

**MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER –  
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE #12  
MAY 2008**

Currently, the overall Phase 1 construction is nearing 75% completion, and we are gearing up for the final big push to finish the project! All the buildings in Phase 1 are up and out of the ground, which makes it very easy to see the site dynamics.

The highlights for this month's construction include:

- **Classroom 1:** - 90% complete. This month's completed work includes: The walls have been painted; the exterior water, sewer, and gas hook ups are being inspected this week; all interior and exterior painting are in final completion; and the cabinets have been fabricated off site and will be delivered for installation by the end of the month.

The next tasks for the Classroom 1 includes any touch up painting, interior finishes (cabinets, counters, flooring, etc), and finish the mechanical and electrical work.

- **Community Building:** - 68% complete. The Community Building's monthly completed work includes: the mechanical units have been installed and are hooked up; the floor radiant heat tubing is installed and has passed the pressure testing; the wood board and batt entry is finished; and it is prepared for final painting.

On deck for the Community Building includes the interior finishes (cabinets, counters, trim, etc), final hook up of the exterior water, sewer, and gas lines, and final mechanical and electrical work.

- **Visitor Center:** - 55% complete. The Visitor Center has almost caught up to the rest of the buildings, but there has been significant work completed: the metal roof and siding is completed; the window are installed; the mechanical units are in place and waiting for final hook up; the fire suppression system is installed; and the radiant floor heating is complete and has passed the pressure test.

- **Wetlab 1:** - 46% complete. There has been significant progress on the Wetlab 1 over the last month, including: all framing and structure is complete; the metal siding is complete; the roof membrane for the green roof is finished and passed inspection; the board and bat wood siding is installed; the metal stair structure is complete; and the electrical conduits have been roughed in. You can really get a sense of what the building will be like.

The next steps for the Wetlab will be to finish off the green roof; placing the building insulation, drywall, and sheathing; mechanical hook up, and finishing the stair treads.

- **Treehouse and Overlook** – 95% complete – The Treehouse structure, roof, and enclosure is completed and the access hatch is being completed off site.

The Overlook is complete except for the metal wire railing. You can now experience being 30 feet over the trails and it is very exciting!

- **Site grading** – 93% complete. The earthwork subcontractor is back on site and is proceeding to work on the grading and site elements (bioswales, drainage, etc) in the lower parking lot. They are anticipating pouring the first lift of the asphalt pavement within the coming few weeks, and then prepare to finalize this area.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 for this month:



*Visitor Center*



*Classroom 1*



*Classroom 1 and Treehouse*



*Visitor Center and Community Buildings*



*Classroom and Restroom*



*Wetlab 1*



*Treehouse*



*Slough Overlook*



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