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 OCCURRED 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 37th 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.

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