

Update on Capital Projects

Bent Park

This project includes complete renovation of the park's tennis and basketball courts. Construction is complete, with the exception of final color coating, and the courts are open for use. Final color coating is anticipated in Spring '08.

Robert Crown Park

This project includes renovations to the park's tennis courts and court lighting. The project went out to bid in Spring '08. Pending a favorable bid result, construction is anticipated in Summer '08.

Fleetwood-Jourdain Kitchen Project

This project includes renovation to the center's existing kitchen facility and is funded by CDBG. Design work is under way with construction anticipated in Fall '08.

Foster Field

This project includes complete renovation of the park's tennis courts, basketball court, playground, parking lot and entry to Fleetwood-Jourdain Center. A concept plan was developed and presented to the public on June 12, 2007. The city submitted an Open Space and Land Acquisition Development grant application on July 1, 2007 to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help fund these improvements. As of Spring '08, grant notification was still pending. Additional public meetings were held in November and December 2007 to further refine the concept plan. Construction document preparation is currently on hold pending grant notification.

Ladd Arboretum Master Plan Implementation - Phase I

A long range master plan for the Ladd Arboretum was completed in July 2007. It is available at www.cityofevanston.org/departments/parks/centers/ecology. The Plan will help guide proposed facility improvements over the next 20 years. The Phase I implementation project – improvements around the Ecology Center – is currently being designed. Construction is anticipated in Fall '08.

Lakefront Master Plan

This project includes the overall master planning and evaluation of the entire lakefront park system, including beach entrances, bicycle/pedestrian path system, lighting, lake edge treatment and festival grounds. In 2006, the City received \$550,000 in funding through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)



Construction on Noah's Playground for Everyone continued this spring. In mid-April, above, some of the hardscaping was completed. A dedication ceremony is being planned for July 20 at 3:00 p.m.

for implementation of the bicycle/pedestrian path and lighting system.

A visioning process for the lakefront was conducted from Nov. '06 through Jan. '07 with a focus group consisting of elected officials, community groups, interest groups, residents and staff. This process defined a list of guiding goals and objectives for the master planning effort.

Seven public workshop meetings were held between Sept. 19 and Nov. 15, 2007 to refine multiple concepts into a Consensus Plan. The City Council adopted the master plan in January 2008. A final master plan report is anticipated late Spring '08. Preliminary engineering of the bicycle/pedestrian pathway system between Lee Street and Clark Street Beaches is in progress. ADA improvements to Lighthouse Landing are detailed below. Staff is currently working to procure professional services to design the first of four new restroom buildings and renovate the lockers and racking systems at the Dempster Street Boat Launch facility. For updates, visit www.cityofevanston.org/lakefrontplan.

Larimer Park

This project includes complete renovation of the basketball court. Construction is complete, except for the final color coating, and the court is open for use. Final color coating is anticipated in Spring '08.

Lawson Park/ Noah's Playground for Everyone

This project primarily focuses on creating Noah's Playground for Everyone, a fully accessible playground at Lawson Park. Funding for this project will come from private donations and the City's Capital Improvement Program. Construction is under way with completion expected in early Summer '08; see photo and caption above. More info. also at www.noahsplayground.org.

Lighthouse Landing ADA Improvements

This project is intended to provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access to the Lighthouse Landing restroom building and beach front, as well as all required ADA improvements to the restroom building itself. Design efforts are under

way with construction anticipated in Fall '08 through Spring '08.

Mason Park

This project includes design of the entire park grounds including the softball field, basketball courts, playground and field house improvements. The City of Evanston received \$400,000 from the State of Illinois Open Space and Land Acquisition Development Grant Program to help fund park improvements, as well as \$660,000 from the federal government's Community Development Block Grant Program over a 3-year period.

Phase One construction involved the field house, park entry and basketball court improvements. Phase Two construction involved the playground, site furnishings, lighting, pavement, an entry wall, the baseball field, a pergola and landscaping. Both of these phases are complete.

Phase Three includes complete renovation of the park's tennis courts. Construction is complete, except for final color coating, and the courts are open for use. Final color coating is anticipated in Spring '08.

Torgerson Park Renovations

This project includes complete renovation of the park and playground. This project went out to bid in Spring '08. Pending favorable bid results, construction is anticipated in Summer '08.

Twiggs Park Expansion

This project includes expansion of Twiggs Park from Dewey Avenue to Green Bay Road and includes the reconstruction of and extension of the bicycle path. The project is being funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the City's Capital Improvement Program. Design work is under way.