

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Request from Seminole Softball Club for Expansion of Softball Fields at Soldier's Creek Park.

DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY & LEISURE SERVICES **DIVISION:** PARKS & RECREATION

AUTHORIZED BY: J. Goldman **CONTACT:** J. Suzy Goldman **EXT.** 7490/92

Agenda Date : <u>09/09/03</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Board direction on request from Seminole Softball Club for expansion of softball fields at Soldier's Creek Park.

BACKGROUND:

The Seminole Softball Club, Inc. operates youth softball programs at Soldier's Creek Park. The County has two (2) agreements with the organization. These are a priority use agreement for the use of two (2) softball fields and a lease agreement for the restroom/concession/meeting building at the site.

Recently the officers of the organization met with staff to discuss the need to expand the number of fields in order to meet the growth of the organization.

According to the data submitted by the Club, from 1999 to 2002 registrations for the fall season have increased 45% for a total of 330 registrants. Soldier's Creek is the primary training site for girl's softball teams in Seminole County. Saturday games during the fall 2002 season required twelve hours from approximately 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The field schedule is completely full. Fields are not available elsewhere for practices and games. Eight (8) to ten (10) year olds are currently practicing in the outfields and warm up areas due to lack of fields.

In order to meet the growing demand, the Club proposes the following:

1. Convert the existing multipurpose soccer field and smaller open field at the park into a softball field and warm-up area.

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CM: <u>JS</u>
File No. <u>BLLP01</u>

2. Convert a baseball field into a softball field.

Staff concurs with the conclusion that without additional softball fields it is inevitable that the Club will have to limit registrations. Options for expanding softball fields at Soldier's Creek Park include both short term and long term scenarios.

Short Term

Staff does not recommend the conversion to softball fields of the multipurpose soccer field or a baseball field. The soccer field is used heavily at the same time of the day and days of the week that softball fields are needed. The Seminole Pony Baseball organization is now affiliated with Little League and expects their registration to grow from current levels of 250 to 500 or more per season.

It is feasible, however, to convert the smaller open field to a warm-up and practice area with two backstops. The Club has agreed to fund the conversion for this purpose with the exception of the cost of the clay. Clay is estimated at \$5,000. Staff has contacted the primary user of this area who has agreed to be relocated elsewhere.

Long Term

In order to provide more softball fields at Soldier's Creek Park, staff recommends the following sequence of events, assuming that funding for development of the trailhead at Soldier's Creek Park will precede funding for the development of Jetta Point.

1. Expand Park

Directly northwest of the current boundary of Soldier's Creek Park there are approximately eight (8) acres of County-owned property. Current plans for this site include:

- Trailhead Parking
- Restroom
- Picnic area with playground equipment
- Ball Fields

In order to add a softball field, staff recommends including one (1) lighted multipurpose soccer field on this site, with conversion of the existing multipurpose soccer field to a softball field.

Public Works will be briefing the Board this fall regarding the trail alignment and the possible development of a trailhead on this site. At the present time, trails funds are budgeted for parking (30 – 40 spaces) and a restroom.

2. Relocate Soccer to Jetta Point

Staff recommends that Jetta Point be developed to focus on soccer as the primary active recreational element at this site. The development of Jetta Point according to this plan would allow for the conversion of the multipurpose soccer field at Soldiers Creek to softball, as well as provide for an increase in lighted multipurpose soccer fields. The concept of soccer as the primary recreational element at Jetta Point was reviewed with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board at their October 9, 2002 meeting.

Prepared For:



Prepared by:



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Winter Springs, FL 32719-6475

June 24, 2003

Mr. Kevin Grace
Seminole County
1101 East First Street
Sanford, FL 32771

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us again. The purpose of this meeting is to get an update concerning the facilities at Seminole Softball Club. Based on our meeting last year we explained that the growth at our club continues to grow at a strong rate. We have included in this package charts and graphs showing how our membership has grown as well as a field usage report. Also included is the financial impact we have on Seminole County business's when holding Tournaments at our fields.

