

Parks focus of cleanup effort

Flood damage at heart of problem.

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EASTON — Organizers of the citywide cleanup and unity march traditionally end the annual event with lunch and entertainment at Riverside Park. This year's volunteers will have to spruce up the park first before they eat.

The Coalition for Better Neighborhoods will focus volunteer efforts on Eddyside, Riverside and Scott parks, all of which sustained heavy flood damage in April.

The parks and recreation department last month scrambled to ready Scott and Riverside parks for the start of the shad tournament and festival. But more work remains, and crews have barely touched Eddyside Park.

David Hopkins, director of public services, said floodwaters washed away grills at Eddyside and damaged pavilions and the refreshment stand. The pool appears structurally sound, but mud, sand and silt filled the pool, the pool filter and the park's sewer lines, he said.

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