



## **Project Description**

The Town of Middleborough would like to conduct a Recreation Complex Feasibility Study in an effort to identify a suitable site/sites for a multi-purpose recreational facility to include athletic fields, high rope course with zip line, golf course alternatives (eighteen hole, par-three, Frisbee) skiing tracks, sledding hills with tow rope, adventure racing training course, dog park and off leash dog recreation area, etc.

The feasibility study would be comprised of meetings with Town officials and potential private development partners, development of initial conceptual plans for up to three parcels, technical memorandum highlighting results of feasibility study and assistance with the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP). Equally important, during the development of the initial conceptual plan, an evaluation of parking, handicapped accessibility, total available area, topography, terrain and soils and vegetation will be conducted as well as identifying the ability to extend utilities for the construction of support structures, lighting and buildings.

Given Middleborough's close proximity to Routes 44 and 495 and the appeal of a comprehensive recreational complex within this area, the study will identify the merits of a public-private partnership to own and operate the complex. Examples of other public-private partnerships will be provided.

## **Proposed Time Line**

The timeline for the feasibility study is as follows:

Request for Proposals/Notice to Proceed Issued	30 days
Initial meeting with Town to review parcels	14 days
Conceptual plans for preferred parcels	45 days
Feasibility Study Memorandum	70 days
TOTAL	159 days/approximately 5 – 6 months

## **Sources of financial sustainability for future maintenance**

Not applicable

## **Other key elements**

There are four letters of support (attached) to accompany this application.

To the CPC Committee,

As the Varsity Baseball Coach for Middleboro High School, I can certainly attest to the need for a larger Park Department. More specifically, we strongly require a second varsity size baseball diamond.

Our current baseball field is located in the center of town at historic Peirce Field. We enjoy the steep tradition that has been created there since the 1920's. However, our field has too much use. Too many teams (including our Varsity Baseball Team) practice and play there. A second field would be a boon to our youngsters. It would allow the Park Department an opportunity to maintain it (rest it for a season).

I welcome and support the efforts of the Park Department to create new athletic fields.

Bill Lawrence  
Teacher of Physical Education  
Varsity Baseball Coach at MHS

To The CPC Committee,

The Middleboro Park Commission supports the idea of funding a feasibility study for an athletic complex.

The Park Department is not only underfunded, but is undersized! A few more athletic fields would allow our Department the opportunity to spread out play and minimize traffic. The condition of the fields would be greatly improved as will. A study for new fields is a good step towards making this wish a reality for our community.

Bill Ferdinand  
Park Commission Chairman

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mitchell Memorial Club Youth Football Programs support the Town Manager and Park Departments' effort to establish new athletic fields.

The Park Department has been compelled to coordinate the games and practices of many different sports teams on very few athletic fields. The upper softball and baseball fields at Peirce Playground are shared for practices by youth softball, Middleboro Cobras, Babe Ruth, MHS Varsity Baseball, Men's League Softball, parking and for the Park Department's Summer Programs. Parking for all the groups is usually a big challenge. There are simply too many teams in too small an area. Any increase in athletic field space for the Park Department would do our kids a wealth of good!

Paul Condon  
MMC Youth Football President

To Whom It May Concern,

The Middleboro Babe Ruth League strongly supports the idea of creating a high school sized baseball field.

As it stands now, all of our teams practice and play at Peirce Playground. We begin our season in March and end in November. The Peirce Field is also where the varsity baseball team practices and plays. Tournaments are held at Peirce throughout the summer. During the fall the MMC Youth Football teams practice in the outfield. The field has much use and requires a season to recover. We desperately need another premium baseball field in Middleboro.

Steve Kulpa  
President  
Middleboro Babe Ruth League