

Can-Do Playground Construction to Begin

Construction on the Can-Do Playground is scheduled to start soon, with a grand opening in 2007. The playground will feature 26,000 square feet of play space and a garden where children with sensory, developmental or physical disabilities can play side-by-side with fully-abled children. The playground will be easily accessible just off Weldin Road, near the entrance to the golf course.

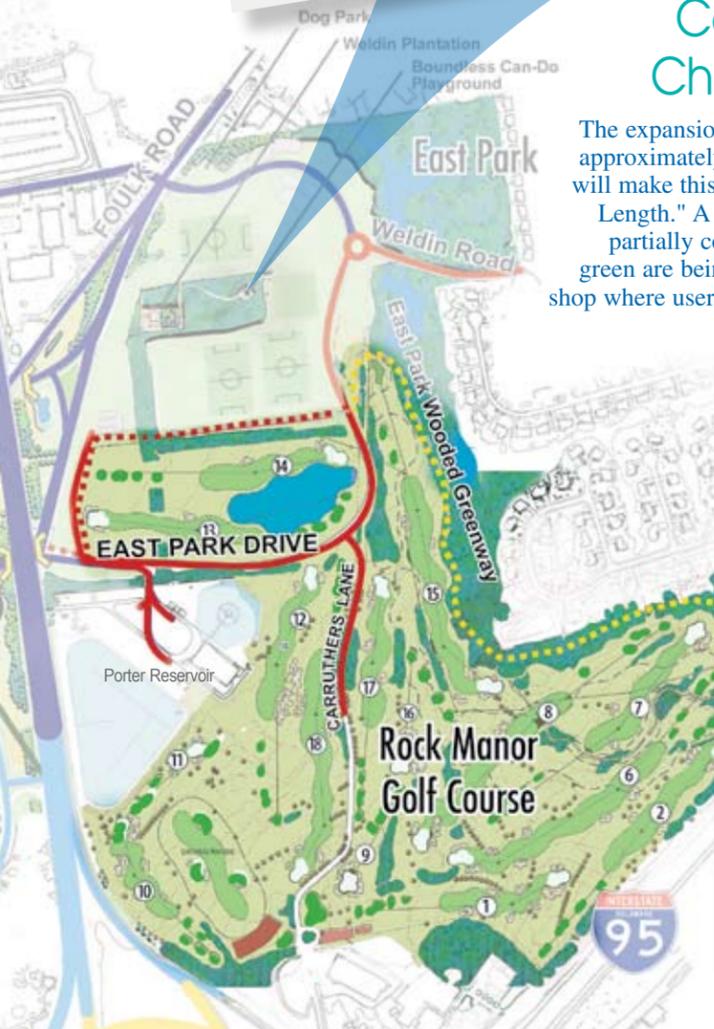


Typical example of Boundless Can-Do Playground

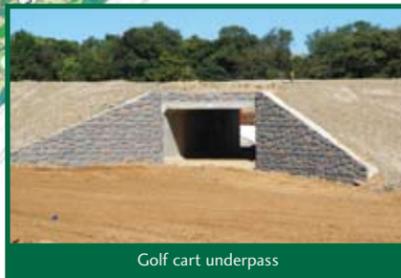


Rock Manor Golf Course Expanding to Championship Length

The expansion of the Rock Manor Golf Course to an approximately 6,200 yard course is underway, which will make this publicly owned course "Championship Length." A golf practice facility/driving range with partially covered tees, target greens and a practice green are being constructed, along with an office/pro shop where users can rent practice balls and equipment.



Golf course reconstruction progress



Golf cart underpass

Contact Information

The Blue Ball Properties team invites public and media inquiries about this project. We can make community presentations, set-up a display, provide technical information, and answer individual questions.

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For more construction updates and photos visit the project Web site at www.blueball.net



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The Blue Ball Properties' project has been named a winner of Federal Highway Administration's 2006 Excellence in Highway Design Award in both the Environmental Protection and Enhancement, and Project Development Process categories.

Dairy Barn to Accept Reservations in January

The rehabilitation of the Blue Ball Dairy Barn is nearing completion and the historic structure will stand as a shining symbol of the state's Livable Delaware initiative. Once part of a duPont family working dairy farm, the barn will be available for use as a community facility for meetings, celebrations and banquets. Reservations will be accepted beginning January 2 for March 2007 and can be made by contacting the Delaware State Parks Special Events Office at 302-761-6952 or e-mailing the Facility Manager, Susan Staats, at susan.staats@state.de.us.



Inside dairy barn top level



Inside dairy barn lower level



Construction Completed on Weldin Road, Rockland Road and the 141 Spur

Relocated Weldin Road is now open, connecting the existing Weldin Road at the new East Park Drive to the new intersection at Foulk Road.

