

State College Area School District
Athletic Facilities Inventory and Assessment 2025

INTRODUCTION

ELA staff performed inventory and visual site assessments of the State College Area School District's (Outdoor) Athletic Facilities in Spring/Summer 2025. The purpose of this inventory and assessment is to identify any current deficiencies and inequities of venues across the District, potential future improvements and provide information to include in the District's 10 Year Capital Improvement Budget. This inventory and assessment is not a full analysis of venue capacities for the various sports.

ELA's work entailed: review of reports and data provided by the Athletic Department, on site observation and broad documentation of the current conditions, preparation of schematic improvement options on the High School Campus and "Community Field", and development of opinions of probable cost for a rough order of magnitude. (Note: Opinions of Probable Cost do not include "Soft Costs" for design fees, regulatory agency approvals and permit fees.)

The information provided herein is not intended to be representative of potential actual costs for improvements or enhancements of the District's Outdoor Athletic Facilities. Each sport will have different capacity and user needs and each facility will have different site constraints and opportunities and many other factors that influence a final improvement or enhancement strategy for implementation.

Key Observations

- The Varsity Baseball field appears to be the biggest need for improvement of all athletic venues. The jumping and throwing events facilities at the south track are in need of improvement in the short term.
- Provisions and contingency plan should be considered for the temporary loss of fields and tennis courts with the Park Forest Middle School project and the temporary loss of fields with Mt. Nittany Elementary School construction.
- Future disposition of the existing Park Forest Middle School may have an impact on opportunities for athletic venues.
- The District has limited available open land areas for development of athletic venues. The District purchased an approximate four-acre, wooded parcel that is adjoining to the Mount Nittany MS/ES property.

- Tennis Courts at “Community Field” do not have ADA compliant access. Pavement, drainage and retaining wall conditions are at end of service life, warranting full reconstruction.
- Any proposed improvements on “Community Field” area of the High School campus will need to take into consideration any potential revisions/amendments to the “Conditional Use Permit for Reducing Parking at the State College Area School District High School Campus”.
- Tennis Courts on the South Campus, have court slope that is not in accordance with accepted practices.

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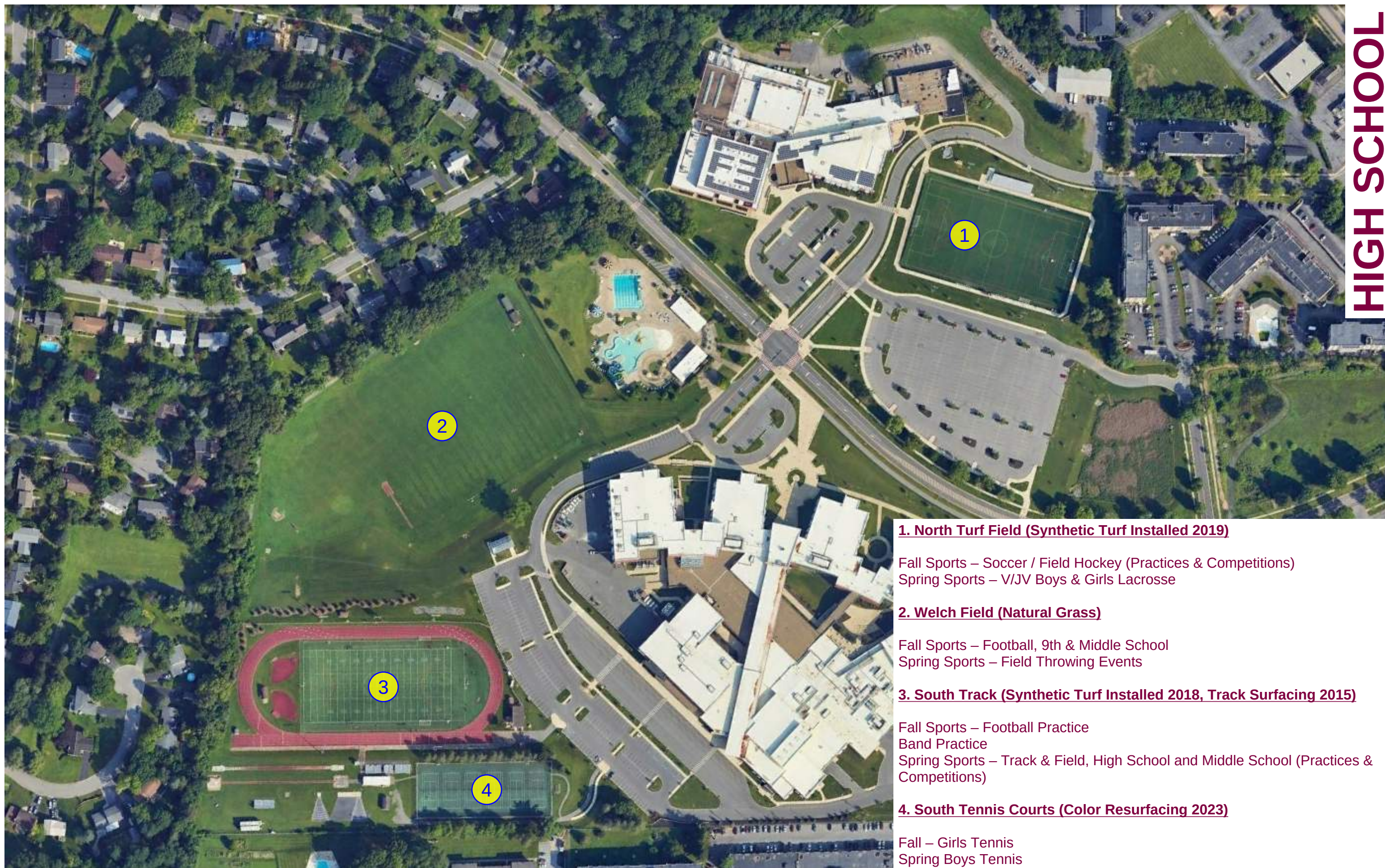
Existing Facilities and Uses Inventory



