

MLK Memorial Construction Project Now Offers Web Camera Views

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Construction of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial in the nation's capital is underway. And now the world can watch - via the Web as the memorial is built.

The new MLK Construction Cam, as it is called, allows for an interactive online experience where viewers to the Web site www.MLKMemorial.org/earthcam may control the virtual camera, zooming in and out and seeing a 180-degree panoramic view of the construction site.

“Our staff has been working on this new [EarthCam](#) along with Verizon for some time, because we felt our supporters around the globe deserved a look at exactly what their financial donations are going towards,” said Harry E. Johnson Sr., president and CEO of the Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation.

Since 2006, the Washington DC, Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation has been raising funds to build a Memorial honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is being built at the National Mall near the F.D. Roosevelt Memorial and in a direct line between the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials.

The Memorial projected plans include 340 structural piles, a 2,350 cubic ft. granite wall weighing tons, 47,000 sq. ft. of granite paving granite sculptures and the installation of 185 Yoshino cherry trees, 32 American elm trees and 16,835 pieces of Big Blue Liriope plantings.

“With continued help, we will be able to keep our construction schedule on track and raise additional funds we need to finish construction, and that's why I hope everyone will do one more favor,” said Johnson. “After checking out MLK Construction Cam, please make a donation to the foundation to help us finish construction on time.”

To date, the foundation reports that it has received \$107 million of the \$120 million needed to complete the project. The memorial's construction is expected to be completed by 2011.