Our sole mission is to implant firmly in the youth of Seminole County the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier and will grow to be good, clean, healthy and trustworthy adults. We are asking Seminole County to help us expand our facilities by adding additional fields and warm up areas. We firmly believe by working together, both Seminole County and Seminole Softball Club will contribute greatly to the community and youth programs in Seminole County.

Again, thank you for the time to review our concerns and we hope to hear from you soon. Should you have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to contact me at 407-619-0267.

Sincerely,

Pete Wilson
President

Growth

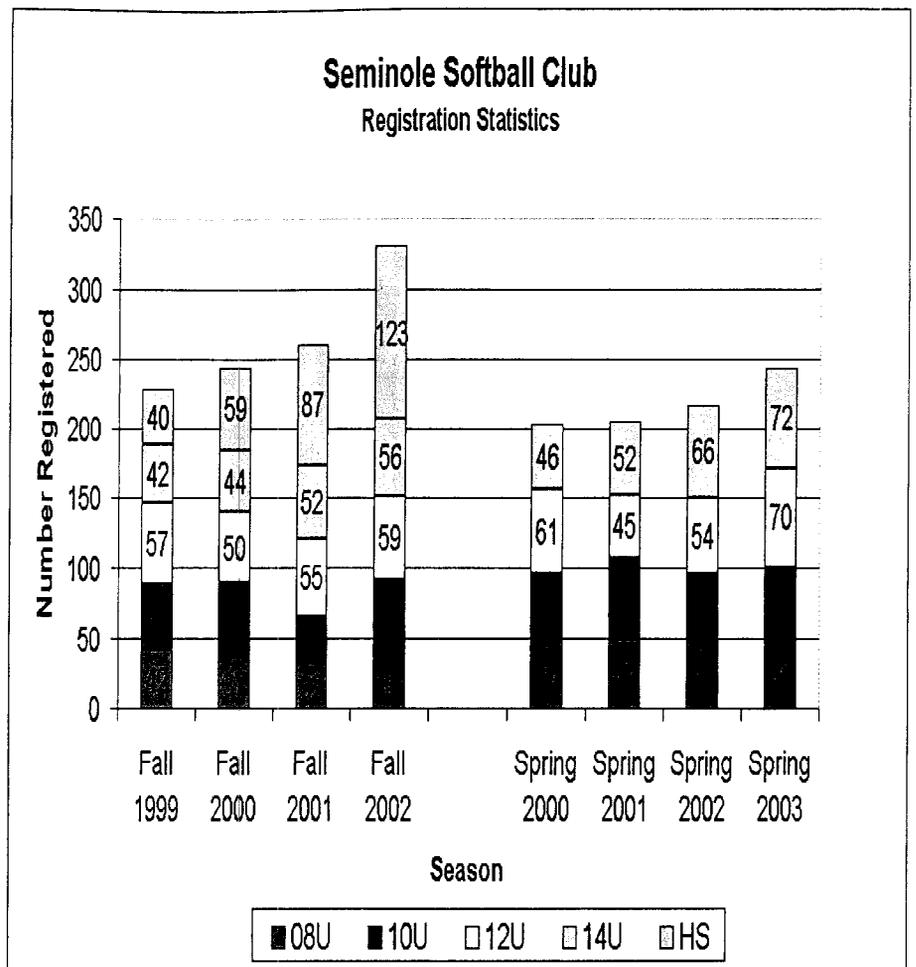


Chart Data

	08U	10U	12U	14U	HS	TOTAL
Fall 1999	42	47	57	42	40	228
Fall 2000	37	53	50	44	59	243
Fall 2001	32	34	55	52	87	260
Fall 2002	35	57	59	56	123	330
Spring 00	50	46	61	46		203
Spring 01	49	59	45	52		205
Spring 02	50	46	54	66		216
Spring 03	45	56	70	72		243

