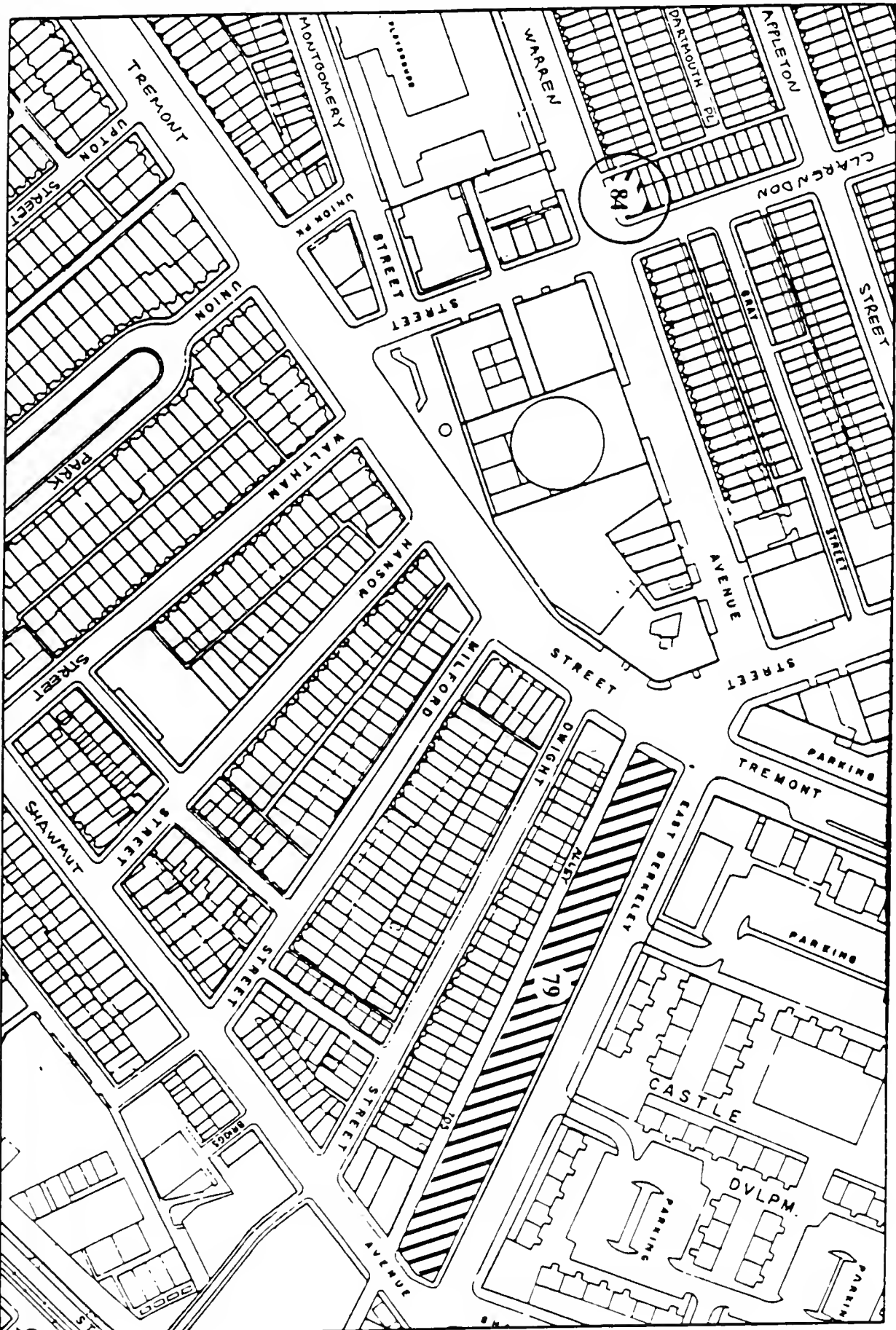


**Warren Garden**  
**Warren Avenue and Clarendon Street**





# Warren Garden: Warren Avenue and Clarendon Street





## **Proposed Garden Improvements**

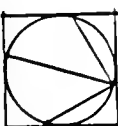
- Install permanent water system;
- Install trellis/arbor along wall edge, creating area for small gatherings and water;
- Develop common herb beds with espaliered fruit trees against back wall;
- Create new garden beds in area left after greenhouse removed;
- Create nice "front yard" effect on Clarendon Street edge;
- Repair or replace retaining wall at alley edge;
- Improve pathways;
- Install iron or metal picket fence with granite curb.

