



MARY ELLEN WELCH GREENWAY – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

June 29, 2026

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

- The contractor closed off the site for construction on April 2
- The project is expected to take 9 to 12 months to complete, depending on the unforeseen conditions that are encountered during construction
- The first few months of work have focused on demolition, utility work and earthworks



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

- Electrical:
 - Between Marginal and Gove Streets, the contractor has trenched and installed a sand layer to prep for the electrical conduit. The electrical sub-contractor has then installed 3" conduit between the handhole boxes, which will ultimately connect to the light pole bases, as shown in the photo above.
 - At the deployable flood barrier location, the new conduit was connected to the existing conduit running under the concrete slab, so no disturbance was necessary.

- Drainage: existing catch basins have been adjusted upward to meet the future higher elevation of the pathway (see photo below).
- Water service: the contractor has trenched approximately 140' for a water line which will enable a new hose bib between Gove and Porter Streets for garden maintenance.
- Hardscape: The plaza area at Gove Street has been leveled out and the adjacent block retaining wall is being rebuilt to accommodate the lower elevation along the wall.

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/welch-greenway

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



Catch basins have been raised up to correspond to the future elevation of the path



A trench for the new water line filled with several inches of groundwater (above), the existing water vault (below left) and shells in the excavated material (below right)





At the Gove Street plaza, the block wall is being reinstalled to a greater depth (above and below)