1. Memorial Field (Synthetic Turf Installed 2023)

Fall Sports – Football Competition, Varsity (Friday Evenings), MS & JV (Day),
Field Hockey (Practice & Competition)
Spring Sports – MS Field Hockey

MEMORIAL FIELD



1. North Turf Field (Synthetic Turf Installed 2019)

Fall Sports – Soccer / Field Hockey (Practices & Competitions)
Spring Sports – V/JV Boys & Girls Lacrosse

2. Welch Field (Natural Grass)

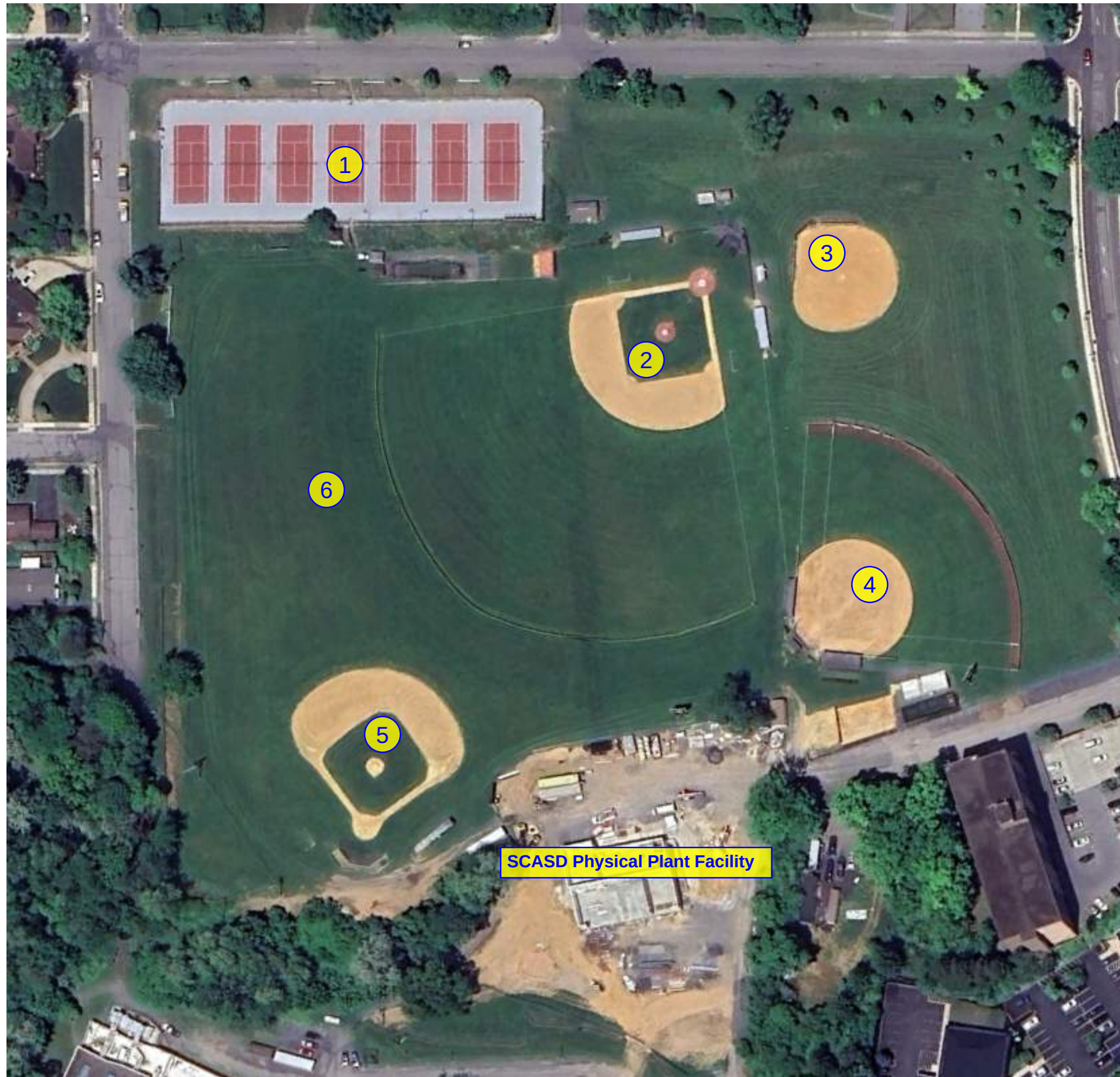
Fall Sports – Football, 9th & Middle School
Spring Sports – Field Throwing Events

3. South Track (Synthetic Turf Installed 2018, Track Surfacing 2015)

Fall Sports – Football Practice
Band Practice
Spring Sports – Track & Field, High School and Middle School (Practices & Competitions)

4. South Tennis Courts (Color Resurfacing 2023)

Fall – Girls Tennis
Spring Boys Tennis



1. Tennis Center (Color Resurfacing 2023)

Fall Sports – Girls Tennis (Practices & Competitions)
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2. Baseball Competition Field (Natural Grass and Infield Mix)

Spring Sports – V/JV Baseball (with Temporary Outfield Fencing)
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4. Softball Competition Field (Natural Grass and Infield Mix)