## **Funding Strategy**

- Hold neighborhood "garden party" fundraiser for site improvements.
- Apply for a Small Grant from the Boston Foundation as the core of a fundraising effort for the new fence.
- Join with other gardens to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant to fund physical site improvements to the gardens in the form of cultural and neighborhood expression, public and environmental art.



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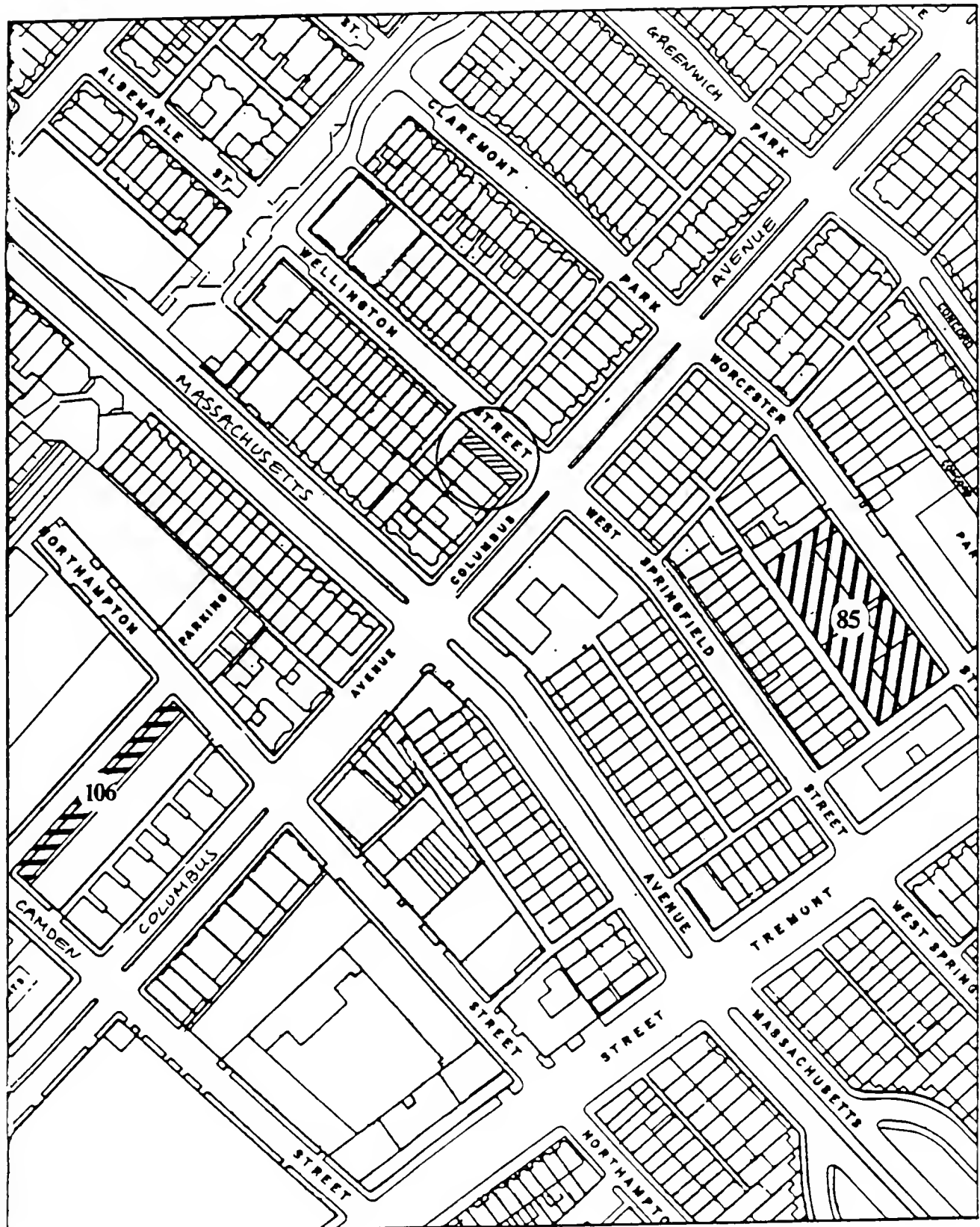




