



COPLEY SQUARE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE JANUARY, 2024

Happy New Year!

Thank you for your patience and continued interest in this project.

Copley Square Park is an important cultural center of our city, and we understand that having the entire park closed for the duration of construction is difficult for many. We appreciate your patience during our renovation, and look forward to the reopening in 2024. Please note that the Marathon will not occur in this park in 2024, but we look forward to welcoming this event back to Copley in 2025.

CONSTRUCTION SINCE DECEMBER:

- The fountain vault has been receiving most of the attention, because it is underground and not covered in snow. Although there are quite a few existing penetrations in the vault walls, our new mechanical and electrical equipment requires more than what exists, and the contractor is trying to be as efficient as possible, and avoid unnecessarily perforating our old vault.
- The installation of the drain pipes throughout the site continues.
- The conduit for lighting in the east part of the site has been installed, and you can see where the new light poles are going to be installed. We've been moving slowly to ensure that we don't disrupt tree roots. (See photo.)
- The Raised Grove now has crushed stone and rodent mesh installed, along with planting soil.

Work to anticipate in the coming weeks:

- Fountain vault will continue to receive much of the focus. We can't install waterproofing until temperatures rise, but the contractor will start to install pipes, conduit and mechanical systems.
- Installation of drainage piping throughout the site will continue.
- New planter curb installation can continue, despite the cold.
- At the Raised Grove, the grade beam (a large horizontal beam supporting surface planks) will be poured in the next few weeks. This can be done in cold weather, as it won't be visible and doesn't require a "nice" finish.

SITE PHOTO, 1/04/2024



One of our larger drainage structures is being installed.

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Drainage pipe awaits installation on site.

SITE PHOTO, 1/12/2024



Modifying the drainage below the floor of the fountain vault.

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At the Raised Grove, we have now added planting soil, crushed stone, and stainless rodent mesh on top.

SITE PHOTO, 1/12/2024



Electrical conduit has been installed in the east of the site (next to the fountain, here). Light poles will be located where the conduit stubs up. In the right photo, a green drainage pipe crosses the electrical trench, and a large tree root has been carefully excavated as well, and remains in place as it crosses the trench.

TRINITY:

Trinity Church is a helpful neighbor during this challenging project, and they are attending our weekly site meetings, for the most up-to-date information regarding construction and schedules. The church is “open for business” during this project.

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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 B Chatfield, Project Manager (abigail.chatfield@boston.gov)

Project Website: boston.gov/copley-improvements