Statistics - Registration / Post registration

Seminole Softball Club

	03S		02F		02S		01F		01S		00F		00S		99F	
	Final	Pre - Reg														
Total # in data base		486	475	482	466	468	476	454	409	406						
# Coaches		28	24	20	20	26	25	28	28	29						
# on Call List / Inactive		N/A	193	N/A	101	N/A	191	N/A	176	N/A						
8U		52	15	36	50	45	32	18	49	37						
10U		81	28	81	46	36	34	30	59	53						
12U		88	37	95	54	47	55	39	45	50						
14U		72	16	80	66	51	52	39	52	44						
HS		165	97	170	129	129	87	41	0	59						
# Registered	243	177	330	221	216	179	260	167	205	243	203	228				
8U	45	37	35	20	50	45	32	18	49	37	50	42				
10U	56	43	57	47	46	36	34	30	59	53	46	47				
12U	70	51	59	49	54	47	55	39	45	50	61	57				
14U	72	46	56	40	66	51	52	39	52	44	46	42				
HS	0	0	123	65	0	0	87	41	0	59	0	40				
# Teams	21	0	28	0	20	0	24	0	19	0	18	0				
8U	4	N/A	4	N/A	5	N/A	4	N/A	5	N/A	5	N/A				
10U	5	N/A	5	N/A	4	N/A	4	N/A	5	N/A	4	N/A				
12U	6	N/A	5	N/A	5	N/A	5	N/A	4	N/A	5	N/A				
14U	6	N/A	5	N/A	6	N/A	5	N/A	5	N/A	4	N/A				
HS	0	N/A	9	N/A	0	N/A	6	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A				

Usage

Currently, Seminole Softball Club's field schedule is completely full. Due to shortage of fields and City run leagues that will not allow us to use their fields, we are forced to schedule all practices and games on our fields. Our eight and ten year olds practice in the outfields or in warm up areas because of lack of fields. Keep in mind Seminole Softball Club draws a significant number of young athletes from every city in the county.

Please see attached schedules:

Fall 2002 Schedule Seminole Softball Club

Team Codes:

8 & Under	Team Code	Manager
Team 1	81	Fickas
Team 2	82	Wilson
Team 3	83	Robinson
Team 4	84	Gase

12 & Under	Team Code	Manager
Team 1	21	Gantt
Team 2	22	Johnson
Team 3	23	Stewart
Team 4	24	Robinson
Team 5	25	Wilson

10 & Under	Team Code	Manager
Team 1	01	Whalen
Team 2	02	Pazienza
Team 3	03	Rivard
Team 4	04	Sparks
Team 5	05	Towe

14 & Under	Team Code	Manager
Team 1	41	Bitzer
Team 2	42	Lasher
Team 3	43	Schneider
Team 4	44	Perkins
Team 5	45	Glover

High School	Team Code	Manager	School
Team 1	H1	Bitzer	LMHS
Team 2	H2	Lasher	Seminole
Team 3	H3	Miller	Oviedo
Team 4	H4	Riday	WSHS 1
Team 5	H5	Ferrel	Lake Howell
Team 6	H6	Robinson	Lyman
Team 7	H7	Griffin	Trinity
Team 8	H8	Scharbarth	WSHS 2
Team 9	H9	Phillips	Lake Brantley

9/14	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	82 vs 83	84 vs 81
10:00 - 11:30	H1 vs H2	05 vs 04
11:45 - 1:15	H3 vs H4	02 vs 01
1:30 - 3:00	H5 vs H6	22 vs 25
3:15 - 4:45	H7 vs H8	24 vs 23
5:00 - 6:30	44 vs 43	23 vs 21
6:45 - 8:15	43 vs 41	42 vs 45

9/21	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	83 vs 81	82 vs 84
10:00 - 11:30	H2 vs H3	02 vs 05
11:45 - 1:15	H4 vs H5	04 vs 03
1:30 - 3:00	H7 vs H6	03 vs 01
3:15 - 4:45	H8 vs H1	25 vs 24
5:00 - 6:30	H9 vs H1	22 vs 21
6:45 - 8:15	42 vs 41	45 vs 44

9/28	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	81 vs 82	84 vs 83
10:00 - 11:30	H8 vs H9	03 vs 02
11:45 - 1:15	H5 vs H7	01 vs 04
1:30 - 3:00	H2 vs H4	25 vs 23
3:15 - 4:45	H3 vs H6	21 vs 25
5:00 - 6:30	45 vs 43	24 vs 22
6:45 - 8:15	41 vs 45	44 vs 42