**Wellington Green  
Wellington Street and Columbus  
Avenue**



# Wellington Green: Wellington Street and Columbus Avenue





## Proposed Garden Improvements

- Develop vacant parcel into a community park;
- Use part of the site for play area for small children;
- Possibly create seating area with chess/checker tables at corner of Columbus and Wellington;
- Alternative or addition to passive area might include development of horseshoe pitch (site was formerly used for horseshoes);
- Possibly create shade garden along walled edge of site;
- Solicit proposals for functional public art pieces as part of park furnishings.

## Funding Strategy

- Establish a formal "Friends" group which can coordinate fundraising in the neighborhood.
- Apply to the Browne Fund for special features and public art.
- Join with other gardens to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant to fund physical site improvements to the gardens in the form of cultural and neighborhood expression, public and environmental art.

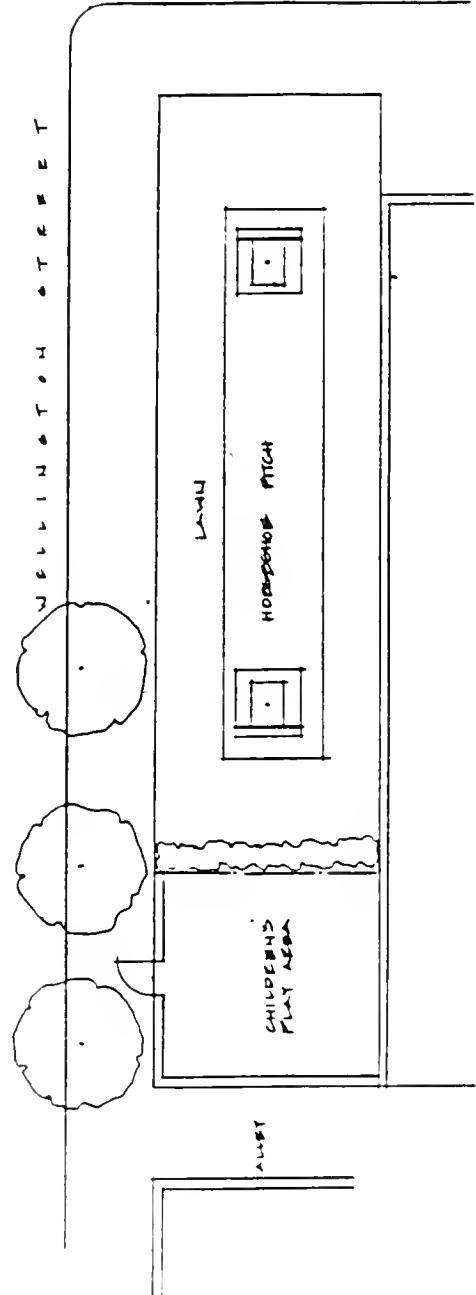
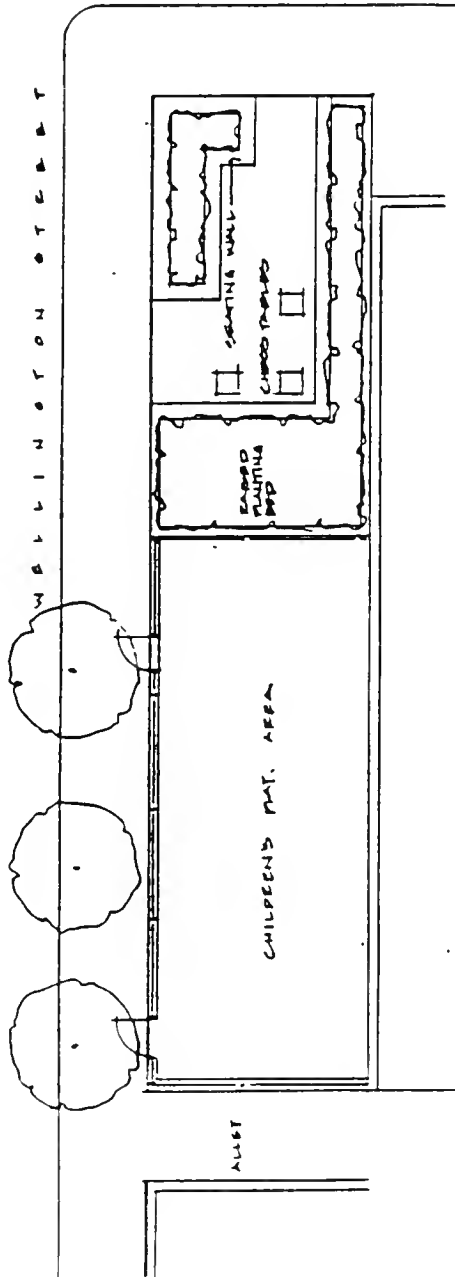
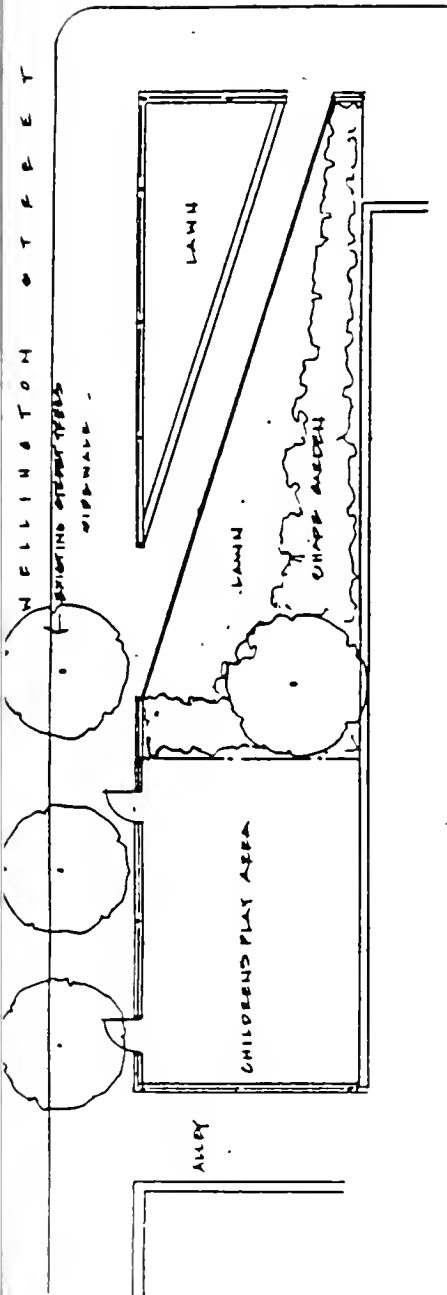


