



## **DORCHESTER PARK PATHWAYS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE JUNE, 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: APRIL-MAY:**

- Construction fencing and tree protection have been installed at key locations throughout the park.
- Pavement markings labeled "dig" and "mill" indicate where Lorusso plans to fully replace the asphalt versus areas where only the top layer will be ground down and resurfaced.
- Existing granite cobble swales have been uncovered from beneath several inches (and in some areas, feet) of leaves, soil, and debris. New granite cobble swales have also been constructed in strategic locations to improve drainage throughout the pathway system.
- The ramp at the North Dorchester Avenue entrance (next to Carney) was partially demolished and rebuilt, with additional stairs added. A temporary asphalt surface has been installed for accessibility.
- At the Richmond Street entrance, a new concrete pathway and ramp have been installed. Temporary asphalt now connects these to existing pathways.
- A new concrete ramp is under construction between the Richmond Street entrance and the playground, navigating between ledge outcroppings to create an accessible route.
- At the Richview Street entrance uphill from the softball field, a new concrete ramp and staircase has been completed and surrounded by newly shaped hillside grading.
- A new concrete staircase has replaced the previous stairs leading from the park pathways down to the softball field along the first base line.
- Construction is underway on a segmental block retaining wall at the top of these new stairs. This wall will support a future concrete ramp that will, together with a new pathway along the existing fieldstone wall, provide an accessible connection between the park pathways, the softball field, the path to Adams Street, and the Richview Street entrance.
- New handrails for all concrete ramps are currently in fabrication.

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN JUNE:

- An excavator with a hammer attachment will break through the ledge near the fieldstone wall at the right field side of the softball field. This will establish a key accessible connection from the upper park pathways to the Adams Street path and the Richview Street entrance. **Please note: this will be a noisy operation. Work is expected to begin the week of June 9 and may last up to three days. To minimize neighborhood disruption, work will not begin before 8:30 AM. Questions or concerns can be directed to [kezia.ofiesh@boston.gov](mailto:kezia.ofiesh@boston.gov).**
- Lorusso will complete the segmental block retaining wall and install the new concrete ramp alongside it.
- Handrails for the ramp at the North Dorchester Avenue entrance are expected to be completed and installed. Once that work is done, construction will begin on the South Dorchester Avenue entrance, where new concrete and grading adjustments will be made.
- Asphalt repaving of pathways throughout the park is still anticipated in mid to late summer and will be completed in quick phases. Access to the playground, tennis courts, and ballfields will remain open throughout.

## SITE PHOTO, 4/4/2025



You may have seen these vertical planks of wood, or large corrugated plastic tubing surrounding tree trunks throughout the park. These are two methods of protecting tree trunks from construction vehicles and construction activity in close proximity. Think of them as bumpers!

**SITE PHOTO, 4/4/2025**



*Existing granite cobble swales were hiding under years of fallen leaves, eroded soil, and other debris. Our contractor cleaned them out, and also constructed new swales in key areas. These drainage swales will capture water during/after storms and convey it to nearby storm drains.*



**SITE PHOTO, 5/7/2025**



*The renovated entrance at Richmond Street and the layout of the new granite cobblestone swale that leads to the stormwater catchbasin.*

**SITE PHOTO, 5/16/2025**



*New stair was installed leading from the pathways down to the softball field.*



**SITE PHOTO, 5/27/2025**



*The contractor worked on preparing a narrow pathway between the Richmond Street entrance and the playground area for a new concrete ramp.*

**SITE PHOTO, 5/27/2025**



*Work began on the new concrete ramp and stairs at the Richview Street entrance.*

**SITE PHOTO, 6/4/2025**



*Progress on the segmental block retaining wall near the softball field.*

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Construction questions and concerns can be directed to  
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