

WAUKEGAN SPORTSPARK

SITE CONSTRUCTION FACTS

Fun and interesting facts and figures relating to the construction of the Waukegan SportsPark and the materials used.



Cubic yards of earth moved	520,000
Native turf acreage	16.45
Rain gardens and bioswale acreage	1.66
Walkways and pathway (square footage)	157,250
Concrete curbing (in lineal feet)	13,975
Parking spaces	665
Utility structures (manholes, etc.)	135
Electrical conduit (in lineal feet)	63,170
Water main installed (in lineal feet)	6,800

Miles of underground utilities (Sewer, water, gas, electric, phone)	17
Grass seed planted (in tons)	7.5
Irrigation pond capacity (in millions of gallons)	3.45
Stormwater detention (in millions of gallons)	7.95

MORE INFORMATION

The Waukegan Park District announces the opening of Phase 1 of the Waukegan SportsPark in Fall of 2010. Phase I includes four lighted softball/baseball fields, 13 natural turf sports fields suitable for soccer, football, and lacrosse. Phase I also includes one championship synthetic field, which is lighted. The complex is easily accessible from highways 294 and 41 with hotels and tourist destinations nearby. SportsPark amenities include a picnic area, and a playground as well as restrooms, concession facilities, ample parking and field maintenance performed by the Waukegan Park District. The Waukegan SportsPark is available for rent and would be a great place to host tournaments at competitive rates.

If you are interested in scheduling a tournament, receiving additional information or if you have any questions please contact:

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

WHAT

- A large multi-use athletic field complex in Lake County, Illinois.
- A 138 acre facility that is capable of hosting a variety of local, regional and national athletic events, as well as ongoing league competition for both youth and adults.

HOW

- With passage of the referendum in 1997, the Park District committed to build an outdoor sports complex.
- Budget established for Phase I is \$22.5 million, which includes all costs.

WHERE

- Waukegan, Illinois—halfway between Chicago and Milwaukee on the Illinois north shore.
- Located along Green Bay Road (Illinois Route 131) for easy access.

WHY

- To satisfy demand and need for outdoor athletic facilities
- To address current citizen demands for satisfactory athletic fields for Waukegan Park District residents.
- To attract local, regional and national tournament events in Waukegan.

WHEN

- Phase I construction began in April 2009 and is expected to open in Fall of 2010.
- There is no projected date for Phase II development at this time.
- A groundbreaking ceremony was conducted May 1, 2009.

MISSION STATEMENT

- The Waukegan Park District is committed to developing an outstanding sports park, which will provide quality recreational facilities and leisure opportunities for Waukegan residents. The SportsPark will be a destination for residents and visitors.
- It will also provide economic benefits to the community.



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PARK CONCEPT

Waukegan is a diverse community of over 90,000 residents in northeastern Illinois. In Waukegan, there are approximately 350 boys playing youth baseball, 250 girls playing softball, 120 women adult softball players, 600 men softball players, 300 coed softball players, 300 youth football players, and 5,000 (3,900 adults/1,100 youth) soccer players on approximately 275 teams. In an effort to increase the quality and quantity of outdoor sports fields and facilities within the community, the Waukegan Park District is committing itself to the development and operation of an outdoor sports park.

In July, 2008, the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing to unveil plans for development of a 138 acre outdoor community sports complex. The plans illustrate the result of months of input and work of the commissioners, members of affiliated sports organizations, advisory committee members and the general public. Participants were able to review and comment on design elements and site concepts to help the design team better understand what elements would best shape the project and meet their needs.

In the fall of 2008, the park district announced its final development plans for the outdoor sports complex. The project will be developed in two phases. Phase I will include development primarily on the western portion of the site. Phase I includes 14 outdoor sports fields, of which one will be a lighted synthetic turf championship field, four lighted baseball/softball fields, eight restroom buildings, a maintenance building, concession areas, a playground with water spray feature, and parking for 665 cars. The facility is expected to open in the fall of 2010. There is no projected date for Phase II development at this time.



PARK FACTS

- 138 Acres
- 0.86 miles across from east to west
- 13 Natural Turf Soccer Fields
- 1 Championship Synthetic Turf Soccer/Football Field
- 4 Softball Fields
- 2 Concession Facilities
- 8 Restroom Facilities
- 1 On-site Park Maintenance Facility
- 1 Playground/Spray Park



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