

**MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER –
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE #13
JUNE 2008**

The Phase 1 construction on the MSEEC is nearing 80% completion, and soon we will all be enjoying the center. Each day brings us closer and closer to completion, however, there is still plenty of work to go.

The highlights for this month's construction include:

- **Classroom 1:** - 95% complete. Highlights for this building include: all painting is complete; the exterior water, sewer, and gas hook ups finalized and approved; interior light fixtures are installed; installation of the cabinets and furnishings have been started and are about 70% complete.

The next tasks for the Classroom 1 include all touch up painting, completing the mechanical and electrical work, installing the wood sliding door, and installing the wood floor.

- **Community Building:** - 75% complete. The Community Building's completed work includes: all painting is complete, all exterior utility hook ups are completed and passed inspection; interior light fixtures are installed; installation of the cabinets and furnishings are about 50% complete; acoustical ceiling panels are installed; and the interior trim is approximately 50% complete.

Up next includes finalization of the interior finishes (cabinets, counters, trim, etc), final mechanical and electrical work, installation of the flooring, and installation of the wood sliding door.

- **Visitor Center:** - 65% complete. The Visitor Center's monthly work completed includes: final installation of the mechanical units; interior light fixtures are installed; interior painting is complete; and the acoustical ceiling panels are installed.

The following is still underway on the Visitor Center: installation of the flooring, touch up paint, installation of the doors, interior trim, and cabinetry.

- **Wetlab 1:** - 60% complete. The Wetlab has had the most progress over the last month, including: all exterior finishes; green roof base (drainage rock and soil) is installed; all drywall is in place; interior painting is complete; acoustical panels are 75% installed; and interior trim and cabinets are manufactured and ready for installation.

The next steps for the Wetlab will be to complete the mechanical hook up, finish installing cabinets and cubbies, touch up painting, install flooring, and installing the vertical ADA lift.

- **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** – 95% 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.
- 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 for this month:



Classroom Entry



Comm. Bldg Interior



Classroom interior



VC and Community Bldgs.



Bldgs and Overlook



Classroom Interior



Sullivan House roofing



Visitor Center



Wetlab 1