10/5	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	83 vs 82	81 vs 84
10:00 - 11:30	H9 vs H2	05 vs 03
11:45 - 1:15	H7 vs H9	01 vs 05
1:30 - 3:00	H6 vs H8	04 vs 02
3:15 - 4:45	H1 vs H4	23 vs 22
5:00 - 6:30	H3 vs H5	21 vs 24
6:45 - 8:15	43 vs 42	41 vs 44

10/12	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	81 vs 83	84 vs 82
10:00 - 11:30	H1 vs H7	01 vs 03
11:45 - 1:15	H4 vs H6	04 vs 05
1:30 - 3:00	H2 vs H5	21 vs 22
3:15 - 4:45	H9 vs H3	25 vs 22
5:00 - 6:30	41 vs 42	23 vs 24
6:45 - 8:15	45 vs 42	43 vs 44

No
Games
Oct
19th

10/26	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	83 vs 84	82 vs 81
10:00 - 11:30	H6 vs H9	01 vs 02
11:45 - 1:15	H1 vs H5	05 vs 02
1:30 - 3:00	H4 vs H7	03 vs 04
3:15 - 4:45	H8 vs H2	21 vs 23
5:00 - 6:30	H8 vs H3	24 vs 25
6:45 - 8:15	41 vs 43	44 vs 45

11/2	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	84 vs 81	82 vs 83
10:00 - 11:30	H5 vs H8	02 vs 03
11:45 - 1:15	H1 vs H3	05 vs 01
1:30 - 3:00	H2 vs H6	24 vs 21
3:15 - 4:45	H9 vs H4	22 vs 24
5:00 - 6:30	42 vs 44	23 vs 25
6:45 - 8:15	44 vs 41	43 vs 45

11/9	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	82 vs 84	83 vs 81
10:00 - 11:30	H3 vs H7	04 vs 01
11:45 - 1:15	H7 vs H2	02 vs 04
1:30 - 3:00	H4 vs H8	03 vs 05
3:15 - 4:45	H6 vs H1	22 vs 23
5:00 - 6:30	H5 vs H9	25 vs 21
6:45 - 8:15	42 vs 43	45 vs 41

11/16	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	84 vs 83	81 vs 82
10:00 - 11:30	H7 vs H1	05 vs 04
11:45 - 1:15	H3 vs H8	02 vs 03
1:30 - 3:00	H4 vs H9	23 vs 21
3:15 - 4:45	H6 vs H2	21 vs 25
5:00 - 6:30	41 vs 45	24 vs 22
6:45 - 8:15	43 vs 41	44 vs 42

11/23	Field A	Field B
8:30 - 9:45	83 vs 82	81 vs 84
10:00 - 11:30	H9 vs H5	03 vs 01
11:45 - 1:15	H5 vs H1	01 vs 05
1:30 - 3:00	H8 vs H4	04 vs 02
3:15 - 4:45	H2 vs H7	25 vs 24
5:00 - 6:30	H6 vs H3	22 vs 23
6:45 - 8:15	45 vs 44	42 vs 43

Practice Schedule

Fall 2002

Field "A"

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:00 - 3:00 PM						
3:00 - 5:00 PM						
5:00 - 6:00 PM		Sparks-10U	Stewart-12U	Perkins - 14U	Wilson/Robinson	Rivard - 10U
6:00 - 7:00 PM		Hitting	Stewart-12U	Pitch/Catch	Wilson/Robinson	Rivard - 10U
7:00 - 7:30 PM		Clinic	Schneider-14U	Clinic	Wilson-12U	
7:30 - ? PM		Robinson-12U	Schneider-14U	Glover-14U	Wilson-12U	

Field "B"

