



COPLEY SQUARE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE MARCH, 2024

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 FEBRUARY:

- The large fountain basin has been a discovery process. We saw that the material under the existing pavers was unstable once we pulled those pavers up, and getting down to a usable surface was challenging.
- Questions about the vault and its contents have mostly been solved; the demolition within the vault is complete, the new floor has been poured.
- A few large drainage structures remain - we're almost through installing the drainage!
- We are starting on the new planter by the corner of Dartmouth and St. James.

Work to anticipate in the coming weeks:

- Waterproofing the fountain vault will happen when things warm up, hopefully in the next few weeks.
- Installation of drainage piping throughout the site will continue, complete by the end of April.
- New planter curb installation will continue. All curbing has been delivered to the site, at this point.
- At the Raised Grove, we are hoping that the weather is warm enough for concrete soon, so we can pour the grade beam, and start building that out. This should happen in March!



You can see the outline for the new planter at the corner of Dartmouth Street and St. James. The black tube sticking up near the middle is where steam exits a steamline under the park - we are trying to allow the steam to escape through the tube, so it doesn't burn our plants.

SITE PHOTO, 3/20/2024



The final drainage structure, waiting to be installed. These four large concrete sections are all part of one large structure, and will be assembled as they are put in place.

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The remainder of the granite planter curbs, delivered to the site and waiting for installation. Each piece is labeled with the number of the planter, and where it goes within that planter.

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Now that we have encountered solid concrete in the main fountain basin, the contractor has sprayed orange lines where new pipes are going to be installed. Below the spouts, you can see where we've removed the base row of vertical stones to install new waterproofing behind them.

SITE PHOTO, 3/20/2024



In the northeast “triangle,” between Trinity church and Boylston Street, we are ready for the temperature to be warm enough for concrete! Rebar awaits, adjacent to a new planter with an existing tree.

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At the foot of an existing tree, despite all the construction mayhem, a tulip is poking through! Happy spring!

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:

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