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Dear Airfield Park Neighbors,

City staff has made much progress towards securing approval from the California Department of Fish and Game for the conservation easement and funding the mitigation site maintenance. As you know the mitigation site on Yeager Drive is land that has been set aside in perpetuity as California tiger salamander (CTS) habitat in order to make up for the loss of habitat due to the construction of Airfield Park.

We now have all environmental clearances from the California Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to begin construction of the park site. You may have noticed some preliminary construction activity this week at the mitigation site on Yeager Drive. Crews from Argonaut Construction have been repairing the silt fencing surrounding the mitigation site and checking barriers around the Airfield Park site in order to prepare for the coming winter rains.

The barriers placed on the sidewalk along Maitland Avenue and Northpoint Parkway, and within the pedestrian ramps are intended to prevent migrating tiger salamanders from returning to the Airfield Park site during the winter months. We have also undertaken an arborist's report regarding the trees at the Airfield Park site and plan to do some pruning and tree improvement work this fall. However, we will probably not start actual construction of the park until next spring. In order to comply with directives of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fish and Game, we cannot engage in construction activity from October 15 through April 15 at the Airfield Park site.

We are delighted to be close to breaking ground on this neighborhood park. Until then we ask for your assistance in reporting any vandalism of the silt fencing or other CTS barriers to the City's Public Works Department at 543-3800, so the damage can be repaired and the integrity of the fencing maintained. Should the fencing be damaged the park project could be further delayed.

Please know that the City is committed to completing this project and intends to keep you informed about the status of this project as events develop. The project webpage at [www.srcity.org/airfieldpark](http://www.srcity.org/airfieldpark) is also a good source for up-to-date information. City staff is available to speak with you and answer any questions you may have about the status of the park project:

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