



## **COPLEY SQUARE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FEBRUARY, 2025**

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.

You may have noticed that we have encountered a series of storms and very cold temperatures in January and February, which have significantly impacted the work we had planned. We had anticipated something similar to the last few years - one real snow storm and milder temperatures. This has been a real winter! Currently, we are completely frozen out of the NW corner (by the kiosk) with the ground frozen to 1' depth and several inches of ice and snow on top.

We will open the Plaza and Raised Grove *as soon as the weather allows us to do this*. Fountain, lawn areas, and street sidewalks shall be completed after the Marathon in 2025.

### **CONSTRUCTION SINCE JANUARY:**

- The fountain: Our consultant reviewed all interior areas of the vault, and has signed off, saying everything looks good.
- Sidewalk work has begun on our new Dartmouth Street entrance. We are hoping the weather will allow concrete work to happen for the west half of Boylston sidewalk, so that this part can be completed before April 2025.
- We had some minor issues with custom benches; the manufacturer has addressed some minor modifications to make sure everything fits smoothly.

Work to anticipate in the coming weeks:

- Lean rails and handrails are being delivered at the end of February, and will be installed around the Raised Grove.
- Continuation of the work to install the new Dartmouth Street sidewalk area.
- As weather allows, installation of the pervious brick pavers in the NW corner of the site.

**SITE PHOTO, 2/21/2025**



*All frozen in - snow and ice and cold temperatures have made working on site very difficult in the last month.*

**SITE PHOTO, 2/20/2025**



*Relocating construction fence, installing vehicular barriers so the team can install the new entrance curb along Dartmouth St.*



## SITE PHOTO, 2/21/2025



*The new pedestrian route allows the contractor to replace the curb along Dartmouth St. in this area.*

### **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.

### **THIS IS A BOSTON RESIDENTS JOBS POLICY PROJECT:**

**For employment opportunities, call WES Construction Corp. at (781) 294-1080**

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

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

After 2/21/2025, project manager B Chatfield will be on parental leave, and Lauren Bryant will oversee this project for Boston Parks and Recreation. Please direct construction questions and concerns to her - and say “welcome!”

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