

# HEARST PARK AND POOL

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: SPRING 2020

MARCH 11, 2020

### PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Hearst Park & Pool includes design and construction of two brand new tennis courts with a practice wall, the renovation of the existing soccer field, a brand new pool and pool house, remediation of site drainage, runoff and erosion issues. The Project will also include landscaping, fencing, site furnishings, amenities, signage, and pathways.

### PROJECT TIMELINE:

- Design and Outreach: May 2016
- Construction Begins: August 2019
- Phase I of Playground: September 2019
- Phase II of Playground: Spring 2020
- Field and Park Completion: Summer 2020
- Pool and Poolhouse Completion: Fall 2020

### WHAT OCCURED THIS WINTER:

- Completed excavation of the hillside on the south and west corners of the park
- Completed the sheeting and shoring of the western retaining wall along 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW.
- Installed more than 130 of the rammed pier footings for the pool house
- The field has now been staked out for the rough grading
- The preparation and installation of the field utilities has also begun

### UPDATE ON PROJECT DELAYS:

- The contractor was unable to obtain the permits in the original projected timeline, but now has acquired them
- Groundwater has intruded the site in the southwest corner
- This water has caused delays as the contractor is unable to work in this area until the issue has been fully mitigated
- The project team is working with DC Water, and DCRA, and private consultants to resolve this water intrusion so that work can resume
- The pool and pool house will not open for the summer of 2020

### COMING UP:

- Playground shade structures will be installed during DCPS Spring Break in April
- Completion of the Support of Excavation (SOE) Wall in the south side of the park and future pool house
- Complete grading of the field and installation of the park stormwater management systems

### DID YOU KNOW?

The pool house will have over 150 rammed pier footings that are 20" in diameter and extend up to 26' deep. To install these geo-pier footings, a very specialized piece of equipment called a Piling and Drilling Rig is required. It is manufactured in Germany and called a Liebherr LRB 18.



*Piling and Drilling Rig installing geo-pier footings*



*Water Intrusion into the work area causing water ponding*

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