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Rec Center Progress Update May 4th, 2026

The City of Bonifay continues to make steady progress on the Recreation Center project, with coordination efforts from Melvin Engineering, Clearview Land Design, DAG Architects, and the office of Jon Holloway. The team is currently focused on refining the site layout and ensuring all components work efficiently together. Recent meetings have centered on optimizing field placement, improving accessibility, and enhancing overall functionality for all age groups.

Key priorities include aligning athletic fields for better use, ensuring younger-age areas are located closer to restroom facilities, and improving circulation throughout the site for both visitors and service access. Additional amenities such as batting cages, walking paths, and designated areas for food trucks and community use are being incorporated into the evolving design.

From an infrastructure standpoint, teams are evaluating drainage, stormwater management, and parking improvements to support long-term sustainability and usability. Architectural coordination is also underway, with particular emphasis on restroom access and planned upgrades to existing facilities, including the gymnasium. North West Florida Water Management District is assisting with storm water retention pond ideas.

The City of Bonifay is pursuing additional funds through the Community Development Block Grant program to increase available funding for this project.

Overall, the project remains in the design coordination phase, with landscape, civil, and architectural teams working together to incorporate feedback and move toward a finalized layout. The plans are anticipated to be finalized by July, with bid ready documents expected by August.