

"Revitalization will re-awaken this forgotten park and create an attraction worthy of its proximity to the National Constitution Center."

Client: Once Upon A Nation/Philadelphia Heritage Project

Urban Engineers, Inc. is the civil design engineer for \$9 million in improvements to Franklin Square, an urban park in the City of Philadelphia. William Penn’s plan for the City included five squares, including Franklin, which was originally called Northeastern Square.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Infrastructure Requirements
- Utility Requirements
- Agency Coordination
- Construction Cost Estimates

With the building of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and the Vine Street Expressway, the Square became increasingly isolated and “forgotten.” This project aims to renew the square and make it an urban attraction and a worthy partner for new development along Independence Mall.

Urban’s responsibilities include infrastructure requirements for all site events including establishing utility requirements for electricity, water, sewer, communications, coordination with utility companies including the Philadelphia Water Department, Philadelphia Streets Department, Fairmount Park Commission, and the Delaware River Port Authority. Synterra, Ltd. is preparing the landscape design for the park.

Urban’s master plan report includes a written assessment of the site infrastructure, proposed recommendations, meeting minutes of coordination with utility companies and city and state agencies. Also included is a master plan layout of the site showing the location of all events and a construction cost estimate for the recommended improvements.

