

A.B. FORD PARK PROJECT UPDATE

FEBRUARY 20TH, 2024



THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT A.B. FORD PARK IS NOW OPEN!



**General Services Department
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION**

#FINDYOURFUN AT Community Center at A.B. Ford

DETROIT RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MEL MA
RECREATION CENTER
19601

100 Lenox, Detroit MI 48215 | (313) 628-1197
Monday - Friday 9am - 7pm & Saturday 10am - 6pm

#TakePart in these fun programs and much more!

Dance w/ Jaz Mondays & Tuesdays ages 6-12 4:00 - 5:30 pm Wednesdays ages 18+ 4:30 - 6:00pm	Walking Club ages 50+ Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9am - 10am
Flex and Stretch ages 18+ Mondays, Wednesdays 1pm - 2pm	Smoothie Smart ages 10-17yrs Wednesday 4pm-5pm
Fit & Strong ages 50+ Tuesday, Thursday 11am-12:30pm	Senior Tech help ages 50+ Thursday 10am-11am
Bingo ages 50+ Tuesday 12:30pm - 2pm	Kitchen Science ages 7-17 Thursday 4pm-6pm
Cooking Matter ages 50+ Tuesday 2pm-4pm	Ballroom With Mr. C ages 18+ Thursday 5pm-7pm
	Cardio Drumming ages 18+ Friday 5:30pm-6:30pm
	Open Mic ages 18+ Friday 7pm-10pm

#FindYourFun at [Detroitmi.gov/recreation](https://detroitmi.gov/recreation)

A.B. FORD PARK PROJECT REVIEW



**COMMUNITY CENTER
CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETED**

PLANNED PARK PHASE 1

- WALKWAYS
 - PLAYGROUND
 - FITNESS
 - PICNIC AREAS
 - SHELTER
- RESTORATION**
- FISHING NODE



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- Environmental testing required for the demolition of the old Lenox Center uncovered soil contamination within park
- BSEED determined remediation for entire park is necessary
- Remediation will consist of environmental cap adding 2' clean soil
 - trees will be removed
- Funding secured to remediate entire park and **build out full park master plan** including riverwalk upgrades



A.B. FORD PARK TREES



DUE TO THE 2' SOIL CAP ALL TREES WOULD BE UNABLE TO SURVIVE AND WILL NEED TO BE REMOVED

**251 TOTAL TREES TO BE REMOVED
-ARBORIST DETERMINED ONLY 10 TREES ARE IN GOOD CONDITION, THE REST WERE RANKED FAIR OR POOR**

