

November Update

The month of November has seen some exciting progress at the Nature Center site. The ground work had been prepped and now Nelson Construction has taken things over. From the north (the road) there is not much to look at, but from the south it is a very different story.

All the footings have been poured for the walls and elevator. The basement plumbing has also been roughed in. This means everything plumbing related that will sit in the floor has been placed so when concrete is poured it can be connected to the fixtures. The large white walls you see are the building's insulated concrete forms (ICF). Like a grown up version of Legos, the ICF are small individual pieces of foam are connected together and then later filled with concrete. This created a double insulated form which will help with energy savings by stopping air infiltration and helps with indoor air quality as well. The rest of the walls will be exterior block work; part of the south exterior wall has been started and can be seen.

Up Next:

By the end of the month/early December Nelson hopes to have all the ICF filled with concrete and continue to work on the south exterior wall. The elevator shaft will also be going up, 27 feet up into the air!

Once all the walls are up they can bring in the decking for the first floor and start to close the basement off. Once this is completed, they can heat the space and lay the basement flooring.

Reminder: If you would like to give to this project, all gifts are tax deductible and can be made safely online. Pledge cards are also available.



South East basement view



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North West view from upper level