



Frequently Asked Questions

Lawncrest Recreation Center & Lawncrest Library

Q: What is Rebuild?

A: Rebuilding Community Infrastructure (Rebuild) is an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in neighborhood parks, recreation centers and libraries. Proposed in Mayor Jim Kenney's first budget as a part of his vision for a more equitable Philadelphia, Rebuild seeks to improve pivotal community spaces, empower and engage communities, and promote economic opportunity through diversity and inclusion. Rebuild is a public private partnership made possible by the Philadelphia Beverage Tax. For more information about Rebuild visit rebuild.phila.gov.

Q: Who is Community Ventures and what is their role at Lawncrest?

A: Community Ventures is a non-profit developer with a mission to work in partnership with neighborhood-based organizations to improve communities and to increase the supply of affordable housing. Community Ventures (CV) was selected by Rebuild as one of the 20 pre-qualified non-profit organizations approved to lead Rebuild projects and was selected to manage the Rebuild improvements at the Lawncrest Recreation Center and the Lawncrest Library. CV will lead the community engagement team (detailed below) to ensure that community voices are heard, manage the design team (detailed below) and construction team (to be selected at a later date) to carry out the Rebuild improvements. For more information about CV visit www.community-ventures.org and follow [@CVbuilds](https://www.facebook.com/CVbuilds) on Facebook or [@community_ventures](https://www.instagram.com/community_ventures) on Instagram.

Q: Who else is working on the Lawncrest Rebuild project?

A: Community Ventures has selected a diverse and experienced team of consultants to work on the Lawncrest project. The team includes minority-owned (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses and other non-profit organizations. In addition to the current team listed below, CV will be working with various City agencies, Councilwoman Cherelle Parker, facility staff, community groups and the community to determine the scope, design, programming and implementation of these improvements.

- Community Engagement – Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation & Philadelphia Parks Alliance
- The Design Team will be led by SITIO architecture + urbanism (MBE) as Architect & Meliora Design (WBE) as Civil Engineer. They will be assisted by:
 - Hunt Engineering (WBE) – Structural Engineer

- J+M Engineering (EVP¹-MBE) – Mechanical Engineer
- SALT Design Studio (WBE) – Landscape Architect
- Re:Vision Architecture – Sustainability Consulting
- Promatech (WBE) – Cost Estimating

Q: What is the budget for the improvements to the Lawncrest Recreation Center and Lawncrest Library?

A: The Rebuild budget for the Rebuild improvements to the Lawncrest Recreation Center and Lawncrest Library totals \$9.5 million with \$5 million allocated to the recreation center and \$4.5 million allocated to the library. This budget was determined by Rebuild based on prior site assessments and CV will be working with its consultants, the City and the community to determine how the money is spent.

Q: What is the schedule for improvements? Will the facilities be closed?

A: The project schedule will continue to evolve but currently CV anticipates the following milestones:

- September 2019 - Building and Site Assessment
- October 2019 – Community Kick Off Meeting
- October 2019 to May 2020 – Community Engagement & Design
- January 2021 to January 2022 – Construction

The facilities will remain fully open during the community engagement and design phases. We will determine the schedule for facility closures or partial closures during construction once we have a determined scope of work and design. We will work with the community, facility staff and programs to coordinate the construction process to be the least intrusive as possible.

Q: What are the minority, woman and local hiring goals and commitments for the project?

A: One of the main priorities of the Rebuild program is to promote diversity and economic inclusion. Rebuild and Community Ventures will support minorities and women who work (or want to work) in the design and construction industries. If you are interested in building a career with Rebuild, visit www.phila.gov/programs/rebuild/careers. CV already has a diverse team including minority, women, and locally-owned firms and CV has committed to furthering Rebuild’s goals throughout design, community engagement and construction.

Q: How were the selected vendors chosen and how will additional vendors and contractors be chosen?

A: The design and community engagement consultants listed above were selected in accordance with Rebuild’s Vendor Selection requirements. These requirements are to post Requests for Proposals or Qualifications (RFPs/RFQs) on the Rebuild Contract Opportunity Portal for a minimum of 14 days. All selected consultants were among the respondents to the posted RFPs/RFQs and CV selected them based

¹ EVP- Emerging Vendor Program. Rebuild based program to assist small qualified businesses achieve minority-owned or woman-owned certification

on their experience and qualifications, with special consideration for MBE/WBE owned companies to meet CV's and Rebuild's participation goals.

Additional vendors, the project general contractor, and all subcontractor opportunities will be posted on the Rebuild Contract Opportunity Portal for the Lawncrest project and all other Rebuild projects managed by CV and others. The Rebuild Contractor Opportunity Portal is located at this link: rebuildphila.wpengine.com.

Q: How do I get a construction job on the Lawncrest Rebuild project?

A: Community Ventures plans to select a general contractor early in the design process per the Selection Process described above. CV will work with the selected GC on a series of community subcontractor and workforce interest meetings to identify local MBE & WBE subcontractors as well as interested individuals looking for employment during the Lawncrest renovation. Individuals with construction experience and especially individuals interested in gaining construction experience should also check out Rebuild's Career Opportunities including the Rebuild Talent Development Program and PHL Pipeline. Information about both of these programs are available at www.phila.gov/programs/rebuild/careers. If you are specifically interested in working on the Lawncrest renovation, email lawncrest@community-ventures.org with your contact information and experience and we will add you to our list and notify you of future construction opportunities for the Lawncrest Rebuild project.

Q: How do I make sure that my input is being incorporated into the plan?

A: Anyone who is interested in being part of the engagement and design process is encouraged to sign up on our interest form (which will be available at neighborhood events) or email Community Ventures at lawncrest@community-ventures.org. We will let you know about all community meetings, focus groups, and other opportunities to get involved and become a partner in the project.

Q: Who do I contact if I have more questions?

A: Please contact Patrick Isaac from Community Ventures via email at lawncrest@community-ventures.org with any questions. Patrick or another member of the Lawncrest Rebuild team will respond to your question as soon as we are able to gather the correct answer. Patrick can also be reached at 215-564-6004 x103 but email is preferred.