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HUGH RAMSEY NATURE PARK UNDERGOES IMPROVEMENTS, TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The City of Harlingen's Hugh Ramsey Nature Park is closed until Feb. 1 while it undergoes significant improvements.

In February 2014, the Texas General Land Office awarded the City a \$158,000 grant to improve the Arroyo Colorado Watershed's wetland within the Park.

A retention basin is being constructed to collect stormwater runoff that will be diverted into the new, larger wetland ponds. Additionally, the City entered into an agreement with the County to reconstruct the parking lot.

"These are extensive improvements that will be a tremendous benefit for the community," said Parks and Recreation Director Javier Mendez. "The new retention basin with help to prevent flooding, and the parking lot will provide additional space for visitors."

Construction began in December 2015 at the 40-acre park. The Park features six wildlife observation posts; a medium pavilion; and 1.5 miles of nature and walking trails. The various bird and butterfly species at the Park draw visitors worldwide.

Hugh Ramsey Nature Park is one of 24 Harlingen parks. It is located at 1000 TX-499 Loop just past the Arroyo Colorado Bridge.

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City of Harlingen employees work on improvements to Hugh Ramsey Nature Park. The Park is closed until Feb. 1.