



## COPLEY SQUARE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE NOVEMBER, 2023

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, with a completed park that is beautiful, safe and accessible.

Our project is scheduled to occur over 16 months, with completion in Fall 2024. This means that the Marathon will not occur in this park next year, but we look forward to welcoming this event back at Copley in 2025.

### CONSTRUCTION SINCE OCTOBER:

- The portions of the fountain that will remain are still standing, but the remainder of the stone steps and basin have been removed. The fountain vault equipment has been demolished.
- The large drainage infiltration chamber is now complete!
- The sample of color concrete poured a few weeks ago developed an odd light-colored speckle on it. The contractor has mixed and poured a second batch - we hope this one will work. The weather is getting colder now, and the window when we can pour concrete is getting less predictable.
- We continue to assess each tree to determine how to best install our design - or how it needs to change. The new planter area by Trinity, now has granite curbs set up, and they will fill this with planting soil shortly.
- Pile locations for the Raised Grove have been reviewed with arborists and structural engineers. The decking was designed so the piles can be moved to accommodate roots, and a few have been moved significantly. Piles are being installed the week of 11/13.

Work to anticipate in the coming weeks:

- Installation of drainage piping throughout the site will continue.
- Piles for the Raised Grove will be installed.
- Paving in the northeast corner of the site, the "Huntington Triangle."
- Work will unfortunately start to slow down a bit if the cold temperatures get too low to work with concrete. We've been lucky for the last 2 winters, with work continuing pretty consistently, we are hoping for that luck to continue.

**SITE PHOTO, 11/1/2023**



*The infiltration chamber in process...*

**SITE PHOTO, 11/15/2023**



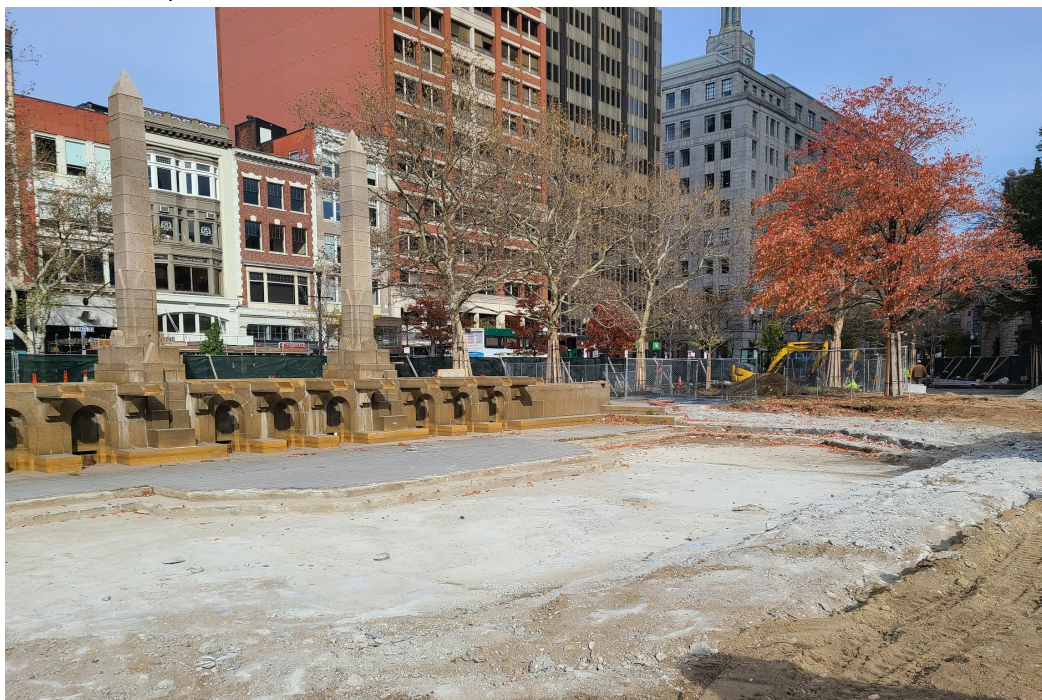
*And done! The area has been filled with gravel - we are going to put our plaza area above.*

**SITE PHOTO, 11/15/2023**



*The curb being installed around the 4 London Plane trees by Trinity Church. You can see where the benches will be recessed into the planter, on the left.*

**SITE PHOTO, 11/15/2023**



*The surrounding pink granite fountain steps have been removed, as well as the dark pavers on the bottom. Many of these pieces will be reused in the new fountain design.*

**SITE PHOTO, 10/4/2023**



*The Raised Grove will be built around these London Plane trees (with spaces for additional new trees as well). After we investigated to understand where major roots are, their roots have now been covered up with burlap and mulch. Piles will be drilled in the coming weeks.*

**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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Project Website: [boston.gov/copley-improvements](https://boston.gov/copley-improvements)