

MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER –  
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE  
July 2008

"Turning corner four and the white flag is waving in air" – we are now on the final lap of the project, and the anticipation for the completion is growing. Before you know it, the center up and running! It feels like just yesterday that we were clearing the site and preparing for the foundations.

The highlights for this month's construction include:

- **Classroom 1:** - 97% complete. Highlights for this building include: The flooring is installed, touch up painting is done, the casework is in place, the lights are up, and the exterior doors are installed with their hardware in place.

The next steps will include installing the countertops, completing the final finished trim work, installing the interior doors, balancing the mechanical systems, final cleaning, and then final inspection/punch list repairs (as needed).

- **Community Building:** - 87% complete. The Community Building's completed work includes: The wood flooring is installed, touch up painting is underway, the casework is installed, the lights are up, electrical work is nearing completion, and the exterior doors are installed with their hardware.

Up next includes finalization of the interior final trim work, final mechanical and electrical work, and then final inspection/punch list repairs (as needed).

- **Visitor Center:** - 80% complete. The Visitor Center's monthly work completed includes: The flooring is being installed, touch up painting is complete, the family restroom is waiting for fixtures, the lights are up and operational, and the final electrical and mechanical is underway.

The following is still underway on the Visitor Center: final installation of the flooring, final interior trim, completing the cabinetry, and then final inspection/punch list repairs (as needed).

- **Wetlab 1:** - 75% complete. The Wetlab progress over the last month includes: The flooring is being installed, touch up painting is complete, the family restroom is waiting for fixtures, the lights are up and operational, and the final electrical and mechanical is underway.

The next steps for the Wetlab will be to finalize the mechanical and electrical work, finish installing cabinets, touch up painting, installing the plant material on the green roof, and installing the vertical ADA lift.

- **Treehouse and Overlook** – 98% complete – The last item with the treehouse installation will be to install the floor access hatch, which is being completed off site.

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

- **Site work** – 70% complete. The site work is proceeding very fast. At the lower parking area: The bioswales are install, curb and gutter are 90%, the landscaping is 50% in the ground (thanks to the REI volunteer planting project!!!), and the lot is being prepared for asphalt installation.

The upper entry area is also being coordinated, and this work includes: placing all the gabion walls, the concrete stairs are poured, sidewalk installation is underway, and the street frontage work is 80% done.

Remaining items are to finalize the landscape planting, final utility hook up (after inspection), 118<sup>th</sup> street repairs, placement of the mulch and wood bark, asphalt and concrete sidewalk installation, and striping/signage.

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:



Comm. Bldg Interior



Classroom Interior



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Classroom



Parking Bioswale



Entry to Sullivan House



Classroom to Treehouse



Wetlab 1



View from Treehouse



Main Restroom



View from Treehouse