



## MALCOLM X PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AUGUST 26, 2022

Thank you for your continued interest in this project.



*Playground equipment installation*

### **TREE UPDATE:**

All planned tree removals have been completed. However, due to the drought and construction, several trees on site are suffering. This is something we are seeing throughout the City this summer. In order to help relieve the stress on the trees at Malcolm X Park, we have contracted with arborists to apply a surfactant to stressed trees. This will allow the water that we get both through rain and manual watering to be more effective and infiltrate the soil better. We will also be watering existing trees on site and adding a mulch layer to the root zones in order to help keep the water that we get in the soil longer.

Please note that the arborists on site are there to help reduce tree stress, not to remove any additional trees. Trees on site will be reassessed in the spring.

### **FIELD UPDATE:**

Mayor Wu has directed that no new artificial turf fields will be installed in the City of Boston. This includes Malcolm X Park. The change from an artificial to natural turf field requires several design changes. There will still be 1 softball field and soccer use. However, due to not being able to overlap soccer use with the clay infield, there will only be 2 U-12 soccer fields and no full high school size soccer field. The field shape will shift to accommodate these uses. The walking loop around the field will remain but seating areas will be reduced to accommodate this change. The footprint of the field will be adjusted and additional retaining walls will be constructed around the field.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Below is an overview of the work that has happened on site since our last construction update from July 19, 2022..

- All Playground equipment has been installed
- 3 lower basketball courts have had walls poured and surfacing installed
- Water play area has been installed at the playground
- Drainage and infiltration system has been installed under the field surface

Work that you can anticipate seeing in the coming weeks:

- Rubber surfacing in the play area will be installed
- Fencing at the lower basketball courts will be installed and temporary court lines will be painted (murals will be painted by artists in a future phase of work)
- Pathways in the playground will be paved
- Grass will be hydroseeded surrounding the play area
- Amphitheater installation will begin

**PLEASE NOTE:** The entirety of Malcolm X Park is currently closed for construction.

**FOR CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: please call Fleming Bros. at 617-786-0222**

## OTHER ITEMS:

Please use 311 to document non-emergency issues relating to park use, and 911 for emergency situations relating to public safety. Construction questions and concerns can be directed to Lauren Bryant, Project Manager for Boston Parks and Recreation Department ([Lauren.Bryant@boston.gov](mailto:Lauren.Bryant@boston.gov))

**PROJECT WEBSITE:** [boston.gov/malcolm-x-park](https://www.boston.gov/malcolm-x-park)

Last Update:

July 19, 2022:

<https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2022/07/Malcolm%20X%20Park%207-19-22%20update.pdf>



*Basketball court walls and paving*



5-12 year old play equipment



Water play splash area