Cook Park Construction Update (September 2020)
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The final pieces around the Cook Park pond continue to be poured, wired, installed, and planted. The project’s fly-over bridge and lower boardwalk will allow park users a great view of the overall park and a closer look at how the project’s stormwater collection system will operate.

Recent Activity

- Donor acknowledgement signage along with park identification and rules signage have been designed and is currently being fabricated.
- Testing is occurring on specific program elements throughout the park. The park’s lighting, terraced pools, and splash pad continue to be tested. (Photo right)
- The installation of aquatic plants and trees have been underway within the Cook Park stormwater basin. The landscape within the pond and other park green infrastructure elements have been specified to hold up to the
fluctuation and inundation of rainwater collected from surrounding streets.

Upcoming Activity

- Site furnishings such as benches and trash receptacles to be installed in coordination with the **Department of Parks and Recreation** to ensure all operating and maintenance standards are met.

- The construction team is completing the project’s internal pedestrian sidewalk connections by working from the interior to the periphery of the site. Gateway plazas are at the corners of the park, such as at the juncture of Thurmond St. and Walnut St. After concrete has been poured and cured, control joints are cut into the concrete to control cracking and to define the space. *(Photo right)*

- **The Trust for Public Land** and the **City of Atlanta** look forward to completing and opening Cook Park by the end of this year. As we get closer to completion, we will share information about an opening celebration.

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

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*Cook Park’s street lights, pedestrian lights, bridge lights, and wall lights were tested for and reviewed by The Trust for Public Land before sunrise during a recent weekday. Photograph was taken from the top of the park’s restroom roof deck with Atlanta’s Midtown skyline in the distance.*