

Project Will Eliminate High-Cost, Mandatory Flood Insurance

Once SJAFCA completes construction of the Smith Canal Gate Project, FEMA will “remap” the Smith Canal area to remove the “high risk” flood zone designation. This will eliminate mandatory flood insurance requirements and building restrictions for approximately 5,000 properties, and prevent approximately 3,000 additional properties from being mapped into a high-risk zone. Property owners will be able to purchase flood insurance at low-risk rates.

SJAFCA’s engineers must certify the project and submit the accreditation package to FEMA, which will be started upon project completion and completed in 2023. FEMA will then begin the map revision process.



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YEAR 2

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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SMITH CANAL GATE PROJECT

APRIL 2021



Project Starting Second Year of Construction

The Smith Canal Gate Project is entering its second year of construction and is on track to be completed by the end of 2022. Starting May 6, construction will require the full closure of the Louis Park Boat Ramp and adjacent parking area, and access to Dad’s Point (see map). These facilities will remain closed through the end of construction. During this period, free boat launch facilities and parking will be available at Morelli Park, 1025 W. Weber Avenue (except for special events).

About the Project

The Smith Canal Gate Project will meet State and Federal standards for flood protection by isolating Smith Canal from the San Joaquin River during high water and tide events. It includes a floodwall along the San Joaquin River between Dad’s Point and the eastern boundary of the Stockton Golf & Country Club, tying into the existing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) accredited levee.

The floodwall will feature a gate to allow for tidal exchange and boat access to Atherton Cove and Smith Canal. The gate will remain open, except during high water and tide events and for periodic testing. Dad’s Point will be raised and strengthened to allow certification as a levee.

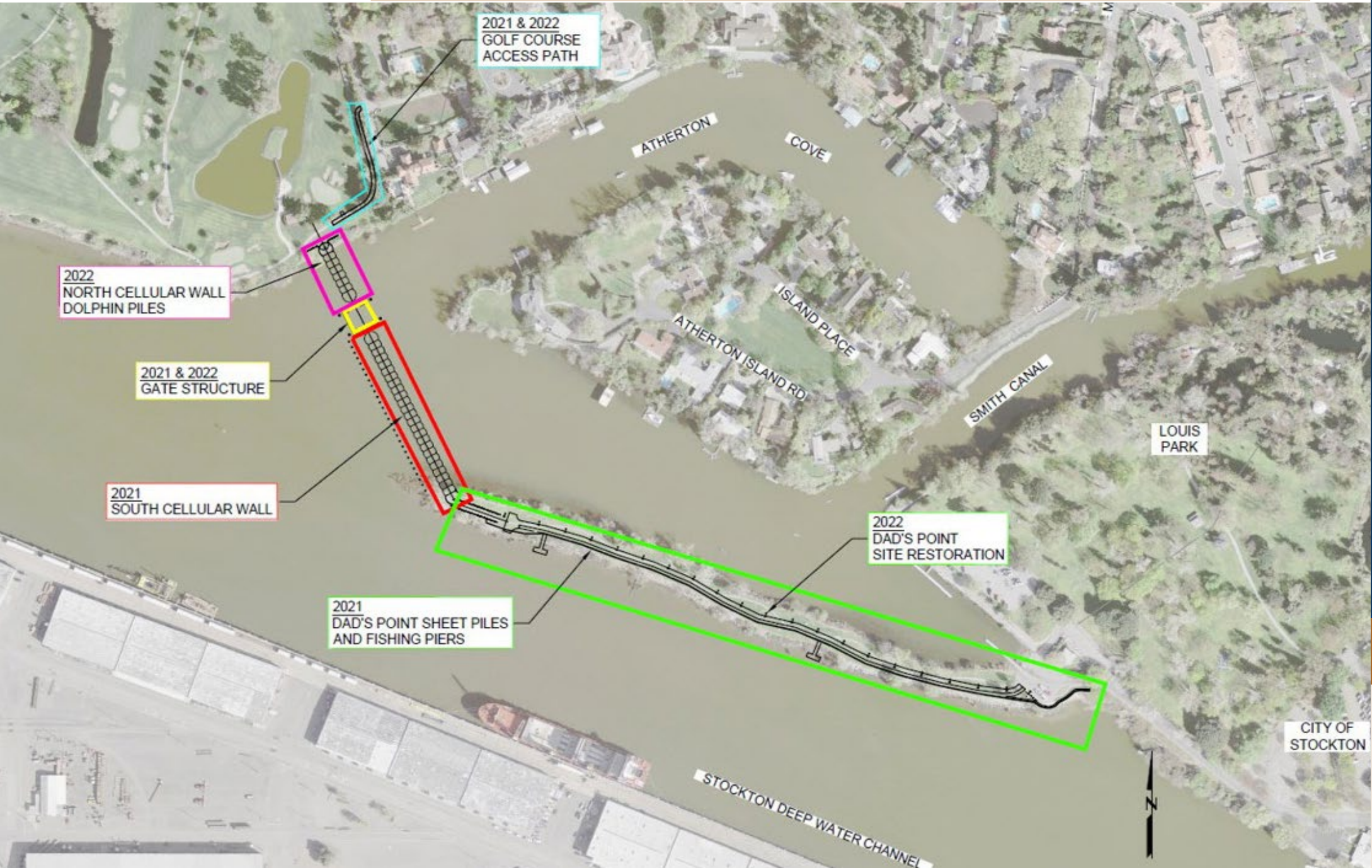


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Project Schedule

In 2020, the construction team completed construction of the cofferdam and project foundation. During 2021, major activities will include installation of sheet piles in Dad’s Point, the south end of the cellular wall, and a portion of the miter gate. This work will not affect navigation or ingress/egress for Atherton Cove and Smith Canal.

TIMELINE		
2021	2022	2023
Closure of Louis Park boat Ramp & parking area	Closure of Louis Park boat ramp & parking area	Project certification & submit FEMA Accreditation Package
Closure of Dad’s Point	Closure of Dad’s Point	FEMA begins map revision process
South cellular wall	Gate structure	
Gate structure	North cellular wall & Dolphin piles	
Dad’s Point sheet piles & fishing piers	Golf course access path	
Golf course access path	Dad’s Point site restoration	
	Begin project certification & preparation of FEMA Accreditation Package	



Get to Know SJAFCA, RD 1614 & RD 828

SJAFCA, in partnership with Reclamation Districts 1614 & 828, is constructing the Smith Canal Gate Project. SJAFCA is a Joint Powers Authority created in May 1995 by the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County and the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Cities of Lathrop and Manteca joined SJAFCA in January 2018. SJAFCA’s mission is to reduce and manage the region’s flood risk. Reclamation Districts 1614 and 828 are responsible for operations and maintenance of levees, pump stations and other flood control facilities in the Smith Canal area.

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