Emmanuel College-Yawkey Foundation II Restoration of Roberto Clemente Field

Emmanuel College is partnering with the Yawkey Foundation II to completely renovate the city of Boston’s Roberto Clemente Field. This comprehensive restoration will result in state-of-the-art facilities for softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, track and field, and other recreational activities, and will be a point of pride for the city in The Fenway. An upgraded Roberto Clemente Field will be the home field for the Emmanuel College Saints soccer, softball and track and field teams, and for Boston Latin School Wolfpack football, soccer and track and field.

Current Conditions

- High maintenance stonedust track with uneven surface
- No field event practice areas
- Highly-worn natural turf field that limits use potential
- Poor field drainage that reduces use potential
- Inefficient and poor sports field lighting
- Excessive spectator seating away from Park Drive creates site security and safety issues

Upgrades

- 120,000 sf multiple use synthetic turf field which will improve field use potential and safety
- Three-lane rubberized all-weather track
- Facilities for expanded track and field events including discus, shot put, long jump/triple jump and high jump
- MUSCO sports lighting and new scoreboard
- Solar waste containers
- Portable restroom facilities and water bubbler
- Improvements to vehicular control to protect field
- New benches for handicapped companion seating
- Spectator stands removed along Muddy River in accordance with Emerald Necklace Master Plan
- Planting of additional trees
- Project cost: $3,985,000 for construction, permits and design.

This restoration project will result in an immeasurable increase in usage by the residents and institutions of the neighborhood, providing much-needed space in the city for: Fenway High School gym classes; Colleges of the Fenway intramurals; summer softball leagues for adults and youth; recreational walking and jogging year-round on an all-weather track. Roberto Clemente Field has the potential to be a jewel in Frederick Law Olmsted’s Emerald Necklace.