22 Accomplishments of 2022

1. At 212 Congress Avenue, we put in place temporary park installations and significant community engagement that led to the parcel being donated to the city for permanent green space & park advocacy.

2. We designed and permitted our new teaching kitchen! Construction is about to begin!

3. #Fight4Forbes launched, raising $10M+ for open space, waterfront access, and affordable housing.

4. We launched our indoor air quality pilot project with MGH and BU School of Public Health; and distributed 50 Box fan filters to clean air and address heat waves for 50 households.

5. We launched a sustainer giving program to help diversify our funding base. Inaugural donors will receive a cookbook developed in collaboration with Chelsea Public Library.

6. ECO Youth and GR leadership meet President Biden!

7. We were awarded the prestigious Mystic River Watershed Association Ripple Award, named Runner Up for the Climate America Nationwide Award, and our Associate Executive Director received a national award from the American Public Health Association.

8. Caminatas Verdes, our weekly "green walks" group in East Boston, strengthened and expanded!

9. GreenRoots responded immediately, with massive community organizing efforts, to force MA DOT to remove illegally dumped asbestos.

10. We addressed displacement from our prior office by securing a new, and larger office.

11. GreenRoots expanded our food justice work by adopting another community garden.
GreenRoots participated in numerous prestigious conferences and on committees including in Montreal, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Washington D.C., San Antonio, Boston, Tulsa, and as a member of the Earthshot Host Committee.

We hosted Congresswoman Pressley for our energy democracy program launch. Microgrid, Solarize Eastie, and energy efficiency work are underway.

Our team, together with the City and the State’s Greening the Gateway, planted 40 trees; and launched our tree keeper program as part of the Cool Block project to address heat island impacts.

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We expanded annual events with greater participation, including Earth Day and Annual Evening on the Creek.

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ECO youth expand leadership; giving presentations with EPA Region 1 and Museum of Science; hosting their Winter Festival with youth from Chelsea and East Boston; and by learning at Soul Fire Farm in upstate NY.

GreenRoots incubated Chelsea’s first community land trust, Comunidades Enraizadas, which was officially founded as a non-profit organization in 2022!

Community Health Ambassadors expand outreach, conducting a mobile clinic series and engaging hundreds of residents.

We participated in a delegation to Central America to deepen relationships and understanding of the roots of migration and the connection to the fight for land sovereignty.

GreenRoots launched community visioning efforts with the City of Chelsea and Mystic River Watershed Association for new parks along Chelsea Creek and Mill Creek.