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Patriot Park Baseball Fields

The proposed project is to upgrade the baseball fields to artificial turf. The Sumter County Parks and Recreation Department's Sumter Kids in Baseball (SKIB) program offers a large variety of leagues across all age groups. There are leagues for players starting as early as 5 years old with T-Ball. The SKIB program also offers both a "Traditional" league and an "Ozone" league. The Ozone league is a more focused league for players wanting a more competitive environment. Therefore, with the installation of the artificial turf on the baseball fields, the youth and entire public benefit.

Artificial turf is easier to maintain and does not require water or fertilizer. In addition it can accommodate a variety of activities. With artificial turf, participants can use the field in almost any weather without damaging the ground. Also, artificial turf neither freezes in the winter nor does it thin out in the summer. Therefore, the turf is optimal for consistent use. The installation of the artificial turf will also eliminate the concern for draining and flooding concerns.

Project Cost Breakdown

Total Estimated Cost: \$2.8 million

Private/local investment:

Installation Cost

- Artificial turf: cost of turf with cooling technology, installation, land preparation, materials, installation, cost of infill to keep turf cooler

\$2,565,000

Other Costs

- Permits, surveys, design, reviews

\$235,000

Total Cost: \$2.8 million