



Shawnee Park Basin Project Update

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Shawnee Park Basin Construction Community Update

As most of our community is aware, construction work at our Shawnee Park is well underway. The large stockpile of soil is shrinking everyday as the federally-mandated, 20 million-gallon, combined sewer overflow (CSO) basin is buried under a portion of the Great Lawn. This CSO Basin is an integral part of MSD's Integrated Overflow Abatement Plan that will reduce sewer overflows into the Ohio River while preserving the historic nature and beauty of our park.

We are proud to have been a part of this most important project and we have developed an appreciation for this community. As the project commenced, support from political leadership, including the Mayor's office and Councilwoman Hamilton's office, was clear as they understood its environmental necessity and foresaw its tremendous economic benefit. Local minority and woman owned businesses have made significant contributions to the success of this project. As the project progressed, support from the neighborhood was unwavering as we witnessed the flexibility and resiliency of those who sacrificed small inconveniences for the greater good. It has been our pleasure to interact with local residents including teachers, lawyers, chefs, construction workers, veterans, hard-working parents, retired couples, and bright children. Your sacrifices do not go unnoticed and they are truly appreciated. The positive environmental impact offered by this project which was made possible by MSD, Metro Parks, and this outstanding community, will endure for many generations.



Basin Backfill Underway



Underground CSO Basin

Our park, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. who is widely considered to be the father of American landscape architecture, was completed in the late 1800s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Metro Parks enhancements, integral to this project, include multi-use fields in the Hornung Field area, renovation of the lily pond, restoration of the Ball House, facade improvements to the existing flood pump station, resurfacing loop road, paving the parking lot of the spray park, Dirt Bowl basketball court improvements, a new open-air pavilion, and a new restroom facility.



Rendering of New Pavilion & Restroom

Additional information regarding the specific improvements in Shawnee Park may be found at www.shawneeparkbasinproject.org or by contacting the project's community liaison