

Kilbourn Reservoir Park Project Update June 5, 2008

City of Milwaukee Forestry specialists are shaping up the trees to beautify the renewed Kilbourn Reservoir Park. The Milwaukee Water Works consulted with the Department of Public Works Forestry Division to formulate a plan to create a diverse community of aesthetically pleasing trees.

Among the trees noted in an inventory were Norway Maple, Silver Maple, Linden, Catalpa, Green Ash, Poplar, Red Pine, Ginkgo, Horse Chestnut, Flowering Crab, Fassen's Maple, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Oak, and Serviceberry. Of the 112 trees in the park, 11 must be removed because they are diseased or damaged and pose a significant risk to public safety. The remaining trees will be pruned to remove dead growth and to promote the health of the trees.

The trees to be removed are five Norway Maples and six Red Pines. The stumps of two of them will be ground out while the other nine stumps will be left to decay naturally over time. Forestry crews will remove nuisance trees and other undesirable growth from along fence lines and other areas.

Bids for the work are due June 12 and work will begin shortly after that, with completion of tree work by July 25. The work will make the park look as beautiful as it has looked in a long time as well as minimize any risk to public safety.

During business hours, please direct any questions or concerns to Mr. Anthony Supinski, Water Works Engineering, (414) 286-3826 or via e-mail at Anthony.Supinski@milwaukee.gov.



Grading work on the eastern slope of the park (May 22, 2008)



A hydro seeding technique was used to plant grass seed over large surfaces. A mix of seed, fertilizer, and mulch was sprayed on this slope. Plugs containing tree and bush sprouts were planted after seeding. (May 21, 2008)



Light poles were installed at the new eastern stairs (May 22, 2008)



Paving work is almost finished. The basketball court is shown above. A small section on the north side of the park between the entrance gate and the point where the three paths meet (below) was left unpaved temporarily so construction traffic can move through the area.





Preparing to set pilasters on the east staircase (May 28, 2008)



Pilasters accent the eastern staircase (May 28, 2008)