



## **BEAR DENS – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

### **10/23/2025**

Thank you for your interest in the Bear Dens Safety Improvements project!



#### **SCHEDULE UPDATES:**

- The contractor, Metro Equipment Corp, has been moving forward with hardscape repairs while the weather permits.
- The metal sub-contractor has started removing the deteriorating components of the cages; they will be custom fabricating select pieces over the winter.
- The project is anticipated to be complete in May 2026.

#### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:**

- The contractor has developed a concrete and aggregate mix to closely match the existing paving at the steps. They have been installing the formwork and preparing to place the concrete.



- The contractor has developed a special mortar mix to match the existing mortar in the cages as closely as possible. They are in the process of repointing the joints in the cages.
- This project is a first phase to address the most significant hazards. We anticipate additional work in the future and in depth conversations with the community about how to program the space and what is needed to support that programming (power, water, etc.).

**OTHER ITEMS:**

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

**PROJECT WEBSITE:** [www.boston.gov/bear-dens](https://www.boston.gov/bear-dens)

Please reach out with any additional questions: [amy.linne@boston.gov](mailto:amy.linne@boston.gov) or 617-961-3045



The deteriorating metal components are being removed from the old cages. A new metal cap will be custom fabricated to run along the top of the cage posts.





Concrete formwork in place for the stair repairs



Sample areas where the new concrete has been poured for the stair repair





The contractor developed a custom mortar mix to match the existing mortar as closely as possible



Concrete repairs ongoing between Cages 2 and 3 (prepping for new concrete – left – and the new concrete – right)