Spring Sports - V/JV Softball

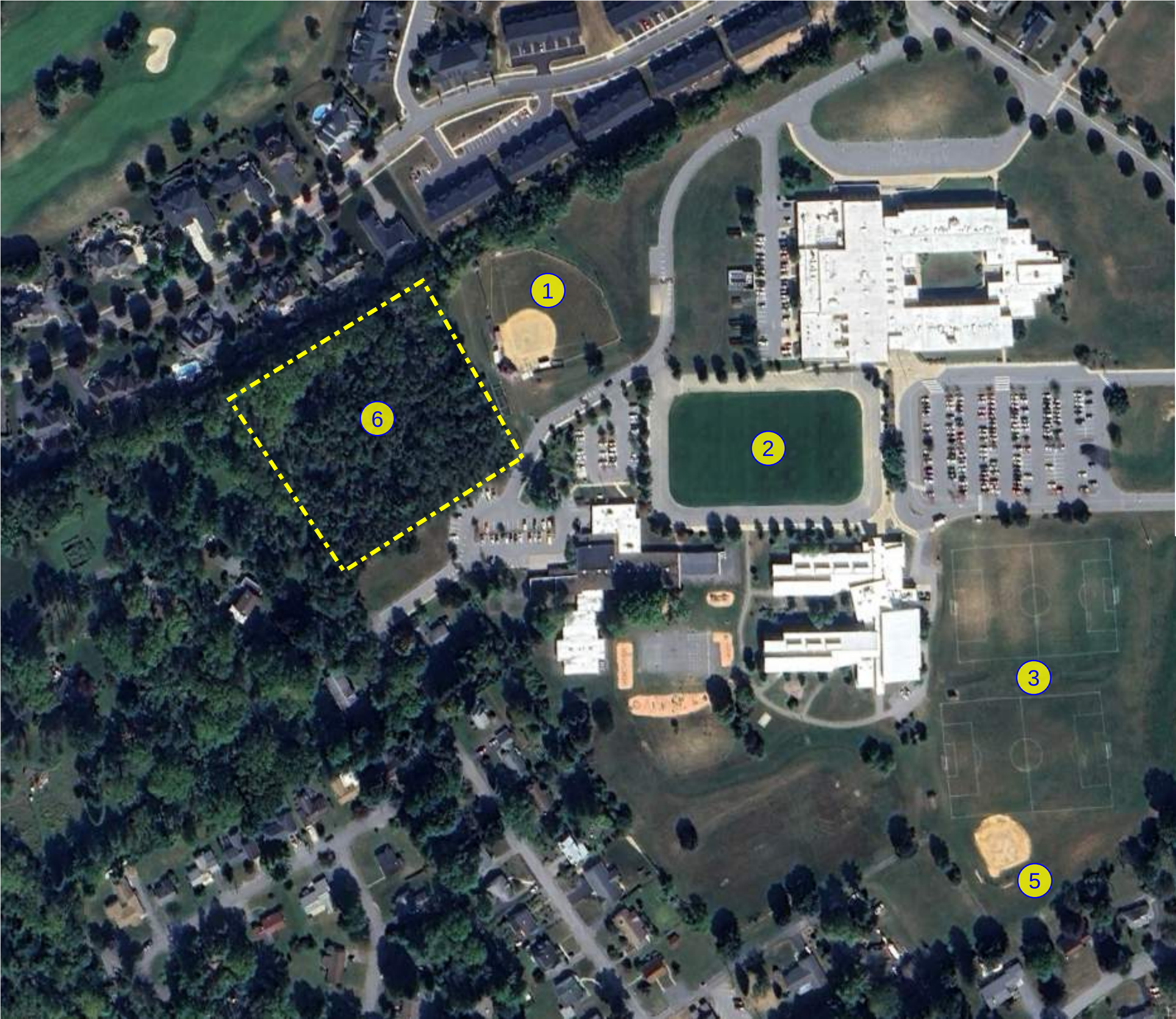
5. Baseball Practice Field (Natural Grass and Infield Mix)

Spring Sports – V/JV Baseball

6. Soccer Practice Field (with Temp Baseball Fencing Removed)

Fall Sports - Soccer Practices

COMMUNITY FIELD



1. "Sichler Field"

Leased with State College Little League

2. "Loop" Field (Natural Grass - renovated 2024)

Spring Sports –TBD
Fall Sports -TBD

3. Middle School Soccer Fields (Natural Grass)**

Fall Sports - Boys and Girls Soccer (Practices & Competitions)

4. Softball Field (Natural Grass and Infield Mix)

Spring Sports - Middle School Softball (both MN and PF)

5. Softball Field (Natural Grass and Infield Mix)**

Spring Sports - Middle School Softball (both MN and PF)

6. SCASD Property (approximately 4 acres)

TBD

** Fields impacted by MNES Additions and Renovations Project.



MT. NITTANY MS/ES



1. Softball and Soccer Field (Natural Grass)

Not Used for SCASD Athletics due to condition.

