



COPLEY SQUARE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE NOVEMBER, 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. **We will have 75% of the park open by the end of the year!** The fountain, lawn areas, and street sidewalks will be completed after the Marathon in 2025.

CONSTRUCTION SINCE NOVEMBER:

- The fountain: work is almost complete inside the vault. On the exterior, we are pouring the concrete for the base of the large main pool at the end of November. A 30-day cure time means we can install waterproofing before the end of the year.
- Along the Boylston sidewalk, we need a few more days to complete the east half of that sidewalk. We have new curbing installed along the street, and the new concrete pavement walkway should be done by the end of November.
- The paver installation in the Raised Grove was paused to determine what the base layer below pavers needed to be. (We called for a neoprene pad, but this wouldn't allow rainwater to percolate through.) The contractor has been punching holes in the neoprene so we can have a sufficiently-thick non-slip surface for pavers to be installed, still allowing rainwater through.
- New pavers for the plaza and along the concrete pathways have arrived, and are being installed. They look great!
- Furnishings have been delivered, and are awaiting installation.

Work to anticipate in the coming weeks:

- As of early December, the contractor will be renovating the west half of the Boylston Street sidewalk. Pedestrians will be routed into the park so the contractor can replace concrete pavement and curbs adjacent to the street.
- Continuing to install pavers and pour concrete pathways throughout the site.
- The exterior of the fountain will continue to receive attention.
- Furnishings will continue to be installed - benches, bike racks, and trash barrels.

SITE PHOTO, 11/04/2024



Boylston Street sidewalk, along the eastern half of the park, is in progress. Pedestrians can walk within the park while this sidewalk is being completed.

SITE PHOTO, 11/18/2024



The pavers for the Raised Grove are supposed to go on top of a neoprene pad, but we tried a few different methods to make sure that was right. This one shown - installed on the grid system - felt too loose - you could feel the movement of the pavers.

SITE PHOTO, 10/03/2024



The pavers are being installed in the main plaza, with our new pavers! The colors look much better, and complement the tones of Trinity Church, Old South Church, and the Library building.

SITE PHOTO, 11/18/2024



Bench delivery! Now we just need to install them...

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