Cook Park Construction Update (August 2020)
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Cook Park’s sod, shrubs, and trees continue to be planted. Additionally, dozens of boulders brought in from Bellwood Quarry have been placed to define unique areas throughout the community greenspace.

Recent Activity

- The Trust for Public Land and the City of Atlanta look forward to completing and opening Cook Park this fall!
- Cook Park has been designed with clear sight lines, security cameras, and lighting to provide a safe and comfortable environment for park users. Most of the project’s wall lights, street lights, and pedestrian lights have been installed and have been lit at night for necessary testing and adjustments. (Photo right)
- A variety of concrete and hardscape finishes were selected and installed to correspond to the uses of each space. Some of the spaces designs respond to
specific themes and the history of the site and neighborhood. For instance, the design for the space at the northwest of Cook Park that includes the playground, splash pad, and restroom building is based on Proctor Creek once cutting across the site a century ago before homes were built there in the 1930s and 1940s. (Photo right)

- TPL received confirmation last month that Cook Park is host to the city’s largest American Elm (Ulmus Americana) tree. The tree has a trunk circumference of 12 1/2 feet, is 65 feet tall, and its canopy spread’s 110 feet. As the largest of its species in the City, this makes it a ‘champion’ tree. A map of Atlanta’s champion trees can be found online here, https://arcg.is/5qnDO

Upcoming Activity

- Cook Park’s wide sidewalks and large plazas continue to be poured and are close to be complete. The park’s collection of unique spaces will provide venues to meet, hangout, and take in incredible views of the neighborhood and Atlanta’s skyline. Sidewalk and plazas, like at the corner of Thurmond St. and Walnut St. have been reinforced to hold up to the maintenance vehicles required to take care of the park’s amenities. (Photo right)

- Outdoor fitness equipment will be installed within Cook Park to provide a wide range of exercise opportunities for park users.

- Following the installation of all sidewalks, final grading of all exposed soil will occur and be prepared for final sod and irrigation installation.

- Construction for Cook Park is anticipated to be completed in mid-October.

Thank you for your continued interest in Cook Park. Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

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