

## **Northside Park Renovations, Update 13 - July 2010**

The good weather we enjoyed in May turned into a month of fairly consistent and evenly spaced rain. This, in combination with some other setbacks, has delayed the completion of this phase of the project. Just when things started to look up this week, the strike by unions representing construction laborers and operators has affected our project like many others throughout the area. Despite these impediments, some work has been able to occur at Northside Park.

### **Northside Park Construction Status**

- The shoreline grading and seeding has been completed up to the few remaining areas that require additional work.
- A larger coffer dam was acquired and installed adjacent to the weir just days before a severe storm caused the water level to overtop the coffer dams wash them downstream. Considering the time and expense of this setback, our contractor is exploring a more stable solution that will allow them to construct the final bridge and new weir.
- Pedestrian access has been provided across Murray Island to the path between the playground and baseball field on the south side. The remaining fencing on the west and east sides of the park is in place for work that remains in those areas.
- Additional grading was required on the sled hill due to a pocket of unstable soil that was discovered. This has been corrected and topsoil was being spread on the hill prior to the strike.
- Removal of the playground began last week and salvageable pieces of the old equipment was donated to an organization called Kids Around the World who install playground equipment in less developed parts of the world. Two large mulberry trees were removed as well. One created a mess by dropping fruit on the playground and the other had a cracked trunk that was considered a hazard.

### **Weathertech Commercial**

The delay in completing our project proved to be a small benefit in one way. On Monday, June 28, a production team paid to use portions of the park to film a commercial for vehicle floor liners. They used the construction site, an area adjacent to the lagoon, and the open field on the north end of the park. Perhaps in the near future you will see a little bit of Northside Park on TV.

### **Questions or Comments?**

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