

Let's Create
A Community Vision



for Arborway Yard
Presented by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy

What *is* Arborway Yard?

Located at the southern edge of Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood, **Arborway Yard** is a storage and maintenance facility for a portion of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) bus fleet. Bounded by Forest Hills Street, Washington Street, Brookley Road and the Arborway, Arborway Yard could one day be reconfigured to meet the growing and changing needs of our community.

ARBORWAY YARD STORES

118 BUSES

FOR THE MBTA BUS FLEET

LOCATED LESS THAN 1/4 MILE FROM

FRANKLIN PARK, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL & FOREST HILLS STATION

ARBORWAY YARD MEASURES

18 ACRES

2X LARGER THAN FENWAY PARK

ARBORWAY YARD IS

PUBLIC LAND

OWNED BY BOSTON & THE MBTA

\$52 MILLION

RECENTLY INVESTED BY THE STATE IN CYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT FOREST HILLS



ARBORWAY YARD COMPARED TO LOCAL LANDMARKS

A collection of six aerial images of local landmarks, each with its name and acreage listed below it. The landmarks are: Fenway Park (8.1 Acres), Brewery Complex, JP (5.4 Acres), White Stadium (6.8 Acres), Lemuel Shattuck Hospital Building (2.9 Acres), and MBTA South End Bus Yard (6.9 Acres). The Arborway Yard site is also included for comparison, showing it is 18 Acres.

FENWAY PARK
8.1 Acres

BREWERY COMPLEX, JP
5.4 Acres

WHITE STADIUM
6.8 Acres

LEMUEL SHATTUCK HOSPITAL BUILDING
2.9 Acres

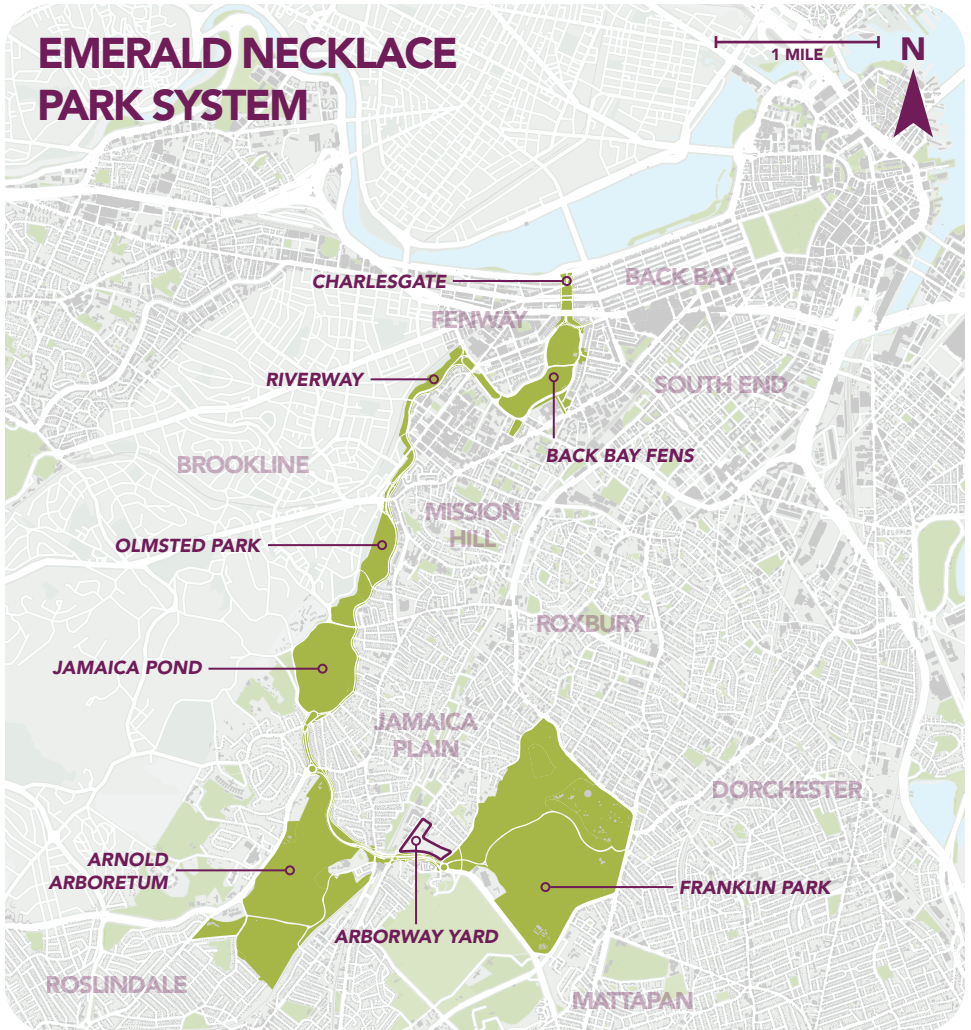
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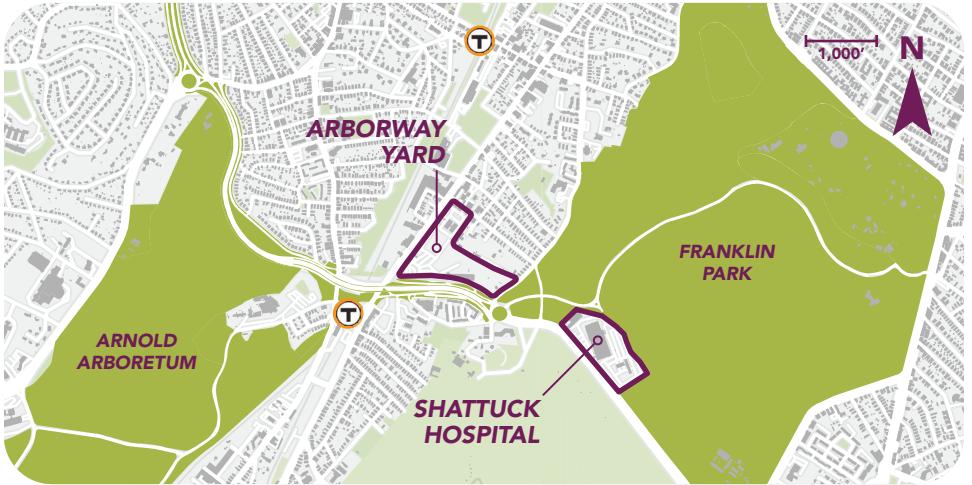
MBTA SOUTH END BUS YARD
6.9 Acres

