

Richmond DPU: City Improvement Projects

Job: Pine Camp Safety Project and Stream Rehabilitation

Location: Pine Camp Arts and Community Center

Project Introduction

The stream at Pine Camp Arts and Community Center suffered from severely degraded and unsafe streambanks. The stream is entirely on City property, and is adjacent to Thomas H. Henderson Middle School, the Henderson Softball Complex, the Northside Dog Park, and John Marshall High School. As such, the wooded stream corridor is utilized by many students and citizens for environmental, educational, and recreational purposes within the surrounding community.

Through this project the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities and the Department of Public Utilities seek to ensure a safe and stable environment that prevents further erosion, and provides a healthier habitat for wildlife, native plants, and the community alongside new recreational and educational opportunities.



Project Schedule

Project Assignment: October 2019 (A. Morton Thomas & Associates)

Survey & Preliminary Design: Completed November 2020

Engineering Design: Completed November 2022

Construction Assignment: Construction Began November 2023 (Estimated Completion: Late 2025)



  
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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Field Investigations:

Surveying, engineering, and environmental staff from A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. have made site visits to investigate the safety problems and related erosion concerns.

Project Duration:

The project design and permit acquisition is complete.

Our contractor, Environmental Quality Resources (EQR), started construction in November of 2023.

The majority of construction activity wrapped up in December of 2024, with additional plantings and final site restoration occurring in 2025.

We greatly appreciate your patience as these important safety improvements are made at Pine Camp Arts and Community Center.

Stormwater Local Assistance Fund:

This project has received state funding support from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) administered by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which will provide an estimated 50% reimbursement of the project cost.

Project Benefits:

This \$2.5 million project seeks to stabilize and restore 2,220 linear feet of degraded stream channel to improve safety.

Additional improvements include increased recreational and educational opportunities, an outdoor classroom, decreased flooding risk, and improved wildlife habitat surrounding the Pine Camp Arts and Community Center community.

For questions, comments, or concerns specifically about any of these projects, please contact:

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