



As of
October 1,
2025

Vare Recreation Center Field
Celebration



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:
 - **39** sites have received improvements
 - **13** sites under or preparing for construction
 - **9** sites in engagement & design
 - **\$470** million in committed or expended funds**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- **185** 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
- **44** obtained City Certifications
- **54%** of committed contract dollars awarded to diverse businesses ***
 - 32.% awarded to MBEs
 - 22% awarded to WBEs
- **35%** total hours of worked by women and people of color

39

SITES

RECEIVED IMPROVEMENTS

—

185

GRADUATES

OF WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
PURSUING CONSTRUCTION
CAREERS

—

54

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

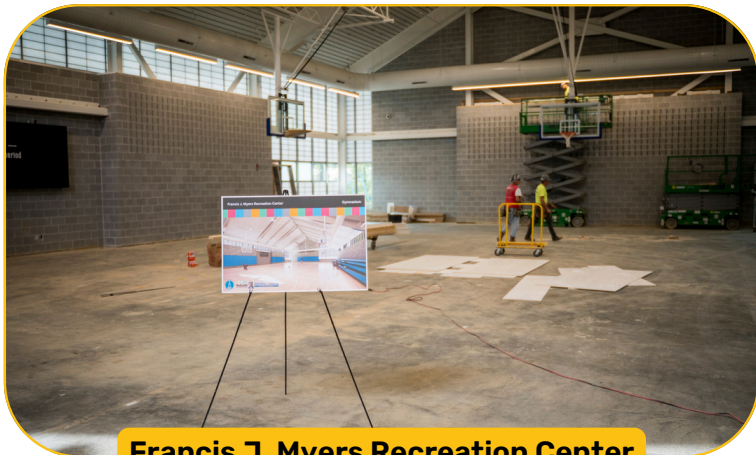
13 Rebuild sites in neighborhoods throughout the city are currently under or preparing for construction. The photos below show a selection of these transformative projects.



Piccoli Playground



Vare Recreation Center Field



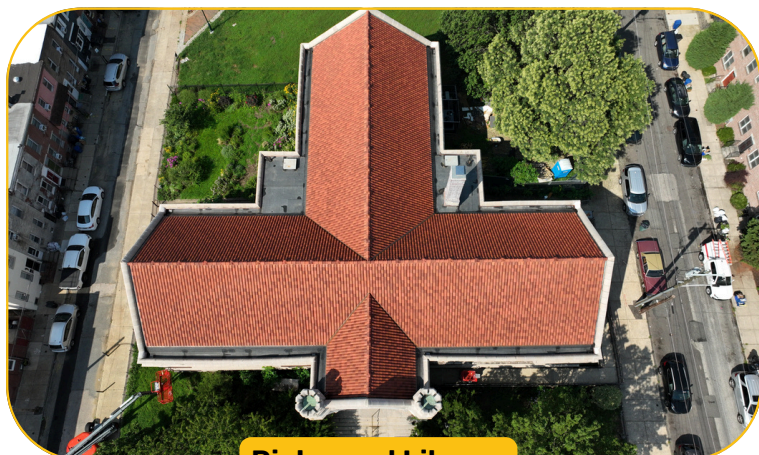
Francis J. Myers Recreation Center



Johnny Sample Recreation Center



Olney Recreation Center



Richmond Library

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

Russo Park Playground

Parkside Fields

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.

In 2025, the Capital Program Office's Rebuild program trained **31 Philadelphia residents** in the following academies:

- Carpentry Academy
- Masonry Academy
- Cement and Plasterers Academy
- Ironworkers Academy



75%+
PLACEMENT FOR PROGRAM GRADUATES

20
SKILLED TRADE COHORTS COMPLETED

8
UNIONS WITH REBUILD TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATES

185
PHILADELPHIA RESIDENTS GRADUATED

BUSINESS SUPPORTS PROGRAMMING

Technical Assistance

Provided over 200 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.

