Possible Cricket Sites in Montgomery County
South Germantown Recreational Park

Presentation Outline

- Need for Cricket
- Cricket 101
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Need for Cricket

What is the Documented Need for Cricket?

- 2012 Parks Recreation Open Space (PROS) Plan documents needs for a variety of facilities
- Estimated need is 4 "Purpose Built" fields by the Year 2022
- Need estimated by what percent of the population currently plays and how often
- Look at future population growth
- Leagues inform us there are 1,000 people who currently play or want to play
- Looking at use at permitted use at the current fields

Need for Cricket

Service Delivery strategy based on:

- Site size and availability
- Overall county-wide geographic parity
- Customer and team location
Customer differentiation just like other sports:

- Youth Players
- Amateur Weekend Adult Players
- Higher Skilled Adult Players
- County - wide Youth Leagues
- County - wide Adult Leagues
- Regional League
**Cricket 101**

**Field Size:**
- Youth: 250 - 300 feet
- Amateur Weekend Adult Players: 300 - 350 feet
- Higher Skilled Adult Players: 350 - 450 feet

Parks has decided that mid-range of high skilled users will be the standard (400ft)

**Pitch Dimensions and Details**
- Officially 66 feet long x 8 feet 8 inches wide
- Parks is lengthening the pitch to reduce wear on the approaches (100 x 10)
- Pitch should oriented North/South due to the sun orientation
Cricket 101

- A Cricket pitch is traditionally rolled clay
- Parks is using Artificial Turf

Wicket
- Piece made up of stumps with detachable bails; the wicket is considered toppled when at least one of the bails falls.

Stump
- The three vertical pieces that make up the wicket; the space between the stumps is smaller than the diameter of the ball.

Bail
- The two horizontal pieces balanced on top of the stumps; they fall over when the ball strikes the wicket.
Cricket 101

Field Positions

Cricket 101

Hard Ball Game Action
Current Service Delivery

Calverton - Galway Local Park
- 1 large field
- .5 small youth field
- Shared with diamond sports

South Germantown Recreational Park
- 1 large field
- Future fields 1 and 2 for Soccerplex
- Losing these fields 2015

Current Service Delivery Locator Map

Calverton - Galway Local Park
**Current Service Delivery**

**Calverton - Galway Local Park**
- Field shared with other sports
**Current Service Delivery**

**Damascus Recreational Park**
- Field shared with other sports
**Current Service Delivery**

**South Germantown Recreational Park**
- Converted Softball Field when existing Softball Field was relocated South of Schaeffer Road
- Soccerplex has lease terms that will require field to be relocated (Phase 3 Soccerplex)
- Field closed June 15th, 2015
- Smaller than ideal size for all skill levels

**Future Service Delivery Strategy**

**New Purpose Built Fields – Options:**
- High End World Class Option
- Basic Option
- Medium Option
Future Service Delivery Strategy

High End World Class Option

The Arizona Cricket Club home ground - Nichols Park Gilbert Arizona (near Phoenix)

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Basic Option

Central Broward Regional Park - Lauderhill, Broward County, Florida
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Medium Option

Newclose Cricket Ground - England

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Medium Option

Climax near Greensboro, North Carolina
**Future Service Delivery Strategy**

Medium Option

*Climax near Greensboro, North Carolina*
Permanent shade structures in a concrete pad with matching white picnic benches.
Future Service Delivery Strategy

Medium Option

Foxfire Field, Haysville, Kansas

Future Service Delivery Strategy

Medium Option

- Bathrooms
Future Service Delivery Strategy

Challenges of Finding a Site

- **Large Site** (2 fields at the same site optimum for planning, design, construction, and maintenance)
- **Flat Site** (or can be made flat)
- **Assumes hard ball game** (400ft field but serves all ages and game types)
- **Undeveloped park land** suitable for active recreation
- **Location** near where players want to play
- **Community acceptance**
**Future Service Delivery Strategy**

**South Germantown Recreational Park**

- 20 acres flat
- Ag lease has expired
- All existing buildings demolished
- Rustic Road Limitations
- Limited traffic
- Big enough for all age groups
- Big enough for both hard and softball game
- Softball game in the morning (3 hours)
- Hardball game in the afternoon (7 hours)
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South Germantown Recreational Park
**Future Service Delivery Strategy**

**South Germantown Recreational Park**

- Parking for 50 cars with 30 overflow
- Bathrooms to be green technology
- Park entrance(s) to use existing driveways
- Existing good condition roadside trees and vegetative buffers to remain
- Add additional trees for buffering as necessary
- No lighting
- Walking paths
- Scheduling allows for few turnovers to reduce traffic volume
- Architectural styling to look as rural as possible
- Modern stormwater management
- Batting cages away from existing homes
- Build one field at a time

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**Next Steps**

**Schedule**

- Site Selection finished July 2015 with recommendation
- Recommendation will be in the form of construction sequencing of 4 fields
- Each field will have a proposed year of Construction
- First field will be designed in 2016
- Final field will begin construction by 2022
Next Steps

Community Questions