

Elephant Petition to help Ruth & Emily retire



Elephant Petition "Sign-Up" (Buttonwood Zoo Photo)

On Saturday, September 14, 2013, the Friends of Ruth and Emily

Elephants will have a “sign-up” table at Buttonwood Park in front of the elephant exhibit. New Bedford registered voters are encouraged to stop by and sign a petition for this November’s local ballot that would allow Ruth and Emily, the City’s two Asian elephants, to retire to a Sanctuary in Tennessee.

Buttonwood Park Zoo’s timetable for disposition of the elephants requires closing the exhibit after one of the elephants dies. This petition asks that the City Council donate both elephants now while they can still enjoy the benefits of a Sanctuary.
