Cook Park Construction Update (May 2020)
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Cook Park’s three terraced pools near the intersection of Walnut Street and Thurmond Street is nearing completion. Most of the stormwater collected around the park’s surrounding 160 acres will make its way to and through this attractive park feature before making its way to the project’s 2-acre pond.

Recent Activity:

- At this time, during the current Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing, the implementation of Cook Park progresses forward as construction has been deemed ‘essential business’ by the City of Atlanta.
- The Trust for Public Land, City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management, general contractor (Astra Group, Inc.,) and consultant (HDR, Inc.) continue to respond to abnormal weather conditions to reduce existing water on the site, protect against future rain, and proceed with overall construction.
- The focus at Cook Park continues to be installing concrete during breaks in the weather. High-priority areas include completion of sidewalk on Joseph E. Boone Blvd, the wide sidewalks and plazas, and the project’s terraced fountains within the park.
- Planting of Cook Park’s trees is moving rapidly. TPL has engaged Trees Atlanta to plant trees on TPL’s portion of the site. In total, over 300 trees will be installed at Cook Park over the next two months. Almost half of the site’s trees are in the ground.
Upcoming Activity:

- The play area near the intersection of Joseph E. Boone Blvd. and Elm St. continues towards completion. Artificial turf has been added to the area’s outdoor education area. *(Photo upper right)*
- A terraced seating space comprised of terraced granite slabs near the spray pad will allow park users to picnic and take in the sun during warmer months. *(Photo center right)*
- The clay liner for the project’s pond is currently being laid. The 24” thick liner allows the pond to contain water. The banks of and bottom of the pond will be planted with native aquatic plant species. *(Photo below)*

- At this time, construction for Cook Park is slated to be complete at the end of July 2020

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

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