



WALSH PLAYGROUND – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Thank you for your interest in the Walsh Playground project!



The large sycamore on Washington Street has snow fencing at the dripline to protect the critical root zone

SCHEDULE UPDATES:

- The contractor continued work through the winter as weather allowed; now that we're seeing warmer temperatures they will be able to ramp up on drainage and earthworks. We are still on track to re-open the park in summer 2025.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

- Recent work has included excavation for installing site walls, which require footings to the depth of the frost line at 48" below finish grade, installing the concrete site walls, and putting in the posts for the chain link fence behind the new courts. At the main

entry on Washington Street, the concrete walls are necessary to achieve an accessible pathway through the park. Only about 18" of the wall will be visible in the final condition.

- During the past week the contractor craned in place the light poles for the basketball court lighting.
- Over the next couple weeks, the focus will be on installing drain lines and electrical conduit underground for the pathway lighting.

OTHER ITEMS:

Please use [311](https://311.boston.gov) to document non-emergency issues relating to park use, and 911 for emergency situations relating to public safety.

PROJECT WEBSITE: www.boston.gov/walsh-playground

Please reach out with any additional questions: amy.linne@boston.gov or 617-961-3045



New concrete steps at the corner of Washington Street and Clancy Road



Formwork in place to pour the concrete wall near the entrance at Washington Street. Only about 18" of the wall will be visible in the final condition



A crane lifting the light pole in place for the basketball court lighting



Drainage supplies on site in preparation for installation next week