

GOLF COURSE RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

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- Landscapes Unlimited is fully mobilized to the site and is currently focused on holes 14 through 18 which are holes closest to Highway 36 and, to a large degree, located outside the flood plain.
- The dynamics and coordination of varied project elements will require adjustments within the project timeline, but the anticipated target date for re-opening the golf course remains spring 2015.
- The City continues to work with FEMA on the finalization and submission of a project worksheet that will, once approved, commit FEMA funding for golf course reconstruction. Because funding exceeds \$1M, congressional review is required. The project is moving forward while FEMA continues to evaluate and advise on the amounts that will be funded through the program.
- Total project cost, per the contract with Landscapes Unlimited, remains at \$5.15M to reconstruct the golf course and to address drainage issue impacting adjacent homeowners.
- Alliance Engineering has developed a drainage plan that has been reviewed by adjacent homeowners, approved by the City and will be implemented into the golf course reconstruction program.
- The City evaluated and determined that, due to capacity and storage issues, it is currently not feasible to expand reuse water by installing a “backbone” within Coal Creek Golf Course to enable future reuse water conveyance beyond the golf course, Community Park and the Louisville Sports Complex to include other public and private properties. The golf course will continue to irrigate utilizing water rights from the Goodhue Ditch Company in combination with reuse water provided by the City.
- Another most recent new development is that Granite Construction Company for Highway 36 improvements has requested consideration by the City to permit CDOT to construct berms (small hills), landscaping and fencing between the golf course and Highway 36 in place of more costly retaining walls. The City is currently reviewing their proposal which could lead to vastly improved impressions of Coal Creek Golf Course and the City of Louisville from Highway 36 including an extensive tree buffer, fencing and perhaps signage at no cost to the City of Louisville. If feasible, timing can and will be coordinated with golf course and Highway 36 reconstruction.

- The City will be removing and/or trimming trees focusing on holes 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10. The City will also be root pruning trees on holes 5 and 18. This work is necessary to improve golf course and adjacent homeowner safety, course playability, improve and enhance our ability to grow tee boxes, fairway and green grasses and help minimize disease for healthy turf associated with the \$5M renovation investment.
- A tree replacement and planting program will be implemented beginning early fall and will continue annually at Coal Creek. In September 2014, the golf course architect and the City Forester will be staking/marketing areas around the golf course in anticipation of phase I implementation. If you live adjacent to the course and have recommendations for where you would like to see a tree planted, please let the Parks and Recreation Department administrative office know and we would be happy to meet you on-site to evaluate and discuss possibilities.
- As the golf course improvements program progresses, field adjustments may be necessary to address new discoveries and conditions as well as to address cost efficiencies and/or ideas that will enhance enjoyment of Coal Creek. One example, the golf course architect will be amending the undulation of several greens to add a new dimension and interest to some of the new greens. This was a recent recommendation from the Golf Course Advisory Board.