



News Release

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Re: River Road Park Improvements to Begin

(New Hanover County)— A popular fishing and recreational area in southern New Hanover County will temporarily close July 6 as work begins to expand amenities at River Road Park. The project is part of the Hanover County Parks and Greenspace Bond Referendum approved by voters in 2006.

Plans call for extending the fishing pier by 100 feet into the Cape Fear River. Renovations will also provide for better canoe and kayak launching, and a concrete boat ramp. The pier will be lighted for night time fishing. Because of the work, the riverfront area of the park will be closed starting July 6. TMC-Taylor Construction has 90 days in which to complete the work.

The project was originally estimated at approximately \$155,000, however due to a sour economy the lowest bid of \$87,292 will allow New Hanover County Parks department to add new landscaping. Additional funding in excess of \$23,000 was provided by the NC Division of Coastal Management to improve water access.

New Hanover County operates more than 1,000 acres of recreational park land and is undertaking significant expansions, renovations and acquisitions for resident's recreational opportunities.

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