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:00 - 3:00 PM						
3:00 - 5:00 PM						
5:00 - 6:00 PM		Ed Riday-HS	Fickas/Gase - 8U	Pazienza-10U	Whalen-10U	Towe - 10U
6:00 - 7:00 PM		Hitting	Fickas/Gase - 8U	Pazienza-10U	Whalen-10U	Towe - 10U
7:00 - 7:30 PM		Clinic	Bitzer-14U	Lasher-14U	Gantt-12U	Johnson-12U
7:30 - ? PM			Bitzer-14U	Lasher-14U	Gantt-12U	Johnson-12U

Practice Schedule

Spring 2003

Field "A"

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday*	Saturday
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Collins	-----	-----	School	-----	-----	Scheduled
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Wilson/Gase 8U			Mander			Games
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Robinson	Schneider	Scheduled	Johnson	Scheduled	Rivard	XXX
7:00 - 9:00 PM		Bitzer	Games	Gantt	Games	Towe	

* Coaches with Friday night practice times are responsible for preparing the fields for Saturday morning play.

Field "B"

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday*	Saturday
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Varnadoe	-----	-----	School	-----	-----	Scheduled
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Wight						Games
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Harrison	Gorman/Robinson	Scheduled	Whalen	Scheduled	Pazienza	XXX
7:00 - 9:00 PM		Lasher	Games	Wilson 12U	Games	Stewart	

* Coaches with Friday night practice times are responsible for preparing the fields for Saturday morning play.

Practice Schedule

Spring 2003

Dates Prior to February 1st

Week of 1/18

Field A

Time	Sat 1/18	Sun 1/19	Mon 1/20	Tues 1/21	Wed 1/22	Thurs 1/23	Fri 1/24
9:00 - 11:00 AM							
11:00 - 1:00 PM	Wilson 8U						
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Bitzer	Wilson 12U					
3:00 - 5:00 PM		Gase 8U	Mander				
5:00 - 7:00 PM		Harrison	Varnadoe	Robinson	Mander	Whalen	Rivard
7:00 - 9:00 PM			Collins	Harrison	Gantt	Bitzer	Towe

Week of 1/19

Field B

Time	Sat 1/18	Sun 1/19	Mon 1/20	Tues 1/21	Wed 1/22	Thurs 1/23	Fri 1/24
9:00 - 11:00 AM							
11:00 - 1:00 PM							
1:00 - 3:00 PM		Gantt					
3:00 - 5:00 PM		Pazienza					
5:00 - 7:00 PM		Varnadoe	Wight	Varnadoe	Johnson	Gorman 8U	Pazienza
7:00 - 9:00 PM			Lasher	Schneider	Lasher	Wilson 12U	Stewart

Week of 1/26

Field A

Time	Sat 1/25	Sun 1/26	Mon 1/27	Tues 1/28	Wed 1/29	Thurs 1/30	Fri 1/31
9:00 - 11:00 AM							
11:00 - 1:00 PM							
1:00 - 3:00 PM		Gase/Wilson 8U					
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Gantt	Wilson 12U					
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Towe	Collins	Stewart	Robinson	Mander	Johnson	Rivard
7:00 - 9:00 PM			Bitzer		Gantt	Bitzer	Harrison

Week of 1/26

Field B

Time	Sat 1/25	Sun 1/26	Mon 1/27	Tues 1/28	Wed 1/29	Thurs 1/30	Fri 1/31
9:00 - 11:00 AM							
11:00 - 1:00 PM							
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Johnson	16U Tryouts					
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Whalen	Pazienza					
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Harrison	Mander	Wight	Gorman/Robinson	Varnadoe	Gorman/Robinson	Pazienza
7:00 - 9:00 PM			Lasher	Schneider	Lasher	Wilson 12U	Stewart

Impact

Seminole Softball Club hosts several Tournaments during a given year. Each year we turn away teams because we do not have ample fields to run a larger tournament. Listed below is the economic impact to Seminole County based on a 1 day Tournament and a 2 day Tournament.

