

**MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE #10
MARCH 2008**

Sorry for the slight delay in my monthly status updates. February has come and gone, I am not quite sure where it went to!!!

Currently, the construction is approximately 65% complete, and the buildings are coming along extremely well.

The previous month's construction highlights include:

- **Classroom 1** - 75% complete. The list of completed items grows every week, which includes: all the structural steel, gluelam beams, joist, wood framing, metal roofing and siding, all the windows are installed, the insulation has been placed in the walls, and the drywall is days away from being completed. Next steps will be to mud and tape the drywall, start on painting and other interior finishes, install the mechanical and electrical equipment, and then start the final steps to finish it.
- **Community Building** - 55% complete. The Community Building's steel framing and beams are in place, along with the joist and roof decking/structural panels. Currently, the metal roofing is 90% and they are schedule to be complete in two days. Following the completion of the roof structural components, BP will then install the metal siding, windows, and be ready to proceed to dry the building out and install the internal insulation and drywall.
- **Visitor Center** - 40% complete. Work is proceeding on the Visitor Center (VC), and it is moving along just behind the Community Building. The work complete to date includes the steel framing, roof panels, and wood framing. Following the completion of the Community Building's roof, the crew will then jump to the VC to complete this task. Additionally, the family restroom (included in the VC building) has been plumbed and passed inspection.
- **Wetlab 1** - 33% complete. Once the Community and Visitor Center buildings have their structure and roofs complete, BP will then focus on the Wetlab. Currently, all the concrete work and the main steel structural components are complete.
- **118th Ave Boardwalk** – 95% complete. The wood decking, handrails, and guardrails are installed and BP will complete the transition to the sidewalk(s) once the site work has caught up.
- **Site grading** – 90% complete. The lower parking lot will be used for staging and storage during construction. The remaining rough grading and then final grading will occur when the area is no longer needed for staging/storage – anticipated for next spring.
- **Treehouse and Overlook** – 62% complete – The main metal structural components have been placed and the wood structure for the treehouse has been fabricated and waiting for delivery to the site. The decking will be installed towards the end of the month, and we should soon be able to walk out and experience the overlook.
- **Gabion retaining walls** – 95% complete. The gabion walls at the main entry plaza (adjacent to the drop off turn lane) and lower parking lots (next to bioswales) have been installed and protection has been placed on them for the

duration of construction. The remaining gabions next to the restroom building will be placed after the concrete stairs are poured.

- **Utilities** – 95% complete. All the main utility lines (water, sewer, gas, and power) have been installed and are waiting for the building construction to be complete for final hook ups (the remaining 5%).
- **Wet Season Construction Moratorium** – Even though the City's Wet Season Construction Moratorium for site work was scheduled for October 31 through April 1, 2008, we have been able to now resume some of the earthwork due to the dry weather and that the inspectors have been very pleased with the way BP has maintained all erosion control devices (silt fences, detention swales, etc).

Other bits of general information worth sharing:

- The lower trail connection on site will be "closed" for the duration of construction.
- If you have any questions or comments about the development of the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center project, contact Ken Kroeger, Project Manager at 425.452.4624 or email: kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov.
- Information regarding the programming at the MSEEC can be directed to Apryl Brinkley (Pacific Science Center) at 425.450.0207 or email: Apryl_Brinkley@pacsci.org.
- You can also refer people to the City's website (Under the Park & Community Services Department page) for project updates: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm>

Photos below include:

Classroom 1 view (image 1).

Community Building and Visitor Center (image 2)

Visitor Center view (image 3).

118th Street Boardwalk (image 4)



Image 1 – Classroom 1 view



Image 2 – Community Building and Visitor Center



Image 3 – Visitor Center view



Image 4 – 118th Street Boardwalk