Impacted by new PFMS construction. Field proposed in SWM basin with new PFMS (possibly on line for '29/'30 year, including grow in time)

2. Soccer Field (Natural Grass)

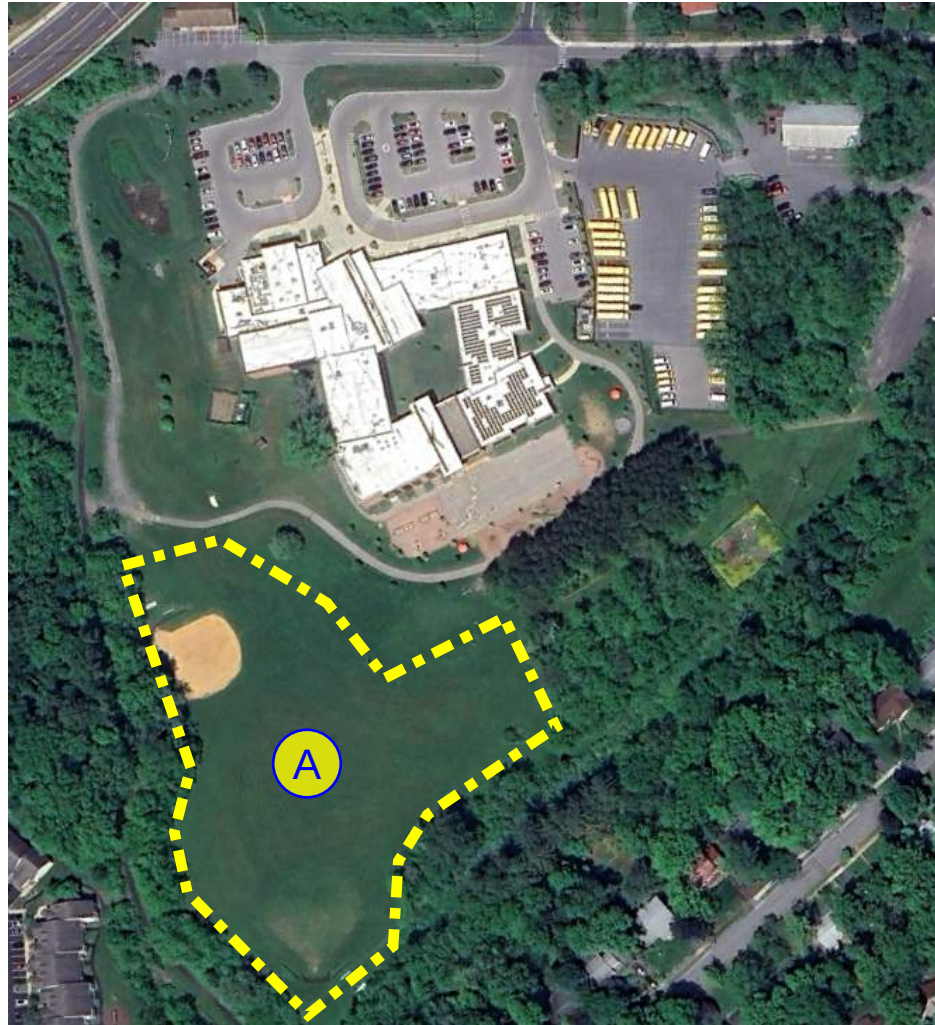
Impacted by new PFMS construction. Field proposed with new PFMS (possibly on line for '29/'30 year, including grow in time)

3. Tennis Courts (6)

Impacted by new PFMS construction. Four (4) courts proposed with new PFMS (possibly on line for '28/'29 year)

