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Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina

For more than 15 years, one of Dowdle Construction Group's (DCG) unique projects has been working with Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina to repair storm damage and/or replace sections of their docks. In 2017 Metro Parks made the decision to replace the entire dock system, underwater concrete anchors, and steel cables.

Metro directly purchased the new docks and contracted with DCG to complete the project. Our first step was to fabricate and install the 11,000 lb underwater concrete anchors! Such heavy anchors are needed due to buoyant force making each anchor weigh only 6,400 lbs under water. The anchors are also shaped like a boot to dig into the mud when pulled during a storm or high winds.

We assembled and installed the new docks, ranging from 20 to 40 feet in length. We ran the conduit on shore to ensure we could easily run all electrical wiring. Next we placed the dock sections in waist deep water and assembled an entire pier of docks one at a time, approximately 40 boat slips. Once fitted, we floated the entire pier to its permanent location.



Using thousands of feet of steel cable, we then connected the docks to the new anchors. When the docks were firmly in position, we replaced all electrical, water, and sewer lines that needed to run the length of the docks. The total length of all docks are 3,900 linear feet!

Hamilton Creek Marina, located on Percy Priest Lake, offers storage for sailboats, rowing shells, canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards. With 197 sailboat slips, this marina usually has a waiting list to secure a slip - just another example that **We Build Places You Want to Go!**©

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We talk a lot about building places you want to go, and I suppose as long as we aren't building jails or hospitals, we can continue to unveil recently completed projects you will want to visit!



While this newsletter mainly focuses on Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina, I also wanted to show you some of our most recent work with The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

Hamilton Creek Marina is a gem tucked in a cove on the west side of Percy Priest Lake and is reserved for sailboats only - no motorized boats can be docked. It is quiet and peaceful at Hamilton Creek. Visitors can enjoy their large deck that wraps around the front of the club house. It is also home to the Nashville Rowing Club and Percy Priest Yacht Club.

The Country Music Hall of Fame needs no introduction. The Country Music Hall of Fame recently received several large, expensive wooden musical puppets. The Hall of Fame decided to hang these puppets from their Grand Foyer ceiling. We worked with a structural engineer, Mark Buchanan with EMC Structural Engineers, to design the safest method for attaching the installation to the ceiling and building structure. The work was completed over several nights while the building was closed. You can see progress photos of the work on our [Facebook page](#). Do not miss seeing these puppets on your next visit!

- Glynn Dowdle, President of Dowdle Construction Group



Large Puppets hanging from the ceiling in The Country Music Hall of Fame's Grand Foyer

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