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## **PATERSON PARK: CONSTRUCTION FOR A FACILITY FOR SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTS ENABLEMENT IN NORWOOD UNDERWAY**



Alterations, earthworks, concrete formwork, reinforcement and structural steelwork are just some of the construction work that can be seen taking place at Paterson Park, Norwood, where a new multi-purpose recreation complex is underway.

The Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA), on behalf of the City of Johannesburg, is implementing the construction of Paterson Park Multi-Purpose Centre, which will benefit the community of Norwood, Orchards, Orange Grove and adjacent neighbourhoods.

Once completed, the multi-purpose recreation complex will include a library, craft centre, a tennis pavilion, swimming pool, gym building, administration building and combi-courts, for basketball and netball.

Paterson Park has a rich heritage, which is evident in the structures found on site and the existing single storey heritage building, adjacent the recreation hall, will be renovated to ensure it is conserved. The area is also in close proximity to the Bowling Club, opened in

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1931 and the Radium Beerhall, which is the oldest surviving bar and grill in Johannesburg, founded in 1929.

With the appointment of 16 SMMEs and 140 labourers, 40 of whom were sourced locally, the project, which is set for completion in February 2020, has seen job opportunities created for local SMMEs in line with the local job creation principles.

External works, the installation of all services, are also currently in progress. The site, which saw a new contractor appointed, was handed over on 20 November 2018, after previous contractor's work was terminated due poor performance.

"An essential component of development intervention in cities is connecting people with opportunities to live, work, play. The park will be efficiently and effectively utilised by the community, as well as improve the lives residents once completed," Member of Mayoral Committee for Development Planning, Cllr Reuben Masango, said.

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