Why Arborway Yard?

Arborway Yard and the Emerald Necklace

Arborway Yard is located within Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood, halfway between two of Boston's Emerald Necklace parks: the Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park. The site directly abuts the Arborway, part of a parkway system connecting each of the seven Emerald Necklace parks, which contain approximately 1,100 acres of parkland.





Why is the Emerald Necklace Conservancy Interested in Arborway Yard?

- Arborway Yard borders the Emerald Necklace. The Conservancy believes the site is better suited for certain services, like supportive housing and addiction services, than their current location at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.
- The Shattuck Hospital is currently located within Franklin Park, which is the Emerald Necklace's largest park. While state officials wish to demolish the hospital and rebuild supportive services on site, the Conservancy believes that these services should be moved from Franklin Park to the more centrally located and accessible Arborway Yard site.
- The Conservancy also believes the state should return Shattuck Hospital's campus to Franklin Park, and the diverse neighborhoods it serves, to provide better outcomes for patients, local residents, and hospital administrators.

What is the Emerald Necklace Conservancy?

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy is a private, non-profit stewardship organization founded in 1998 to maintain, restore and protect the Emerald Necklace parks, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. To steward the Emerald Necklace's 1,100 acres of parkland, extending from Boston's Back Bay through Brookline and Jamaica Plain to Franklin Park in Dorchester, the Conservancy collaborates with its partners on advocacy, maintenance and restoration, education and access and promoting park stewardship through volunteer and youth programs.



To Consider: **ARBORWAY YARD + LEMUEL SHATTUCK HOSPITAL**

The **Lemuel Shattuck Hospital** is a state-run hospital that provides vital medical, psychiatric, and public health services. State officials have proposed moving inpatient services from the site's current campus, located in Franklin Park, to the South End, while retaining programs for people facing homelessness and addiction in rebuilt facilities at Franklin Park. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy believes that Arborway Yard is a superior site for these necessary supportive services, and asks for your support and feedback towards relocating them to the Arborway site.

DISADVANTAGES OF FRANKLIN PARK SITE

- **Inaccessibility:** The current hospital campus is more than a half mile from the nearest rapid transit station and is only served by three infrequent bus routes.
- **Isolation:** The current hospital campus is far from supportive infrastructure and communities, as well as daily necessities like supermarkets and banks, that would greatly help patients.

ADVANTAGES OF ARBORWAY YARD SITE

- **Transit-Oriented:** An Arborway facility would have direct access to MBTA Orange Line service and almost twenty bus routes.
- **Community Centered:** An Arborway facility, built as part of an community-driven master plan, could provide patients with access to supporting infrastructure, necessities, and community networks.
- **Green Space:** Decommissioning the existing Shattuck campus and restoring the site to parkland could reclaim 13 acres of green space for Franklin Park and the neighborhoods around it.

