



Skilled Trade Academy Graduation



Rebuild PHILADELPHIA

PROGRESS REPORT

Fueled by the Philadelphia Beverage Tax, Rebuild is investing hundreds of millions of dollars into neighborhood parks, recreation centers, and libraries.

Tackling decades of deferred maintenance and underinvestment, Rebuild is transforming public spaces to create stronger, more vibrant neighborhoods and communities.

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BY THE NUMBERS

ENGAGEMENT, DESIGN, & CONSTRUCTION

- Rebuild in action:
 - **37** sites have received improvements
 - **14** sites under or preparing for construction
 - **10** sites in engagement & design
 - **\$470** million in committed or expended funds**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- **175** Philadelphians graduated from Rebuild Workforce Development training program pursuing a career in construction
- Over **75%** of graduates accepted into union apprenticeships or full-time work
- Rebuild graduates in **8 union trades**.

BUSINESS SUPPORTS

- **174** Enrolled in Rebuild Business Support Programs
- **42** obtained City Certifications
- **55%** of committed contract dollars awarded to diverse businesses ***
 - 32.2% awarded to MBEs
 - 22.7% awarded to WBEs
- **35%** of total hours worked to date by women and people of color

37

SITES

RECEIVED IMPROVEMENTS

—

175

GRADUATES

OF WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
PURSUING CONSTRUCTION
CAREERS

—

55

PERCENT

OF COMMITTED CONTRACT
DOLLARS AWARDED TO
DIVERSE BUSINESSES

**Includes all Rebuild costs, including costs for operating and diversity efforts.

***On Rebuild initiated professional services and construction contracts.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

14 Rebuild sites in neighborhoods throughout the city are currently under or preparing for construction. The photos below show a selection of these transformative projects.



West Mill Creek Basketball



Barrett Recreation Center



Cohocksink Recreation Center



McVeigh Recreation Center



Panati Playground



Kingessing Recreation Center

ENGAGEMENT & DESIGN

Rebuild prioritizes community input at every stage of the design process, ensuring **feedback from site users and community members of all ages shapes the final design of each project.**

Rebuild and Project Users (non-profit partners) engage communities through surveys, individual stakeholder interviews, and events ranging in scale from small focus groups to large public community meetings, school visits, interactive workshops, and pop-up outreach at community events. During construction, stakeholders are kept up to date on progress via call, text, and email.

In 2025 Rebuild Community Engagement is supporting the coordination of Ribbon Cuttings, and construction updates, while holding stakeholder conversations, pop-up outreach, public meetings, and open house events to collect design feedback and showcase final designs at:

Vogt Recreation Center

Cherashore Playground

Happy Hollow Playground

West Mill Creek Playground

McPherson Square Park and Library

John C Anderson Cultural Center

Carousel House (*coming soon*)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING PROGRAMS

Rebuild's pre-apprenticeship programs require no prior experience in the construction industry and offer paid **(\$15/hour)**, hands-on training and experience needed to pursue a union apprenticeship. With over 75% apprenticeship placement for graduates to date, Rebuild is demonstrating the potency of a skilled trades-focused workforce development model.

Ironworker Academy

Rebuild Philadelphia is hosting second Ironworkers Academy held in partnership with Ironworkers Local 401, Local 405, and the PA CareerLink. The Ironworkers Academy is a 4-week pre-apprenticeship program starting July 21st - August 15th focused on learning about the Ironworkers and providing hands-on exposure to the construction industry in Philadelphia.



70%+

PLACEMENT FOR
PROGRAM
GRADUATES

19

SKILLED TRADE
COHORTS
COMPLETED

8

UNIONS WITH
REBUILD TRAINING
PROGRAM
GRADUATES

175

PHILADELPHIA
RESIDENTS
GRADUATED

BUSINESS SUPPORTS PROGRAMMING

Technical Assistance

Provided 100 businesses with the knowledge, skills, & resources needed to bid on municipal construction projects. The program also provided mentoring, including blueprint reading, assistance with bonding and insurance, back office support, and more.

