

Building a Fair Future For All Philadelphians

Philadelphia Beverage Tax Program Updates
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#RebuildPHL



Rebuilding Community Infrastructure (Rebuild) is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in physical improvements to Philadelphia's parks, recreation centers, and libraries.

- **64 initial sites** (two-thirds are in high needs neighborhoods)
- **30 projects already launched** or starting by this summer, representing more than **\$100 million** worth of improvements
- More Rebuild sites will be presented to City Council this spring
- **Ambitious diversity targets:**
 - 25-35% of all dollars from Rebuild contracts expected to go to minority-owned businesses
 - 15-20% of all dollars from Rebuild contracts expected to go to women-owned businesses
 - 45% of total hours worked on Rebuild sites expected to be completed by minorities, and 5% by women
- The **Emerging Vendors Program** helps minority and women-owned businesses to get certified and get Rebuild contracts



#PHLpreK

PHLpreK offers free, quality pre-K to Philadelphia children ages 3-4. There are no income requirements for families.

- **85 PHLpreK sites citywide**
- **4,000+ children** served since January 2017
- Growing to serve 5,500 students every year
- 55 providers are women- and/or minority-owned businesses
- 35 providers significantly improved their program's quality rating, and **95% have high-quality ratings** in the state's STARS system
- **99% of parents** would recommend PHLpreK to others
- **278 new PHLpreK jobs** created since 2017
- 182 PHLpreK staff are participating in continuing education and professional development this year



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#CommunitySchoolsPHL



Community Schools

Community Schools are neighborhood public schools that use City resources and partnerships to support students and families.

- Across **12 Community Schools**, **6,500 children** (and their families and neighbors) are served
- Five more schools will become Community Schools soon
- The percentage of Community School students with 95% attendance grew from 29% to 42% from year one to year two
- 70% of students live at or below the poverty line
- 100,000+ pounds of free, nutritious food provided to students and community members
- 425+ residents enrolled in adult education classes
- 260+ students connected with career readiness opportunities