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Rebuild Program Completes \$62 Million in Projects since 2018

City Controller's latest Municipal Money Matters report reviews program's latest progress

PHILADELPHIA – As part of the City Controller's ongoing efforts to monitor the City of Philadelphia's Rebuild Program (Rebuild), Controller Brady today released the latest monthly Municipal Money Matters report that found the program has completed a third of the proposed projects at a cost of \$62 million since the program launched in 2018.

As of September 2024, the latest progress report available for review, Rebuild has completed 23 of 72, or 32%, proposed projects aimed at revitalizing recreation centers, playgrounds, parks and libraries. The average cost is \$2.7 million per Rebuild project.

Projects in South Philadelphia neighborhoods had some of the highest costs per project, accounting for 31% of Rebuild spending for completed projects across the city. This includes Murphy Recreation Center, \$7.4 million; Capitulo Playground, \$6.9 million; and Chew Playground, \$4.7 million.

The majority of completed projects are located in neighborhoods across the Lower Northeast and North Philadelphia. Each of these sections has five to six complete sites. However, the average cost per project in these areas was below the overall Rebuild project average, with the Lower Northeast averaging \$2.6 million and North Philadelphia averaging \$1.5 million per project.

According to Controller Brady, the completion of 23 projects represents an important step in Rebuild's efforts to revitalize public spaces across Philadelphia.

“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,” said Controller Brady.

In addition to the projects listed in the city's latest progress report, the city has reported a few additional projects that were completed since September 2024, including the new \$21 million Vare Recreation Center that opened last month.

Visit <https://controller.phila.gov/> to view the City Controller's latest report.

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