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Grange Insurance Audubon Center on track to open this summer

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Heather Starck is counting the days until windows are installed in the library on the north side of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center.

“It’s an awesome view of downtown,” said Starck, the center’s director, as she peeked through the covered window frames. “I can’t wait until they take off the plastic.”

Besides the city skyline, the library will offer visitors views of wetlands, a nature trail, geothermal well field and green space in the new Scioto Audubon Metro Park when it opens this summer. The view opens the window on what the park is meant to be: An 84-acre nature area anchored by an educational center only a mile from the concrete and steel of downtown.

The park will be one of the first in **National Audubon Society** history to bring a nature conservation area and education center into the core of a major city. It’s being built on a former industrial site on the Whittier Peninsula along the Scioto River and next to the city’s vehicle impound lot, which will be relocated to clear more space for the park.

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