



MILLENNIUM PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AUGUST 19, 2022

Thank you for your continued interest in the Millennium Park construction project and for your patience.



Boston Parks understands Millennium Park is a major recreational part of West Roxbury community and we continue to strive to reduce impacts during construction. Boston Parks also recognizes having a well-loved playground closed to the public for such a long duration is challenging. We appreciate your patience during the renovation of this amazing park.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER:

- **Phase 1: Playground**
 - Surcharging on-going. Did you know this beautiful park used to be an old garbage dump? As such, before we can start building the new playground the contractor will be surcharging the soil. Surcharging is when you place weight (in this case dirt and stone) on top of loose soils to help prevent the

playground from sinking in the future. Surveyors and engineers will be monitoring the surcharge area every few weeks until we are certain the soils are ready to build the playground.

- Delays in play equipment. The past year there is a huge demand on materials in all industries. Covid has been one issue, but extreme flooding and transportation issues throughout Europe (which is where our play equipment is coming from) have resulted in even tougher logistical challenges. Unfortunately this is beyond the Parks Department's control. We will keep you updated and know we are in regular communication with the playground manufacturer and this project is a high priority to move forward as quickly as possible.
- **Phase 2: Paving at lower parking lots and canoe launch parking and access road.**
 - Lower parking lot mid-August to mid-September: Our contractor has started paving at the lower lot and anticipates work should take roughly 30 days, weather permitting. Parking is still available at the upper lot and the canoe launch.
 - Canoe Launch access road and parking lot: Work will be shifting to the canoe access road and parking lot in mid- to late September. This area will be closed to vehicular access for roughly 30 days weather permitting. Parking will be available at the upper lot and the lower lots.

FUTURE WORK

- Upper parking lot, pathways, urban wild and the bathroom facility work will be forthcoming. We should have a schedule ready to share in our next update.

OTHER ITEMS:

Please use [311](#) to document non-emergency issues relating to park use, and 911 for emergency situations relating to public safety. Construction questions and concerns can be directed to Allison Perlman, Project Manager for Boston Parks and Recreation (allison.perlman@boston.gov).

Project Website: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-millennium-park>