



MCLEAN PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE SEPT - OCT 2026

Thank you for your continued patience as we improve McLean Playground. We understand how vital this space is for the neighborhood and are working to complete work as quickly and safely as possible.

The construction of the perimeter site walls is in process, and what an incredible improvement they are! A huge CPA to help make these walls possible for the community.

Another exciting development is that BPRD and City Year will be working with Excel Academy students and staff to collaborate on adding some painted colorful graphics to the multi-use courts at McLean Playground that will better serve the school's needs, and ultimately create a more fun and playful environment for recess.

We are happy to share that we got through the drainage hiccups and we are making great progress. We still aim to have the park open by next summer 2027, if not sooner. We will keep you posted as we move through construction.

CONSTRUCTION SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER:

- Drainage rehabilitation and repair of collapsed pipe
- Modifications to existing concrete wall foundations
- Mud slab at new walls formed and poured
- CMU block wall installation in process
- Aggregate for resin bound below trees and playground installed
- Custom brackets for chain link fence fabricated

WHAT TO EXPECT THROUGH OCTOBER AND INTO NOVEMBER:

- Installation of play equipment
- Completion of CMU block wall
- Installation of chain link perimeter fence

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The asphalt has and curb walls have been demolished and the contractor has done an excellent job of protecting the existing tree roots in the process!

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The new CMU block walls are nearly complete on the Excel Academy side

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These golden Honey Locusts are very happy in their new home - liberated from a sea of asphalt!

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OTHER ITEMS:

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- Construction questions and concerns can be directed to Nelle Ward (nelle.ward@boston.gov), Project Manager for Boston Parks and Recreation.
- Project
[Website:https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/project/improvements-mclean-playground](https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/project/improvements-mclean-playground)
- Please reach out with any additional questions: nelle.ward@boston.gov or 617-961-3035.