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Cricket 101
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

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)
Cricket 101

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

Hard Ball Game Action
Cricket 101

Field Positions

Past service delivery approaches for cricket

- Damascus Recreational Park – shared with soccer (since disbanded)
- Calverton – Galway Local Park - shares with other sports
  - 1 large field – shares with baseball
  - 1 smaller field shares with diamond and rectangular sports
- South Germantown Recreational Park  - converted diamond field - will be lost for Phase 3 Soccerplex Summer 2015
- Strawberry Knolls Local Park – opened April 1, 2015
  - 2 medium size fields - converted from softball
    - Opened April 1, 2015 – already sold out
    - Moving Soccerplex users there
- Spencerville Local Park  - opened June 1, 2015
  - 1 medium size field - converted from softball
  - 1 smaller field – converted from softball
Past service delivery approaches for cricket

Damascus Recreational Park
- Field shared with other sports

Past service delivery approaches for cricket

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Past service delivery approaches for cricket

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

Central Broward Regional Park - Lauderhill, Broward County, Florida
Future Service Delivery Strategy

Basic Option

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

Medium Option

Newclose Cricket Ground - England
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

- Bathrooms

Site Selection Process - criteria

- in a Regional or Recreational Park because of the efficiencies of field and park maintenance and management
- adjacent to already developed parkland to minimize Operating Budget Impact (OBI)
- on relatively flat terrain to minimize grading
- near the field currently being displaced
- have good access to I-270
Sites Evaluated

- South Germantown Recreational Park - could fit 2 fields
- Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park – could fit 1 field
- Boyds Local Park - could fit 2 fields
Proposed Sites - South Germantown Recreational Park

Cricket Field proposed to be relocated from E (existing) to A (proposed relocation)

Figure 2: Proposed Site for Cricket field at South Germantown Recreational Park

Figure 3: Aerial photo of site
Rationale for Selection

- Pros of this site
  - Scores highest in matrix
  - In a Recreational Park which generally has the largest field sizes, regardless of sport
  - Has an existing track record of cricket use at the same park
  - Adjacent to existing developed park
  - Commission owned
  - Easy to grade
  - Environmentally unconstrained
  - Free of historical/cultural considerations
  - Large enough for two fields if needed for future growth

- Cons of this site
  - No specific park master plan language for cricket
  - On the corner of two rustic roads limiting entrance design options;
  - May require enhanced screening and buffering adding to costs
  - Some neighbors feel there are already enough fields with Soccerplex and South Germantown Recreational park
Proposed Sites - 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
- Build only one field at this time
- Cost for estimate for design is $145,000 to be funded by Fiscal Year 16 from the Ballfield Initiatives PDF
- Cost estimate for construction is $2,136,000 as a stand-alone PDF in the early years of the FY 17 – 22 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
Proposed Sites - South Germantown Recreational Park

Proposed Sites - Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park
Location

CRICKET FIELD SITE SELECTION

Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park

Park Acquisition

- 11.98 acres Proposed Parkland
- Additional parkland for park amenities such as a cricket field, basketball/tennis courts, etc.
- Should be included as a site to study for the future Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatics Center.
- The additional parkland could also be considered as a potential site for the...

“...future Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatic Center. If the future center is not located at this site, then the additional parkland should be consider for an upcounty regulation-sized cricket field and supporting infrastructure such as parking and cricket batting cages.”
Proposed Sites - Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park

Rationale for Selection

- Pros of this site
  - Scores second on Site Selection Matrix
  - In a Recreational Park which generally has the largest field sizes, regardless of sport
  - Adjacent to existing developed park
  - Easy access to I 270
  - Easy to grade
  - Environmentally unconstrained
  - Has Park Master Plan language specific to cricket
  - Free of historical/cultural considerations

- Cons of this site
  - MCRD has first priority for the site, if chosen
  - Does not have an existing track record of cricket use at the park
  - Not all the property needed has been acquired
  - Can only fit ONE field which leaves no room for future growth

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- Current Master Plan dates from 1985
- Park recommendations will be informed by the upcoming Master Plan community engagement process
- The depth and extent of Diabase bedrock underlying Boyds Local Park should be assessed prior to developing recommendations for the park.
Proposed Sites - Boyds Local Park

1985 Master Plan Language

Community Facilities
Development of a Local Park

The development of a local park in Boyds is recommended by this Plan. The park will be an 11-acre facility designed to serve approximately 2,000 people in the Lower Seneca Basin Planning Area. The Land Use Plan map shows the proposed location of the park.

- Provision of a public park which would provide a diversity of outdoor recreational facilities.
Proposed Sites - Boyds Local Park

1985 Master Plan Language

Park construction will provide a community-oriented park and encourage implementation of the first stage of the new proposed circulation plan for the community.

Diabase Geology

- Extent and depth of diabase geology is unknown

- Likely to be more difficult and costly to grade and develop because of underlying diabase bedrock

- Soil borings should be conducted before any future facility planning efforts
Proposed Sites - Boyds Local Park

Rationale for Selection

- Pros of this site
  - Local park designated on Master Plan
  - Can fit two fields
  - Parks owned
  - Access from major roads

- Cons of this site
  - Not adjacent to an existing developed park
  - Has no existing infrastructure
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