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Subject: Boston's 2007 urban canopy goal

Hi Catherine

I've been following Cambridge's work on your Urban Forest Master Plan with interest. In some of the presentations posted on your project website, I see that there is a metric for Boston stating that we set a goal to have 49% canopy coverage by 2016. I've never heard of that goal before and I wonder if it is a mistake. The 2007 initiative, Growing Boston Greener, advocated for the planting of 100,000 trees between 2007/2008 and 2020 by the City, the State, and non-profit partners. This planting goal aimed to increase the city's (then) 29% canopy coverage by 20% by the year 2030 (which would mean a goal of 35% coverage). Perhaps someone read that and thought it meant 20% of new canopy coverage all together. If you want to include Boston on that chart, can you please edit the goal and timeframe even though it's out of date?

We are in the early stages of developing some new policies and goals related to urban canopy protection and expansion following a more recent analysis of the existing canopy. Once we have updated information to share, we'll be sure to do that - in the meantime, correcting what you are showing for Boston would be good interim step.

Thanks very much
Liza

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