

The Big Dig Central Artery Project has freed up hundreds of acres of space in Boston. This space, once inhabited by elevated highways, will now be largely dedicated to new greenways.

This exciting new green space will connect the city, providing a parks and gardens that knit together the urban fabric.

Citizens are offered a unique opportunity to adopt a parcel of this greenspace through the F.O.B.D.A.G.S. (Friends of Big Dig Adoption of Greenspace) organization. Adopting a parcel allows the average citizen can become a part of the extraordinary urban transformation in Boston.

By adopting, you are given responsibility for your plot. While the city will still be in charge of general maintenance: mowing, snow removal, etc., the adoptive "parent" will make sure that the land stays clean, well-groomed, and vagrant-free. The parent may augment the given landscape by planting flowers, adding a bench or water feature, or coordinating with his/her neighbors to produce a path or patio.

The hope of F.O.B.D.A.G.S. is that through this adoptive process, the citizens of Boston are truly allowed to form their newly appropriated spacious green city. After years of enduring traffic and routing problems, construction noise and inconvenience associated with the Big Dig, the citizens of Boston can now reap the benefits of the expansive reconstruction.



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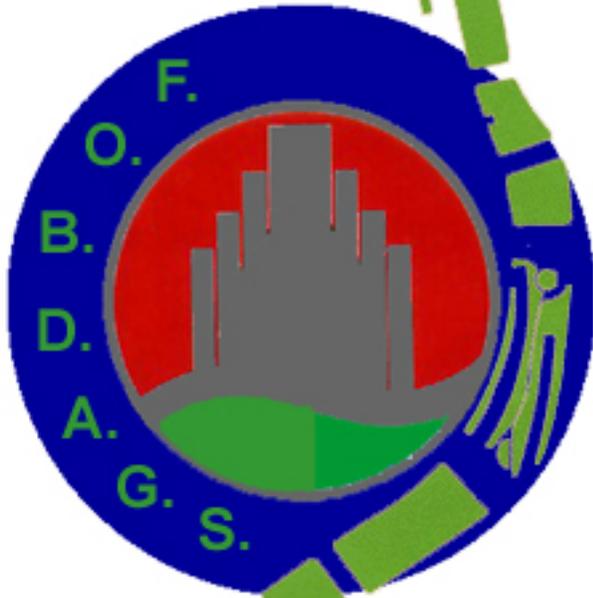


Below are two examples of previously adopted greenspace. The first is a more isolated plot, which the adoptive parent uses as a croquet tournament green (the neighboring plot was adopted by a fellow croquet player, and he approved the activity). The second is a very average adopted greenspace, which has been given a more elaborate personality through adoption. The diversity of design and the attention to detail add interest to the park, and has made it a more populated greenspace.



# FOBDAGS APPLICATION for ADOPTION

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M    F

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Residence in Greater Boston Area: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a name stake for your adopted plot ([see stake prototype](#))

First choice plot: \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice plot: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to become a FOBDAGS member and qualify to adopt green space, \_\_\_\_\_, will uphold the following contract between \_\_\_\_\_ and the FOBDAGS governing board.

By signing this contract you agree to the following terms, I will:

Visit my green space throughout the year, including at least one visit per month in January, February, & March.

Maintain my green space by removing trash, vagrants, etc. While FOBDAGS will mow my green space and perform routine maintenance, I will keep it well groomed and report any inadequate maintenance issues or inappropriate activities to the FOBDAGS

governing board.

Have the right to make modifications to my green space, such as adding a bench, planting flowers, etc., by approval of the FOBDAGS governing board and with a 2/3 majority vote of each green space adoptee that is directly affected by my modification.

Have the right to join forces with other adoptees to make larger modifications to your green space(s), by approval of the FOBDAGS governing board and with a 3/4 majority vote of each green space adoptee that is directly affected by my (our) modification.

Refrain from any illegal activities or other inappropriate activities that are unbecoming in nature and could incriminate any member of FOBDAGS. Activities such as rambunctuous picnicking, sports, kite flying, sunbathing, the intake of alcoholic beverages, the use of tobacco products, listening to amplified music, playing guitar, blowing of nose, etc., that could prove to be a liability for FOBDAGS and the governing board.

Refrain from taking photographs of other green spaces unless explicit approval is granted in writing eight (8) days prior. Escort children under the age of fifteen (15) at all times and limit their access to other green space unless explicit approval is granted in writing five (5) days prior.

Not utilize my green space for monetary, political, or social gain. Participate in the FOBDAGS governance. Abide by all terms and conditions of the FOBDAGS code of conduct, governing documents, and constitution.

Write a non-refundable deposit check to FOBDAGS for \$\_\_\_\_, determined by the FOBDAGS governing board and your nominating member.