Cook Park Construction Update (February 2020)
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Employees from Southern Company volunteered their time to clean up overgrowth on an area of land slated to be a forested portion at the southwest corner of the park at Spencer St. and Elm St.

Recent Activity:

- On January 20th, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, The Trust for Public Land collaborated with over 50 volunteers from Southern Company, a resident of the Vine City neighborhood, and Trees Atlanta to remove invasive exotic plants from a future portion of the park site. Close to three full dumpsters of understory brush was collected for disposal. TPL is thankful to Vine City’s Cosmopolitan AME Church for allowing volunteers to park at and stage the event on their property. (Photograph above)
- Cook Park’s playground installation is complete. The resilient surfacing below the play equipment is also complete and is currently covered with plastic to protect it from construction activity taking place in the immediate area. (Photograph at right)
- Concrete plazas and sidewalks continue to be poured within and along the perimeter of the park site. (Photograph at right)
- Hundreds of feet of stainless steel guardrail and handrail continue to be welded in place on the park’s bridge and tall retaining walls. The rails allow for safe conditions and full accessibility for park users of all abilities.
- The project’s first trees have been planted within landscape planters along Joseph E. Boone Blvd. Over 300 trees will be installed at Cook Park over the next two months.
Upcoming Activity:

- Park lighting and security cameras will begin to be installed very soon. The Trust for Public Land has worked closely with the Atlanta Police Foundation to determine best locations for cameras within the park. Cameras will be connected to the police department’s broader surveillance system.
- Boulders taken from the city’s Bellwood Quarry will be placed in landscaped areas throughout the park to add to the site’s character. *(Photograph immediately below)*
- The final surfacing for the park’s two multi-use sports courts will be laid once rain has subsided. *(Photograph at bottom of page)*
- At this time, construction for Cook Park is slated to be complete in July 2020

Boulders taken from Atlanta’s Bellwood Quarry are currently stockpiled on site before their final locations are identified and installed.

Cook Park’s two multi-use sports courts and terraced seating will provide a venue for a variety of active recreation activities upon completion.

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

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