219 hotel rooms were used \$70.00 = \$15,330.00
Local Restaurants served 588 people \$8,820.00
Gas (based on Average of \$20.00) \$4,800.00

Grand Total \$28,950.00

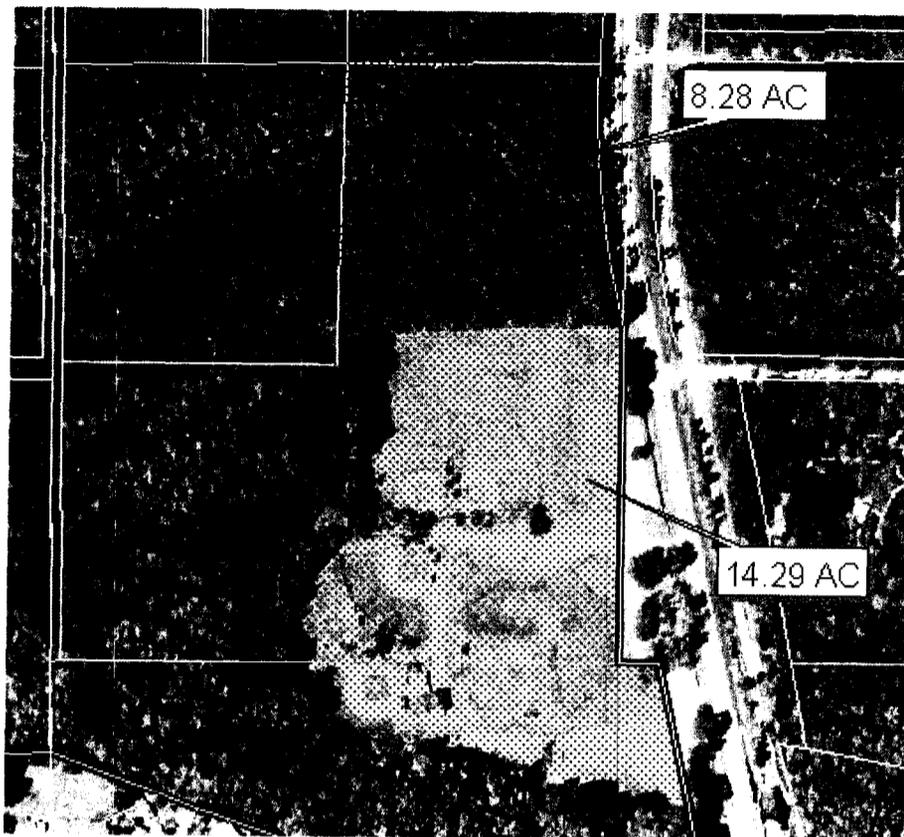
Seminole Softball Club's goal would be to host 4 to 6 tournaments a year with the possibility of hosting State and National Tournaments. As you can see, multiplying the number above can quickly become a large impact to local Seminole County Businesses.

