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## **Walsh Brothers, Inc. completes Fenway Park's 10-year improvement plan**

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Walsh Brothers, Inc., a construction management firm, has successfully completed the final phase of a 10-year capital improvement plan at the Boston Red Sox's Fenway Park.

For the final installment of the \$240 million, 10-year cycle of major annual improvements, the Boston Red Sox selected Walsh Brothers as their construction manager. Some of the projects included in the final phase were the construction of a new concourse and concession stands, demolition and replacement of the existing right field scoreboards, renovation of the scoreboard control room, executive offices, media dining area, and a historic brick facade restoration. The project was completed in advance of opening day and within the five month off season winter months. The 10-year plan of improvements was done in part to ready the historic playing field for the Red Sox's 2012 centennial celebration.

The project required demolition of the existing concourse slab, excavation, and extensive under-slab utility upgrades including sanitary, storm drain, and power upgrades. These upgrades provide five new tie-ins at street level that will accommodate the future utility needs of America's "most beloved ballpark." Despite unforeseen conditions with utility relocations there was no delay to the schedule.

The project also required the demolition and construction of new infrastructure supporting three new high definition LED scoreboards. The new scoreboards provide the best visual clarity available and the size of the boards provide fans with access to more statistics and player information as well as increased advertising opportunities for Fenway. Due to the location of the new scoreboards the relocation of the iconic John Hancock sign including dismantling, specialized cleaning, and reassembly was necessary. Open community forums and close communication and collaboration with Landsdowne street abutters, especially the House of Blues was necessary to facilitate the project. Walsh Brothers created detailed logistics and traffic plans to ensure the crane location and trailer needed for the demolition and replacement caused minimal disruption to the local business' daily operation. The project also includes the demolition and construction of one of the largest concession stands featuring a full kitchen. Additionally, the Walsh Brothers team took care to replace the historic executive office windows along Yawkey Way working closely with the historic commission which ultimately ensured the original window aesthetic was preserved while simultaneously increasing the efficiency of the windows. Walsh Brothers is proud to have the fourth generation of the firm continue their more than 30 year partnership with the Boston Red Sox.

A fourth generation-managed, family-owned firm, Walsh Brothers was recognized for its contribution to the advancement of the construction industry along with its community involvement and philanthropy, project innovation, leadership and collaboration and environmental stewardship. Over its 110-year history the firm has had a major impact on Boston's skyline through its construction of some of the city's largest and most complex buildings in the city. Walsh Brothers managed the

construction of some of Fenway Park's most iconic projects over the last 20-years including the green monster seats, EMC Pavilion, and luxury suites.

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