



COPLEY SQUARE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE JUNE, 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 MAY:

- The fountain: HVAC and piping has been installed in the vault, and the existing exterior concrete of the fountain is being cut to fit new piping.
- Perennials and shrubs have now been planted in the northeast corner. The remaining trees and shrubs have been tagged, but are staying at the nursery - irrigated and cared for - until we have space in our site that is ready for them.
- Planter curbs and soil have been installed in seven of nine total planters.
- Most of the edges of the Raised Grove have been poured and readied to receive precast concrete benches.
- The Gibran Memorial has been installed, and will receive refurbishment on site. The rest of the bases for relocated art and memorials have been poured.
- Concrete pavement is nearly complete in the northeast corner near Trinity Church.

Work to anticipate in the coming weeks:

- Concrete season is here, and the new sample of color concrete passed the test! No funny mottled discoloration. We are (still) waiting for our permit to do work on the sidewalk; once that happens, we will renovate the Boylston Street sidewalk. In the meantime, we have many walkways throughout the site where we need to pave.
- The Raised Grove will continue to receive concrete work - establishing bench footings all around the edges.
- Interior and exterior of the fountain will continue to receive attention.
- Electrical work throughout the site will occur. Conduit has been installed, and wiring will be added for lights, and power sources for the Farmers Market in the new plaza area, and on the Raised Grove.

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Perennials installed in one of the Boylston Street planters.

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Colored panels of concrete will alternate with bands of unit pavers (installed next!) along the site pathways. Here is the installation of the concrete at the Huntington path, north of Trinity Church.

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One of two planters along Dartmouth Street. This one is the new home to the Kahlil Gibran memorial. Planting comes next...

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Waterproofing the roof of the fountain vault.

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Replacing the piping to the nozzles in the upper fountain pools.

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Excavation for new piping in the main fountain basin

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A set of steps that will lead up to the Raised Grove. This is the concrete base - attractive precast concrete steps will be installed on top of this.

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A piece of the sidewalk, at the corner of St. James and Dartmouth.

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