

Dear Community Stakeholders:

We are excited to announce that Phase 1 of the Lafayette-Pointer Water Mitigation Project is set to begin on June 13th. As we continue to enhance our community spaces, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the Department of General Services (DGS) and DC Public Schools (DCPS) are gearing up for significant improvements to the hillside leading down to the elementary school field, discussed at the March 13th community meeting.

Currently, the Pre-Phase activities, including aeration and seeding of the upper field are underway. These efforts lay the groundwork for the transformative work ahead.

During Phase 1, DGS will be actively engaged in several tasks:

- **Bio Retention Facilities Installation:** We are installing bio retention facilities to effectively manage stormwater, ensuring it's absorbed, captured, and redirected away from the hillside and elementary school field.
- **Tree Planting:** Adding greenery is a vital aspect of this project. Trees will be planted strategically to enhance the landscape and contribute to the ecological balance of the area.
- **Sidewalk Removal:** Some sidewalks will be removed to facilitate the implementation of the plan.
- **Civil Work:** Various civil works will be undertaken to support the overall objectives of stormwater management and environmental sustainability.

To ensure the safety and integrity of the ongoing work, fencing will be erected around the project site. This is to protect both the workers and the surrounding community. During this time, the following areas will be closed:

- Pathway from 33rd Street to Lafayette Elementary School
- Northern sections of the Lafayette ES playground surfacing

As part of Phase 1, the field and track and the pathway from 33rd Street to the Lafayette-Pointer playground will remain open. During some of the project, DGS will need to use the elementary school field to tie in storm sewer connections from the hillside, ensuring effective stormwater management and the overall success of the project. Phase 1 will focus only on the hillside leading down to the field and will take approximately two and a half months, finishing in time for the new school year.

Please see the attached plan originally shown on March 13 and enhanced with an aerial view and dates.

To be added to the list to get updates on this project, visit <https://dpr.dc.gov/stakeholder> .

The Lafayette Pointer project page also includes any updates and community information. <https://dgs.dc.gov/page/lafayette-pointer-water-mitigation-and-field-replacement>.

We appreciate your understanding as we embark on this phase of our community development project. Together, we are creating beautiful, sustainable spaces.