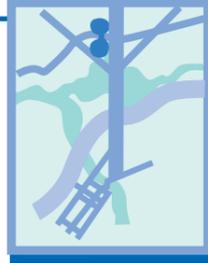


### Another Blue Ball Milestone Temporary Road Opens

On June 18, Governor Minner, Transportation Secretary Nathan Hayward III and DNREC Secretary John A. Hughes joined local elected officials in celebrating the opening of a new temporary six-lane roadway, launching the next phase of the Blue Ball Project. On July 11, traffic was successfully rerouted off US 202 and onto this temporary road so US 202 from Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall can be reconstructed and construction of two new underpasses can begin.



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### If You Want to Build a Road, You Have to Move a Lot of Earth

As you can see in these construction pictures, it takes a lot of equipment and manpower to scrape off a few feet of dirt to level the surface for the new roadway and make room for the new underpasses that will connect the East and West Park recreation areas. The earthmovers have been working hard all summer and have displaced massive mounds of soil.



## 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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# Update

November 16, 2004

Welcome to the Blue Ball Properties Public Workshop. Tonight you will get an update on new construction activity since the last workshop and learn about future phases of the project. Reconstruction and rehabilitation of two historic resources, the Blue Ball Barn and Weldin Ruins, will be highlighted.

## Historic Resources Are Coming Back to Life

Blue Ball Barn is on its way to becoming an important community resource

Reconstruction activities at the Blue Ball Dairy Barn have become the primary focus along the West Park Drive. This impressive community meeting facility will also house a permanent display of Delaware's Farm Implement Collection and historic artifacts found by archaeologists working in the area.



## Weldin Ruins stabilized after years of inactivity

While it will never return to being the thriving family farm it was in the 18th century, the Weldin Ruins are being selectively cleared to expose the ruins and "retrieve" this historic artifact from the vegetation that has hidden it for years. The walls have been stabilized to indicate the location of the historic buildings, and signage, maps and storyboards will tell the history of the site. The adjacent park paths will link the ruins to the rest of East Park resources.





# Transportation – Parks and Recreation Improvements Update

## West Park Improvements

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

- Temporary six-lane road (in use since 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](http://www.blueball.net).



Migrating Geese take a break at Blue Ball

Fall view of new 6-lane road. Underpass construction begins.

New West Side path offers enticing vista



US 222 traffic has been diverted onto a new temporary six-lane road

## US 222 – Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall

(Construction began November 2003)

Improvements include:

- Traffic was diverted to temporary six-lane roadway built in West Side Construction (in July 2004).
- Construction of two new underpasses of US 222 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 222.

## I-95 Northbound Ramp to SR 202 Southbound

(Construction began June 2004)

- Reconstruction of ramp to provide safer movements includes traffic signal at the ramp intersection with US 222.

## Transportation Elements

- West Park Roads (Completed Fall 2003)
- US 222 – Augustine Cut-Off to Independence Mall (Construction began November 2003)
- I-95 Northbound Ramp to SR 202 Southbound (Construction began June 2004)
- SR 141, US 222 – Independence Mall to AstraZeneca (Advertise December 2004)
- US 222 – I-95 to Augustine Cut-Off & Final West Side Roads (Advertise February 2005)
- East Side Transportation Improvements (Advertise May 2005)
- US 222/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 March 2006)



## US 222 – 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 222 to SR 141 Spur.
- Southbound Ramp from US 222 towards I-95.
- Widen a portion of the Northbound Ramp of I-95 to US 222.
- Median and widening of US 222 from Augustine Cut-Off to Southbound Ramp to I-95.
- Traffic signals at the following locations: Augustine Cut-Off and US 222, West Park Drive and SR 141 Spur, and Ramp F and Route 141 Spur.

## SR 141, US 222 – Independence Mall to AstraZeneca

(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 222.
- US 222 from Independence Mall to the North property line of AstraZeneca.
- Bike Paths along Rockland Road, Children's Drive, Powder Mill Road and US 222.
- Rockland Road from West Park Drive to Children's Drive.
- Traffic signals at several locations.

## East Side Transportation Improvements

(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.

## US 222/I-95 Interchange

(Preliminary Design)

Improvements include:

- Reconstruction of I-95/US 222 Interchange
- Aesthetic treatments to define US 222 "Boulevard" into City of Wilmington.