

# Farmington High School Softball Complex

## Improvements/Projects completed 2012 - 2015:

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| <b>100 foot Banner on Outfield Fence</b>   | Completed in Spring of 2012  |
| <b>Flag pole installation</b>  | Completed in Summer of 2012  |
| <b>Add Distance Markers on Homerun Fence</b>   | Completed in Fall of 2012  |
| <b>Eliminating "lip"/Ag-lime added</b>   | Completed in Fall of 2012 (Additional aglime maintenance will be needed in future years as aglime "lowers")  |
| <b>Purchase of Sound System</b>  | Completed in Spring of 2013  |
| <b>Building of two concrete Varsity Dugouts</b>                                      | Completed in Summer of 2013 (Aside from Softball Program, \$\$ Assistance received from District, TFC & LSF) |
| <b>Helmet &amp; bat racks for Varsity Dugouts.</b>                                   | Completed in Spring of 2014  |
| <b>Install 3000 slats on Varsity outfield fence</b>                                  | Completed in Spring of 2014  |
| <b>Purchase Bleachers for F2 &amp; F3</b>  | Completed in Summer of 2014 (3 sets of bleachers purchased by FHS Softball & FGFA).                          |
| <b>Add Signage on all fields (e.g. do not hit into fencing, numbers on backstop)</b> | Completed in the Summer of 2014.   |
| <b>Install Roofs for Dugouts on F2 &amp; F3</b>                                      | Completed in Fall of 2014 (FGFA funded these improvements)   |
| <b>Install yellow tubing on Varsity fencing</b>                                      | Completed in fall of 2014  |

## Improvements/Projects completed: Sept. 2016 – Aug. 2017:

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| <b>Buy Four "State" Banners for OF fence</b>                       | Banners added to OF fence to recognize State tourney appearances in 2013, 2012, 2013 & 2015   |
| <b>Pitching Warm-up area/batting cage</b>                          | 53' x 20' bullpen with drain tile & clay blocks installed. Chain link backstop is 20' wide x 8' high (FGFA assisted)  |
| <b>Pitching Warm-up area/batting cage</b>                          | Added aglime to fill the Pitching warmup area (53' x 20' x 9")  |
| <b>Batting Cage</b>  | Installation of three new poles to help eliminating the sag in the netting  |
| <b>Batting Cage</b>  | Installation of four rows of drain tile   |
| <b>Remove unwanted grass on Varsity field</b>                      | Two areas of grass removed and replaced with aglime   |
| <b>Install clay blocks</b>   | Installed in front of pitching rubber on Varsity & JV ballfields  |
| <b>Re-sodding of trouble grass areas</b>                           | Sod put down behind dugouts and by the batting cage   |
| <b>Bat Racks</b>   | Two Bat racks added to JV field & two bat racks added to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> field  |
| <b>Video equipment – utilize a fixed camera behind home plate.</b> | Equipment purchased. Would be used primarily to video Varsity games, so coaches and players can review. Could also be used for: batting practice, etc. (would contribute towards player/team improvement & development). Videoing has worked, still working on viewing capabilities on the computer |

## Improvements/Projects completed: Sept. 2017 – Aug 2018:

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| <b>Yellow fence topping on Fields #2 &amp; #3</b> | Yellow topping installed on Fields #2 & #3.   |
| <b>State Championship Banner for OF Fence</b>     | Banner ordered and received. (Paid for by Athletic Department)  |
| <b>Water Fountain</b>                             | Two fountains have been installed. One by each varsity dugout. (Paid for by School District)  |
| <b>Shelving for Varsity Dugouts</b>               | Brackets and shelving installed in both Varsity dugouts.  |
| <b>Improve batting cage area</b>                  | An area of grass/dirt (60' x 15' x 8" deep) was removed adjacent to batting cage and replaced with Aglime. Additional aglime added to the batting cage.   |
| <b>New net needed for outdoor batting cage</b>    | New netting was installed in late March of 2018. (Paid for by Athletic Department).   |
| <b>Additional Outdoor Batting Cages</b>           | Farmington Youth Baseball stepped up and made this improvement in late April 2018. Previously, the two existing batting cages were built by the FHS Softball Program (with some support from the Tiger Fan Club). Two new cages (and a third lane of aglime) will help alleviate any overcrowding and help accommodate FHS Baseball, FHS Softball, Summer Baseball and Summer Softball. |

