

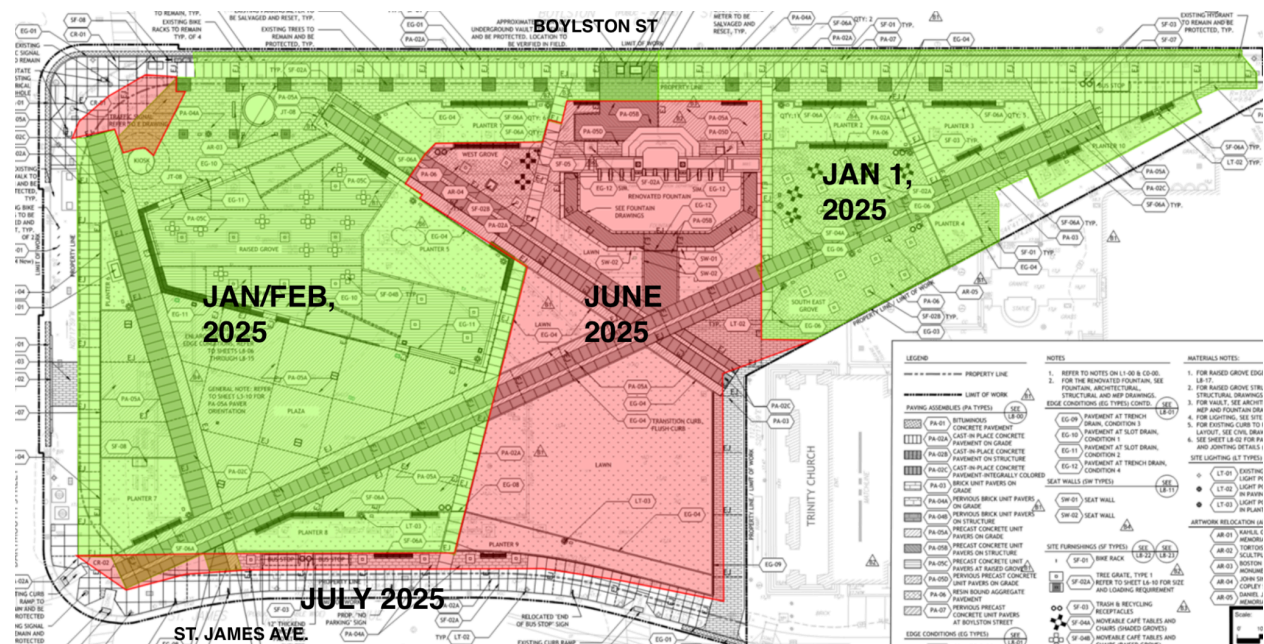


COPLEY SQUARE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE DECEMBER, 2024

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 park closed for the duration of construction is difficult for many. We appreciate your patience during our renovation.

We will have the northeast “triangle” between Trinity Church and Boylston Street open on New Year’s Day. Due to heavy rain taking a few days of work from us, we will open the Plaza and Raised Grove in Jan/Feb 2025. The fountain, lawn areas, and street sidewalks shall be completed after the Marathon in 2025.



CONSTRUCTION SINCE NOVEMBER:

- The fountain: work is complete inside the vault. Work was paused on the fountain exterior to focus on the Plaza and Raised Grove areas, opening in Jan/Feb 2025.
- The east half of the Boylston sidewalk is now complete, with new glass panels in the bus shelter (thanks, JC Decaux!). We've run into cold temperatures at this point, and the contractors won't guarantee concrete pavement until spring. The west half of Boylston will be completed in April 2025.

- The pavers are nearly complete in the Raised Grove, over our hole-punched neoprene base pad.
- New pavers in the plaza are nearly done, and along the concrete pathways.
- Furnishings have been delivered, and are being installed as I write this! Many are installed, by this point.
- The Tortoise and the Hare are back!

Work to anticipate in the coming weeks:

- Finalizing the Raised Grove will be the focus of the next few weeks. After the holidays, the team will focus on the finishing touches - final pavers and curb joints, handrails at steps, lean rails above the ramps, to open this space and the plaza in Jan/Feb.
- The exterior of the fountain will continue to receive attention, as weather allows.
- Cold temperatures will pause concrete work, but we will continue to install porous pavements (brick) near the Boylston St. sidewalk and in the northwest corner of the site by the Kiosk.

SITE PHOTO, 12/18/2024



Looking southwest from the area we'll be opening shortly, north of Trinity Church, you can see the final pavers about to be installed on top of the asphalt stripe. The joint materials (with orange cones) are being protected from the rain. A new bike rack (on the left), needs to have bricks reinstalled around its base.

SITE PHOTO, 12/10/2024



Standing at the corner of St. James and Dartmouth St., a view of the pavers along walkways and in the plaza, to the left. At the time of writing this report, the contractor has completed more of the plaza - but still not enough to open on 12/31/2024 unfortunately.

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A row of benches with room for ADA “companion seating,” with their backs to Boylston Street, and new trash barrels nearby. The pervious paving in this area allows rainwater to percolate through, watering the trees.

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The Tortoise and the Hare are back at Copley! They are located in the area we'll be opening for New Years. Please feel free to drop by and welcome them back.

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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Please use 311 to document non-emergency issues relating to park use, and 911 for emergency situations relating to public safety.

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