

Client: Mother's Rest  
Franklin Park, Boston

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Design  
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Franklin Park is home to Boston's largest forest; it boasts an 18-hole public golf course, tennis courts, baseball fields, old stone ruins, and New England's largest zoo. The park was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted as part of Boston's Emerald Necklace. Franklin Park is used and enjoyed by a diverse population for a variety of events and activities.

*Mother's Rest* is a small sitting area in the park next to the public golf course greens and the looped jogging path. Current seating seems awkward and uncomfortable. Lack of management has resulted in erosion and an influx of invasive plants. Paths are worn and nearby park entrances need signage and new plantings.

At the invitation of the Franklin Park Coalition, COG's design team developed a plan that aims to restore and preserve this corner of the city's largest park by improving the entrances, paths, and woodlands. The final plan creates a configuration of new benches and incorporates the existing ones around a rehabilitated fountain. New native plantings and mowing strategies will attract visitors and wildlife and reduce maintenance.

