



Kingsessing Recreation Center

As of April
1, 2026



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:
 - **43** sites have received improvements
 - **16** sites under or preparing for construction
 - **8** sites in engagement & design
 - **\$473** 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

- **184** 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
- **34%** total hours of worked by women and people of color

43

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.

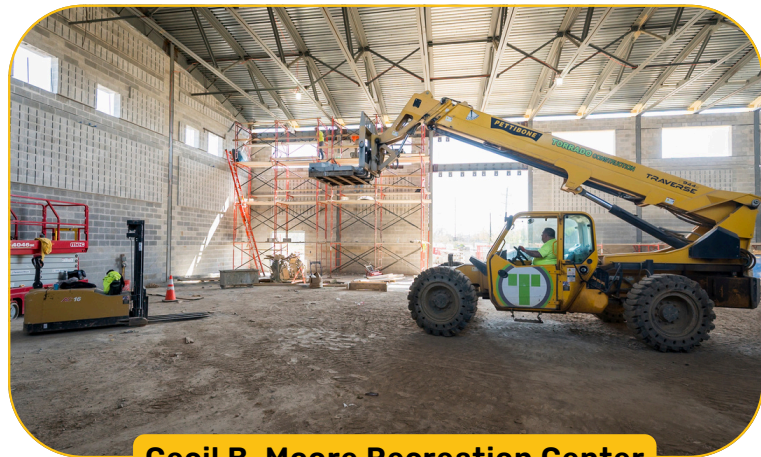
***On Rebuild initiated professional services and construction contracts.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

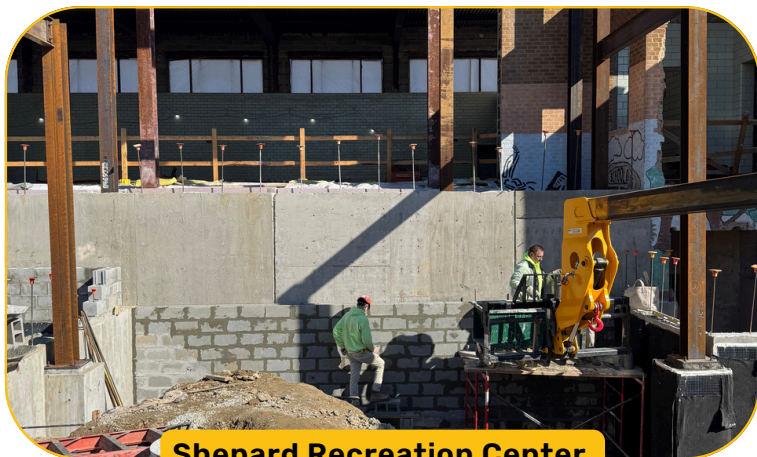
16 Rebuild sites in neighborhoods throughout the city are currently under or preparing for construction. The photos below show a selection of these transformative projects.



Disston Recreation Center



Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center



Shepard Recreation Center



Panati Playground



Lawncrest Recreation Center



Barrett Playground

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, email, and social media.

At the start of 2026 Rebuild Community Engagement has supported the coordination of ground breakings, ribbon cuttings, and construction updates. Engagement also included neighborhood stakeholder conversations in the Parkside area, pop-up outreach at Town hall meetings, and public meetings to showcase final designs.

Carousel House

Parkside Fields

Vogt Rec Center

Russo Playground

McVeigh Rec Center

John C. Anderson Cultural Center

McPherson Square Park and Library

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. Rebuild is demonstrating the potency of a skilled trades-focused workforce development model.



2026 Cement Academy (Jacobs Playground)



Starting in January 2026, Rebuild partnered with the Carpenters' Apprentice Readiness Program (CARP) to host a 10-week paid training program for Philadelphia residents focused on carpentry career exposure (General Carpentry, Floor Layer, Millwright, and Cabinetmaking).



2026 Cement Academy Job Site Tour

75%+

PLACEMENT FOR PROGRAM GRADUATES

20

SKILLED TRADE COHORTS COMPLETED

8

UNIONS WITH REBUILD TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATES

184

PHILADELPHIA RESIDENTS GRADUATED

BUSINESS SUPPORTS PROGRAMMING

In Spring 2026, Rebuild will provide technical assistance to Philadelphia based construction and design firms to:

- Improve their overall "back-office" capacity
- Access to capital, including but not limited to lines of credit and bonding
- Assistance with construction firms with becoming union signatory
- Assist eligible construction and design firms with obtaining essential certifications and/or credentials (i.e. Local Business Enterprise (LBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certifications)
- Provide networking events for small and local construction and design firms

OUR PARTNERS

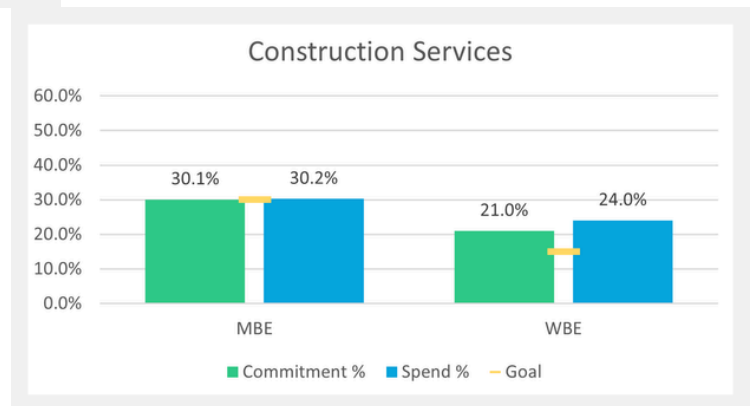
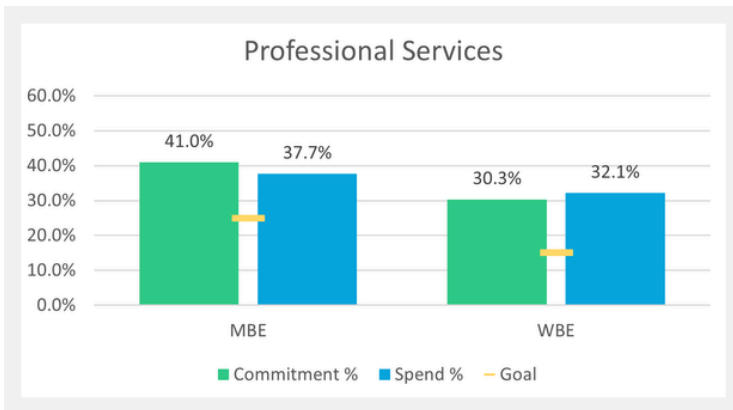


