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## City to start \$700K in upgrades at Alvah Kittredge Park this month

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(Courtesy: City of Boston)

An architect's rendering shows how the completed Alvah Kittredge Park will appear after the completion in early summer of 2012 of renovations currently being undertaken by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The city will break ground on nearly \$700,000 in improvements to Alvah Kittredge Park in Roxbury this month, officials announced today.

When completed by around June 2012, the renovated park will include new walkways, granite walls, a water feature designed by Browne Fund-supported artist Ross Miller, historic lighting, tables, benches, new shade and flowering trees, a grass lawn, and a rain garden with native plants, according to the city.

Miller, who has owned a studio in Allston for nearly three decades, [spoke to Boston.com in January](#) explaining his then-early and evolving ideas for his role in the park's overhaul.

The park is located across the street from the [historic Alvah Kittredge mansion](#), where a \$2.8-million restoration project is [scheduled to begin next spring](#).

Mayor Thomas M. Menino will join area residents and local officials to for a ground breaking on Sept. 30, at 11:30 a.m., city officials said in a press release Friday.

The ceremony will signal the start of a \$600,000 project overseen by the Boston

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The ceremony will signal the start of a \$693,000 project overseen by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the city said. The design budget of \$60,000 was funded by the Harold Whitworth Pierce Charitable Trust. The construction budget of \$633,333 is funded in part by \$100,000 from the Browne Fund; \$100,000 from the Henderson Foundation; \$310,648 from a state PARC Grant awarded last fall; 3,000 from the Boston Grants Initiative for \$3,000, and additional funding from the city's Capital Improvement Program.

Pro-bono community schematic design was provided by Carol R. Johnson and Associates, Inc, officials said. The contractor is Ronald A. Marini Corp.

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Alvah Kittredge Park in Roxbury, seen here being prepared for construction, is undergoing close to \$700,000 in improvements to be announced at the site by Mayor Menino during a groundbreaking ceremony being held on Friday, September 30, at 11:30 a.m.

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