# Wellington Green: Wellington Street and Columbus Avenue

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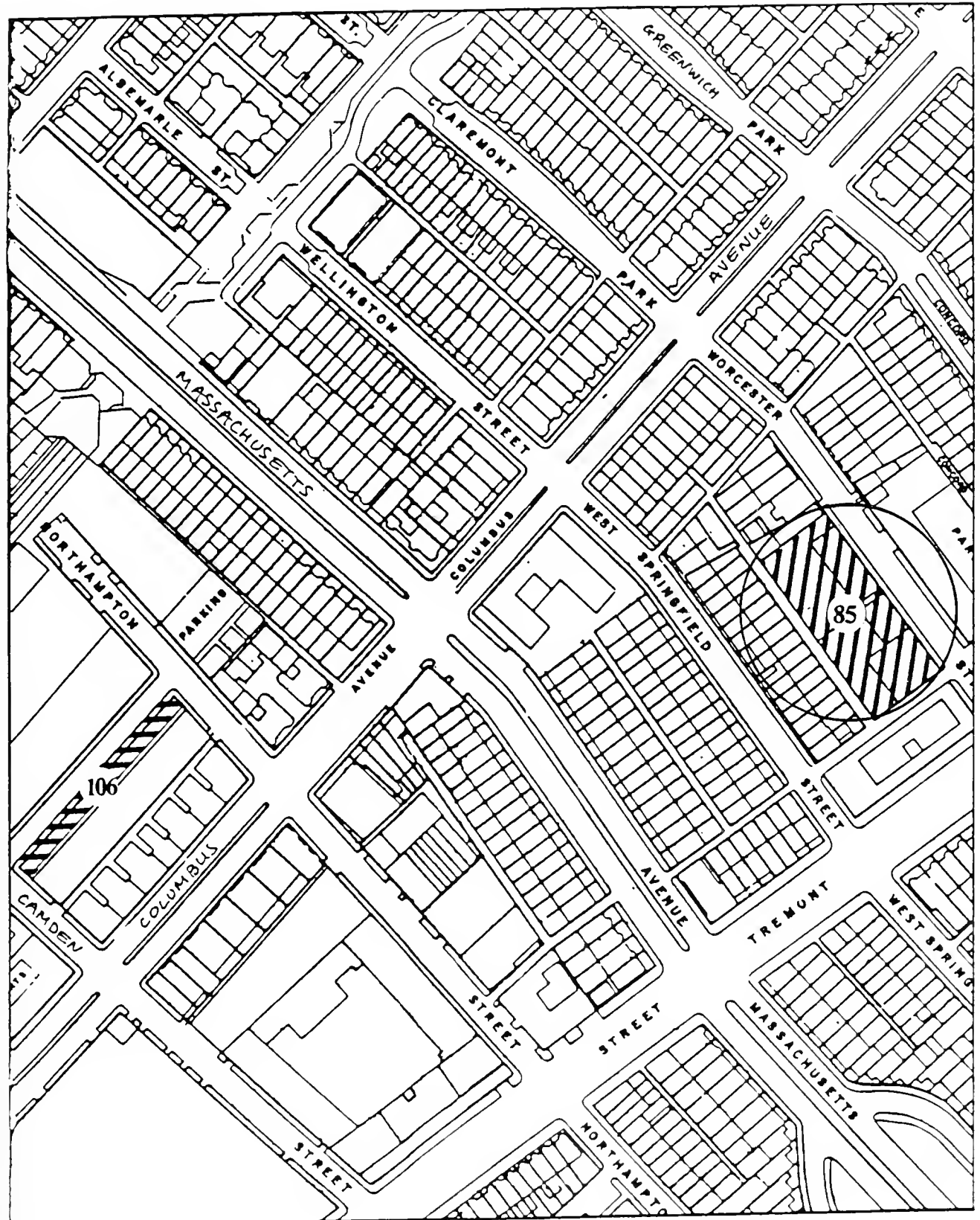
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# **Worcester Street Community Garden**



# Worcester Street Community Garden





## Proposed Garden Improvements

- Install permanent water system;
- Install new sign with covered notice board;
- Consider improved lighting in some areas of the garden;
- Improve hedge along back edge of garden, including ornamental trees and shrubs;
- Repair perimeter fence. Install raised curb with fence to prohibit cars from damaging garden.

