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Construction of Lime Lake neighborhood park to begin in October

A long-awaited and much-anticipated community project to upgrade the Lime Lake stormwater pond and surrounding area into a neighborhood park is expected to begin in October after the Sarasota County Commission approved the construction contract Wednesday. Completion is expected in June 2011.

The \$651,421 contract awarded to D.E. Murphy Constructors Inc. of Sarasota calls for restoring and reshaping the existing 3-acre stormwater pond and inlets and constructing and installing drainage pipes and structures, a pedestrian walkway around the park, landscaping, a gazebo and observation deck/fishing pier, fences and other amenities to create a small neighborhood park.

A community-based action plan for the project was developed more than a year ago with the North County Community Organization and other area residents. Lime Lake is at the north end of Lime Avenue, south of Emma E. Booker Elementary School. The property for the park includes almost a half acre of land deeded from the Sarasota County School Board.

“The North County Community Organization and all the residents in this area are very excited to reach this milestone,” said community leader Euline Myrick. “I began working on this project four years ago. It’s been a partnership with the county, including the school board, and we really appreciate the progress that has taken place to make the dream of Lime Lake Park become a reality.”

Funding for the project is provided through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and a Community Development Block Grant.

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