



MARY ELLEN WELCH GREENWAY – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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PROJECT SCHEDULE:

- The contractor closed off the site for construction on April 2, 2026
- The project is expected to take 9 to 12 months to complete, depending on unforeseen conditions that are encountered during construction
- The focus over the last several weeks has been on subsurface work including electrical conduit, footings, drainage infrastructure as well as earthworks, including raising the elevation of the path and excavating for the new rain gardens.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

- Boardwalk foundations
 - The boardwalks will be supported by helical piles, which are steel shafts with blades, drilled into the ground in 6' sections that get bolted together as they go. The depth varies on the soil conditions – on this project they have been installed as deep as 50'.
- Electrical:
 - Electrical conduit has been installed and trenches have been backfilled. Light pole footings and handholes have been installed and covers are being installed on the handholes.

- Drainage:
 - New drainage lines, catch basins and stone trenches have been installed.
 - An existing drainage line was discovered to be damaged and has been replaced.
 - Catch basins have been adjusted to the new elevations.
 - The pump station was inspected to confirm that it is operational.
- Water lines
 - New water lines have been installed for drinking fountains and hose bibs.

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/welch-greenway

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Helical pile being driven in to the ground. The geotechnical engineer records the torque measurement at 1' intervals, which gives them information about the types of soils and loading.



The location of one of the future boardwalks



The lead section of the helical pile with blades



The ecological subcontractor has been cutting and treating Japanese Knotweed on the site



At the Gove Street plaza, the block wall was reinstalled to a greater depth



The base material for the future asphalt path