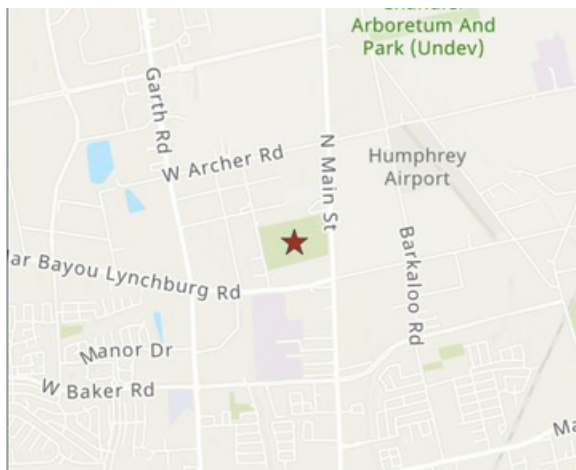




Wayne Gray Sports Complex (Sports Facilities)



Location:

Wayne Gray Sport Complex, located near the intersection of North Main Street and East Cedar Bayou Lynchburg Road.

Description:

Site improvements include converting natural turf fields to synthetic turf. Parking and drainage improvements are also proposed.

Benefits:

Project will enhance the playing experience for the ballfields and improve parking for access. Drainage improvements will result in quicker availability of fields after rain events, supporting Baytown's ability to host premier, large-scale sporting events and boost sports tourism.

Project Timeline

Grant Application	Grant Award	Design Start	Construction Start
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Project Budget

\$5,450,000

Bond Funding	\$5,450,000
Grant Funding	\$0



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Figure 1

Illustration highlighting recent weather-related impacts on sports fields, including canceled tournaments, postponed league play, and lost rental use due to field unavailability.

January 2025 Weather Impacts

6

Weeks of League
Play Postponed

42

Single-Use Rentals
Canceled

January 2025 Tournaments

● Played

● Canceled due to Rain Delays

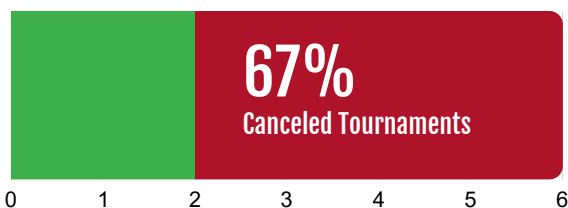


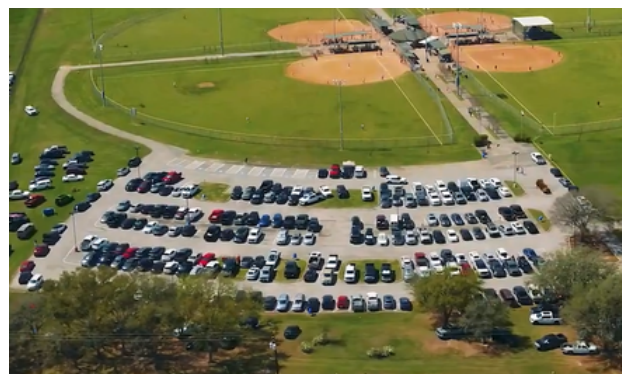
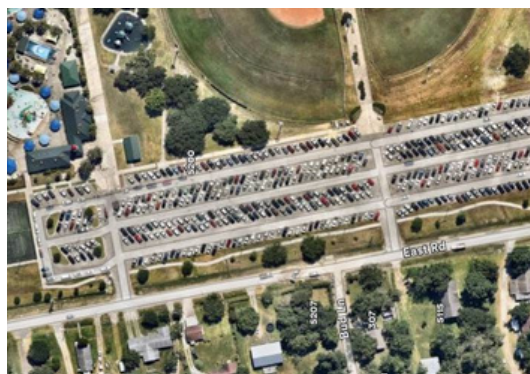
Figure 2-3

Water sitting on the field under clear skies illustrates how poor drainage keeps fields unplayable for days after storms—causing extensive delays in sports activities and discouraging large-scale tournament directors from choosing Baytown as a destination.



Figure 4-5

Illustration of parking congestion in the two existing lots that currently serve five major facilities: Pirates Bay, Republic of Texas Plaza, Wayne Gray Girls Fastpitch fields, Wayne Gray Adult Slowpitch fields, and the only cricket pitch in Baytown.



