

Northside Park Renovation - Update 1
June 18, 2009

Thank you all for your interest in “**Green Spaces, Family Places: Preserving Northside Park for the next generation**” - the Northside Park renovation project. There has been a great deal of recent activity on the initial construction side of the project that I am very pleased to be able to update you on.

This week both the Wheaton City Council and the Wheaton Park Board of Commissioners approved an intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the project. This agreement outlines how we are working together on this project; allowing the city to reduce Main Street flooding, in addition to the numerous benefits within the park. The Park Board also approved Christopher B. Burke engineering’s proposal for contract preparation and construction observation.

Listed below is a schedule of some of the upcoming dates related to construction:

Advertisement of Request For Qualifications (RFQ):	Monday, June 22 nd
• We are asking general contractors to prequalify themselves and any subcontractors they might use so we can ensure they are experienced and capable of completing this type of work.	
RFQ Response Due:	Tuesday, July 7 th
Issue for Bids:	Monday, July 13 th
Bids Due and will be opened:	Thursday, August 6 th
Award of Contract: Board meeting)	Wednesday, August 19 th (WPD)
Start of Construction:	Tuesday, September 29 th
Complete Construction	Summer, 2010

I will be providing updates on the progress throughout this timeline.

In addition, we are looking for stories and photos from the community about Northside Park. Over 75 years of history has been created at Northside Park that should be shared with the community. To share a Northside Park story or photos, please email it to me at rsperl@wheatonparks.org or call 630.510.4975 to make other arrangements. Our Executive Director, Michael Benard, is also very interested in your comments, questions, or concerns. He can be reached at 630.510.4945 or mberard@wheatonparks.org.