

## **Northside Park Renovation – Update 9 February 12, 2010**

### **Construction Status**

- The warm weather and heavy rains on January 23 and 24 created a temporary setback for the construction of the sediment basin. The large amount of water coming into the park exceeded the capacity of the bypass piping and pumps resulting in the excavated area filling in with water and “blowing out” one of the coffer dams. The coffer dams are large black tubes filled with water that are used to keep water out of specific areas. By the end of the week, the area had been restored and excavation could continue.
- The excavated soil is continuing to be hauled to the sled hill which is becoming noticeably larger.
- The fluctuating temperatures have resulted in a significant amount of mud being tracked along the road through the park. In order to prevent this mud from being tracked down West Street, we closed the entrance temporarily to limit non-construction related traffic.
- Concrete abutments for the docks and bridges have been poured on Murray Island and are continuing to be created on and around Boy Scout Island.

### **Playground Replacement**

- On February 9, we received playground layouts from 10 different manufacturers. Staff is reviewing these designs on a wide set of criteria before determining the final design. This will be reviewed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources who is providing a 50% matching grant for the playground.

### **Park Memories**

- Last year several people submitted stories about their history with Northside Park. These ranged from memories of the first baseball leagues to stories about the old above ground pool and the days when the Fourth of July parade ended at Northside with the fireworks in the evening. Excerpts from Jeff Brassel and Herb Erickson will be featured in our upcoming spring program guide.
- Friends of Northside Park committee member, Chris Major, have been documenting the changes taking place at Northside with a variety of different photo techniques. His work is very exceptional and will certainly become a part of future memories of the park. I hope to share some of this on the project webpage in the near future.

### **Questions or Comments?**

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