

LAFAYETTE REC CENTER

Construction Update: MAY 2020

PROJECT KICKOFF

Oct 2017

DESIGN AND OUTREACH

Jan 2018 - July 2019

DRAWING COMPLETION / PERMIT APPROVALS

July 2019 - April 2020

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Dec 2019

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION

Summer/ Fall 2020

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Lafayette Recreation Center project includes the construction of a new recreation center, stormwater management improvements to the park. The new recreation center will include a multipurpose room, office space for staff, a pantry and kitchen area, additional storage space, a small classroom for student learning, and restrooms. The project will also include archaeological work and other park improvements.

WHAT HAPPENED IN APRIL:

- Installation of erosion and sediment control measures on-site.
- Demolition of the existing facility and hauling away of the spoils.
- Site grading and demolition of hardscape.
- Installation of tree protection measures, including fencing and mulch to help lessen compaction of the tree root systems.
- Installation of new utility water line parallel to tennis courts.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN MAY:

- Continued excavation for new facility foundation.
- Pouring of concrete foundation for new facility.
- Installation of reinforcing materials in concrete to help control cracking.

DID YOU KNOW?

Recent research has uncovered the history of a community of free black residents who lived on Broad Branch Road, NW from the 1830's until 1928, when their homes (comprising a total of approximately six acres) were acquired to build Lafayette Elementary School and Lafayette Park. One of the families, the Moten/Harris family, was directly descended from Captain George Pointer. Mr. Pointer was one of the first enslaved laborers rented to George Washington's Patowmack Company at age 13. He purchased his freedom at age 19, and continued to work on the canals for 40 years. He was mostly self-educated and was the last superintendent of the Patowmack Company before its charter was transferred to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.



Members of the construction team take down the existing Lafayette Recreation Center.

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