

**225 ACRE
REGIONAL
SPORTSPLEX
&
SPECIAL NEEDS
PARK**



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REGIONAL SPORTSPLEX AND SPECIAL NEEDS PARK

THE NEED

Soccer-

San Antonio, with 55 public soccer fields in 23 different locations, currently ranks fourth behind Austin (with 227), Dallas (with 310) and Houston (with 358) in the total number of soccer fields available for public use. This is in spite of the fact that there are over 12,000 youth players registered in our city, plus another 6,000 in YMCA soccer programs. To make matters worse, as other Texas cities are building facilities and adding fields, San Antonio is losing fields!

Special Needs-

A component of the park will be a "first of its kind" 5 acre special needs park specifically dedicated to serving children with physical and mental disabilities. The special needs park will consist of swings, games and pathways specially designed and built for those children suffering from mental and physical handicaps. This unique component of the park will allow approximately 24,864* children between the ages of 5 and 20 an equal opportunity to enjoy outdoor recreation. In addition, the entire park (Phase I) will have wheelchair and walk pathways that will be built to serve the approximately 127,682* Bexar County residents who are afflicted with one or more physical handicaps. (*2005 American Community Survey-Children and Adults in Bexar County w/Mental and Physical disabilities)

THE PLAN

The plan calls for the creation of a 225 acre Regional Sportsplex and Special Needs Park to be managed and operated by a yet to be named non-profit organization. The new park (Phase I) will consist of a 5 acre Special Needs Park, 21 soccer fields (2 of the soccer fields will include hillside seating that will enable up to 4,000 spectators to attend), a 15,000 square foot Community Center, and a park setting of picnic tables and BBQ facilities around a 6 acre lake.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR/PUBLIC SECTOR PARTICIPATION

The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation will donate the 225 acres of land once all funding has been secured for the building of the planned improvements.

THE LOCATION

The 225 acres is located in the Longhorn Quarry. The proposed location is within the northern area of District 10 classified as underserved in park area and facilities by City Staff.
(Page 53, Park Bond Committee Presentation, Monday, March 18, 2006)

THE TIMELINE

Secure required public funding	May	2007
Completion of 180 day land purchase feasibility	June	2007
Begin Park Improvements (Phase I)	November	2007
Complete Park Improvements (Phase I)	June	2008

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SITE CONCEPT

January 2007
 Concept Design Phase

**San Antonio
 Regional
 Sportsplex
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 Needs Park**

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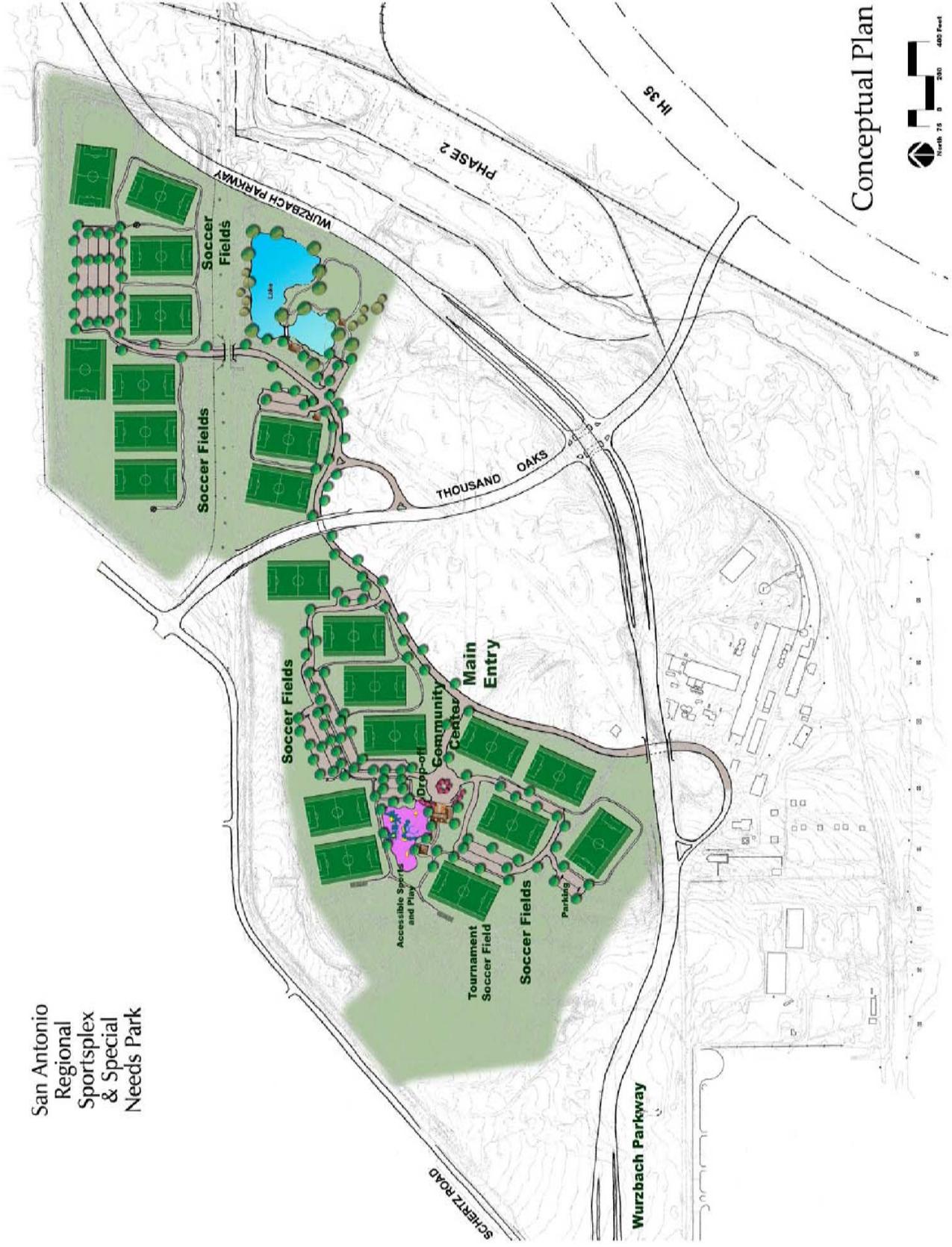
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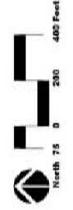
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CONCEPTUAL
 SITE PLAN
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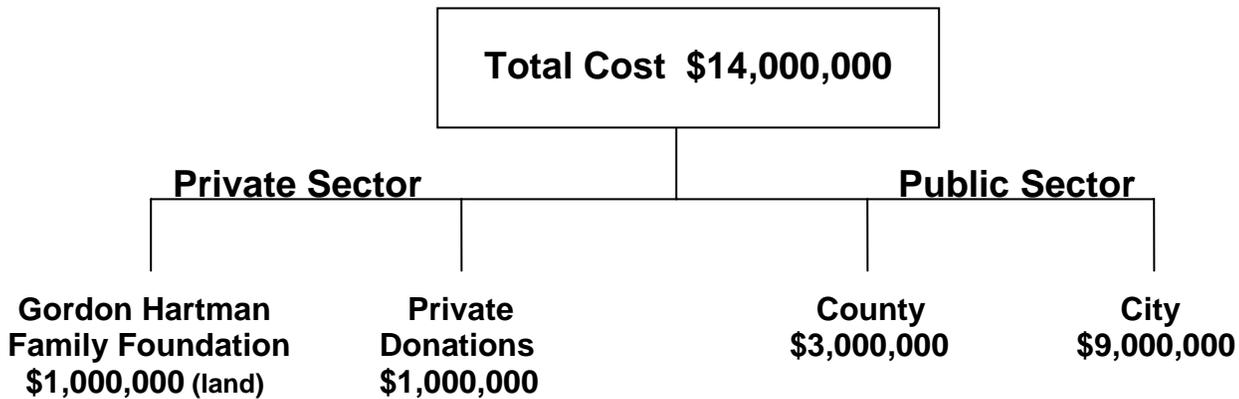
**Conceptual
 Site Plan**