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Enrolled in
Rebuild Business
Support
Programs

42

Businesses obtained City
Certifications

40

Joined City of Philadelphia
Office of Economic Opportunity
Registry

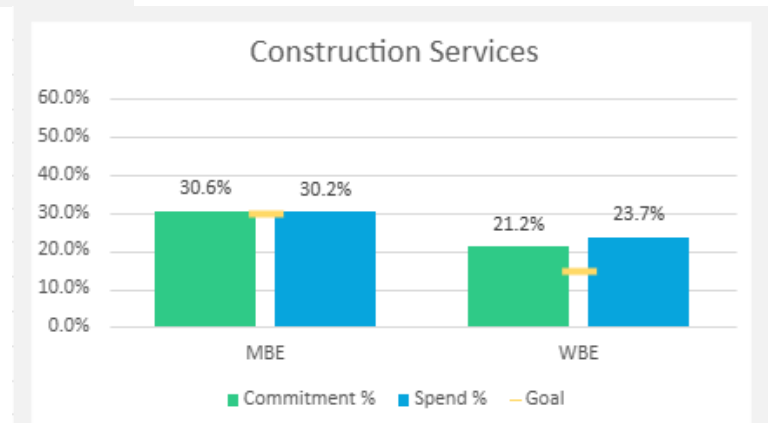
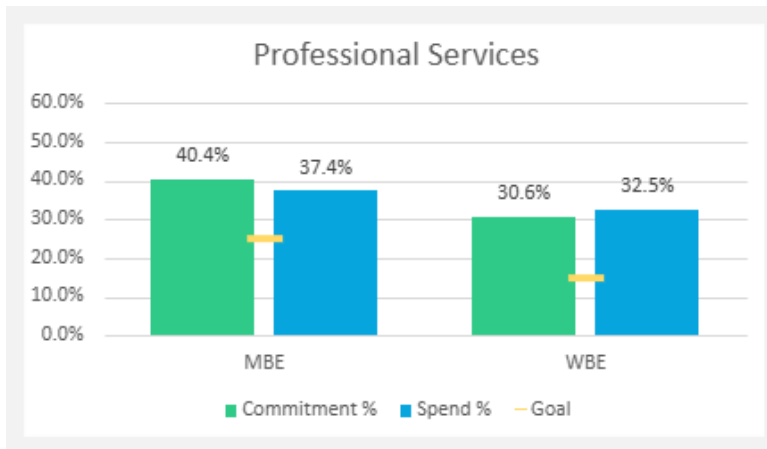
OUR PARTNERS



PARTICIPATION

Contract Participation

The bars on the graphs below represent committed and spent dollars on contracts initiated by Rebuild (as opposed to inherited contracts). Rebuild expects spending to align with contract commitments.



WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION

Thirty-five percent of journey-person-level work hours have been completed by people of color. Rebuild prioritizes creating economic opportunity for all Philadelphians and creating new pathways for residents to build careers in construction.

FINANCE

FUNDING SOURCES

The table below shows anticipated funding for Rebuild, including the November 2018 and July 2024 bond issuances made possible by the Philadelphia Beverage Tax. Bond funds and funding from the City's capital budget support design and construction at Rebuild sites. Grant funding, including the William Penn Foundation's historic commitment of up to \$100 million, supports design and construction as well as costs that are not capital eligible, including Rebuild's diversity and inclusion programs, community engagement, and operations.

REBUILD FUNDING SOURCES AS OF 7/01/25 (\$M)

	CURRENT FUNDING	BUDGETED ADDITIONAL FUNDING	TOTAL
REBUILD BONDS (ISSUED BY PAID)	\$193	\$129	\$322**
CITY GO CAPITAL FUNDS	\$109	\$9	\$118
WILLIAM PENN FOUNDATION GRANT	\$49	\$51	\$100
OTHER EXECUTED* GRANTS	\$62	\$0	\$62
TOTAL	\$413	\$189	\$602

*Executed grants are those that have advanced past the award stage and have disbursed funds to WPF's Donor Advised Fund, PAID or other repository. Many funders will award a specific grant amount, but will disburse those committed or awarded funds over the course of several months or years. The executed amount shown here reflects actual and projected disbursements.

