Cook Park End of Year Construction Update
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Recent Activity:

- Cook Park’s playground installation is almost complete. Resilient surfacing below the play equipment started being put in place during November. The process begins with a 4” thick black base and will be completed with a colored topping themed upon Proctor Creek. *(Image 1)*
- Sidewalks are currently being poured at the park site. The park’s 16’ wide festival sidewalks are the first to be installed and are designed to allow for festival tents to be put up and provide space for pedestrian traffic to pass by during seasonal events in the green space. *(Image 2)*
- The remaining parcels to provide a contiguous Cook Park have been acquired by the City of Atlanta’s Department of Watershed Management and Department of Parks and Recreation. When TPL started on the project 4 years ago, 11 parcels needed to be acquired.
Upcoming Activity:

- Over 300 trees will be installed at Cook Park over the next couple of months. Beginning in December, the first trees will go in the ground at the north end of the project along Joseph E. Boone Blvd. and around the playground, splash pad, and restroom building. Shrubs and natural turf will follow.
- The large 650’ long steel bridge that spans the Cook Park pond will begin to have concrete poured in December. Following the concrete’s curing, handrails with integrated lighting will be installed to provide for a fully accessible and scenic view of the entire site. (Image 3)
- Park lighting and security cameras will begin to be installed in January. Although the park will be closed from dusk to dawn like other Atlanta parks, energy efficient lighting will remain on through the night.
- At this time, construction for Cook Park is slated to be complete during the Spring of 2020.

Image 3 – Cook Park’s two-acre stormwater pond will be spanned by a 650’ steel bridge and a separate concrete boardwalk.