

TO: Jeremy Freudberg, Ward 6 Councilors, Ward 5 Councilors  
FROM: Luis Perez Demorizi

Hi Jeremy and all,

Thank you for your patience as I work through multiple large-scale projects single-handedly... Below is an update for Newton Highlands listserv on the Levingston Cove project. Just as an FYI – I missed the update in July given the departure of the assistant Director, needing to post, interview and hire a new person (starting in September!), along with starting two major capital projects at both NSHS and NNHS, while continuing to keep track of the Levingston Cove project and bidding out the Gath Pool project. In short, there is no shortage of work and efforts in improving a whole host of open spaces and recreational amenities around town for our department!

August 10, 2023

Dear Highlands community members and other interested parties,

There is lots still going on at Levingston Cove! We have been hit with some severe weather which has highlighted how well the established areas are handling sever rain events. I'm sure many of you have passed by to take a peek at progress. Much of the site is near completion, including the new fishing platform, the upper pass-through walkway, slope stabilization, temporary native plant establishment fence and wood guardrail along the street and sidewalk. Please keep in mind that not all plants have been installed so many of the bare soil beds will have slope stabilization shrubs and wildlife seed mix. See pictures below of progress:



Below is an overview of upcoming work for the next couple of weeks:

**August Project Update:**

- Upcoming work in August:
  - Steel railing in final stages of fabrication and will then be send to a color galvanization plant (Schedule of the lead time for that is still pending due to supply chain issues with the color galvanization). I am working with the contractor to find alternative to shorted the supply chain issues and associated lead times.
  - Installation of Upper seat wall at shoreline access
  - Installation of granite cap and stone veneer on all retaining walls at the fishing platform and shoreline access area
  - Installation of concrete stairs at the Park's Lakewood entrance
  - Installation of stone monument demarking the park's name at the Lakewood entrance; the former dedication monument was repositioned to the Berwick entrance to the park in order to highlight the park's name at both entrances.
  - Continued installation of temporary plant establishment fence (will be up for two years to allow rain gardens and slope stabilization plantings to flourish during their infancy)

Thanks,

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"Earth work is more durable than any other human work" --Charles W. Eliot

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