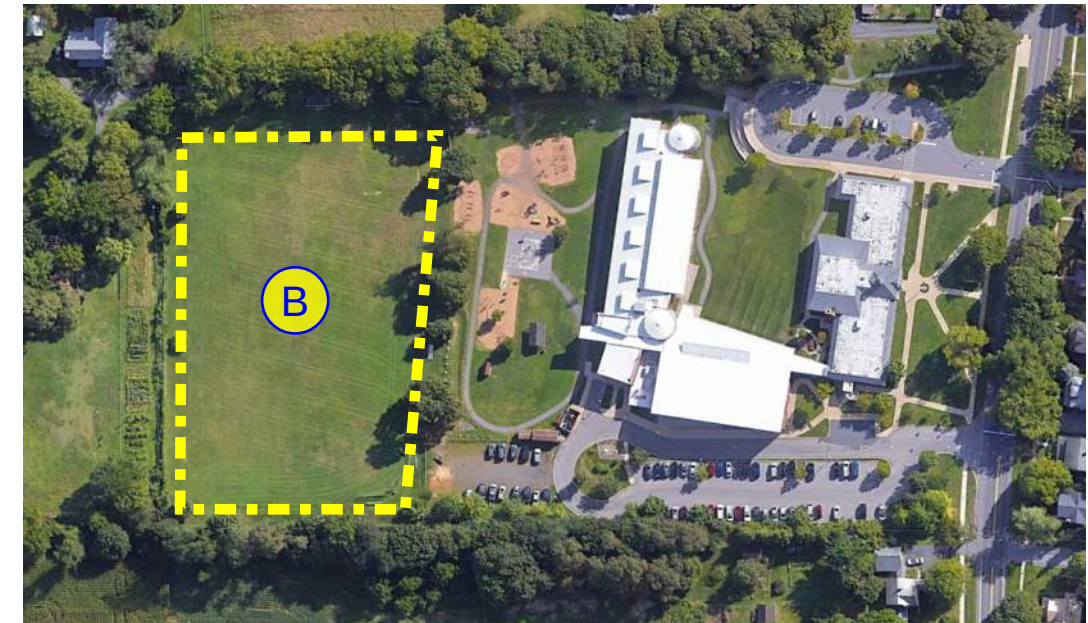
4. Cross-Country Course

Impacted by new PFMS construction



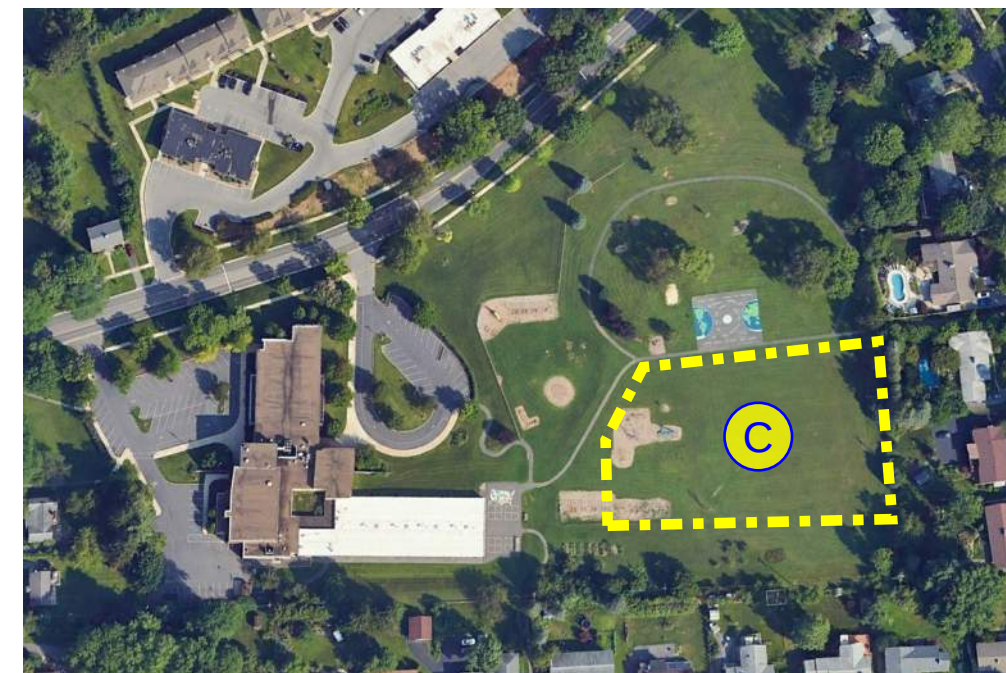
RADIO PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approximately 3 plus acres of open area. Currently has two backstops and one skinned infield - in floodplain. Could support limited field level renovations



FERGUSON TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

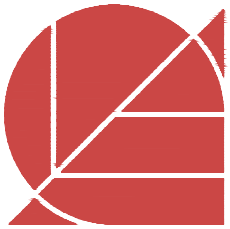
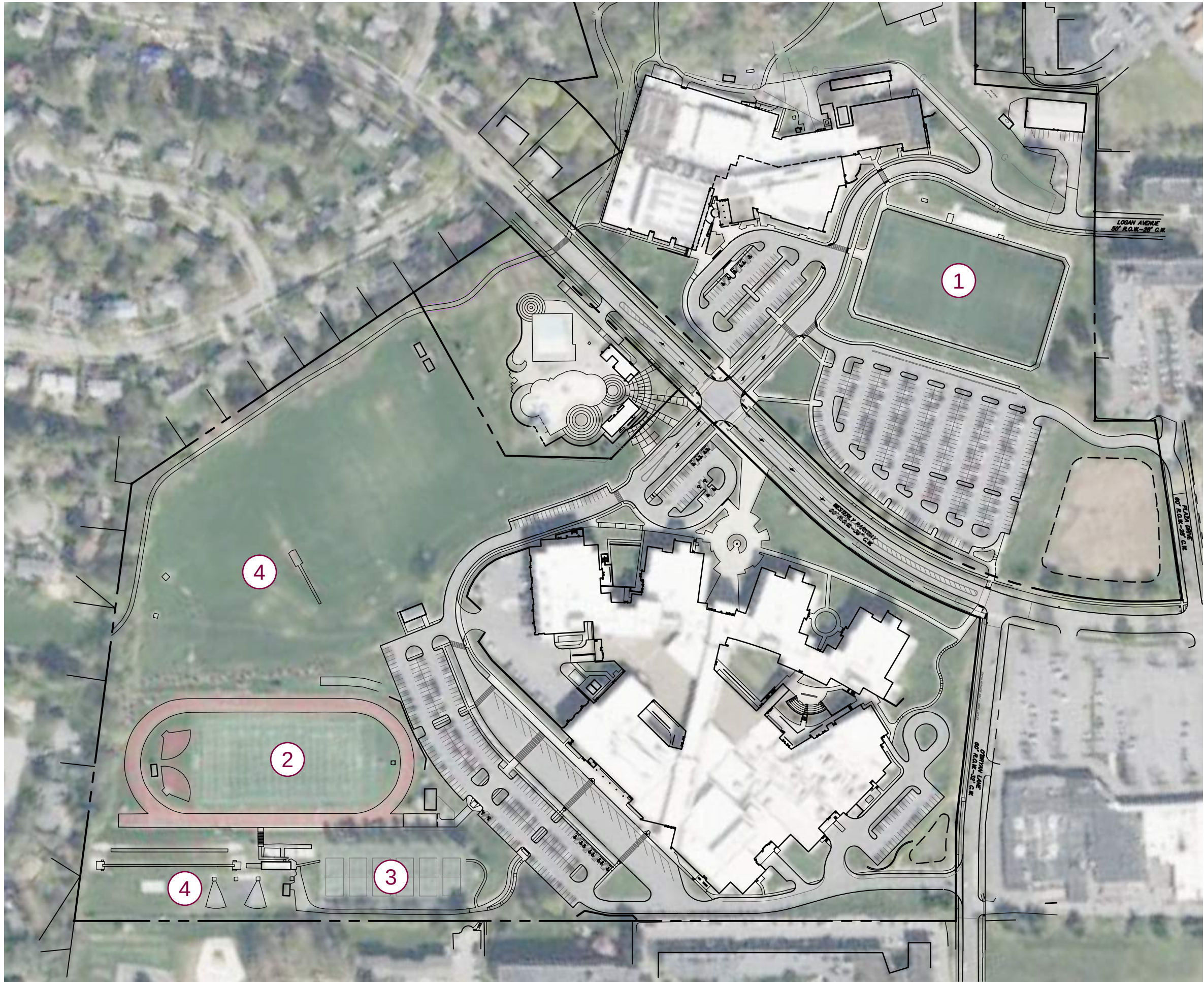
Approximately 2.5 acres of open area (within a storm water management easement). Possible Softball/Little League Field and/or (165'x330') rectangular field.