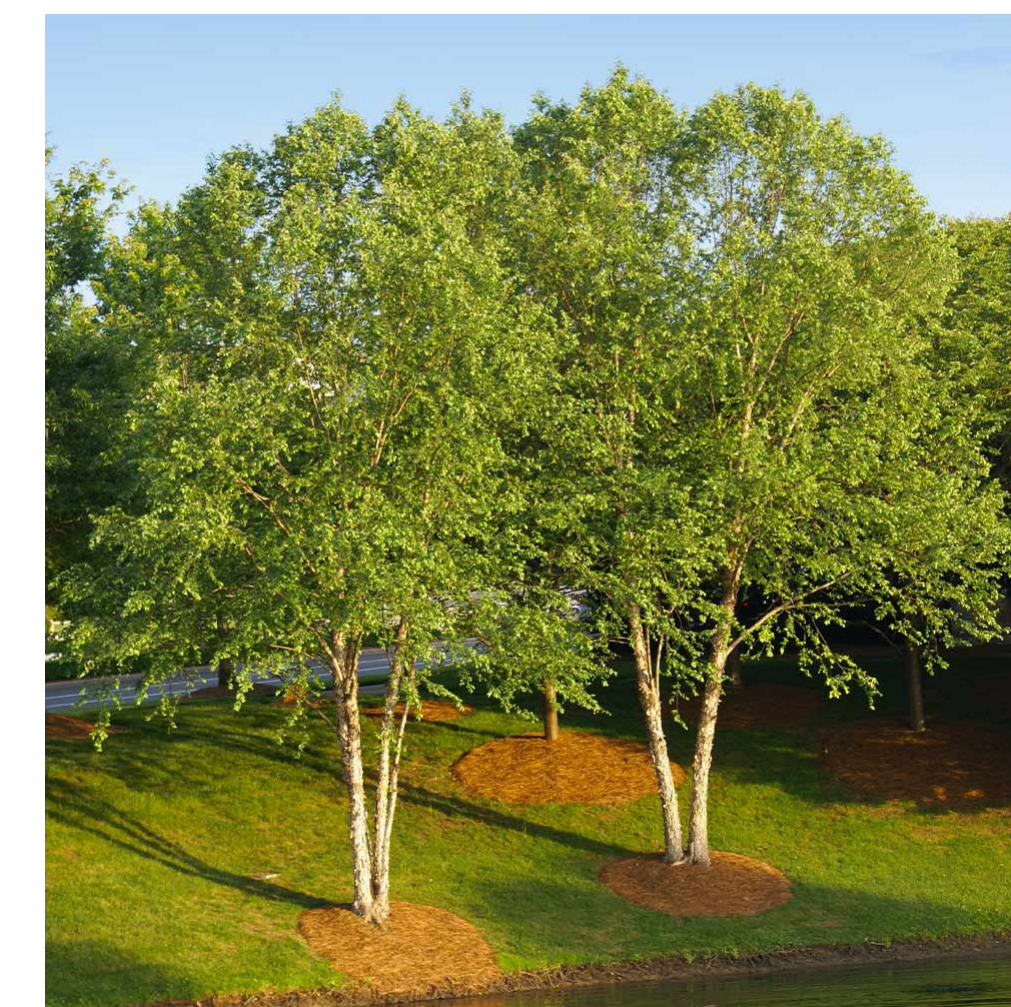
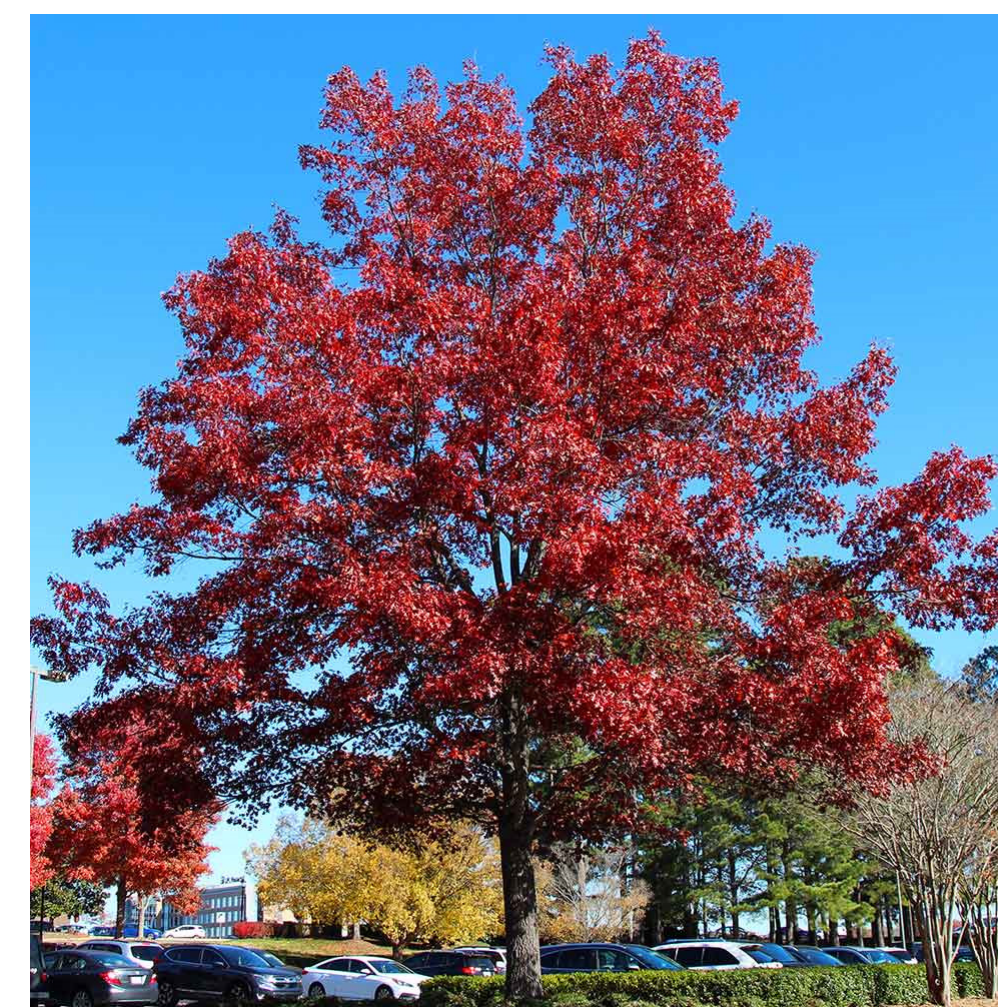


597 REPLACEMENT TREES TO BE PLANTED

Mix of native shade, flowering, and specimen trees:

Quaking Aspen
River Birch
Princeton Elm
Shumard Oak
Purple Beech

Sugar Maple
Bur Oak
Black Gum
Eastern Redbud
Dogwood



A.B. FORD PARK TRUCKING/SITE ACCESS



TRUCKS WILL **EXIT** THROUGH THE LAKEWOOD PARKING LOT, TURN LEFT AT SCRIPPS, AND TAKE LENOX OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

TRUCKS WILL USE A TEMP GRAVEL ROAD TO GET ACROSS AND DELIVER MATERIAL THROUGHOUT SITE

COMMUNITY CENTER WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION

Heavy trucking to import soil cap material will be required
-Average of 20-30 trucks per day to the site
-March to September

ALL TRUCKS WILL COME DOWN LENOX AND **ENTER** SITE THROUGH THE PARKING LOT

Work Hours
-Monday-Friday between 7:30am-5:30pm
-May utilize Saturdays as conditions permit with reduced hours



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WHAT TO EXPECT



Park will be closed tomorrow (February 21st) for the remainder of construction

-Community center will remain open regular hours!

Site work will begin in early March with tree removals

Estimated completion Spring 2025

PROJECT TIMELINE



A.B. FORD PARK CONSTRUCTION PLAN



A.B. FORD PARK QUESTIONS?



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THANK YOU!