

City of Independence - Strategic Planning Project Information Sheet

Project Title: RV Park Expansion

Department: Parks & Recreation

Contact Person: Bob Beatty – Parks & Recreation Director

1. Estimated Total Cost: \$450,000 - phased

2. Project Timeline:

FY 2028-2029

\$30,000 Dig 1-acre pond in the lower flood area (east side of the old practice field)
Use the dirt level on the NE side of the old Leinbagh football field
Use the dirt to enhance the sledding hill near the Aquatic Center to
lengthen out the run

FY 2029-2030

\$30,000 Rock/milling the future road and sites

FY 2029-2030

\$75,000 Run water and sewer to sites

FY 2030-2031 OPEN in 2031

\$30,000 Run 50 amp electrical to all the sites

\$25,000 Convert/Update bathrooms in press box to include a shower

FY 2031-2032 Could be done earlier, as the current campground would also use
the facility

\$25,000 Renovate the old concession stand into a laundry for both campgrounds
Plumbing and purchase of 3 washing machines and three dryers (coin
operated), expected addition of \$15,000-\$30,000 in revenue for the RV
Parks
Adding a snack and pop vending machine would also bring in revenues

Fully opened and operational 2032 (estimated \$70,000-\$100,000 in revenues)

3. Project Description:

This would involve adding a new campground on the old varsity football field. We would do it all in phases unless bond funding was available. We would start with a pond and enhancements to the sledding hill. The pond will be about 1 acre and usable by RV campers and any community member throughout the season. We would also like to keep this pond as our future ice-skating facility with lighting to make it accessible. The next phase would be roads and sites, then sewer and water. The last phase would be the renovation of the electricity and press boxes.

4. Project Justification / Community Benefit:

With all of the dollars we have invested in making Independence a destination, there are very few opportunities to stay in Independence. We turn away many campers due to the current facility being full on weekends. We are building this campground to maintain a large percentage of the sites for weekend and overnight stays. The complex visitors continue to grow bigger, and the addition of a pond, aquatic center, ball field, and trails close by can serve as a great weekend away for a family.

5. Key Dependencies or Potential Roadblocks:

- Funding

- Design for the best use of space

- Need to get trees planted along the east side of the facility

- How best to get campers into that site

- One neighbor