

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 5, 2006

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #71: INFORMATION ON SPORTS FACILITIES

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This is in response to Councilman Krupicka's request for staff to provide additional information on the impact that the timing and construction for the All City Sports Facility will have on field availability and the request for staff to provide a schedule of when sports fields are going to be on and off line.

### **Timing of the All City Sports Facility Construction**

The final timing of construction for the All City Sports Facility will have a limited impact on youth and adult programs no matter when the facility is built and the fields are renovated. Any future work on the proposed All City Sports Facility in the years from FY 2008 and FY 2009 (for the Hensley site), will have an impact on existing field availability. These impacts will occur to the following City programs: youth soccer, adult soccer, and adult softball. The non-City program affected will be Bishop Ireton High School softball. Because of the high demand for fields and the field shortages, there will be a period of time during the planned renovation and construction of the existing (Hensley) facility that the City will have more difficulty meeting existing demand. Hensley will take two years to construct as significant regrading and settlement of that regrading needs to occur prior to the start of construction of the synthetic turf field, parking lots, bleachers, and locker rooms and other related facilities.

Based on the current plan to renovate existing fields and the addition of new fields in the near future, the delay of the project by one or two years may minimally help with field demand and capacity issues. The addition of the new GW field and the conversion of the Minnie Howard field to synthetic turf will help with the demand for rectangular sport fields in the upcoming years and the addition and completion of the Witter field area (two rectangular and one baseball / softball field) will provide additional relief. However it should be noted that these improvements and additions to the field inventory will not completely balance field availability with demand. Existing fields are used approximately two to three times the amount that is recommended for sustaining healthy natural turf fields.

Attachment: Field Renovation Chart

## Field Renovation Chart

March 2006

### 22 Rectangular Fields - Existing Fields

<b>Stand Alone Rectangular Sports Fields (Non Overlay Sports)</b>	<b>Primary Scheduled Use</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Field Type</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ben Brenman	Soccer	(75x120yds)	Youth	online
Chinquapin 1	Soccer/TCFootball/TC Lacrosse	(40x80 yds)	Youth	online/renovation tbd
Chinquapin 2	Soccer/TCFootball/TC Lacrosse	(40x80 yds)	Youth	online/renovation tbd
Chinquapin 3	Soccer/TCFootball/TC Lacrosse	(40x80 yds)	Youth	online/renovation tbd
<b>Chinquapin 4</b>	Soccer	(40x80 yds)	Youth	<b>Off line until 2009</b>
<b>Chinquapin 5</b>	Soccer	(30x60 yds)	Youth	<b>Off line until 2009</b>
<b>Chinquapin 6 -TC Practice Field</b>	Soccer/Football	(54x120 yds)	Youth	<b>Off line until 2009</b>
Fort Ward	Soccer	(66x120 yds)	Youth	online/renovation planned for 2009
Four Mile Run	Soccer	(60x120 yds)	Youth/ Adult	online/renovation planned for 2008
GW field 1 (School)	Soccer/Football/Lacrosse	(60x120 yds)	Youth/Adult	online
<b>GW field 2 (Potomac Yard) new field</b>	Soccer/Football/Lacrosse	(60x120 yds)	Youth/Adult	offline/open fall 2006
Hammond Lower	Soccer	(54x120 yds)	Youth	online
Hammond Upper	Soccer/Lacrosse	(60x120 yds)	Youth	online
Hensley*	Soccer	(55x110 yds)	Youth/Adult	*online/renovation planned for FY 2008/ FY2009 ACSF
Jefferson Houston	Soccer	(50x100 yds)	Youth	online

<b>Jones Point 1</b>	Soccer/Lacrosse	(45x80 yds)	Youth	<b>off line spring 2006</b> potential online fall 2006
<b>Jones Point 2</b>	Soccer/Lacrosse	(45x80 yds)	Youth	<b>off line spring 2006</b> potential online fall 2006
Patrick Henry Upper	Soccer/ Lacrosse/Football	(50x100 yds)	Youth	online
Polk Lower	Soccer	(30x60 yds)	Youth	online
Potomac Yard 1	Soccer	(50x100 yds)	Youth	online/new field tied to Monroe bridge completion
Potomac Yard 2	Soccer	(50x100 yds)	Youth	online/new field tied to Monroe bridge completion
<b>TC Williams Football Field</b>	Football	(60x120 yds)	Youth	<b>off line until fall 2008</b>

