

Sister Cities Park

PARK IMPROVEMENTS 2011



Construction Began

June 2011

To Be Completed

Spring 2012

Project Management

Center City District

Project Funders

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Department of Community and
Economic Development

Department of Conservation and
Natural Resources

Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program

Federal Highway Administration

PEW Charitable Trusts, William Penn
Foundation, and the John S. and James
L. Knight Foundation

Philadelphia Industrial
Development Corporation

Designers

DIGSAU

Studio Bryan Hanes

Pennoni Engineers

Phase I General Contractor

Bittenbender Construction, LP

Phase I Contractors

Devine Brothers, Inc.

Hyde Electric, Inc.

Seravalli Construction, Inc.

Phase II Contractor

Ramos and Associates, Inc.

Site Archaeology

CHRS, Inc.

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Park Improvements



Project Update - August 2011

Phase I and II of the Sister Cities Park improvement project are now underway. The Center City District broke ground for the new park on Logan Square on May 10, which will transform the space into a richly planted, well-illuminated and welcoming civic space for people of all ages as part of the \$20.9 million makeover of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Phase I includes the building and Children's Discovery Garden, and is expected to be substantially completed by the end of this year. The café and remainder of the park will open in the spring of 2012.

Currently the site mechanical contractors Devine Brothers are overseeing well drilling, an integral part of the site's geothermal heating and cooling system. These wells extend 400 feet below the ground surface to where the temperature is anticipated to be around 60 degrees Fahrenheit year-round.

In the winter, the geothermal system will absorb the earth's stable temperature and transfer it into the building, reducing the amount of heat needed, while during the summer, the system will transfer this same temperature to the building to be used for summer cooling. A closed loop of piping will be incorporated into the wells, and will carry a special liquid that captures and circulates these temperatures between the ground and the building. In this way the geothermal system will regulate the temperature of the building year-round, reducing the building's heating and cooling requirements.

After several weeks of site clearing and foundation preparation, the building is beginning to take form. Bittenbender Construction has been working with Schlosser Steel on the fabrication of the steel frame, which you can now see taking form on the site.

A café will be located in the 1900 square foot building along with other uses. The CCD is in the final selection process for a café operator and hopes to make an announcement shortly.

The CCD worked with PennDOT on bidding and contractor selection for Phase II of the project, which includes installing the remaining park landscape, utilities and site work. After a competitive bidding process, Ramos and Associates, Inc. were awarded the contract. Ramos commenced work in early August and are in the process of clearing the site to make way for landscape improvements including a new fountain, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping.

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