



Municipal Money Matters

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Completed Rebuild Projects - Costs by Location

As a follow-up to the September 2024 Municipal Money Matters report, which outlined the total funding sources for the City's Rebuild Program (Rebuild), this month's report identifies the costs and locations of each completed project.

As of September 2024, Rebuild completed 23 of 72, or 32%, proposed projects aimed at revitalizing recreation centers, playgrounds, parks and libraries. The first Rebuild project was announced in May 2018 under the prior Administration.

The completed projects cost a total of \$62.6 million, with an average cost of \$2.7 million per project. Communities in the Lower Northeast, North Philadelphia, and South Philadelphia received the largest Rebuild investments, collectively accounting for 72% of the total cost for all completed projects

North Philadelphia has six completed projects, marking the most across all sections of the city. The projects include playgrounds and recreation centers. The Lower Northeast followed with five completed projects. Excluding the one completed project in Fishtown, the Northeast has the fewest completed projects with two playgrounds at a total cost of \$2.8 million, or 5% of the total cost for all completed projects.

The completion of 23 projects represents an important step in Rebuild's efforts to revitalize public spaces across Philadelphia. However, with more than 70 proposed projects, a substantial portion of the program's work remains ahead. As additional projects move toward completion, continued monitoring of costs, timelines, and equitable distribution of funding is essential to ensuring the program's long-term success citywide.

Each month Controller Brady looks forward to bringing transparency and accountability of our city, right to you.

Completed Rebuild Projects (through September 2024)

Project	Cost	Neighborhood
Disston Recreation Center	\$7,708,913	Lower Northeast
Murphy Recreation Center	\$7,523,906	South
Ziehler Playground	\$7,419,965	North
Heitzman Rec. Center	\$4,727,512	Lower Northeast
Fotterall Square	\$3,822,299	North
Pelbano Recreation Center	\$3,453,173	Northwest
Glavin Playground	\$3,256,688	Lower Northeast
Cobbs Creek Envrn Ctr.	\$2,881,703	West
Miles Mack Playground	\$2,865,375	West
Chew Playground	\$2,324,576	South
East Poplar Playground	\$1,965,244	Fishtown
Capitolo Playground	\$1,896,034	South
Nelson Recreation Center	\$1,819,493	North
Waterloo Playground	\$1,641,933	North
Hayes Playground	\$1,626,797	Northeast
Hancock Playground	\$1,348,285	North
Al Pearlman Complex	\$1,323,190	Northwest
Gifford Playground	\$1,221,629	Northeast
Vernon Park	\$1,033,853	Northwest
Moss Playground	\$942,012	Lower Northeast
Parkside Evans & Edgely Flds	\$887,734	West
Powers Park	\$484,508	Lower Northeast
8th & Diamond Playground	\$416,837	North
Total	\$62,591,660	

% of Total Cost for Completed Projects by Neighborhood