**Total anticipated Rebuild Bond funding exceeds \$300M provided by City ordinance as a result of interest and bond premiums not included in borrowing

COMMITTED FUNDS

To date, total Rebuild expenditures are \$271.4M; this represents an increase of \$26.5M from the March '25 Report. The table below shows the total funds that are committed via a grant or contract for project improvements and program administration.

TOTAL COMMITTED AS OF 7/01/25 (\$M)

DELIVERY METHOD	REBUILD BONDS	CAPITAL	GRANTS	TOTAL
PROJECT USER	\$158.9	\$44.2	\$43.7	\$246.8
CITY CAPITAL PROJECT	\$34.6	\$23.8	\$9.0	\$67.4
PRA PROJECTS	\$82.9	\$26.7	\$19.1	\$128.7
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION	\$3.0	\$0.6	\$6.7	\$10.3
REBUILD ADMINISTRATION	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$16.6	\$16.6
TOTAL	\$279.4	\$95.3	\$95.1	\$469.8

FUNDRAISING

Philanthropy plays a key role in Rebuild's ability to deliver high quality parks, recreation centers, and libraries. The charts below provide a synopsis of Rebuild's fundraising efforts thus far. Please note these numbers do not include any dollars matched by the William Penn Foundation.

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED: \$61,228,331

RECENT GRANT AWARDS:

AMOUNT	FUNDER	PROJECT(S)
\$3,700,000	Department of Community and Economic Development	Cecil B. Moore Library, Happy Hollow, McPherson Square Library, Murphy Recreation Center, Edgely, Parkside Game Fields, and West Mill Creek
\$7,750,000	Pennsylvania Office of the Budget Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program	Cohocksink Recreation Center, Happy Hollow, Lawncrest Recreation Center, McPherson Square Library, McVeigh Recreation Center, Piccoli Playground, Russo, Panati Playground

PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS:

AMOUNT	FUNDER	PROJECT
\$1,000,000	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Parkside Game Field at Chamounix

EVALUATION METRICS:

JULY 2025

In partnership with the William Penn Foundation, the City is conducting an evaluation program to assess and track key department indicators to provide valuable insights and recommendations to guide current and future capital improvements.

The graphs below highlight key themes from the program's efforts, which reflect progress towards making Philadelphia is the safest, cleanest and greenest city in the nation.

For additional information on the Evaluation Program, please contact : Rebuild@phila.gov

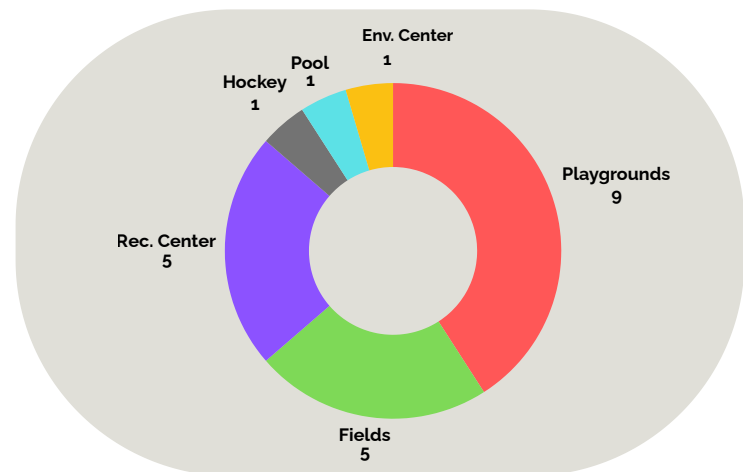
Progress Check : *Greener & Safer*



Awarded to buildings that meet high standards for sustainability, energy efficiency, and environmental responsibility.

**LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a globally recognized rating system that promotes eco-friendly, energy-efficient construction.

Summary of Site Types Evaluated



Note: Some sites had multiple type variations (ie: 1 site could have improvements on the field and the playground). Information showcased represents data collected at 20 sites.



Lights

1141



Cameras

137



Trees

136

Summary of Fixtures

PROJECT UPDATES

REBUILD PROJECTS

The status of Rebuild's improvements at each site.

Council District	Site	Project Status
1	Capitolo Playground	Received Improvements
1	Cohocksink Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
1	Heitzman Recreation Center	Received Improvements
1	Murphy Recreation Center	Received Improvements
1	Powers Park	Received Improvements
1	Richmond Library	Under or Preparing for Construction
1	Trenton & Auburn Playground	Administrative & Pre-Design

Council District	Site	Project Status
2	Chew Playground	Received Improvements
2	Francis J. Myers Recreation Center	Received Improvements
2	James Finnegan Playground	Administrative & Pre-Design
2	Marian Anderson Recreation Center	Administrative & Pre-Design
2	Paschalville Library	Under or Preparing for Construction
2	Vare Recreation Center	Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
3	Blanche A. Nixon Library	Received Improvements
3	Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Center	Received Improvements
3	Johnny Sample (Cobbs Creek) Park & Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
3	Kingsessing Library	Received Improvements
3	Malcolm X Memorial Park	Engagement & Design
3	Kingsessing Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
3	Miles Mack Playground	Received Improvements
3	West Mill Creek Playground	Engagement & Design

PROJECT UPDATES

Council District	Site	Project Status
4	Al Pearlman Sports Complex	Received Improvements
4	Carousel House	Engagement & Design
4	Carroll Park	Received Improvements
4	Haverford Library	Administrative & Pre-Design
4	John C. Anderson Cultural Center	Engagement & Design
4	Mander Playground	Administrative & Pre-Design
4	Parkside Fields Game	Engagement & Design
4	Parkside Fields Practice	Received Improvements
4	Shepard Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
4	Wynnefield Library	Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
5	8th & Diamond Playground	Received Improvements
5	Athletic Recreation Center	Administrative & Pre-Design
5	Cecil B Moore Library	Administrative & Pre-Design
5	Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
5	East Poplar Playground	Received Improvements
5	Fishtown Library	Received Improvements
5	Fishtown Recreation Center	Received Improvements
5	Fotterall Square	Received Improvements
5	Hancock Playground	Received Improvements
5	Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center	Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
6	Disston Recreation Center	Received Improvements
6	Pleasant Hill Park	Administrative & Pre-Design
6	Frank Glavin Playground	Received Improvements
6	Moss Playground	Received Improvements
6	Russo Park Playground	Engagement & Design
6	Vogt Recreation Center	Engagement & Design
6	Harrowgate Park	Administrative & Pre-Design

PROJECT UPDATES

Council District	Site	Project Status
7	McPherson Square Library	Engagement & Design
7	McPherson Square Park	Engagement & Design
7	McVeigh Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
7	Nelson Playground	Received Improvements
7	Piccoli Playground	Under or Preparing for Construction
7	Rivera Recreation Center	Received Improvements
7	Waterloo Playground	Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
8	Barrett Playground	Under or Preparing for Construction
8	Belfield Recreation Center	Received Improvements
8	Happy Hollow Recreation Center	Engagement & Design
8	Jerome Brown Playground	Administrative & Pre-Design
8	Nicetown-Tioga Library	Under or Preparing for Construction
8	Panati Playground	Under or Preparing for Construction
8	Vernon Park	Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
9	Cherashore Playground	Engagement & Design
9	Lawncrest Library	Received Improvements
9	Lawncrest Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
9	Olney Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
9	West Oak Lane Library	Received Improvements
9	Ziehler Playground	Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
10	Fox Chase Recreation Center	Received Improvements
10	Gifford Playground	Received Improvements
10	Hayes Playground	Received Improvements
10	Pelbano Recreation Center	Received Improvements