

Northside Park Construction Status

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- The sediment basin on the north side of the lagoon has finally been completed and the several hundred feet of 24" diameter black bypass piping have been cut up and removed from the site. The excavated area took a couple of days to fill in with the small amount of water that was coming in from upstream. The result is a large new section of open water, rather than the mud flat that was there previously.
- There continues to be a lot of excavated dirt in the field north of the pool. Our contractor has hauled the suitable material to the sled hill and the remainder will be hauled off site once it has dried out some more.
- The majority of the concrete abutments for the docks and bridges have been poured with only abutments for the southwest bridge and the dock near the wood shop remaining to be done. This work also involves driving piles and pouring concrete bases for the ledge rock along this area and creating the new weir. Bypass channels were excavated earlier this week to direct water around these areas during construction.
- Bridges will begin to arrive on site this week. Originally we had planned to install these bridges as they were delivered, however the warm weather and recent rains resulted in very soft ground that will prevent the cranes from being able to access the areas that they need to at this time. We are hopeful that this work can be done in April.

2010 Schedule

- With spring just around the corner, we have received a few comments about when the park will be accessible. The current phase of construction is scheduled to extend through June. At that time, we expect to have the bridges and paths open to pedestrian traffic. The area around the lagoon, the sled hill, turf adjacent to the paths, and many other areas affected by construction will be newly planted and require time to establish before they will be open.
- Replacement of the playground equipment is expected to begin in late spring/early summer once the equipment arrives.
- Parking and access for the pool during the summer will be a priority. After the pool closes, we anticipate beginning reconstruction of the road and parking lots throughout the park.
- Dredging of the lagoon is expected to begin late summer/early fall. This will likely have little impact on the use of the park since it will likely be a small crew

who are working mostly in the water to pump the sediment down to Gary Avenue where it will be dewatered.

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

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