

WHAT IS THAT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN EDWIN WARNER PARK, BESIDE VAUGHN ROAD?

Recently, the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation gave approval for a gas line easement in Edwin Warner Park beside Vaughn Road, and beside the TVA power lines near Picnic Shelters # 9 and #11. Under the conditions of the approval, Piedmont Natural Gas will donate \$7500.00 to the Friends of Warner Parks to cover the cost of replacing and replanting approximately 27 trees. The gas company will also regrade the shoulder and ditch beside Vaughn Road to a 3 to 1 slope, that will improve aesthetics as well the safety of maintenance of the park edge. Piedmont Natural Gas will also work with Metro Real Property Services to agree on a value of the easement to present to Metro Government. The work is expected to be completed by November 9th, 2007.

The project included the removal of the tree line on the east side of Vaughn Road, that unfortunately was underneath the NES power lines and had been subject to significant cut-backs to meet NES power line standards. At the request of Metro Parks, NES removed the trees and will grind the stumps. The NES "tree replacement" program will provide an additional 27 new trees that will be planted away from the power lines and will therefore not require trimming.

Along with the capital improvements for field sports, ball fields, model airplane field, and green space, the new landscape along Vaughn Road will soon be a beautiful enhancement to the Warner Parks.