

\$1.3 Million Dollars in Improvements Underway at AB Sawyer Park and Lyndon Recreation



Major improvements to A.B. Sawyer Park, including the installation of a new playground, picnic shelter and a newly configured parking area, will begin this week. The work, which will significantly improve the park, especially the areas used by Lyndon Recreation will last through late summer.

The project, which is expected to begin Tuesday, May 30, is the first of several phases of work recommended by Metro Parks and Recreation through its master plan for A.B. Sawyer Park completed in 2012. The A. B. Sawyer Greenway, another project proposed by the park master plan, is currently in design.

The project was also advocated and funded by Metro Council members Marilyn Parker (District 18), Angela Leet (District 7) and Glen Stuckel (District 17). Since 2014, the Metro Council has allocated \$1.3 million towards this project, with additional funding for other adjacent projects planned in the coming months. Council members Parker, Leet and Stuckel have been tremendous supporters of Lyndon Recreation and making these needed improvements to A.B. Sawyer Park.

“A.B. Sawyer Park serves so many of our families throughout the year. The park is adjacent to the NE YMCA, the future site of our newest Regional Library and an ideal location for persons wishing to get a little exercise during a lunch break. The planning for this project has included all users of the park and will transform this into a much more safe and user friendly jewel for the community.” – Metro Councilwoman Marilyn Parker.

The project is overseen by the Metro Parks Planning, Design and Construction Division with Element Design collaborating as the Landscape Architectural consultant.

Work occurring within the Lyndon Recreation use area includes the construction of a new playground, picnic shelter, pedestrian entry and walkway, walking path to the Northeast YMCA and a newly configured parking lot. The park entry drive from Whipps Mill Road will also be relocated.

Construction is expected to be completed in late summer or early fall of this year. The Lyndon Recreation parking area will be closed intermittently during the construction period. Park visitors are encouraged to allow extra time to park and enter the site.

“As with any project of this size, there will be inconveniences. We apologize in advance for any disruption or distraction,” said Nathan Moore, Lyndon Recreation Board President, “You may have to walk slightly further from your parking spot or park in a different lot for a couple months, but we assure you, once completed, you will agree that the improvements were worth a couple months of changed behavior.”

Additional parking will be available after 5 p.m. at the Plaza III parking area at 9520 Ormsby Station Rd. as well as the YMCA lot next to the football field. All other A.B. Sawyer Park and Lyndon Recreation facilities will remain open during construction.

The construction area will be fenced, and parking spaces and sidewalk areas will occasionally close to accommodate equipment and delivery during the construction hours of Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and some Saturday hours. Lyndon Recreation encourages parents to ensure children are not playing in or around the construction site while work is underway.

For more information about the Lyndon Recreation A.B. Sawyer Park construction project, call 502-648-6534. For more information about the A.B. Sawyer Park Master Plan, visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/parks/ab-sawyer-master-plan>.