

Participants of the Philadelphia Phillies Urban Youth Academy have a feel for being a professional ball player because of renovations at historic FDR Park. Since opening in 1914, the park has continually expanded to meet South Philadelphia residents' needs. A recent project updated two existing softball fields with a shared press box and dugouts. Precast concrete Easi-Set Buildings were selected for these three structures because of their affordability, durability and aesthetics. The buildings were manufactured by Oldcastle Infrastructure Inc., a licensed producer in Easton, PA.

The two dugouts are 8' x 33', and the press box is 12' x 16'. The two-story press box has interior circular stair access and sliding windows on adjacent sides for scouts to watch two different ballfields. All the buildings have a split-face block finish and are painted. The structures were set on stone bases, and installation took one day for both the dugouts and an additional day to set the press box.

For foul balls or wild pitches, precast concrete provides added durability. Visited by about 120,000 people each year, FDR Park has eight ball fields, a golf course, rugby field, tennis courts, a skate park, fishing lakes and yoga space.

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