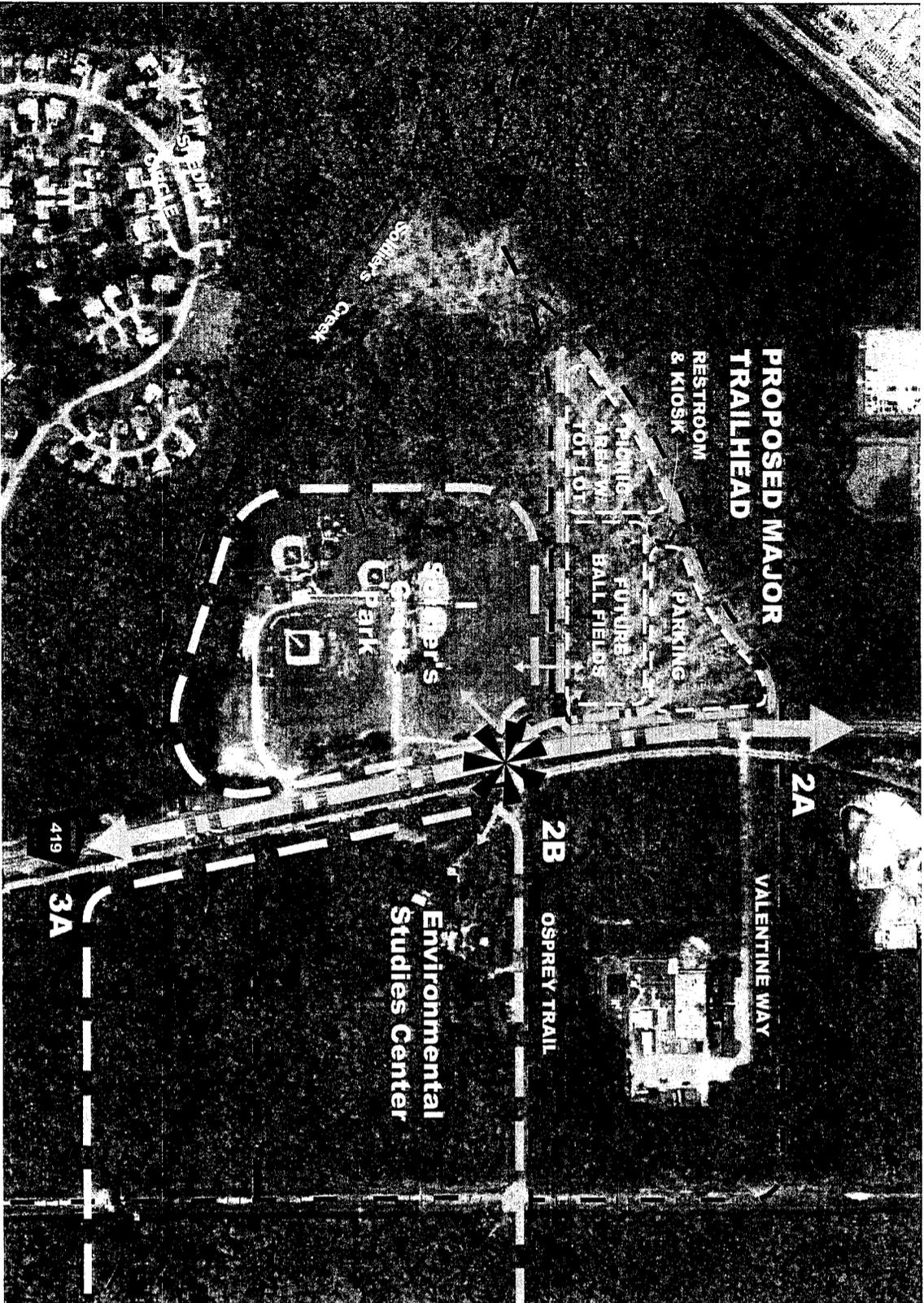
Solution

Seminole Softball Club would like to work in conjunction with Seminole County to expand our facility to meet future needs of our youth. We feel that with the County assistance there are two viable options.

1. Turn the open grass fields to the north and east of the existing fields into softball fields and warm up areas.
2. Take the Pony field directly behind our concession and turn into a softball field. This would make the boys and girls equal with three fields apiece.

Soldier's Creek Park





1 MAJOR TRAILHEAD MASTER PLAN
 L-02 SCALE 1"=300'-0"

LUCIA BEVILA
 FL LICENSE 1881

BORRELLI & ASSOCIATES
 ARCHITECTURE
 INTERIOR DESIGN
 PLANNING
 300 W. NEW ENGLAND AVE., SUITE 300
 WINTER PARK, FL 32789 407-978-0888
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 MAJOR TRAILHEAD MASTER PLAN