EASTERLY PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approximately 1.5 acres of open area
Possible Softball/Little League Field and/or small (165'x300') rectangular field

Potential Improvement Options



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1. North Turf Field

Synthetic Turf Replacement (2029 - 2031)
Lacrosse Wall
A/V Upgrades
Pavilion

2. South Track and Turf Field

Synthetic Turf Replacement (2028 - 2030)
Track Resurfacing (w/ Turf Replacement)
Access and Spectator Improvements

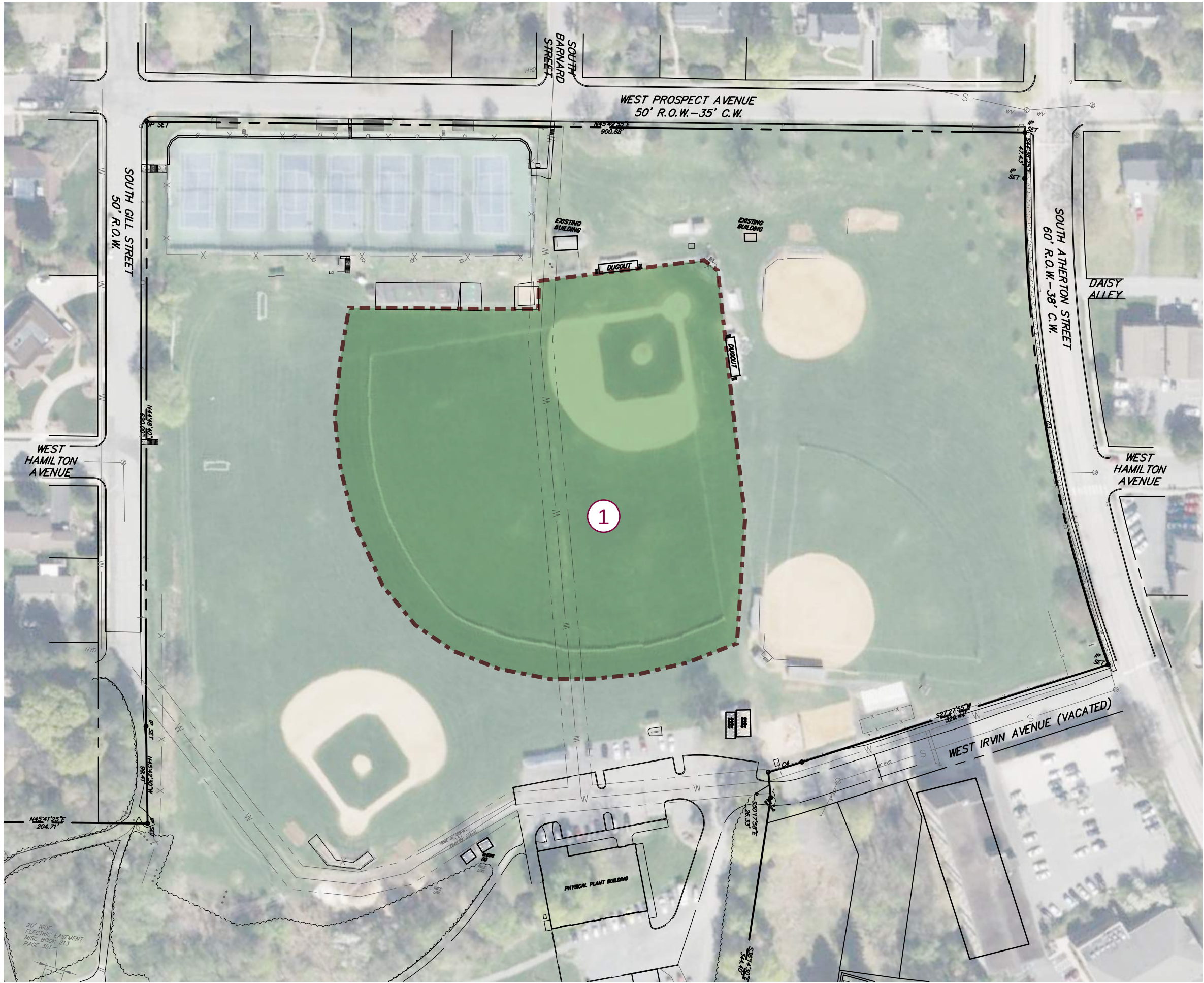
3. Tennis Courts

Complete Reconstruction of Courts and
Perimeter Fencing

4. Field Events

Reconstruction of Jumping Facilities
Equipment Storage Additions

HIGH SCHOOL



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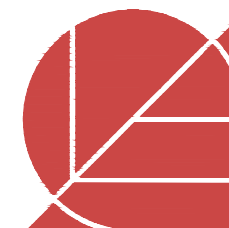
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1. Baseball Playability Improvements

- Regrade Field to Improve Planarity
- Place Sod over all Graded Areas
- Rebuild Infield

COMMUNITY FIELD (Option 1)



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1. Baseball Field Improvements