**OVERLAY FIELDS**      19 Available Rectangular Fields out of Existing Ball fields

<b>Overlay Fields</b>	<b>Scheduled Use</b>	<b>Overlay Size</b>	<b>Field Type</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Braddock Overlay (two softball fields and one baseball field)	Soccer/Football/Lacrosse	120 x 60yds	Youth/ Adult	online
George Mason Overlay (two softball fields)	Soccer	100 x 50 yds	Youth	online
John Adams Overlay (one softball field)	Soccer	100 x 50 yds	Youth	online
Lee Center Overlay (two youth softball fields)	Soccer	40 x 80 yds.	Youth	online
Mt. Vernon Overlay (one youth softball field)	Soccer	<40 x 80 yds.	Youth	online

Polk Upper Overlay (one youth softball field)	Soccer	100 x 50 yds	Youth	online
Stevenson Square Overlay (one youth 60ft.baseball field)	Soccer	100 x 50 yds	Youth	online
Ben Brenman Overlay (one regulation softball field)	Soccer	100 x 50 yds	Youth	online
Boothe Overlay (one regulation softball field)	Soccer/Football	120 x 60yds	Youth/Adult	online
Minnie Howard Overlay* (two regulation softball fields)	Soccer/Field Hockey/Lacrosse	<120 x 60yds	Youth/Adult	*online/renovation summer 2006 or 2007
Four Mile Run #2 Overlay (one regulation softball field)	Soccer	100 x 50 yds	Youth	online
Four Mile Run #3Overlay (one youth softball field)	Soccer	100 x 50 yds	Youth	online
Hensley #1 Overlay* (one regulation softball field)	Soccer	40 x 80 yds.	Youth	*online/renovation 07 to 08/09 ACSF
Hensley #2 Overlay* (one regulation . softball field)	Soccer/Football	40 x 80 yds.	Youth	*online/renovation 07 to 08/09 ACSF
Hensley #3 Overlay* (one regulation softball field)	Soccer/Football	40 x 80 yds.	Youth	*online/renovation 07 to 08/09 ACSF
Patrick Henry lower Overlay (one youth softball field)	Soccer/Lacrosse/Football	40 x 80 yds.	Youth	online
Maury Overlay (one youth softball field)	Soccer	<40 x 80 yds.	Youth	online
Ramsay Overlay (one youth softball field)	Soccer	<40 x 80 yds.	Youth	online
Charles Barrett Overlay (one youth softball field)	Soccer	<40 x 80 yds.	Youth	online

## New Fields - Rectangular

<b>New Field Work Scheduled</b>	<b>Planned Use</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Field type</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Recreation Fields at Witter	Soccer/Football/Lacrosse/Field Hockey	60x120 yds	Youth/Adult	*planned open in fall 2009/10
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New TC Williams Practice Field	Soccer/Football/Lacrosse/Field Hockey	60x120 yds	Youth	*planned open in fall 2009/10
<i>GW field 2 (Potomac Yard)</i>	Soccer/Football/Lacrosse	60x120 yds	Youth/Adult	open fall 2006

## Baseball/Softball Fields Only

<b>Baseball/Softball Fields (No other use permitted)</b>	<b>Scheduled Use</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Simpson Major	Baseball	90'	Youth	online
Simpson Minor	Baseball	60'	Youth	online
Ben Brenman Minor	Baseball	60'	Youth	online
Four Mile Run Major #1	Baseball	90'	Youth/Adult	online
Angel Park Minor	Softball	50'	Youth	online
Luckett Field	Softball	60'	Adult	online
Lyles-Crouch	Baseball	50'	Youth	online

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Recreation Field at Witter	Softball	60'	Youth/Adult	*planned open in fall 2009/10
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