



PARKS & RECREATION 2024 CAPITAL PROJECTS-STATUS REPORT

“Creating and Improving Quality of Life Spaces Where People Want to Be”

Bessie D. Smith Park (412 East Olive Street-Shreveport) | District 3 - Victor Thomas

Scope of Work: Installed new LED park lighting. .Installing walking distance signs and new animal art displays throughout park.

Status: **Walking Distance Signs**, to be installed by July 1st. **Animal Art Displays**, to be installed by July 1st (pending weather conditions).

Caddo Lake-Channel Markers (Louisiana Side Only) | District 1 - Chris Kracman

Scope of Work: Ongoing replacements and/or repairs of broken or missing channel markers, poles and reflectors.

Status: Year-Round

Caddo Parish Premier Park-Youth Baseball/Softball Complex via YMCA (2550 Flyer Drive-Shreveport)

Scope of Work: YMCA and Testament Construction(contractor) are facilitating construction management of new 8 field-youth baseball/softball complex. Estimated Cost: \$7 million dollars. All infields will have synthetic grass turf installed. All fields will be lighted. Construction expected to be complete by in 2025.

Earl G. Williamson Park (11425 LA 1-Oil City) | District 1 – Chris Kracman

Scope of Work: Converting existing tennis courts to 6 new pickleball courts. Installed new dug out benches and top-dressed grass athletic outfield.

Status: **Pickleball Court Renovations**, court layout reviewed and approved. TBA Studio (architect) currently facilitating bid negotiations. Expected completion date is Fall 2024.

Earl G. Williamson Park via LWCF Grant | District 1 – Chris Kracman

Scope of Work: To construct 1 new floating pier, install a new universal/ADA playground system (shade structure, safety surfacing and borders), install large shade structure over existing large concrete slab/picnic table area, install 37 new picnic shelters/concrete slabs and picnic tables. Provide drainage/erosion and required ADA accessible route improvements throughout park.

Project Total:\$1,381,024.00. | \$690,512.00 (Federal Share-NPS) and \$690,512.00 (Local Share-Parish of Caddo).

Status: Caddo Parish Parks Department has received the official grant award letter from Louisiana Office of State Parks and all preliminary contract agreements with all parties have been executed. Currently preparing construction documents for public bid process.

Eddie D. Jones Park (8400 Mike Clark Rd.-Keithville) | District 11 – Ed Lazarus

Scope of Work: Installed additional turf play mounds in playground area. Developing preliminary designs and site plan for an 18-hole disc golf course. Installing new pre-fabricated metal building for park maintenance-to store vehicles and heavy equipment at park site. Hired a consulting firm (SJB Group-Baton Rouge) to facilitate a comprehensive trail maintenance plan for unimproved hiking and biking trails.

Status: **Horse Trail Culvert over Cypress Bayou**, Parish awarded contract via public bid process to Benchmark Construction Group. Executing contract to be signed by Parish and contractor. **18-Hole Disc Golf Course**, to be completed in early Spring 2025. **Maintenance Building**, receiving quotes from contractors. **Trail Maintenance Plan**, to be completed by August 2024.

Greenbrook Park (8717 South Emerald Loop-Shreveport) | District 10 – Ron Cothran

Scope of Work: Replaced failed asphalt along walking trail-with new asphalt. Installed new mural art display.

Hannah’s Park (225 Oak Grove Lane-Shreveport) | District 9 – John Atkins

Scope of Work: Constructing new asphalt parking lot.

Status: TBA Studio will provide architectural services, bid negotiations and construction administration. To be completed by late Fall 2024.

Horace M. Downs Park (8571 Crouch Dam Rd.,-Mooringsport) | District 1 – Chris Kracman

Scope of Work: No projects at this time.

Keithville Community Park (1201 Mansfield Rd.-Keithville) | District 11 – Ed Lazarus

Scope of Work: Installed new shade structure over existing playground, installed portable youth soccer goals (1 pair for U11-U12) on park grounds for recreational play. Installed new turf play mounds in park and new ADA transition ramps for existing playground system. Top-dressed (filled in holes) athletic field and park open greenspace areas. Converting existing tennis courts to tennis/pickleball courts. Installing new LED court lighting. Ordering new replacement parts for existing playground system (spiral tube, tube slide and crawl tube panel-color blue).

Status: **Pickleball Courts**, court layout reviewed and approved. TBA Studio (architect) will be developing scope of work, facilitating bid negotiations and construction administration. Expected completion date is Fall 2024. Intergovernmental agreement between Caddo Schools and Parish of Caddo has been executed. **Court Lighting**, contractor selected-lighting installation to be complete by July 15th.

Replacement Parts for Playground System, parts delivered. Installation to be completed by July 15th.

Milton James “Hookie” Cameron Memorial Park (10500 Wallace Lake Rd.-Shreveport) | District 9 – John Atkins

Scope of Work: Installed 2 new 8’ picnic tables. Removing old parking lot bumpers in parking lot- near picnic table area and replacing with new bumpers. Constructing new pier for boaters. Installing new LED lighting/poles in primary parking lot, boat launch and picnic areas.

Status: Parking Lot Bumpers, to be installed by August 30th. **New Pier**, will start receiving quotes from contractors’ late summer, once lake water level is low. **New Park Lighting**, to be installed by November 1st.

