

Conway Street Park's North Plaza Renovation Frequently Asked Questions

How was this project chosen to be funded by the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (SBGP)?

The SBGP Enhanced Services program improves public spaces within the South Baltimore Gateway District by implementing capital, maintenance, and programming enhancements. This work is separate from SBGP's Community Grants program and does not involve a public call for grant applications. Enhanced Services projects are selected by staff members, based upon established organizational priorities, and the Enhanced Services budget is fixed at the beginning of the fiscal year. The North Plaza design project is addressing safety and accessibility needs specifically expressed by the community for this public space.

What are the intended goals of this second phase of the project?

While small, Conway Street Park is a beloved and well-used park nestled in the Ridgely's Delight neighborhood. The southern section functions as a traditional park, featuring a walking trail, grassy lawns, and benches. The northern brick plaza, however, has fallen into disrepair. Tree roots have impacted the brick surface, limiting what could be a more usable public space. SBGP led a competitive request for qualifications process to select EnviroCollab, a landscape architecture firm, to work with the community to identify ways the space could be restored and feel more connected to the rest of the park.

The team worked with the community through a multi-stage community engagement process and design sessions to ensure any improvements complement how the neighborhood already uses the park. The result was a comprehensive design for the North Plaza and a construction budget to implement the recommended improvements, including an ADA accessible public space, enhancements to green space through additional planting of native plants and trees, and materials that allow for limited maintenance to ensure a beautiful space for years to come.

In the spring of 2025, SBGP led another competitive request for qualifications process to select Pinehurst Landscaping Company as the lead contractor on the project. Pinehurst will manage various contractors to perform the site improvements to the park. These site improvements will include the following:

- The Conway Street Park North Plaza is currently in disrepair, with broken brick caused primarily from protruding tree roots and a presumably unstable/insufficient brick paving base/subbase.
 - This North Plaza On-Site parcel (Site 1) contains 10 existing trees of varying species, 7 of which will be removed, with 3 trees to be retained/protected as part of this project.
 - The North Plaza Right-Of-Way parcel (Site 2/ROW) has 10 existing Bradford Pear trees, 6 of which will be removed, with 4 trees to be retained/protected for this project.
 - This phase of work will include the rebuilding of a brick plaza with bigger tree pits to accommodate new and existing trees, and the addition of more native plants and trees to increase the canopy.
 - The City of Baltimore’s forestry division, which includes experts in tree health, is a key partner in this project and advised our design team on any necessary changes to the tree canopy of the North Plaza.

- Other improvements include new streetlamp and string lights- street lights will operate under the usual Baltimore City operating guidelines. String lights will be the responsibility of the Community Association.

- Water access and furnishings, which include trash receptacles, benches will round out the improvements.



Who are the project partners?

- The Ridgely's Delight Community and [Association](#)
- [South Baltimore Gateway Partnership](#): Project Manager
- [EnviroCollab](#): Landscape Architects
- [CityScope Engineering](#): Engineers
- [Pinehurst Landscape Company](#): Primary Contractor

2025 Project Schedule (Tentative)

- Site preparation: September – October
- Break Ground: October
- Tree Planting: October – November
- Hardscape e.g. paving etc.: October – November

Please contact Khadeen Grant, SBGP's Enhanced Services Director, at kgrant@sbgpartnership.org with any additional questions.