



## **FLAHERTY PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE DECEMBER, 2024**

Thank you for your interest in our renovation to Flaherty Playground.

We understand this park is an important outdoor space for recreation and community gathering, and we hope to have it back open as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience during our renovation.

### **The scope of the project includes the following:**

- **A new playground with colorful safety surfacing**
- **A paved 'play track' area with bench seating**
- **An enclosed dog play area**
- **New trees and shrubs**
- **Picnic tables and adirondack chairs**
- **ADA-compliant pathways, entrances, and signage**

### **CONSTRUCTION IN DECEMBER:**

- Demolition is mostly complete, and all old site furnishings, playground equipment, pavement, and those trees flagged for removal have been taken off site. A group of skateboarders requested that we salvage one set of stair handrails that would otherwise get demolished, and we're happy that this worked out.
- Tree pruning is a good thing to do before final paving and sitework is installed. Our Parks arborist met with the contractor's arborist to indicate which branches should be 'cleaned up' - now our park canopy is good for at least the next few years.
- The footing/base for the entrance ramp from the health center entrance has been completed.
- Playground equipment has been finalized and ordered, and we expect this delivery to occur in late January.

### **Work to anticipate in January:**

- It's going to be messy for a while. The contractor will continue to install concrete bases for walls, walkways and new curbs, and play equipment.
- Sub-grade work will also include excavation of drywells, installation of drainage pipes and electrical conduit.

**SITE PHOTO, 12/06/2024**



*This is one of two trees that have grown into the perimeter fence, and now have been cut down. The contractor will cut these stumps to maximize their surface area, increasing opportunities for bugs and animal life to use these 'snags' as habitat. They will be left standing for this purpose.*

**SITE PHOTO, 12/16/2024**



*The concrete base and retaining wall along the entrance path from the Health Center.*



**SITE PHOTO, 12/06/2024**



*The space occupied by the large Linden tree at the corner of Brookside Ave and Cornwall Street. We were sad to cut down such an old tree, but its trunk had rotted through at the base so this was a hazard.*

**SITE PHOTO, 12/06/2024**



*Play equipment will be installed at this new lower elevation, ensuring that we can make the park and playground accessible. A small bridge will connect the play equipment to the top of this wall. Gently-sloped pathways will allow park users to enter, along either side.*

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**OTHER ITEMS:**

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