

Snowmaking Nears Completion

After a long campaign (Foundation volunteers first met to talk about snowmaking in the spring of 2003), it looks like snowmaking will be in place by the end of spring. Contractors upgraded the electrical capacity, completed work on water lines and hydrants in December and ran conduit for the electrical lines in early-January. While work could have been completed in January, the Park Board elected to wait until after ski season to finish the project – so as not to disturb the trails during the season.

At this point, it looks like next fall should see a completed system ready to go. The system now includes:

- Four snow guns;
- Two booster pumps;
- Some 2,000'+ of buried water mains;
- 2,500' of electrical conduit;
- An upgraded electrical transformer;
- And about two kilometers of trails with lights (the lights were not apparent this year because the snowmaking loop was not groomed because of the construction).

The project is not yet fully-funded. Additional tax-deductible contributions are welcome . . . Find out more information by calling 612 604-5330, or send a contribution to:

City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation – snowmaking fund
1301 Theodore Wirth Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55422

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the campaign thus far. Without your support, the snowmaking campaign at Wirth would not have happened.