



COPLEY SQUARE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE APRIL, 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 MARCH:

- The fountain is now excavated down to usable surfaces, and waterproofing details at various difficult corners and intersections have been figured out.
- Waterproofing the inside of the vault is complete. All necessary mechanical systems can fit and a few irrigation controller questions have been solved. Once we start renovating the sidewalk area (above the roof of the vault) we will do exterior waterproofing.
- There is still one large drainage structure remaining to be installed. All others are in the ground at this point.
- The planter by the corner of Dartmouth and St. James is complete, with curbs in place and soil.
- We are getting our trees and shrubs from a nursery in Maine. Photos have been sent and the team is arranging a visit to go and tag the trees and plant material that we want delivered.
- We've installed a water pipe to the BosTix kiosk, in case that location hosts a cafe in the future.
- Brick paving has started in the northeast corner near Trinity Church.

Work to anticipate in the coming weeks:

- Work on the exterior of the fountain; concrete to establish a new solid basin "floor" will come first.
- Installation of drainage piping will continue; one structure left, so this should be complete by the end of April.
- Concrete will start the last week in April; the concrete footing (base) for the seating around the Raised Grove will get poured. We have rebar set up for the grade beams, ready by the end of the week for concrete. Concrete pavement in the north east corner of the site should be happening as well.

SITE PHOTO, 4/17/2024



Curbs and soil are complete for the new planter at the corner of Dartmouth Street and St. James.

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New brick pavement north of Trinity Church is being installed. Concrete walkway next!

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Rebar being arranged for one of the grade beams at the Raised Grove. The “cage” is created at a workable height (on the wood frame), then it gets lowered onto the pile caps below - protruding from the gravel. Plywood forms are hammered together around the rebar, and concrete gets poured to create the weight-bearing grade beam that will support the surface paving.

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The concrete base for the benches around the Raised Grove will be poured where the orange sprayed lines are shown, during the next two weeks.

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A four-foot deep trench is dug to receive the new water line for the kiosk.

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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Construction questions and concerns can be directed to B Chatfield, Project Manager (abigail.chatfield@boston.gov)

Project Website: boston.gov/copley-improvements