

EL MONTE VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD IMPROVEMENTS/LACHAPPA BALLFIELDS | FAQs

GENERAL

What is the area known as LaChappa Ballfields?

In Spring 2021, the County of San Diego purchased the Lakeside American Little League fields, better known as Matt LaChappa Ballfields from the Helix Water district. The LaChappa Ballfields includes baseball and multi-use fields, bleachers, a concession stand, picnic tables, portable restrooms, and two parking lots.

Where is the LaChappa Ballfields located?

LaChappa Ballfields is located at 13145 Willow Road, in the El Monte Valley area of Lakeside, CA.

How much funding is available for this project?

The project has a budget of \$2.6 million for design, environmental, and construction.

What is the plan for the project?

Through conversations with community planning groups, residents, and the Lakeside Little League that operates programs on site, the County was able to make a list of preferred upgrades. Feedback is being used to guide the development of the project and concept plan, as well as the future construction documents. After the construction documents are complete and funding is secured, the County will solicit construction bids and begin the renovation project.

What improvements are the County considering?

Potential improvements include permanent restrooms, the replacement of a concession stand, accessible walkways, and a smart irrigation system to water ballfield lawns in accordance with County sustainability measures. These updates will enhance the overall park experience while improving park opportunities, access, and inclusivity.

OUTREACH

What public outreach have you done for this facility?

DPR has engaged with Lakeside community residents, the Lakeside Little League, and the Lakeside Community Planning Group to seek feedback on improvements. The Little League has also been engaged throughout the design process and has helped to gather consensus on the project's scope and design elements.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Will the project comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?

Yes, the project will comply with CEQA and all applicable environmental regulations.

OPERATIONS

Who will operate the facility?

Lakeside Little League currently leases the facility from the County of San Diego and operates the fields and concession stand. They will continue to manage the property, with oversight by DPR.

SAFETY

How will safety and security of the ballfields be maintained?

The new concession stand and restroom facility will provide security features to deter theft and vandalism. Park rangers patrol the park regularly to address issues, as needed, and work with local law enforcement to report and mitigate safety concerns. We encourage all park users to flag issues in/around the area by calling park staff, the Sheriff's Office, or 911.

NEXT STEPS

How can I stay informed?

To learn more about the project, and other DPR development projects, visit sdparks.org > Plans > Development Projects > El Monte Valley Little League Field Improvements.

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