

## Lagoon Project update

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Hello University Park Board,

The following will serve as the final update for 2025 as we head into the holiday season. Things are progressing smoothly and grant disbursements have started coming in. We have received several disbursements to date, and expect another disbursement soon which will cover most of the remaining costs for the project. Once these disbursements are processed, we will be able to refund the loan we are currently operating with.

For transparency, it is worth noting that some of the costs for the project will not be covered under the grant programs. As we would expect, there are stringent requirements on these agreements which only cover certain aspects of the project and require certain steps be followed prior to issuing work. Several contracts have been retroactively amended to qualify for grant funding, but there are some other costs that will likely need to be covered through "cash on hand" or included in a final assessment. We will discuss options for covering these costs as we approach the project's completion.

The lagoon project was let for construction in early December with a bid opening date of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We hope to start construction within 30-60 days after signing contracts, so construction will likely begin in late February or March. I will try to send another update after contracts are signed to inform everyone of what to expect with cost and construction timelines.

If there is anything that I missed or any questions you might have, please feel free to reach out.

Hope you all enjoy the holidays and stay safe!



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Evan - thank you so much for the update. we appreciate this information. I will upload it to the UP website so the community can read this.

i know one question will be on everyone's mind - how much won't be covered. I understand you don't have that answer yet but as soon as you get a rough estimate it will be appreciated.

You have a wonderful holiday also.

it has been great to work with you.

Sincerely,

Upld (Jo Ann)

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