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RE: Construction Starts at Lynnwood Recreation Center Renovation Project

LYNNWOOD, WA (April 28, 2010) - "Demolition is complete and construction has already started," says Lynnwood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Director Lynn Sordel regarding work on the new Lynnwood Recreation Center located at 44th Avenue West just south of 188th Street.

"We've come through the winter months on schedule and under budget," he added. "As long as we find no surprises in the rest of our construction process, we expect to stay that way." The project is a \$25M remodel of the 33-year-old facility. When completed, the new Center is expected to serve as a regional recreation destination attracting more than 520,000 users each year.

"Passersby of the Lynnwood Recreation Center on 44th Avenue West have seen dramatic changes to the building in the past month," Sordel added. "Site utilities, locker room, and pool plumbing is complete and we've hauled off nearly 150 truckloads of dirt and about 128 truckloads of debris during the last four months."

M.A. Mortenson Company, general contractor for the project, oversaw the completion of structural demolition and site excavation and is currently wrapping up the remaining north side soils excavation from around the new leisure pool area.

In response to residential and staff questions asking why the City didn't just take down the whole Recreation Center, Sordel stated that "we asked that same question of our architect, NAC, early in the design process. Their response was that selective demolition would result in considerable cost savings to the City. By salvaging portions of the building we've saved an estimated \$1.3 million in construction costs. That's significant," he added. "In addition we've also reduced the amount of construction waste going to the landfill."

Management of construction waste is one element of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design project checklist. The City is seeking LEED® Silver certification from the U.S Green Building Council.

In keeping with the City's Green Building objectives, the debris removed during demolition included concrete, brick, drywall, wood framing, roofing and metal. These materials were taken off site and sorted, according to officials. Of the total amount of construction waste, 1,260 cubic yards were recycled for re-use; only about 27 cubic yards were sent to the landfill for disposal.

The renovated Recreation Center is scheduled to reopen in spring 2011. For more information contact Katie Anderson, City of Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Department at 425-670-5506, or e-mail kanderson@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

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