

WALNUT CREEK SOFTBALL COMPLEX

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FUNDING

The Walnut Creek Softball Complex project is funded by the 2014 bond referendum. The total project budget is proposed to be \$5 million.

BACKGROUND

- The 105- acre Walnut Creek Softball Complex (WCSBC) is located at 1201 Sunnybrook Road. The complex was constructed in 1992. Housing nine lighted softball fields capable of accommodating youth fast-pitch to adult men's slow-pitch programs, WCSBC quickly became a destination facility.
- The complex has served two primary roles over the last 20+ years.
 - 1) It is the host venue for the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department Adult Softball programs where 800+ athletes play nightly over two seasons,
 - 2) It is a tournament destination for all varieties of competitive softball generating \$2.5 million annual economic impact. WCSBC has been the host for the NCAA Division III Softball Championships, NCHSAA Softball Championships, PONY Championships, North Carolina State Games and the NCSU, Shaw University and St. Augustine University softball teams.
- This renovation project is intended to upgrade the 9 fields, provide additional user amenities, renovate the operation spaces and the maintenance areas, improve accessibility to all 9 fields and public facilities, and address code compliance. The project will be conducted in 3 phases: conceptual study, design and construction.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

There will be public participation opportunities during the initial conceptual study phase and schematic design phase. The purpose of this effort is to consult with the public including stakeholders throughout the planning, design, and development process to ensure citizens' concerns, aspirations and advice are considered. The process will involve a series of discussions with stakeholders and review meetings with general public.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE

1. Conceptual Study.....6 months
 - Stakeholder meetings
 - Public meetings
 - Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board review
 - City Council review and approval
2. Architectural/Engineering Design...8 months
 - Design
 - Permitting
 - Bidding
3. Construction Phase.....24 +months
 - Facility to be closed from Nov. 2017 to April 2019

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