



## DORCHESTER PARK PATHWAYS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AUGUST, 2025

Thank you for your interest in the Dorchester Park Pathways renovation project! We realize this park is a very important outdoor space for active and passive recreation in Dorchester, and we aim to have the project completed as soon as possible.

As a reminder, the project consists of upgrading the pathways and entrances at Dorchester Park to make them accessible for everyone. Our contractor is Lorusso Corp., and our designer is Ray Dunetz Landscape Architecture (RDLA).

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: JUNE-JULY, & EARLY AUGUST:

- The new concrete ramp and segmental block retaining wall have been completed at the park entrance to the softball field.
- Handrails have been installed on the ramps and stairs at both the North Dorchester Avenue entrance (adjacent to Carney Hospital) and the Richmond Street entrance.
- Base layer asphalt paving has begun in areas requiring full-depth pathway reconstruction.
- Grading around the Richview Street entrance has been completed and hydroseeded.
- Fabrication is in progress for additional handrails to be installed on the remaining concrete ramps and stairs.
- Concrete work at the South Dorchester Avenue entrance has been completed.
- Ledge excavation near the right field of the ballfield has been finished.
- Pathway installation around the softball field is complete, including a new entrance and path at Hutchinson Street.
- Fresh loam has been placed in several areas of the park. Please avoid walking or disturbing these sections to allow for proper settling and successful turf establishment.

### WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE REST OF AUGUST:

- Beginning **tomorrow, August 13**, Lorusso will begin milling the remaining asphalt pathways throughout the park in preparation for the final asphalt layer. This work will continue through **Friday, August 16**. During this time, pathways will have rough, scarified surfaces, so please use caution as surfaces may be uneven.
- The **week of August 18**, Lorusso will begin applying the final course of asphalt throughout the park. This phase is expected to take several days. Please stay alert and follow all posted signage and cones indicating areas with hot asphalt or active work zones.

- A memorial tree for William O'Connell, a long-time neighbor and dedicated supporter of the park, will be planted near the softball field. With the support of the O'Connell family, the design team selected a stately *Princeton Elm* for this meaningful tribute.

**SITE PHOTO, 8/8/2025**



The transformation of the new accessible pathways connecting the Richview Street entrance and the areas surrounding the softball field is nearing completion.

**SITE PHOTO, 8/8/2025**



A closer view of the accessible pathways winding around the softball field, both above and below the existing fieldstone wall.



**SITE PHOTO, 8/8/2025**



*The contractor installed the new asphalt courses at the circle just inside the South Dorchester Avenue entrance.*

**SITE PHOTO, 7/25/2025**



*A new pathway was added to the park between the circle at Dorchester Avenue and the playground where maintenance vehicles frequently drove through and turned around.*



SITE PHOTO, 6/27/2025



*The Richmond Street entrance ramp back in June after fresh loam was installed; we will be seeing grass establish as the weeks go on.*

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