

"Can-Do" Playground Coming to East Park

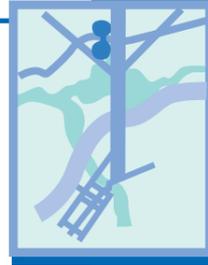
A 27,000 square foot play area, to be known as the "Can-Do" Playground, will be located in the East Park section of the Blue Ball Properties Project in Alapocas Run State Park, located just off Route 202 in north Wilmington.

This Boundless Playground® is one of only 60 nationwide and the first one in Delaware. It is designed to allow all children to play side-by-side, regardless of ability or

disability. East Park's "Can-Do" Playground will offer fully integrated, universally accessible, developmentally appropriate, safe, fun and challenging experiences to area children.

Six Wilmington area Rotary Clubs are developing the playground. The Rotary Clubs have taken on the task of raising \$500,000 of the \$800,000 needed. Members of the clubs will also be contributing "sweat equity" as the project gets under construction.

The playground is scheduled to open in 2005.



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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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Children enjoying the sandboxes at the "Can-Do" Playground

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Public Meeting Update

May 17, 2004



Welcome to the Blue Ball Properties Public Workshop. At tonight's meeting you will learn proposed additional design details for the future phases of the project. Also plans for the Wilmington-area Rotary Clubs' Boundless "Can-Do" Playground in the East Park will be highlighted.

Construction of US 202 Underpass Set to Begin This Summer

Temporary Six-Lane Road Will Receive Diverted Traffic

This June, US 202 traffic will begin using the newly-constructed, temporary six-lane road that curves to the west of the existing highway. This diversion will allow major roadway construction to begin along the one-mile section of US 202 from the Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall. Construction will include the widening and reconstruction of US 202 and the construction of two new underpasses beneath US 202 at both East Park Drive and the Foulk Road/Route 141 Spur. The relocation of Weldin Road to intersect with Foulk Road is also part of this contract.



Temporary Six-Lane Road

Nearly completed temporary road, May 2004



Washington Inaugural Button & Lincoln Campaign Pin Found At Weldin Ruins

Two rare pieces of presidential memorabilia were recently uncovered during the Blue Ball Properties pre-construction archaeological dig at Weldin farmhouse off Foulk Road. The first – a brass button bearing the initials of George Washington and of the original 13 Colonies – was issued to commemorate Washington's 1789 inauguration. The other find – a gilded tin campaign pin from the 1864 contest between Abraham Lincoln and George McClellan – is also an exciting discovery. Unfortunately, the Lincoln image on the pin has deteriorated beyond recognition. Both were found in the farm's kitchen area.





Transportation – Parks and Recreation Improvements Update

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West Park Improvements

Completed in Fall 2003, West Park Improvements consisted of important environmental and transportation improvements including:

- Temporary six-lane road to be in use by the spring of 2004.
- 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.

A Construction Working Group currently meets once a month to facilitate communication between the contractor, residents and businesses in the construction area. Meeting reports can be found on the web site at www.blueball.net.



Aerial photo of temporary six-lane road



Migrating Geese take a break at Blue Ball



Wetland mitigation site shows spring green!



New West Side path offers enticing vista



US 202 – Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall

(Construction began November 2003)

Improvements include:

- Traffic to be diverted to temporary six-lane roadway built in West Side Construction (in early June 2004).
- Construction of two new underpasses of US 202 at both East Park Drive and Foulk Road/SR 141 Spur.
- Weldin Road to be relocated to intersect with Foulk Road.
- Six-lane temporary road to be converted into the permanent two-lane West Park Drive.
- Landscaping along US 202.

I-95 Ramp to SR 202 Southbound

(Construction scheduled to begin spring 2004)

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

US 202/I-95 Interchange

(Preliminary Design)

Improvements include:

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

Transportation Elements

- West Park Roads (Completed Fall 2003)
- US 202 – Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall (Construction began November 2003)
- I-95 Ramp to SR 202 Southbound (Construction begins Spring 2004)
- US 202 – Independence Mall to North of Powder Mill Road / SR 141 Spur, West Park Road to North of Children's Road (Advertise December 2004)
- US 202 – I-95 to Augustine Cut-Off & Final West Side Roads (Advertise February 2005)
- East Park Roads (Advertise August 2005)
- US 202/I-95 Interchange (Advertise May 2006)

Parks and Recreation Elements

- Alapocas Woods Greenway (Completed Fall 2003)
- West Park Improvements (Completed Fall 2003)
- East Park Improvements (Construction began Fall 2003)
- Blue Ball Dairy Barn (Construction began Spring 2004)
- East Park Greenway (Advertise August 2005)

US 202 – I-95 to Augustine Cut-Off & Final West Side Roads

(Final Design Plans)

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 signals at the following locations: Augustine Cut-Off and US 202, West Park Drive and SR 141 Spur, and Ramp F and Route 141 Spur.

US 202 – Independence Mall to North of Powder Mill Road / SR 141 Spur, West Park Road to North of Children's Road

(Semi-Final Design Plans)

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.

East Park Improvements

(Semi-Final Design Plans)

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 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.

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