

## Park Planning Capital Project Update October, 2011

### Beckley Park

- Improvements include replacing the playground structure, adding more picnic tables and trees, replacing the pathway through the park and alongside Fairview Cemetery, and adding a bocce ball court. The project is under construction

### Buhr Park

- The entry road and parking lots need to be renovated to replace the deteriorated surfacing. New pathways to connect the facilities in the park and improve pedestrian circulation will be a part of this project, as well as stormwater management. A public meeting was held on August 30 to discuss improvements, and a concept plan was developed. Construction should take place in spring/fall of 2012 with the project phased to allow the facilities to remain open during construction.

### Forest Ave. Plaza

- This plaza is located next to the Forest Ave parking structure. Funding was contributed by the developer of 601 Forest and Zaragon II to improve the plaza. Work is being done in conjunction with the DDA. A public meeting was held on October 6.

### Gallup Park

- A conceptual design for renovation of the livery, the entry road and pathway, and the dock area is complete. The goals for the project include improving barrier free access and safety.
- A grant application was submitted for this project. We should be notified of results in November, 2011.
- The boat launch needs to be renovated, and a grant from the MDNR was awarded to do preliminary engineering.
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### Hunt Park

- Access steps are being constructed along Daniel Street next to the retaining wall. Construction should be complete by the end of October.

### Island Park

- The Greek Revival Shelter and the historic bridge has deteriorated due to wildlife and water damage. The restoration project will include replacement of all the wood trim and the roof membrane, and repair of the concrete. The roof work will be complete in October. The trim will be replaced over the winter, 2011-12, and the concrete work will take place in spring, 2012.

### Leslie Science and Nature Center

- A stormwater and pedestrian circulation master plan is going to be developed to improve the pathway system, comply with the ADA, and decrease impervious surfaces. Work will include construction of a barrier free path to the raptor enclosures.

### Placid Way Park

- A public meeting is being held on October 13 to discuss improvements to the park, which will most likely include replacement of the play area, and addition of park furniture.

### Riverside Park

- The entry pathway and park road (Canal Street) will be improved to create better separation between pedestrians and vehicles and to replace the deteriorated asphalt.
- The parking lot will be relocated to the northwest side of the park to remove it from the floodplain
- A public meeting was held at Island Park to discuss improvements, and a concept plan was developed. The work will be done in conjunction with repair work to Canal Street by Public Services.

### Skate Park

- A grant application was submitted for design and construction of a Skate Park in Veterans Memorial Park. We should be notified of results in November.

### South University Park

- A public meeting will be held in November to discuss improvements to the park using donated funding.

### Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena

- A solar shade structure on the pool deck is being funded by a grant from the Energy Office. The project is under construction.
- The pool locker rooms renovation is complete.
- The concrete plaza adjacent to the ice arena (north of the existing entry plaza) is being converted to a rain garden to accept water from the arena roof. The project is being handled by Systems Planning and the County Water Resources Commission and being funded through the State Revolving Loan Fund. It is currently under construction.

### West Park

- There have been several issues with the underground storm system that was constructed as part of the renovation project. These are being addressed and will be resolved next construction season.
- The tennis courts are currently under construction and should be complete in November except for the color coating, which will be complete in the spring, 2012.
- The historic pergola as well as the planting and sitting area on Miller Ave will be renovated. The project will be out for construction bid in November.

### WInewood Thaler Park

- Renovations include a new play area, reconstructed half basketball court, benches, landscaping, walks, and sand play area. The project is currently under construction.