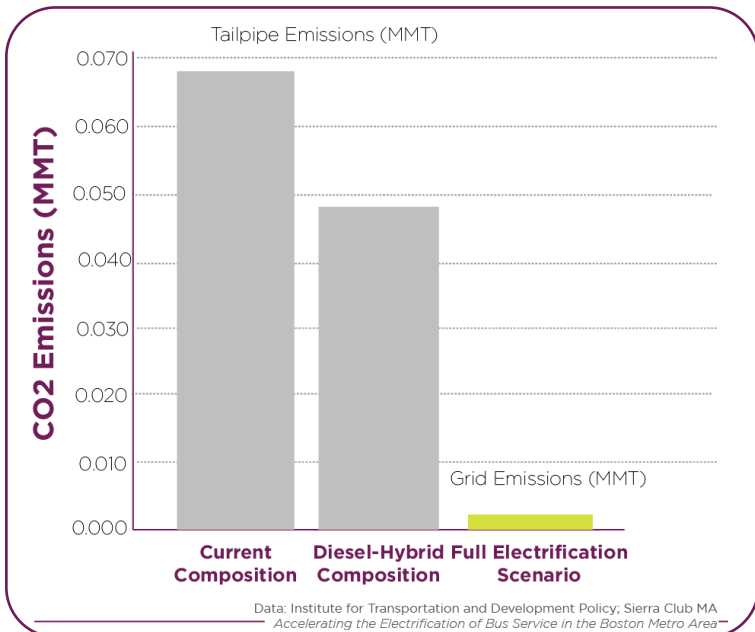
Environmental Health

Arborway Yard is home to about 10% of the MBTA's total bus fleet, serving almost two dozen bus routes. While buses reduce local pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by providing an alternative to driving, they are powered by natural gas and are a source of pollution within Jamaica Plain.

MBTA officials plans to replace the current Arborway bus facility with a new garage by the end of 2027. The new facility will provide several advantages over the current maintenance yard:

- The new facility will be able to store buses **powered by electricity**.
- Electric buses emit **basically no pollution**, improving local air quality and community health outcomes for chronic illnesses like asthma.
- The new facility could be **built underground**, meaning more of Arborway Yard could be **repurposed for community development** in the future.

ANNUAL CARBON EMISSIONS, MBTA BUS FLEET



Community Opportunity

Because Arborway Yard is a large, centrally-located and publicly-owned site, it presents a unique opportunity to meet current and future community needs and wants through a **ground-up, community-driven planning process**. While a portion of the site must continue to serve the public as an MBTA bus maintenance facility, Arborway Yard could provide a variety of resources for Jamaica Plain residents.

WHAT COMMUNITY USES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT ARBORWAY YARD?

HOUSING

Community

Office

Restaurants

Center

Hotel

NEIGHBORHOOD

Health Center

Parkland

RETAIL

GATHERING

City Services

Music

PLACES

Education

Supermarket

Safe Streets

COMMUNITY

WHAT DID WE MISS? COMPLETE THE INCLUDED VISIONING EXERCISE TO TELL US!

Get Involved Today

Arborway Yard presents an incredible opportunity to meet present and future community needs, forge a greener future for Boston, and to help our most vulnerable neighbors. A planning process driven and defined by our community is essential to making this vision a reality. Your voice is powerful and essential to this cause. We invite you to learn more about Arborway Yard at www.emeraldnecklace.org and to submit your ideas, memories, priorities and vision for the future of Arborway Yard using the attached materials or online at www.linktr.ee/arborwayyard.

If you are interested in advocating for the relocation of supportive services from Franklin Park to Arborway Yard, please contact Julia Damiano, Volunteer Engagement and Policy Coordinator, by email at jdamico@emeraldnecklace.org.

LEARN MORE AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:



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OR MAIL THE INCLUDED VISIONING EXERCISE TO:

Arborway Yard
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Community Support

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy's proposal to relocate supportive services to Arborway Yard has won the support of more than two dozen local, regional and national organizations as well as more than one hundred community members.

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS:

Arborway Coalition

ArborwayMatters

Authentic Caribbean Foundation

Boston Food Forest Coalition

Brookline GreenSpace Alliance

City Parks Alliance

Charlesgate Alliance

Fiduciary Wealth Partners

Franklin Park Tennis Association

Fenway Garden Society

Friends of Post Office Square

Friends of Ramler Park

Garrison Trotter

Neighborhood Association

Jamaica Hills Association

Massachusetts Conservation Voters

Muddy Water Initiative

*National Association
for Olmsted Parks*

OLMSTED 2022

Speak for the Trees

*Trustees Collaborative for
Parks and Open Space*

The Trust for Public Land

USA Track & Field – New England

*Zoo New England/
Franklin Park Zoo*

BROCHURE PRODUCED BY:

*Students at the Northeastern University School of Architecture
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