Conceptual Plan

The Budget

Land (Phase I & II)	\$1,000,000
9 Soccer Fields (no lights)	500,000
12 Soccer Fields (with lights)	1,700,000
11,000 linear feet x 8' walking/wheelchair path	500,000
Special Needs Park Equipment	600,000
Picnic Units (30)	80,000
Restroom Enclosures (5)	100,000
Pavilions (4)	120,000
Concession Stands (3)	175,000
Parking & Drives	1,225,000
15,000 sq. ft. Comm. Ctr./Operations/Concessions	1,500,000
Perimeter Fencing	200,000
Sitework	3,250,000
Monument Tower @ Entry	200,000
Landscaping (all areas)	600,000
8" Waterline & Fire Hydrants	300,000
Sanitary Sewer¹	100,000
Irrigation Loop²	450,000
Recycled Water Plant³	1,000,000
Soft Costs⁴	300,000
Impact Fees/CPS	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL	\$14,000,000



¹ All sewers will be onsite septic

² From recycled water plant and loop around park

³ Will provide 144 acre-ft year (260,000 gallons/day)

⁴ Landscape Design, Civil Engineering, Architectural Fees, Drainage & Geologic Studies

How would the newly developed Regional Sportsplex and Special Needs Park compare to other parks in San Antonio?*

1. McAllister Park 450 Developed Acres

1. Olmos Basin 450 Developed Acres

2. Brackenridge Park 350 Developed Acres

3. Voelker Property 314 Developed Acres
Land Cost: \$46,000,000

4. Southside Lions 275 Developed Acres

5. Regional Sportsplex 225 Developed Acres
Land Cost: \$0

*Per COSA park inventory list dated May 5, 2006

 = Proposed

Children's Health Impact

Building quality recreational facilities for the children of San Antonio is not simply an issue of aesthetics. Research conducted at the UT Health Science Center and The Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research found that the prevalence of overweight children in our city is higher than national averages, even more so for Mexican American and African American children. These differences start showing up as early as age 5. A study published in the American Journal of Public Health in 2004 found that almost a quarter of Texas fourth graders were overweight, and the number of children was even higher for Hispanic boys and African American girls (almost one third). Obesity in childhood leads to diabetes and heart disease, illnesses that increase health costs and decrease overall quality of life.

Tourism Impact

The terrific tourism infrastructure of San Antonio and our wonderful weather would make us a prime destination for major soccer tournaments if we had adequate facilities. The interest in youth soccer is growing all over the U.S. Youth soccer in San Antonio attracts nearly 20,000 children aged 5-18 at various levels of play at clubs like Classics Elite to fun leagues with the YMCA and CYO. With adequate facilities, youth soccer tournaments can attract significant tourism dollars. Tournaments like the Dallas Cup or San Diego's Surf Cup attract hundreds of teams and their families and generate more than \$20 million in tourism each year. A recent regional championship tournament in Pflugerville contributed \$10 million to the Austin economy.