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Parc des Familles gets Major Roadway

Parc des Familles will be the largest park ground in Jefferson Parish and second only to City Park within the Greater New Orleans area. Located on a 610 acre tract on Leo Kerner Parkway, the park will improve and enhance recreational experiences in Jefferson Parish.

The first major roadway into Parc des Familles is now complete. The one mile road on the south side of the park was constructed by Barrier Construction Company. The entrance to the new roadway is on Leo Kerner Parkway and will eventually lead to the Environmental Study area and a commercial reception hall.

A permit was received by the Corps of Engineers for clearing, filling and building on 20 acres of the land. This will include the 15 acres of land on the left side of the roadway to build the reception hall which will overlook a lake and botanic garden. The reception hall will house a 17,000 square foot banquet facility; construction of the banquet facility is scheduled to start in 2009. The additional five acres are fronting Leo Kerner Parkway which was donated to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. Plans for these five acres include a new substation which work is expected to begin by the end of 2008.

Some of the park's facilities will include Estelle Playground, a maintenance facility, BMX course, equestrian center, stadium, science and art museum and many other features. The environmental area is a 31 acre tract which will remain untouched and undeveloped in order to preserve the natural beauty. Located in this area will be a pavilion, restrooms and boardwalk trail which will wander through the tract. 20 acres of the park have been donated to the Jefferson Parish School System for a new high school. The construction will not be for another four to five years.

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