

# YOUTH BALLFIELD COMPLEX

The proposed new youth ballfield complex would include 5-8 lighted baseball and fast-pitch fields that would replace fields in Arena Park, and would be geared for 8-15 year olds boys and girls. The complex would feature sports turf and sports infield material with irrigation that would provide for the best quality play for our local athletes in league play. Additionally, it would allow the City of Cape Girardeau to grow the capacity of current tournaments we already successfully serve in conjunction with the Shawnee Parks Sports Complex. This would attract new opportunities with state, regional, and national tournament organizations and tournament directors. The facility would also provide all of the expected amenities of a facility of this caliber; including a concession and restroom structure, playground, and maintenance storage space.

## CURRENT ISSUES

### Field Damage

Arena Park is the home of the SEMO District Fair and many other outdoor events which results in ball field damages each year and limits options for major improvements.

### Parking

Parking is unorganized and unpaved in most areas of Arena Park. Organized paved parking areas are very limited at most fields.

### Restrooms

Restroom facilities are port-a-potties at most field locations.

### Concessions

Concession facilities are limited and inadequate at the fields.

### Irrigation

Current fields have no irrigation system.

## PROJECT SCOPE

- Approximately 25 acres to develop a new youth field complex.
- Includes 5-8 fields, to replace removal of fields at Arena Park.
- Parking, concessions, and restrooms.
- Pavilions, playground, and maintenance area.

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- ★ This project would allow for the acquisition of property and the infrastructure development of a new youth sports complex.
- ★ Elimination of certain ballfields at Arena Park.
- ★ New complex will improve field playing conditions for leagues, tournaments, and events.
- ★ This would also allow youth baseball/softball tournament vendors to host larger events at our facilities.
- ★ Concession and restroom facility will provide more sanitary conditions for patrons.

## ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL BUDGET IMPACT

- Some operational increases would be needed for maintenance staff and materials. Programming staffing should transfer without much increase.
- Some Fleet purchases would have to be made for maintenance.

**CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE:**  
**\$4,500,000**



**SPECIAL EVENT FIELD DAMAGE**



**CURRENT FIELD FLOODING**



**INADEQUATE FACILITIES**



**IDEAS FOR NEW YOUTH BALLFIELD COMPLEX**



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