



BOSTON
PARKS &
RECREATION

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[Copley Overview]

- Total Tree Pits: 53
- Total Tree Count in Copley Square: 63
 - Includes 51 London Planes, 8 Lindens, and 4 Maples
- Total Existing London Plane Trees: 51
 - 42 Boylston St side
 - 9 St. James St side
- Open Pits for Replants: 2
- Removals: 20
 - 16 Boylston St side
 - 4 St. James side (closing two pits)
- Prune: 27
- Possible Inoculation: 31
- New Plantings: 20
 - 12 Red Maples
 - 4 Ginkgo Biloba
 - 4 Seedless Sweet Gum



[New Tree Species]

- Sweet Gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
- Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)
- Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*), existing species in Copley
 - Monocultures are subject to devastation by a particular disease, pest or event. Choosing a diverse variety of species for Copley Square will help in preventing a repeat of this in the future.



Ginkgo Biloba

Sweet Gum



Red Maple



[Pit Sizes and Tree Sizes]

- Pit size: 6x6 (36 square feet)
- New tree size to be installed 2" - 2.5" balled and burlap
 - Root balls will be washed to plant as bare root. Corrective root pruning can be done at this time to allow better root growth and better establishment in the new soil.

[Soil Replacement]

- Remove existing soil from tree pits ideally down to 2.5' deep
- Replace with specifically designed soil that will allow the trees to survive and thrive
- Apply hydro gel to top of new soil and mix
- Top with a coarse dark brown sand instead of mulch to allow easier future treatments and provide cooler and less compacted soils.

[Remaining Tree Treatment]

- Prune 27 London Planes
 - Remove diseased branches and encourage juvenility within the plant
 - Complete tool sterilization between each tree
 - Sterilization of final cuts to avoid the spread of disease



[Contact Information]

- For more information about the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, please visit www.cityofboston.gov/parks or call 617-635-PARK, (617-635-7275).

[Friends of Copley Square]

- A nonprofit organization
- Holds fundraisers, including: June 21 Summer Solstice Stroll
- Can be reached by calling 617-536-2101
- More information online at: www.friendsofcopleysquare.org