MLK Jr. Community Garden (2414 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.-Shreveport) | District 2 - Gregory Young

Scope of Work: Cut down and removed all dead/diseased trees on garden site. Trimmed back and remove old greenery debris from park site property line.

Noah Tyson Park (9300 Mira Myrtis Rd.-Rodessa) | District 1 – Chris Kracman

Scope of Work: Installed new turf play mounds and park benches. Installed new park exterior LED lighting. Installed new lighting/fixtures in men and women restrooms. Installing 2 new park benches. Constructing ADA asphalt transition walkway to playground system.

Status: ADA Asphalt Transition, to be installed/constructed by July 15th (pending weather conditions).

Parks and Recreation Office Renovations (2900 Hearne Ave.-Shreveport) | District 5 – Roy Burrell

Scope of Work: Constructing new office space for department staff (recreation coordinator and volunteers/summer youth workers); including exterior/parking lot light improvements and new landscaping/irrigation and outdoor signage.

Status: Preliminary floor plan approved. TBA Studio (architect) will facilitate construction via architectural services, bid negotiations and construction administration. Expected completion date is late Fall 2024.

PBS Pinchback Park (7903 Jefferson Paige Rd.-Shreveport) | District 12 – Ken Epperson Jr.

Scope of Work: Installed a new shade structure over small playground system. Constructing new ADA compliant public restrooms, new large pavilion, and a new synthetic baseball turf infield-with new fencing (playing perimeter, dug outs and backstop areas). Conducting feasibility study for the creation/construction and operation of a future recreation center at park site.

Status: Restroom Renovations, in progress. To be completed late summer 2024. **Large Pavilion**, demolition and removal of old pavilion is complete and new concrete slab poured. New metal pavilion currently being pre-fabricated by contractor off-site. **Synthetic Baseball**

Turf/Fencing, contract has been executed between architect-TBA Studio and Parish of Caddo. TBA Studio will provide architectural services, bid negotiations and construction administration. **Feasibility Study for Future Recreation Center**, to be completed by July 15, 2024.

Richard Fleming Park (7919 West Lakeshore Dr.-Shreveport) | District 1 – Chris Kracman
Scope of Work: Installed new LED lighting throughout park. Topdressed (filled in holes) on athletic grass field.

Robert G. Lawton, Jr. Playground (9272 Stratmor Dr.-Shreveport) | District 11 – Ed Lazarus
Scope of Work: No projects at this time.

Robert Nance Park (14770 Odom Rd.-Rodessa) | District 1 – Chris Kracman
Scope of Work: Installing new turf play mounds.
Status: Ordered, to be installed by August 1st

Town of Blanchard (402 Birch Ave.-Blanchard) | District 1 – Chris Kracman
Scope of Work: Converting existing tennis courts to 1 pickleball court.
Status: Pickleball Court, court layout reviewed and approved. TBA Studio (architect) will be developing scope of work, facilitating bid negotiations and construction administration. Expected completion date is Fall 2024. Intergovernmental agreement between Town of Blanchard and Parish of Caddo has been executed.

Town of Greenwood
Scope of Work: Installed new playground system, border and playground safety surfacing. Converting existing tennis court to a pickleball court.
Status: Play Equipment, waiting on contractor to deliver and install new swings and inclusive spinner. **Pickleball Court**, court layout reviewed and approved. TBA Studio (architect) will be developing scope of work, facilitating bid negotiations and construction administration. Expected completion date is Fall 2024.

Town of Vivian (455 Rives St.-Vivian) | District 1 – Chris Kracman
Scope of Work: Installed new ballfield fencing for 1 youth baseball field at Patrick Bethany Memorial Ballfield Park. Installed new asphalt walking trail at Legions Hill Park.

Village of Mooringsport-Caddo Lake Drawbridge (500 N Croom St.-Mooringsport) | District 1 – Chris Kracman
Scope of Work: Village of Mooringsport is installing new LED lighting on the Caddo Lake Historical Drawbridge. Funding of \$20,048.00 provided by the LPSC-Public Entity Energy Efficiency Grant Program. Intergovernmental agreement between Village of Mooringsport and Parish of Caddo was executed in 2023-giving Village of Mooringsport approval to install new lighting on the drawbridge. **Note:** Parish of Caddo will not be responsible for maintaining and/or providing maintenance of newly installed lights.

Status: A completion date has not been determined by the Village of Mooringsport.

Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park-New Construction Project (8012 Blanchard Furrh Rd.-Shreveport) | District 1 – Chris Kracman

Scope of Work: Exhibit design process ongoing via design consultant, Taylor Studios. Architect (TBA Studio) facilitating preliminary surveying, soil testing, topographic and preliminary design of nature center building. Lincoln Builders was awarded CMAR bid. Currently the new main building will be 12,000 square feet(lobby/reception area, gift shop, 3 class rooms, administration spaces workrooms for staff, shower facilities for staff). 4,000 square feet of exhibit space and maintenance building. 8,465 square feet for the event center(400 people, catering kitchen, storage and restrooms). Total Square Feet: 24,465. Ordinance No.6304 of 2023 was introduced January 17th for the incurring of debt and issuance of \$20,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds.

Status: Construction begin on June 10, 2024. Expected construction completion date is August 4, 2025 (420 days).

Note: Status timelines/deadlines are subject to change due to inclement weather conditions, delivery delays, supply chain issues, etc.

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