



# MADISON PARKS

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## Goodman Pool



Work continues as Parks prepares to host the All City Swim Meet! Here the concrete work is finished up to provide more space for the swimmers to line up behind the starting blocks.

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Here, an old bed of overgrown arborvitae were removed to add room for the large rental bleachers that will be installed for the meet.

## Warner Park



The Warner Park Inclusive Playground is in its final stages of installation. The poured in place safety surfacing should be completed as of now, or in the next week.

## Hudson Park



I realize this might be hard to see what you are looking at here, but the tall grass behind the word “caution” is part of a native vegetation mat we are trying at a few pilot sites this year. This site is at Hudson Park. The foot traffic over the years had formed a trail and the trail formed a water conveyance and Parks has been struggling for a number of years to heal the slope as the trail became an ever deeper gully. This product seems to have worked. It is basically a “sod” of native plants, planted with 9 different grasses and sedges and over 40 different wildflower species. What comes up depends on the exact conditions of the site, in terms of light, water and soil. This site, as well as four others we planted last fall, have all successfully come back from the dormant state and look very healthy and strong.

The two catches are, it is expensive per foot, and it needs daily watering for the first six weeks or so. We are dealing with the expense by using this only in the most difficult sites, where we are really struggling to establish a ground cover and where we have volunteers willing to take on the watering tasks.