



RONAN PARK – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE #1

September 4, 2026

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

- The contractor, JJ Phelan and Son, Co., closed off the site for construction on July 22-23
- The project is expected to take 12 months to complete, depending on the unforeseen conditions that are encountered during construction
- The first few weeks of work have focused on site prep, demolition, and utility work



Excavation for new porous asphalt pathway loop.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

- Tree Protection: existing trees have been wrapped with 2x4s to protect their trunks from equipment, and chain link fencing has been installed at the edge of tree canopies to create a protected zone that will remain clear of construction.
- Paving: existing paving has been demolished, including the large staircase between the upper and lower park areas next to the basketball courts. Excavation for the porous asphalt pathways to a depth of 36" is nearly complete.
- Drainage: subsurface infiltration chambers for the non-porous pathways and court pavement have been installed beneath the basketball courts. Drywells and catch basin infrastructure are nearing completion. BWSC has been out to inspect and approve installations.
- Electrical: existing pedestrian light poles have been removed, and new electrical conduit is being laid out below ground level. The light poles will be relocated to correspond with the new pathway layouts, and the light fixtures will be upgraded. The blue light

emergency pole has been removed and will be reinstalled more upright with a new footing as part of the project.

- Other: several large boulders have been uncovered from below ground, and will be incorporated into the renovation in different ways. Invasive species have been treated and removed from the hillside between the stair and the basketball courts. Existing seatwalls and other elements to remain have been protected with wood 2x4s.

OTHER ITEMS:

Please use [311](#) to document non-emergency issues relating to park use, and 911 for emergency situations relating to public safety.

PROJECT WEBSITE: www.boston.gov/ronan-park

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Tree protection measures.



Basketball court pavement demolition as seen from the former stair.



Basketball court pavement demolition with view of protected mural beyond.



Basketball court drainage infrastructure being installed.



View down from the top of the former staircase to where more drainage infrastructure is being installed.



A view into the site from the vehicular entrance at Marie Street. The contractor uses a watering truck to spray down the ground and piles each day to prevent dust in the air.



Some of the boulders that have been uncovered and collected during excavation, which will be incorporated into the renovation in various ways.