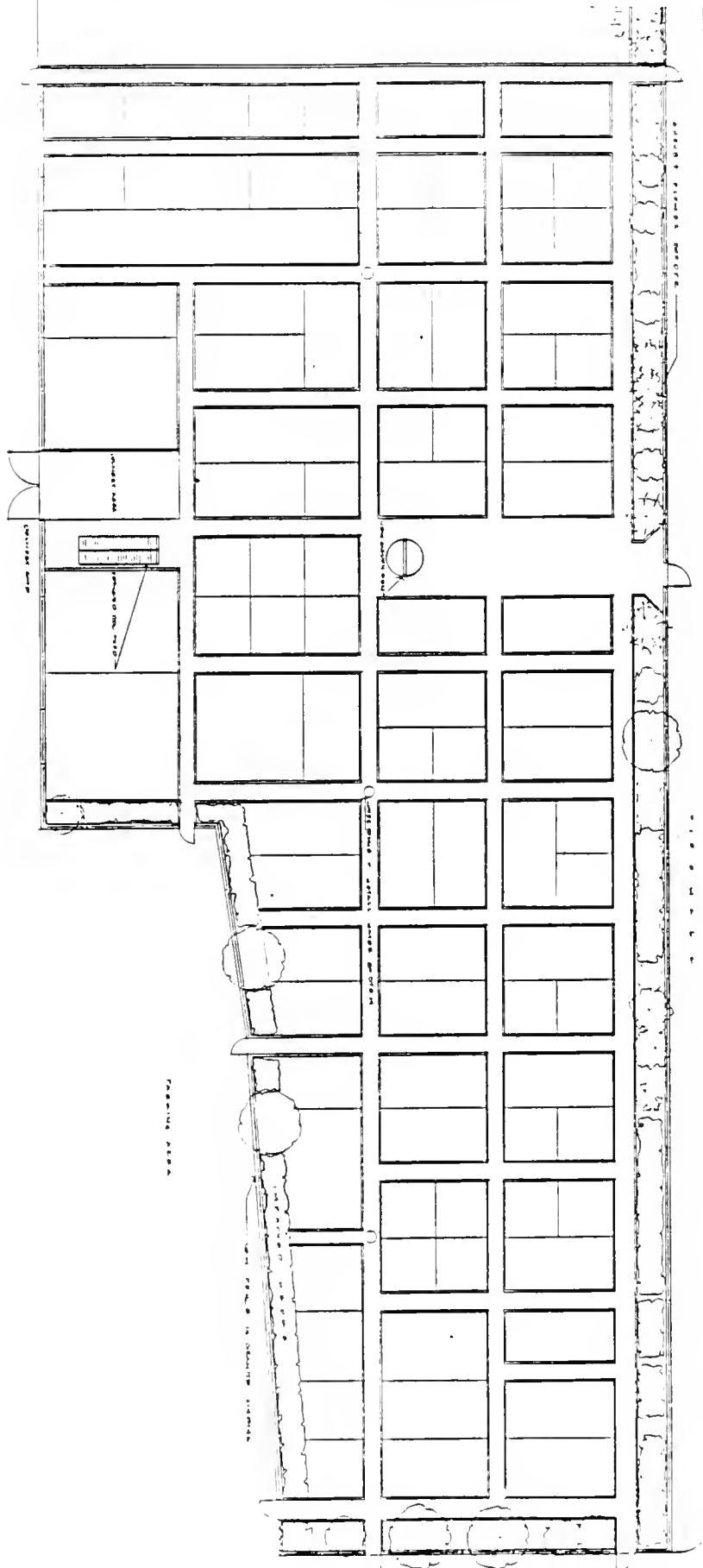
## Funding Strategy

- Apply for a Small Grant from the Boston Foundation for minor garden improvements.
- Hold a neighborhood "garden party and barbecue" to raise funds for the new water system.
- Join with other gardens to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant to fund physical site improvements to the gardens in the form of cultural and neighborhood expression, public and environmental art.





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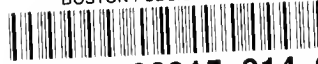








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