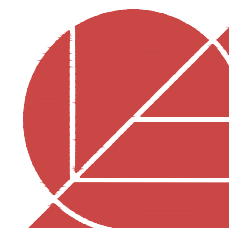
Full Synthetic Turf Infield
Regrade Outfield to Improve Planarity
Place Sod over all Graded Areas

2. Softball Field Improvements

Full Synthetic Turf Infield
Sod Transition Area



COMMUNITY FIELD (Option 2)



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1. Baseball & Softball Complex

Full Synthetic Turf
Practice Infields
Bullpens and Batting Tunnels
Pressbox
Spectator Areas
Fieldhouse ($\pm 5,000$ SF) with Restrooms
Perimeter Fencing

2. Tennis Center

Complete Reconstruction - Reduced to 5 Courts
ADA Access from South Gill Street

3. Off-Street Parking Facility (A)

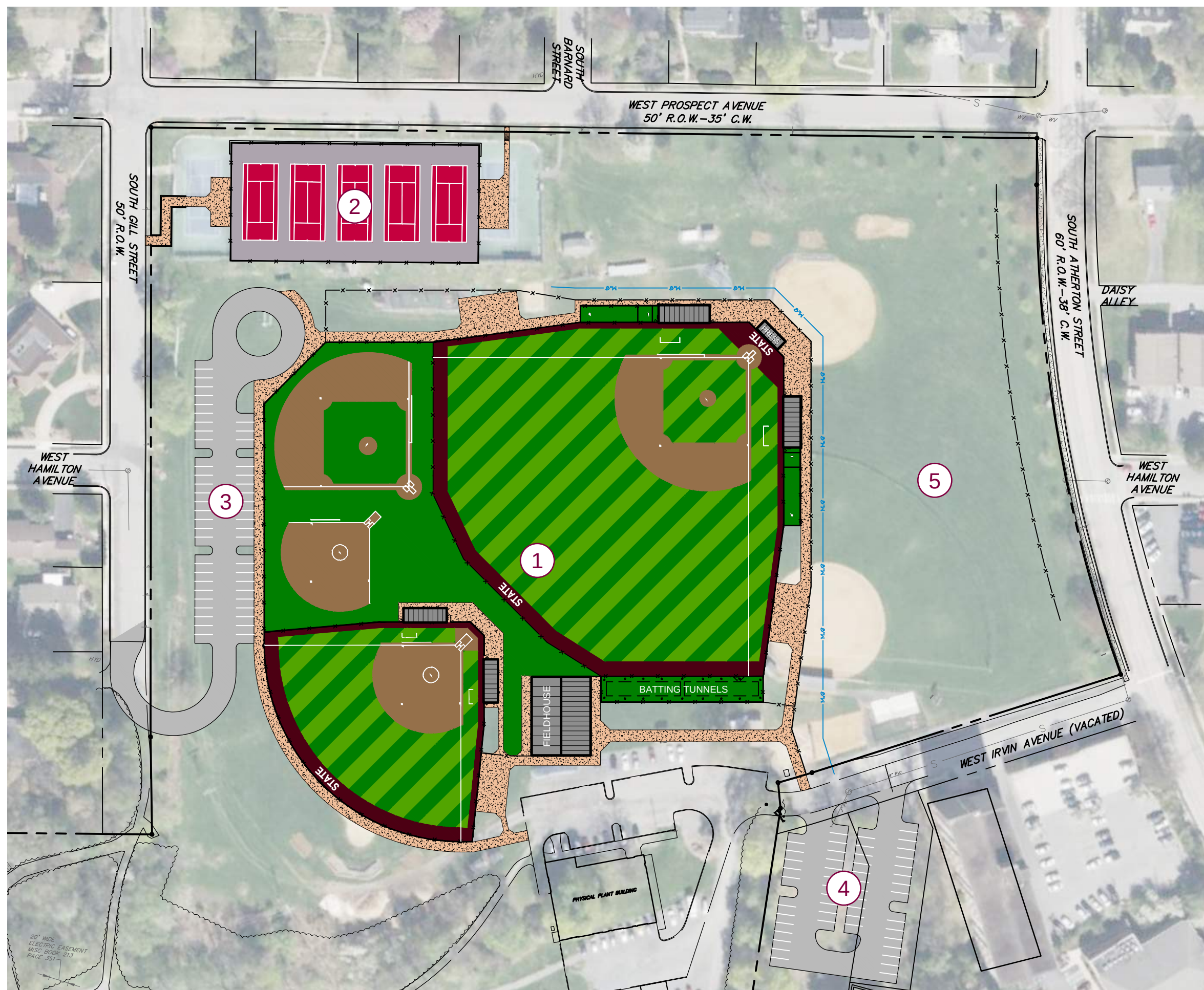
50 Minimum Spaces (including ADA)
Drop-off and Turnaround

4. Off-Street Parking Facility (B)

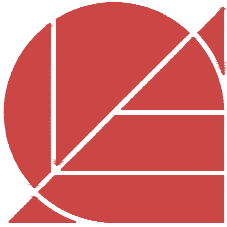
50 Minimum Spaces (including ADA)
Separate Storm Water Management

5. Open Lawn Space (> 4 Acres)

Softball Improvements Removed
Restored to Lawn Condition
Water Line Relocation
Extended Fence Line along Atherton St,



COMMUNITY FIELD (Option 3)



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1. Four (4) Courts

Preferred N/S Orientation
Tight Fit with Bus Area & Access Drive
Active Vehicular Area
Lights may be Issue with Location

2. Four (4) Courts - Stacked

Preferred N/S Orientation
Lights may be Issue with Location

3. Five (5) Courts

Near Preferred N/S Orientation
Tree Removal Required
More Storm Water Impact with Tree Removal
"Secluded", Not in close proximity to Schools
Leaf Litter - more maintenance
Lights would be buffered from Neighboring Properties



