



# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** January 22, 2024

**TITLE:**

Discussion and possible action on a proposed regional sports facility.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

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**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

One of the recommendations of the 2019 Garner Strategic Plan was to consider the development of a sports complex.

The City of Bastrop also performed a Park and Recreation Master Plan in 2023 in conjunction with the BEDC and St. Davids Foundation, which also pointed to the potential of a regional sports complex as an economic driver. The firm, Stantec, performed an industry analysis of our area to determine specific competitors and potential attraction from surrounding areas including Houston, Austin, College Station, and San Antonio.

Given the current state of finances within the BEDC, staff began considering the option to transition the remaining +/- 80 acres in the Bastrop Business and Industrial Park to a regional sports facility where the BEDC can be the catalyst of the action, however, financially only matching with existing land.

Potential funding sources include:

- Voter approval of a 2% venue tax
- HOT funds
- Sales Tax
- P3 – Public/Private Partnership
- Licensing
- State and Federal Grants

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The value of the acres committed to the facility.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Excerpt from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Preliminary layout for discussion