Rockland Road from West Park Drive to Childrens Drive has been completed and re-opened. The new roadway includes a bike path that will eventually extend through the West Park to Childrens Drive, Powder Mill Road and US 202.

Route 141 is now connected with US 202 by a four-lane road (called the SR 141 Spur), with a median, two 12-foot travel lanes and 10-foot shoulders in each direction.



SR 141 Spur and rear view of barn



Weldin Road Roundabout



Transportation – Parks and Recreation Improvements Update

West Park Improvements (Completed Fall 2003)

Improvements include:

- ✓ Replacement wetland, Alapocas Run stream restoration and integrated stormwater management system.
- ✓ Landscaping featuring native plant material.
- ✓ A new portion of the Northern Delaware Greenway connecting the West Park to the City of Wilmington.



Road and intersection improvements at the Route 141/141 Spur and Childrens Drive intersection



Newly constructed SR 141 Spur and Ronald McDonald House Privacy Wall

US 202 – Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall (Completed Summer 2006)

Improvements include:

- ✓ Traffic was diverted to temporary six-lane roadway built in West Side Construction in July 2004.
- ✓ Two new underpasses of US 202 at both East Park Drive and Foulk Road/SR 141 Spur.
- ✓ Weldin Road relocated to intersect with Foulk Road.
- ✓ Landscaping along US 202.

I-95 Northbound Ramp to US 202 Southbound (Completed Spring 2005)

- ✓ Reconstruction of ramp to provide safer movements includes traffic signal at the ramp intersection with US 202.

Transportation Elements

- West Park Roads (Completed Fall 2003)
- US 202 – Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall (Completed Summer 2006)
- I-95 Northbound Ramp to US 202 Southbound (Completed Spring 2005)
- SR 141, US 202 – Independence Mall to AstraZeneca (Construction began March 2005)
- US 202– I-95 to Augustine Cut-Off & Final West Side Roads (Construction began July 2006)
- East Side Transportation Improvements (Construction began October 2005)
- US 202/I-95 Interchange (Advertise Fall 2008)

Parks and Recreation Elements

- Alapocas Woods Greenway (Completed Fall 2003)
- West Park Improvements (Completed Fall 2003)
- East Park Improvements (Construction began November 2003)
- Blue Ball Dairy Barn (Construction began April 2004)
- East Park Greenway (Construction began June 2006)



US 202/I-95 Interchange (Advertise Fall 2008)

Improvements include:

- Reconstruction of I-95/ US 202 Interchange
- Aesthetic treatments to define US 202 "Boulevard" into City of Wilmington.

US 202 – I-95 to Augustine Cut-Off & Final West Side Roads (Construction began July 2006)

Improvements include:

- Roundabout at West Park Drive and East Park Drive Intersection.
- West Park Drive from Augustine Cut-Off to SR 141 Spur.
- Southbound Ramp from US 202 to SR 141 Spur.
- Southbound Ramp from US 202 towards I-95.
- Widen a portion of the Northbound Ramp of I-95 to US 202.
- Median and widening of US 202 from Augustine Cut-Off to Southbound Ramp to I-95.
- Traffic signal at Augustine Cut-Off and US 202.

SR 141, US 202 – Independence Mall to AstraZeneca (Construction began March 2005)

Improvements include:

- ✓ SR 141 Spur from North of West Park Drive to North of Powder Mill Road.
- ✓ Children's Drive from Rockland Road to SR 141 Spur.
- Powder Mill Road from SR 141 Spur to US 202.
- US 202 from Independence Mall to the North property line of AstraZeneca.
- Bike Paths along Rockland Road, Children's Drive, Powder Mill Road and US 202.
- ✓ Rockland Road from West Park Drive to Children's Drive.
- ✓ Traffic signals at several locations.



Workers spread straw on the golf course prior to laying sod

East Side Transportation Improvements (Construction began October 2005)

Improvements include:

- ✓ East Park Drive from the new reservoir driveway to Weldin Road intersection and the roundabout.
- ✓ Weldin Road from East of Matson Run to West of the Roundabout.
- ✓ Stormwater management facilities and flood control improvements along Matson Run.
- Greenway and bike/pedestrian paths along relocated Weldin Road and from East Park Drive, crossing to and along the west side of Matson Run.
- ✓ Carruthers Lane to the connection with East Park Drive.
- ✓ Four structures, including two golf cart underpasses, one greenway and golf cart bridge on East Park Drive, and a drainage structure on Weldin Road at the Matson Run crossing.
- Construction of portions of East Park recreation area.