

# Anchorage Sports Association

## Softball Field Improvements Report

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### Objective:

This document outlines past and future improvements to the softball fields at the Cartee Softball Complex and the Chuck Albrecht Softball Complex, including:

- Capital improvements to softball fields at the Cartee Complex, at Jussian Jack Park, and the Albrecht Complex
- Cost of general field maintenance each season
- Volunteer hours toward improvements and projects
- Future Field Maintenance projects and goals

Capital Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Installed turf on Cartee Fields 1 &amp; 2 (2014) – Overall Cost: \$320,000</li> <li>● Replaced backstop and wing fences on Cartee Fields 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6; Albrecht 3 &amp; 4; and Russian Jack 1 (2015-2016) – Cost: \$77,000</li> <li>● Repaired roof on Cartee Complex Building (2016) – Cost: \$5,000</li> <li>● Re-mixed dirt at Cartee 5 &amp; 6 to facilitate better drainage and playability (2017) – Cost: \$14,000</li> <li>● Re-furbished infields at Albrecht 1 &amp; 2 with new clay pitching mound and batters' boxes; remixed infield for better drainage and playability (2017) – Cost: \$13,000</li> <li>● Repaved entrance to the Cartee Complex in collaboration with the Municipality (2017) – No cost to the Association</li> <li>● Installed 4 new scoreboards at Cartee Complex (2017) – Cost: \$15,000</li> <li>● Installed 2 scoreboards in collaboration with USA Softball of Alaska at Albrecht 1 &amp; 2 for youth programs (2017) – Cost: \$35,000</li> <li>● Completed construction of the Jack Powers Field House at the Albrecht Complex (2017) – Cost: \$450,000 (funding from grants, fundraising, and partner organizations – no member fees used for this project)</li> </ul>
Total Cost of Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2014 – 2017: \$452,000 (excludes Jack Powers Field House)</li> </ul>

Annual Maintenance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2012-2014: Annual cost of basic field maintenance averaged \$54,000 (contracted to an outside vendor)</li> <li>● 2015: Brought field maintenance in-house; invested in equipment and tools totaling \$70,000</li> <li>● 2015-2017: Annual cost of basic field maintenance averaged \$28,000 in equipment and supplies; \$50,000 in payroll for maintenance crew (2-6 crew members each summer)</li> </ul>
Volunteer Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annual Volunteer Day started in 2016 – 10-20 members volunteer for a day doing various maintenance tasks</li> <li>● 50+ Senior Softball Team: Members of this team volunteered at least 500 hours in 2016 and 2017 to improve backstops, dug outs, and outfields</li> </ul>
Future Field Maintenance Plans and Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Replace Turf on Cartee 3 &amp; 4 (in interim, provide temporary fix for slide zones); Cost: \$240,000 - \$320,000</li> <li>● Complete fencing replacement in outfields of most slow pitch fields; backstop and wing fences at A1 &amp; 2; Cost: \$62,000</li> <li>● Repair and upgrade Cartee Complex building; major improvements needed to restrooms and upstairs; Cost: \$20,000 - \$30,000</li> <li>● Level outfields – Bring in dirt to fill pockets and re-seed outfields; Cost: TBD</li> <li>● Dugout Improvements – Fix dugout roofing and install permanent benches; Cost: TBD</li> </ul>
Additional Information	<p>Since bringing field maintenance in-house, we have seen a dramatic improvement in all the fields. Association members can see that their fees are going toward much needed field improvements, and we are able to better prioritize the improvements we feel are most necessary. The investment in our own field maintenance equipment and crew will ultimately save us money in the long-term while maintaining and improving the fields.</p>
Major Equipment Purchased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ABI Force – Equipment specifically designed for softball and baseball field maintenance. Cost - \$20,000</li> <li>● 2 trailers for transporting equipment between fields. Cost - \$5,500</li> <li>● Tractor and Rock Picker. Cost - \$43,000</li> </ul>

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