

Update on Capital Projects

Chandler-Newberger Community Center Gymnasium

This project includes two new curtain dividers and two electronic basketball backboard height adjustment systems (for Pee Wee Basketball Program).

Clark Street Beach Restroom and Dunes Renovation Project

This project includes replacement of the existing restroom building serving Clark Street Beach, along with relocation of the boat ramp entry drive from Church Street to Clark Street to serve as both an entry drive and drop-off facility for the new entryway/restroom. This project is funded through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). For updates, visit www.cityofevanston.org/lakefrontplan.



This photo was taken in late July at the site of the Clark Street Beach Restroom and Dunes Renovation Project.

Dempster Street Beach Non-Motorized Boat Storage Reconstruction Project

This project includes reconstruction of the non-motorized boat storage system at the Dempster Street Boat Launch Facility. This project is funded through the CIP. This project went out for bid in June. As of the writing of this update, construction contract award was pending Council approval. If approved, the project will be under construction in fall 2009. For updates, please visit www.cityofevanston.org/lakefrontplan.

Foster Field Renovation Project

This project includes renovation of the park's tennis courts, basketball court, playground, parking lot and entry to Fleetwood-Jourdain Center. This project is funded by the CIP, an Open Space and Land Acquisition Development (OSLAD) Grant, a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant and a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Phase 1a construction is now complete. Phase 1b is currently out to bid with construction tentatively anticipated in fall 2009.

Ladd Arboretum Improvements - Phase I

A long-range master plan for the Ladd Arboretum was completed in July 2007. It is available at www.cityofevanston.org/departments/parks/centers/ecology. The plan will help guide proposed facility improvements over the next 20 years. Construction on the Phase I implementation project – improvements around the Ecology Center – is now complete. This project is funded by the CIP.

Phase 2

This project includes reconstruction of the existing bike/pedestrian pathway through the Arboretum. The project is partially funded through the CIP. Additionally, the City has applied for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Bike Path Grant to assist with construction costs. The project is currently in design. Construction is tentatively planned for spring 2010.

Lakefront Multi-use Trail Improvement Project

This project will create new separate paths for pedestrians and bicycles along the lakefront between Lee Street Beach and Clark Street Beach. This project is partially funded through the CIP and the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). Construction document preparation is under way. For updates, visit www.cityofevanston.org/lakefrontplan.

Lighthouse Landing ADA Improvements

This project is intended to provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access to the Lighthouse Landing restroom building and beach front, as well as make all required ADA improvements to the restroom building itself. This project is funded through the CIP and private donations. Construction is now complete and the facility is open for use.

Twiggs Park Expansion

This project includes expansion of Twiggs Park from Dewey Avenue to Green Bay Road and includes the reconstruction and extension of the bicycle path. The project is funded by the CIP and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Construction is under way and was scheduled for completion in summer 2009.

Robert Crown Center and Chandler-Newberger Center Parking Lot Lighting Replacements

This project includes reconstruction of the parking lot lighting systems at both the Robert Crown Center and Chandler-Newberger Center parking lots. This project is funded through the CIP. This project is scheduled for bidding in summer 2009 with construction tentatively planned for fall 2009.