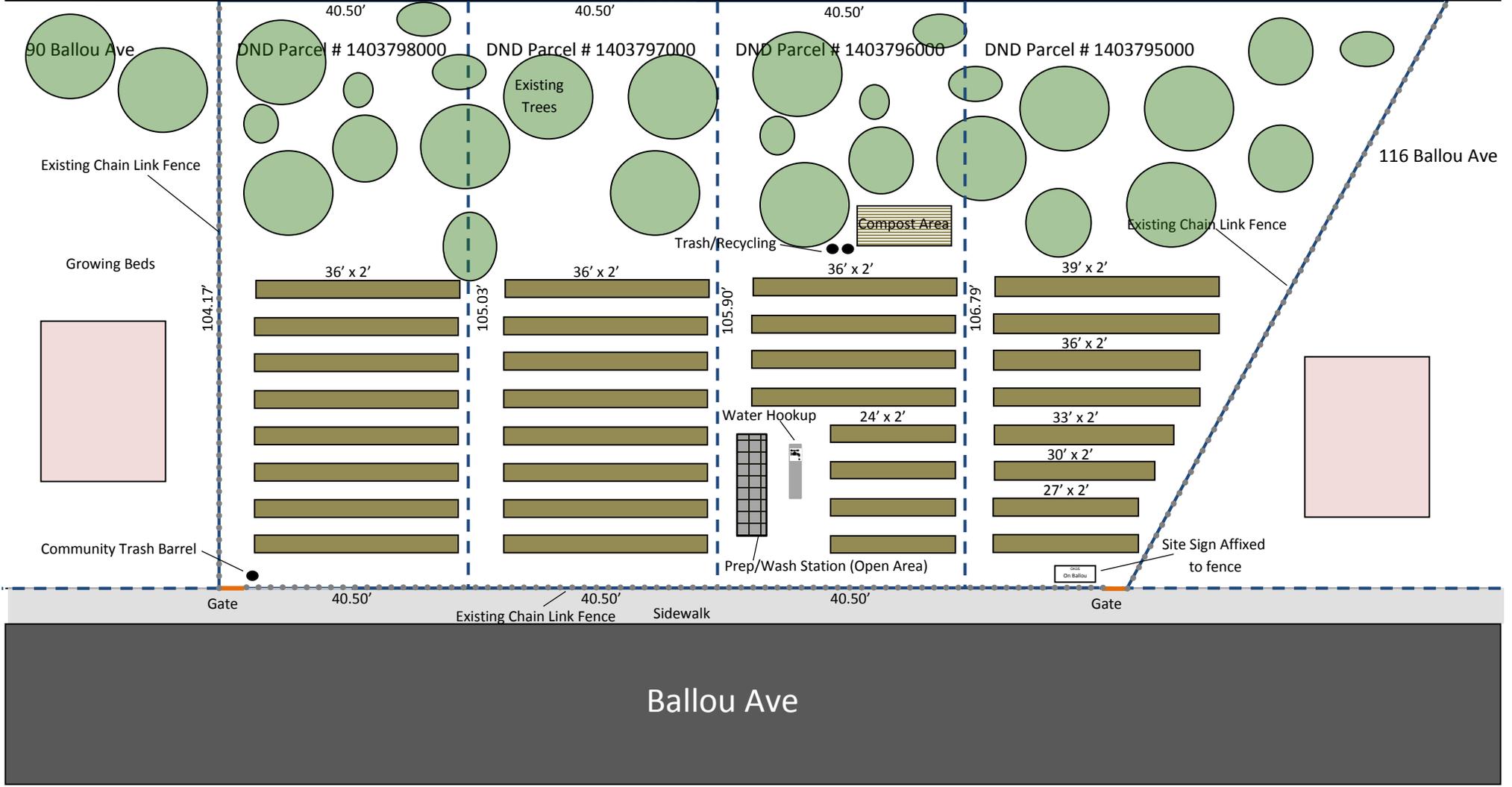


MBTA Right of Way



Ballou Ave

OASIS ON BALLOU 2015 Photos





March 2, 2016

Marie Mercurio
Boston Redevelopment Authority
1 City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Ms. Mercurio:

Codman Square NDC is pleased to submit the enclosed OASIS on Ballou Urban Farm Year 2 site design plan for Comprehensive Farm Review. Year two plans at Ballou consist of two changes:

- 1) Per your response to my initial phone inquiry, we are planning to extend the farmable space by almost double. Our intent is to prepare the additional area according to Article 89 and better utilize our Year 1 GardenSoxx soil bags according to the planting row layout and orientation in the attached plan.
- 2) Altering the initial (GardenSoxx) planting row layout given the water hookup enclosure that was required by the City's BWSC Water Management Plans, and including a designated wash and prep area next to it.

Outside the two changes described above, all other items and materials remain the same as in Year I CFR Packet. Please let us know if you require any additional information from us. We look forward to successful and expeditious review of our plans and completed CFR process by April 8, 2016.

As always, your support for this project is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your continued input.

Sincerely,

Marcos Beleche
Associate Director

Enclosures: OASIS on Balloy Site Design Plans for Year 2

OASIS on Ballou Urban Farm

Year 2 Site Design Clarifications and Response to Initial CFR Comments

Per our review of your initial questions on our Year 2 Site Design Plans, please see the following clarifications:

The Trash and recycling cans* were used for the farm purposes. These were standard Rubbermaid hard plastic bins. They are free-standing, chained to each other and placed by the composting area. We removed them at the end of the season and stored in our office basement, generally had little use given that there was minimal trash or recyclables created by the farming activities. They will be reinstalled when on-site operations resume per site plans.

A **community trash barrel** was installed as previously agreed at the front of the site along the fence to help discourage littering on the sidewalk/street. This is a decorated corrugated aluminum can adopted from a neighborhood "Clean City / Healthy City community trash barrel campaign.

The **site gates are not permanent** and neither is the **exiting chain link fence**. As stated last year, existing chain link fence will remain in place until final phase preparations are more defined and final site access points are defined. Current access points work for the current site uses. We are pursuing funding and have identified an architect to facilitate a community charrette for a more thematic and permanent fence that reflects community vision for Ballou.

The **prep station** at this point is nothing more than an open area, providing space for crates/bins with produce harvested can be kept until moved off site. This area was originally prepped for production rows, but the water hook-up plans broke up that set of rows. It made sense to have an open area near the water source for any produce washing. There are no tables or hard surfaces planned at this point.

- Note: The **trash and recycling in the left, front part of the property** is an oversight on our part. I asked a colleague who helped with last year's plan to create new ones with the added rows. He accessed the original version that he had on file and not the one that was revised based on your initial comments from last year.