

Hearst Park and Pool – November 2021 Update

The Department of General Services (DGS) anticipates the Hearst Park and Pool Project will be complete in Spring 2022 after the Agency is able to reevaluate the condition of the field and rectify any issues that may have occurred during the winter season. If any issues are identified, upon resolution, an ongoing irrigation schedule will be initiated, and the field will be opened for the public's use. An exact date for opening will be determined by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

The landscaping plan adjacent to Quebec Street has remained the same.

All siding has been installed at the pool house, and the roof coping has also been installed. Additionally, telephone lines have been installed to facilitate the connection between the fire-life safety system and the District's monitoring system. As of 11/16/21, Hearst passed its final building inspection and the project's teams are in the process of obtaining a conditional Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) anticipated in November. The remaining conditions include the Department of Health's inspection for the pool and the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) inspection tied to the remaining site work. Once the C of O is obtained, DGS will need to finalize the installation of the new security system and IT equipment, review and approve the punch list, and conduct staff training before opening the facility to the public.

The trees have also been installed per the landscaping plan and the construction fences have been moved. Residents are actively using the path to access Hearst Elementary School.

After careful review by our civil engineering team, the arborist, and the District Department of Transportation's Urban Forestry Division, we dug temporary trenches that direct the water to newly installed inlet drains near these trees. The aforementioned has eliminated the majority of the running water issues. In addition, the temporary trenches will be replaced this fall by an air-spaded path filled with two perforated French drains that tie into the storm drains.

As Councilmember White's staff has shared, management of the site will be transferred to DPR. In addition, the General Contractor and their subcontractors will provide a one-year workmanship warranty for their respective trade work onsite, which will begin on the date of Substantial Completion. If any defects develop within this one-year period due to improper workmanship or materials from normal use, they will be fixed free of charge to the District.

Accounting of the project is still being analyzed and discussed between the involved parties, therefore, a definitive account of the financial aspect of this project cannot be shared at this time.

The remaining work on the building will be completed in November. Delays since the last update were due in part from issues connected with the fire alarm system and unforeseen site conditions near the

tennis court and bio-retention pond that required design changes to the new boardwalk's structural support system.

Each project presents unique challenges to be addressed, and we appreciate the public's patience with the Hearst Park and Pool Project.