Project Timeline

Grant Application	Grant Award	Design Start	Construction Start
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Project Budget

Bond Funding
Grant Funding

\$5,450,000

\$5,450,000
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Additional Information

Since January 2025, weather-related disruptions have severely impacted field availability: only 2 of 6 scheduled tournaments have been played, 6 weeks of league play have been postponed, and 42 single-use rentals have been canceled.

Despite having a skilled field crew and a strong reputation for natural turf maintenance, the complex struggles to recover from rain. Water retention often leaves fields unplayable days after rainfall, limiting use and threatening the City's ability to host large-scale events.

The Wayne Gray Sports Complex is a high-traffic destination serving five user groups—Adult Softball, Youth Girls Fastpitch, Pirates Bay Waterpark, Cricket, and the Republic of Texas. During peak times, parking is consistently insufficient, leading to congestion, safety risks, and community disruption.

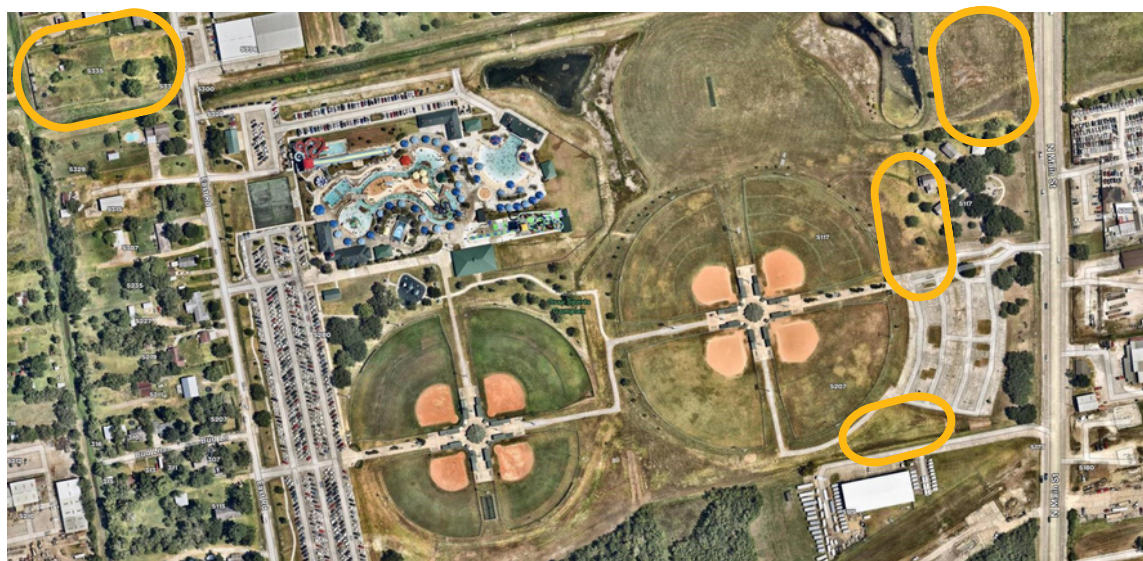
Efforts to coordinate overflow parking with nearby businesses and facilities have proven unreliable due to their own scheduling demands. As a result, visitors frequently resort to parking along East Road and in surrounding grass areas. East Road lacks a shoulder, features deep drainage ditches, and becomes dangerously narrow, often functioning as a one-way street during events. This not only endangers pedestrians and drivers but also obstructs local residential driveways and reduces visibility, creating frustration for homeowners.

Transitioning to artificial turf is essential for improving reliability, maximizing revenue opportunities, and allowing Baytown to be competitive in the region for tournament hosting.

To meet current and future demand, the proposed project would also add 256 parking spaces. This expansion is essential to improve safety for visitors and residents, alleviate congestion on East Road, support the continued growth of recreational programming and tourism, and ensure the complex can accommodate large-scale events without negative neighborhood and surrounding business impact.

Figure 6

Illustration of proposed expanded parking areas designed to alleviate congestion in the two existing lots that currently serve five major facilities: Pirates Bay, Republic of Texas Plaza, Wayne Gray Girls Fastpitch fields, Wayne Gray Adult Slowpitch fields, and the only cricket pitch in Baytown.



Project Timeline

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Project Budget

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