PARTICIPATION

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-four 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, July 2024, and October 2025 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 1/1/26 (\$M)

	CURRENT FUNDING	BUDGETED ADDITIONAL FUNDING	TOTAL
REBUILD BONDS (ISSUED BY PAID)	\$333	\$0	\$333**
CITY GO CAPITAL FUNDS	\$117	\$0	\$117
WILLIAM PENN FOUNDATION GRANT	\$53	\$47	\$100
OTHER EXECUTED* GRANTS	\$62	\$0	\$62
TOTAL	\$565	\$47	\$612

*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 bond commitments are \$280.9M; this represents an increase of \$6.3M from the January ‘26 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 4/1/26 (\$M)

DELIVERY METHOD	REBUILD BONDS	CAPITAL	GRANTS	TOTAL
PROJECT USER	\$153.1	\$44.5	\$41.7	\$239.3
CITY CAPITAL PROJECT	\$39.7	\$24.9	\$14.2	\$78.8
PRA PROJECTS	\$85.2	\$25.7	\$18.3	\$129.2
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION	\$2.9	\$0.5	\$6.7	\$10.1
REBUILD ADMINISTRATION	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$16.7	\$16.7
TOTAL	\$280.9	\$95.1	\$97.6	\$473.6

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: \$61,258,331

**William Penn
Foundation**



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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	03-Received Improvements
1	Cohocksink Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
1	Murphy Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
1	Powers Park	03-Received Improvements
1	Richmond Library	03-Received Improvements
1	Trenton & Auburn Playground	01-Engagement & Design

Council District	Site	Project Status
2	Chew Playground	03-Received Improvements
2	Francis J. Myers Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
2	James Finnegan Playground	01-Engagement & Design
2	Marian Anderson Recreation Center	00-Administrative & Pre-Design
2	Paschalville Library	03-Received Improvements
2	Vare Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
3	Blanche A. Nixon Library	03-Received Improvements
3	Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Center	03-Received Improvements
3	Johnny Sample (Cobbs Creek) Park & Recreation Center	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
3	Kingsessing Library	03-Received Improvements
3	Malcolm X Memorial Park	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
3	Kingsessing Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
3	Miles Mack Playground	03-Received Improvements
3	West Mill Creek Playground	02-Under or Preparing for Construction

PROJECT UPDATES

Council District	Site	Project Status
4	Al Pearlman Sports Complex	03-Received Improvements
4	Carousel House	01-Engagement & Design
4	Carroll Park	03-Received Improvements
4	Haverford Library	00-Administrative & Pre-Design
4	John C. Anderson Cultural Center	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
4	Mander Playground	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
4	Parkside Fields Game	01-Engagement & Design
4	Parkside Fields Practice	03-Received Improvements
4	Shepard Recreation Center	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
4	Wynnefield Library	03-Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
5	8th & Diamond Playground	03-Received Improvements
5	Athletic Recreation Center	00-Administrative & Pre-Design
5	Cecil B Moore Library	01-Engagement & Design
5	Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
5	East Poplar Playground	03-Received Improvements
5	Fishtown Library	03-Received Improvements
5	Fishtown Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
5	Fotterall Square	03-Received Improvements
5	Hancock Playground	03-Received Improvements
5	Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
6	Disston Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
6	Pleasant Hill Park	00-Administrative & Pre-Design
6	Heitzman Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
6	Frank Glavin Playground	03-Received Improvements
6	Moss Playground	03-Received Improvements
6	Russo Park Playground	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
6	Vogt Recreation Center	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
6	Harrowgate Park	01-Engagement & Design

PROJECT UPDATES

Council District	Site	Project Status
7	McPherson Square Library	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
7	McPherson Square Park	01-Engagement & Design
7	McVeigh Recreation Center	01-Engagement & Design
7	Nelson Playground	03-Received Improvements
7	Piccoli Playground	03-Received Improvements
7	Rivera Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
7	Waterloo Playground	03-Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
8	Barrett Playground	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
8	Belfield Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
8	Happy Hollow Recreation Center	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
8	Jerome Brown Playground	00-Administrative & Pre-Design
8	Nicetown-Tioga Library	03-Received Improvements
8	Panati Playground	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
8	Vernon Park	03-Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
9	Cherashore Playground	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
9	Lawncrest Library	03-Received Improvements
9	Lawncrest Recreation Center	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
9	Olney Recreation Center	02-Under or Preparing for Construction
9	West Oak Lane Library	03-Received Improvements
9	Ziehler Playground	03-Received Improvements

Council District	Site	Project Status
10	Fox Chase Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements
10	Gifford Playground	03-Received Improvements
10	Hayes Playground	03-Received Improvements
10	Pelbano Recreation Center	03-Received Improvements