



THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Part of the Department's mission to increase the viability of Allegheny County includes improving and developing recreational sites such as tot lots, playgrounds, and sports fields. One area the County has been lacking in is the ability to play nontraditional sports such as, rugby and lacrosse, due to the lack of available sites. The County along with the Sports & Legacy Foundation, and many other funding groups are in the process of changing that with the development of the Sports & Athletic Complex at Montour Junction.

The Sports & Athletic Complex is comprised of a 78 acre parcel of land donated by the Sports & Legacy Foundation to the County. The property is situated in Coraopolis Borough, Moon Township, and Robinson Township. The site was originally used as a maintenance and storage yard for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad and is currently deemed a Brownfield site. A team of engineers recently completed an environmental study of the site and the County received approval to begin construction by the Department of Environmental Protection. A transportation study is currently underway and will provide the needed information to address traffic issues, including pinpointing the exact location for an entrance to the site.

The project will include the development of nontraditional sports fields for amateur sporting activi-

ties. The sporting uses could include soccer, rugby, lacrosse, field hockey, Gaelic football, cricket and ultimate Frisbee. A minimum of 10 artificial turf and natural grass fields will be constructed on the site, along with restroom and locker facilities, parking areas and walkways. Fields will be constructed to accommodate more than one sporting use per field, and will include markings to create smaller fields for younger children.

A one-mile extension of the Montour Trail will also be constructed on the site. The planned location of the trail will be along the Montour Run Stream and will end with a new trailhead at the Coraopolis Bridge. The trail will be built on-site to match the existing specifications, providing continuity for bicyclists, runners and walkers. Development of the site will also enhance the usage of Montour Run Stream – a popular fishing stream – bisecting the property.

The proposed development will change the site from being an eyesore to a top-notch recreational facility for neighboring communities. It will provide multi-field access to school-aged children and will help to develop healthy habits amongst children.

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