

Northside Park Renovation – Update 11
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Work at the park slowed down a little over the last few weeks, partly due to the weather. Just when things started to dry out, we were hit with more rain. The forecast for the coming week is favorable though and we are glad that spring weather has arrived a little early this year.

Vandalism continues to be a bit of a nuisance during construction. If you see someone who does not look like they should be in the construction area, please help out by contacting the police or giving us a call.

Northside Park Construction Status

- Last week excavation of the detention area on the east side of Gary avenue began. This area is referred to as the Thompson property after the previous owner that the park district acquired the land from. Some neighbors may recall the home with the in ground pool that used to be there. The detention area will hold a certain volume of water that is slowly released after a rain event and reduce flooding downstream. The soil removed from this area is being mixed with some of the remaining soil that was excavated from the sediment basin and being placed on the sled hill.
- Work will be continuing on the area around the warming shelter with the installation of ledge rock (very thick flagstone blocks) on the concrete bases that have been created.
- Once we are able to relocate the coffer dams, the foundation for the weir and southwest bridge abutments will be constructed. The remaining two bridge are expected later this month.
- Herbicide has been applied on the west side of boy scout island and the site of the old maintenance shop. This is in preparation for the trees and shrubs that will be planted in these areas.

Questions or Comments?

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Additional information, previous updates, and construction photos are available at:
http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/pgs/parks/northside_renovations.html