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**PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION**  
City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Application #: PEL15-000003  
File #: 15-000370

**Organization name:** Groundwork Somerville

**Description:** Sap collected from sugar maples in Somerville will be boiled down to make maple syrup.

**Date(s):** March 6 and 7

**Setup starts at (time):** 8:30

**Cleanup after the event ends at (time):** 4

**Attendees:**

Max attendance at one time: 150

Maximum attendees accommodated:

**Attendee fees or suggested donations:** Free

**Social or cultural benefits:**

Educational demonstration of maple syrup making

**City Contact:**

**Organization mailing address:**

24 Park Street, Somerville MA 02143

**Event name:** Boil Down Event

**Location:** 22 Vinal Ave Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave

**Rain date(s):** None

**Event starts at (time):** 10

**Event ends at (time):** 2

Total people attending: 150

Total Somerville residents attending: 150

**What is your budget for this event:**

**Financial benefits:**

**Contact person:**

Sarah Lindsay

Telephone: (925)7874057

Email: sarah@groundworksomerville.org

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Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Food served?	Yes	Waffles and pancakes will be served on March 7
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	No	
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
<b>Arrangements:</b>		
Auxiliary Police?	No	
Police Detail:	No	
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	Yes	Restroom on site
Liability Insurance?	Yes	General Liability insurance held by Groundwork
Will any public parks be used?	No	
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	March 8, 2014 March 9, 2013
Alcohol License?	No	

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**Approval Conditions:**

**Reviewer:** John J. Long, City Clerk, Complete

**Reviewer:** CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

**Reviewer:** CS Police, Police, Pending

**Reviewer:** CS Traffic and Parking, Traffic and Parking, Approved

**Reviewer:** Christine Morin, Public Works, Pending

**Reviewer:** CS Fire, Fire, Pending

**Reviewer:** Ben Lipham, ISD Health, Pending

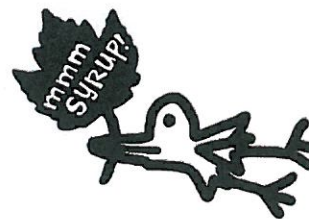
**Reviewer:** CS Recreation, Recreation, Pending

**Reviewer:** John J. Long, City Clerk, Pending

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# THE SOMERVILLE MAPLE SYRUP PROJECT



## What is the Maple Syrup Project?

The Somerville Maple Syrup Project is a project coordinated by Groundwork Somerville in partnership with the Friends of the Community Growing Center, Somerville Public Schools, Tufts University and dedicated community volunteers. Every February, local maple trees are tapped, and the collected sap is stored for a 2-day public boil-down event.

Throughout the season, Groundwork Somerville staff, university students, and community volunteers teach a 4-week standards-based arts and science curriculum to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Somerville's public schools and public library, as well as lead educational activities at the boil-down event. High school students working in the metal shop provide annual maintenance on the wood stove and evaporator pan they made in 2005. The syrup produced is given as thank you gifts to volunteers and sold in small maple leaf jars at the Groundwork Somerville booth at the Union Square Farmer's Market and at Sherman Market.



## 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Trained and placed 17 weekly committing Maple Education Volunteers in 20 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms at all seven Somerville Public School elementary sites
- Engaged over 370 second graders in their classrooms and 260 on a field trip to the Boil Down Festival at the Somerville Community Growing Center
- Improved Maple Curriculum, strengthened connections to MA Learning Standards
- Engaged 50 attendees of all ages during the Maple Tapping Event, using their help to put 20 taps in 10 sugar maple trees
- Led an after school club in putting one tap into a backyard tree near their school
- Coordinated daily sap collection, with the help of 8 weekly committing volunteers
- Powered the program with Groundwork Somerville staff coordination and three interns
- Despite rainy conditions, welcomed 500 guests of all ages and backgrounds to the free Boil Down Festival where participants enjoyed tapping demonstrations, watched the evaporator in action, and warmed up with waffles and syrup, apples, hot cider and hot chocolate
- Collected 250 gallons of sap and produced 3 gallons of syrup



*To volunteer or for information about the Boil Down, the education series, or syrup production contact:  
Lee Dwyer, Gardens Coordinator, at [Lee@groundworksomerville.org](mailto:Lee@groundworksomerville.org) or call 617-628-9988*