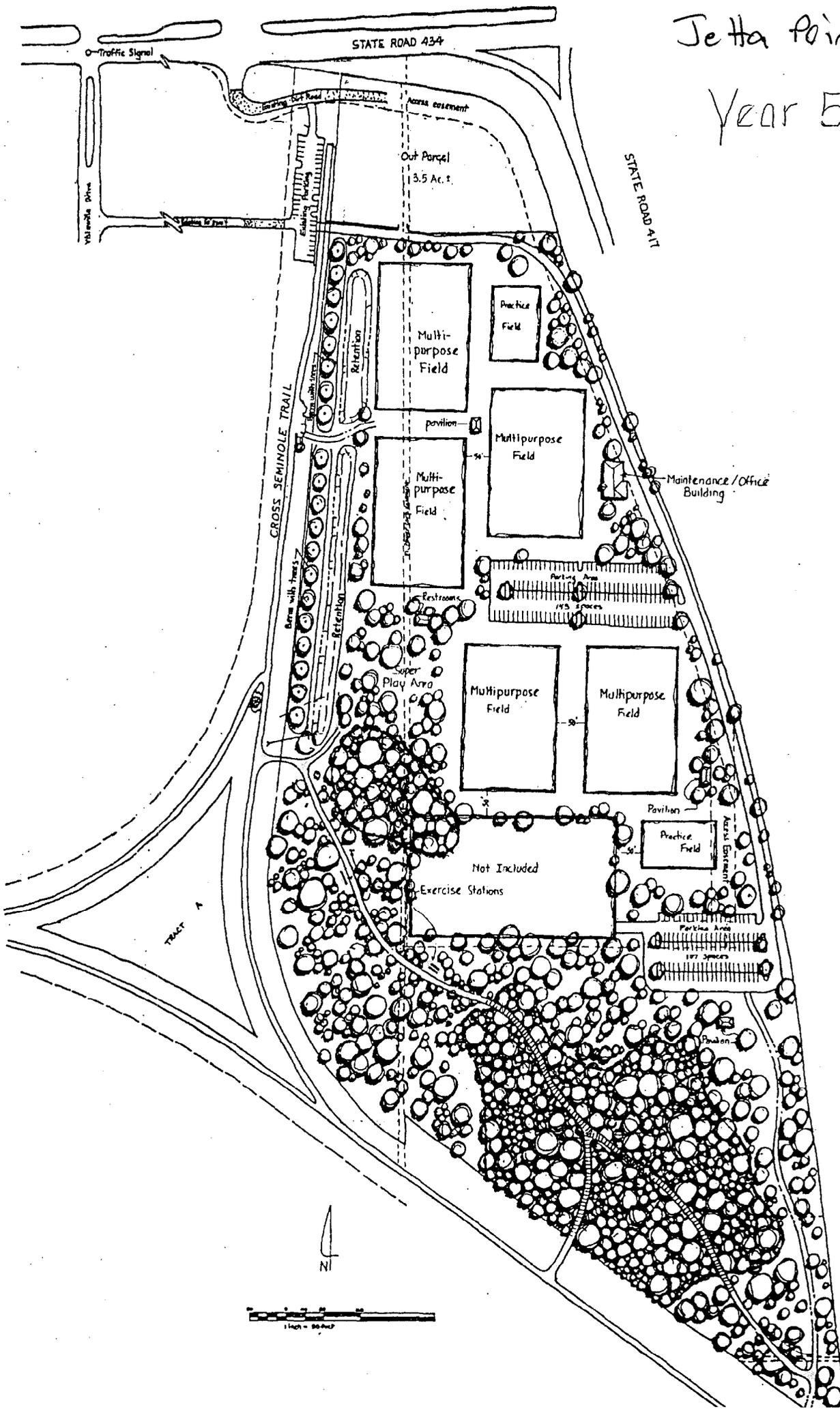
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 SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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 DATE: 7-10-03
 DRAWN BY: LS
 CHECKED BY: LSMAB

SHEET NO.: L-02

Jetta Point

Year 5



JETTA POINT 5 YEAR PLAN

Year 1

Master Plan Design, Engineering & Permitting *	\$100,000
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Year 2

Site Work/Bahia Grass	\$100,000
Demolition	\$50,000
Soil removal/Compaction	\$500,000

Year 3

(3) multipurpose fields with lights Restroom 150 parking spaces (limited paving) (1) softball field @ Soldiers Creek	\$600,000
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Year 4

Super Play Area Renovation/removal of existing buildings (2) multipurpose fields with lights 100 parking spaces (limited paving)	\$400,000
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Year 5

Landscaping Boardwalk Exercise Stations Pavilions	\$400,000
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Project Total	\$2,150,000
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*Permit valid for 5 years