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### **Renovations to start on North Park Pool project**

BURLINGTON, NC— North Park Pool is currently undergoing a renovation project to replace the pool, pool deck, shade pavilion and renovate and expand the current bath house. This project is underway now and will continue through spring of 2020. The construction timeline is aggressive with the intent of being open for the 2020 summer swim season.

The pool replacement is part of a larger North Park Improvement Plan that was initiated in 2016. Phase 1a of this plan was completed in 2017. Highlights include Mayco Bigelow Center upgrades, parking lot repaving, signage, installation of new playground equipment, North Park Farmers Market Shelter, and more. Phase 2 of the project included Sharpe Road curb and gutter, landscaping, and new walking trails. The pool replacement is Phase 2 of the North Park Improvement Plan.

\$200,000 was secured in the 2018-2019 state budget to support the design process for the pool. During the summer of 2018, city staff worked with residents and community members to gain input on what amenities and activities North Park Pool needed to have if a renovation was approved. After many months and great input from the design committee the City's design-builder delivered plans for North Park Pool.

Some highlights of the pool design include: zero depth entry, splash features, lap lanes (competition), diving board, bath house renovation/addition, pump room, and ADA accessible drop off/ entryway.

Preparations for construction have already begun with the removal of a playground (new playground was installed in close proximity prior to removal) and the temporary removal of the Community Garden which will be reinstalled after the pool project completion. Crews are scheduled to begin work within the week. The first phase of the project will include removal of the existing pool. The existing bathhouse will be renovated and expanded and a new pool, pool deck, and shade pavilion will be built.

“The North Park Pool is an important part of our community’s history, said Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Rachel Kelly. We are honoring that history by preserving the mural dedicated to the members of North Park’s late 1950’s swim team while investing in a modern outdoor recreation facility which will provide new ways patrons can stay active and have fun during the hot summer months.”

The \$3,468,000 project was approved at the September 17, 2019 City Council meeting.

Attached: Rendering of the North Park Pool

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