## Improvements/Projects completed: Sept. 2018 – Aug 2019:

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| <b>Batting cage at Boeckman</b> | A much needed 70' x 12' foot batting cage was installed at Boeckman  |
| <b>Dugout wraps</b>             | Four dugout wraps for the JV and 10 <sup>th</sup> grade fields have been purchased and put up.   |
| <b>On-going Maintenance</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Added several loads of aglime into the batting cage area and spread it out.</li> <li>- Varsity &amp; JV field: Replaced the clay blocks in front of the pitching plate</li> </ul> |
| <b>Maintenance</b>              | Pitching warm-up area. Attached the cow mats and chain link fence to the metal cross bar for more stability.   |
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## Possible Future Improvements/Projects:

| <b>Future Potential Improvements:</b>  | <b>Rationale/Thoughts/Options/Status/Opinions/Wishlist/Etc.:</b>  |
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| <b>Correct the heaving of: 1) Fencing on Varsity &amp; JV ballfields and 2) concrete on Varsity field.</b> | Not only a problem, but a safety issue. On the Varsity ballfield, the frost heaving is a continual concern. Balls can and <b>have</b> gotten under the fence effected Varsity game results. (Fencing and concrete work has been done on Varsity field by School district in the past. However, problems have reoccurred and gotten worse). Also, aside from being embarrassing, the jagged edges on the heaved dugout concrete is a hazard and could cause injury to participants. Will need to discuss this with AD and/or School Admin in summer 2019 to hopefully come up with a permanent solution to correct these problems.   |
| <b>Scoreboard for JV Field</b>   | Shakopee JV field has a scoreboard. Most JV fields do not have scoreboards.   |
| <b>Remove unwanted grass areas</b>   | This would be on F2 & F3, similar to our Varsity field project which was completed in Fall of 2016.   |
| <b>Storage/Concession stand building</b>   | Both FHS Softball and FGFA summer Softball could use additional storage area. Also a concession selling options would be nice for Varsity games and Summer FGFA tournaments. Currently, storage pods are being rented for FHS Softball & Baseball for storage (As we understand it, presently the <b>School District pays \$1800 per year for these two small pods</b> ). Therefore, <b>\$14,400 has been paid for pod rental costs in my 8 coaching coaching at FHS and now not much to show for it. Not to mention the years of rental prior to these 8 years</b> . One option would be to construct a storage/concession stand facility similar to buildings at Dodge & Boeckman Middle Schools. Over time, the amount paid for the building will be less than pod rentals and <b>result in future savings for the School District</b> . Or are there other storage options??  |
| <b>Extending and adding Chain Link fence to Field #3</b>   | <p>- FHS Softball has only one field that meet NFHS guidelines for distance, which is fully enclosed by chain link fencing (Field #2 is fully enclosed, but fence distance does not meet NFHS recommendations). <b>Currently FHS Baseball has four fields which are fully enclosed by chain link fence, which seems to be a bit of an "inequity" between the two sports</b>. FHS Softball Fields #2 &amp; #3 do not meet the standards for a Varsity game!</p> <p>- In Spring of 2019, the School District purchased/installed a new temporary outfield fence exists on F3. Currently, the sides are not fully fenced. Chain link fencing would definitely improve the appearance. In regards to extending the fence, some heavy landscaping (dirt work), would be required for a "legal size" field. Estimate costs obtained from Midwest fence (a couple years ago!) to fully enclose the field at a legal size, ranged from \$11,000 to \$13,000, depending on height of fence. This does not include "dirt work" past existing fence, which will be a substantial cost.</p> |
| <b>Water fountain areas</b>  | Install some paver stones to sharpen up the water fountain area (cosmetic) and gets to be a very mushy area when wet in the spring. Or maybe concrete that area. Consider frost issues and the fountains.   |
| <b>Batting Cage area</b>   | Install some paver stones to sharpen up the batting cage area (cosmetic). Baseball batting cage did it with concrete. Consider frost issues and previously installed drain tile.  |
| <b>Dandelions</b>  | <b>On-going Maintenance:</b> Continual "yearly" spraying by the school district is needed to control this problem.  |
| <b>Clay Blocks</b>   | <b>On-going Maintenance:</b> Add Clay blocks to Varsity field, JV field and pitching warm-up area as needed. Am thinking that after summer ball gets done, we might have to do this on an annual basis every spring?  |
| <b>Ag lime</b>   | <b>On-going Maintenance:</b> Add aglime to the ballfields, batting cage & bullpen as needed. Check with School District of possible funding/  |
| <b>Dome</b>  | A local Softball supporter will win the Powerball and they will build a dome for us!!   |