Location from Original MNMS Site Plan

Very tight with Access Drive and Cooling Tower
Wayward balls into potential vehicle traffic

MT. NITTANY MS/ES (Tennis)

Rough Order of Magnitude Cost Opinions



State College Area School District - Athletics Capital Improvements

Memorial Field

DRAFT Rough Order of Magnitude Costs

ELA Project No: SC148-039

Date: July 2025

Item No.	Description/Item	Estimated Quantity		Low	High
1	Synthetic Turf Replacement	84,000	SF	\$590,000	\$675,000

Options



State College Area School District - Athletics Capital Improvements

High School Campus

DRAFT Rough Order of Magnitude Costs

ELA Project No: SC148-039

Date: July 2025

Item No.	Description/Item	Estimated Quantity		Low	High
1	NORTH TURF FIELD				
A	Synthetic Turf Replacement	87,600	SF	\$610,000	\$700,000
B	Lacrosse Wall	1	LS	\$35,000	\$50,000
C	A/V Upgrades	1	LS	\$50,000	\$75,000
D	Pavilion	1	LS	\$75,000	\$100,000
2	SOUTH TRACK and TURF FIELD				
A	Synthetic Turf Replacement	102,000	SF	\$715,000	\$820,000
B	Track Resurfacing (no pavement rehab)	49,000	SF	\$320,000	\$370,000
C	Access and Spectator Improvements	1	LS	\$250,000	\$350,000
3	TENNIS COURTS				
A	Complete Reconstruction	1	LS	\$450,000	\$500,000
B	LED Lights (50', 4 pole)	1	LS	\$450,000	\$550,000
4	FIELD EVENTS				
A	Reconstruction Jumping and Throwing Venues	1	LS	\$100,000	\$150,000
B	Additional Storage (1,000 SF)	1	LS	\$200,000	\$300,000
C	Miscellaneous Pavement Improvements	1,000	SY	\$50,000	\$75,000
	Options				
1	Mill and Overlay Track Pavement	1.0	LS	\$120,000	\$150,000



State College Area School District - Athletics Capital Improvements

Community Field (Options 1 and 2)

DRAFT Rough Order of Magnitude Costs

ELA Project No: SC148-039

Date: July 2025

Item No.	Description/Item	Estimated Quantity		Low	High
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OPTION 1

1	BASEBALL FIELD				
A	Regrade, Place Sod and Infield Clay	16,250	SY	\$525,000	\$600,000

OPTION 2

1	BASEBALL FIELD				
A	Synthetic Turf Infield	3,333	SY	\$540,000	\$660,000
B	Regrade Outfield and Place Sod	12,800	SY	\$415,000	\$370,000
Total				\$955,000	\$1,030,000
2	SOFTBALL FIELD				
A	Synthetic Turf Infield	1,280	SY	\$220,000	\$260,000

Options					
1	LED Lights (70', 5 pole)	1	LS	\$560,000	\$675,000



State College Area School District - Athletics Capital Improvements

Community Field (Option 3)

DRAFT Rough Order of Magnitude Costs

ELA Project No: SC148-039

Date: July 2025

Item No.	Description/Item	Estimated Quantity		Low	High
1	BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COMPLEX				
A	Synthetic Turf Fields and Accessories	215,000	SF	\$4,700,000	\$5,800,000
B	Field House	5,000	SF	\$1,500,000	\$2,500,000
C	Concrete (Walks and Pads for Bleachers)	3,500	SY	\$420,000	\$525,000
			Total	\$6,620,000	\$8,825,000
2	TENNIS CENTER (5 Courts)				
A	Court Reconstruction (incl. Retaining Wall)	1	LS	\$445,000	\$510,000
B	ADA Access (Gill) and Secondary Access	1	LS	\$170,000	\$195,000
			Total	\$615,000	\$705,000
3	OFF-STREET PARKING (A)				
A	Parking (with access from S.Gill and Drop-Off)	1	LS	\$225,000	\$250,000
4	OFF-STREET PARKING (B)				
A	Parking (incl. separate Storm Water Management)	1	LS	\$300,000	\$345,000
5	OPEN LAWN SPACE				
A	Demo and Lawn Restoration	1	LS	\$70,000	\$90,000
B	Waterline Relocation	750	LF	\$82,500	\$105,000
C	Fence Extension	450	LF	\$22,500	\$31,500
	Options				
1	Lights for Baseball and Softball (70', 8 pole)	1.0	LS	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000



State College Area School District - Athletics Capital Improvements

Mt. Nittany MS/ES Tennis Courts

DRAFT Rough Order of Magnitude Costs

ELA Project No: SC148-039

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Item No.	Description/Item	Estimated Quantity		Low	High
1	Four (4) Courts at Bus Area				
A	Tennis Courts Complete	1	LS	\$300,000	\$350,000
B	Site Prep and Storm Water Management	1	LS	\$50,000	\$75,000
			Total	\$350,000	\$425,000
2	Four (4) Stacked Courts at East Side				
A	Tennis Courts Complete	1	LS	\$300,000	\$350,000
B	Site Prep and Storm Water Management	1	LS	\$75,000	\$100,000
			Total	\$375,000	\$450,000
3	Five (5) Courts at Wooded Parcel				
A	Tennis Courts Complete	1	LS	\$350,000	\$400,000
B	Site Prep and Storm Water Management (higher for tree clearing)	1	LS	\$125,000	\$175,000
			Total	\$475,000	\$575,000
	Options				
1	LED Lights (50', 4 pole)	1	LS	\$450,000	\$550,000