

Parking Lot Frequently Asked Questions East Side Parking at ECRC

Q: More asphalt means more water run-of. Haven't we flooded, and won't the new parking lot make it worse?

A: **The entire lot--except the entrance--drains to the east, including the Artis Senior Living property. We actually anticipate significantly less runoff than we had before the property was developed.**

Q: I know everything in Elmhurst is expensive. What is this costing?!

A: **The purchase of the original land cost a mere \$175,000 because most of it was donated. That was paid through our regular income. Much of the infrastructure and site work costs were paid by Artis Senior Living. Our total cost of development was estimated to be \$237,000. Donations for the parking lot at this time total \$117,000, and we anticipate the project to come in under budget.**

Q: How about on-going costs?

A: **The cost of maintaining the parking lot and surrounding land will, of course, be ours. The maintenance of the pond will be split between Artis Senior Living and ECRC, with our share being about 25%. The responsibility for the maintenance is ours. Artis will reimburse us.**

Q: I'm big on landscaping. Will the new east side be pretty?

A: **Yes, and it's included in the cost! We have made a few changes in the plan to get more green space, but the plan includes seventeen trees around the parking lot, eighteen trees around the pond, some sod, and some grass seed.**

Q: It's a long walk to the south entrance from the east parking lot....

A: **The best answer is: "Great! It's good exercise." The accurate answer is that we have doors on the east side of church. We've put in a sidewalk from the east lot to the east doors, and we plan on having those doors unlocked during big events, including Sunday mornings.**

Q: A suggestion was made during the Congregational Meeting to put an entrance/exit into the Park Place driveway. Why isn't it there?

A: **It was a great idea, but at this time it will not happen. Certainly a possibility for the future!**

Q: Some people think garbage containers are works of art, but I'm not one of them! Am I going to have to look at garbage containers every time I use the east parking lot?

A: **No. A fence with a gate will be installed around the garbage area and the generator.**