174
Enrolled in Rebuild Business Support Programs

44
Businesses obtained City Certifications

40
Joined City of Philadelphia Office of Economic Opportunity Registry

OUR PARTNERS

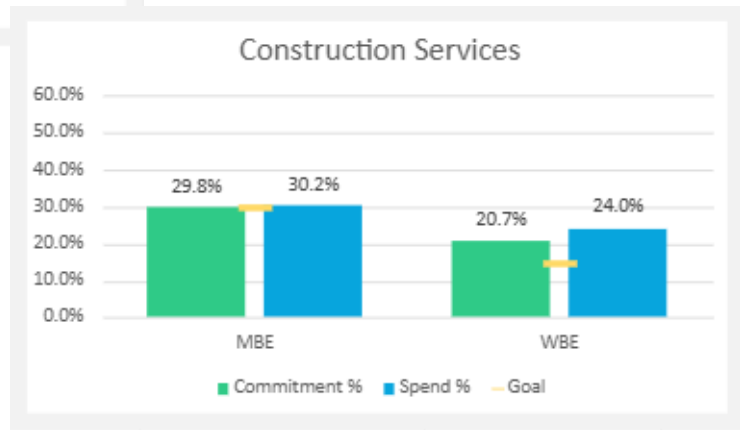
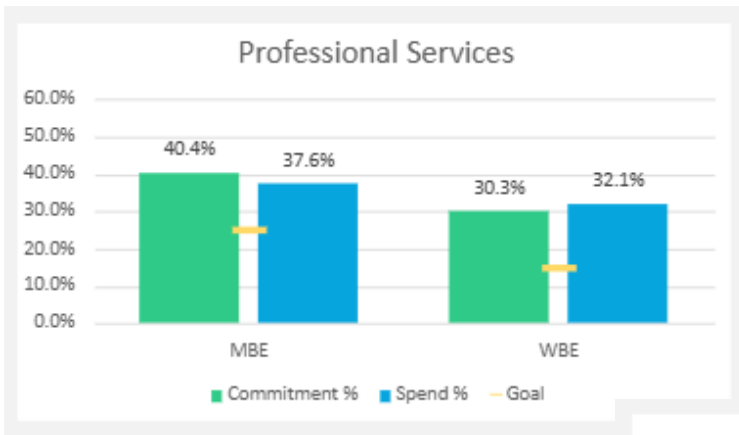


PARTICIPATION

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.

54.0%
OF COMMITTED CONTRACT DOLLARS AWARDED TO DIVERSE BUSINESSES



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 10/01/25 (\$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	\$53	\$47	\$100
OTHER EXECUTED* GRANTS	\$62	\$0	\$62
TOTAL	\$417	\$185	\$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 \$274.6M; this represents an increase of \$3.2M from the July ‘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 10/01/25 (\$M)

DELIVERY METHOD	REBUILD BONDS	CAPITAL	GRANTS	TOTAL
PROJECT USER	\$153.2	\$44.2	\$39.3	\$236.7
CITY CAPITAL PROJECT	\$35.6	\$23.9	\$16.0	\$75.5
PRA PROJECTS	\$82.8	\$25.7	\$16.0	\$124.5
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION	\$3.0	\$0.6	\$6.1	\$9.7
REBUILD ADMINISTRATION	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$16.7	\$16.7
TOTAL	\$274.6	\$94.4	\$94.1	\$463.1

FUNDRAISING

Philanthropy plays a critical role in Rebuild's ability to deliver high-quality parks, recreation centers, and libraries across Philadelphia. The figure below reflects the total amount Rebuild has raised from external partners to date and does not include pending grant applications. Please note that this total also excludes all matching funds provided by the William Penn Foundation.

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED: \$61,228,331

**William Penn
Foundation**



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Pennsylvania
Office of the Budget



Pennsylvania
**Department of Community
& Economic Development**

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	Received Improvements
1	Murphy Recreation Center	Received Improvements
1	Powers Park	Received Improvements
1	Richmond Library	Received Improvements
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	Under or Preparing for Construction
3	Kingsessing Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
3	Miles Mack Playground	Received Improvements
3	West Mill Creek Playground	Under or Preparing for Construction

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	Heitzman Recreation Center	Received Improvements
6	Frank Glavin Playground	Received Improvements
6	Moss Playground	Received Improvements
6	Russo Park Playground	Engagement & Design
6	Vogt Recreation Center	Under or Preparing for Construction
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	Received Improvements
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	Under or Preparing for Construction
8	Jerome Brown Playground	Administrative & Pre-Design
8	Nicetown-Tioga Library	Administrative & Pre-Design
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