

# Field Renovations

## Overview

Oak Park Village Board  
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# Need for Renovation of OPRF Fields



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OPRFHS is in need of a site for track and field

- Access to Concordia track ceases in the spring of 2024
- District is landlocked without meaningful options to add acreage to our campus
- Other options for partnering for a track are not promising
  - Triton: already sharing with other schools
  - Other High Schools: would push us to late workouts and no home meets
  - Any such arrangements would come with transportation costs (approx. \$40,000 yearly)



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Approximately \$6.1M in financial investments are already scheduled for OPRFHS fields.

- Track and turf on Lake Street field are in need of replacement within the next two years (approx. \$1.2M)
- Drainage improvements on our current back fields are scheduled for 2031 (approx. \$1M)
- Project 5 calls for installation of synthetic turf on back fields (approx. \$3.6M) and bleachers and storage on South fields (approx. \$349k)

The value of an outdoor track and multi-use turf field is multifaceted. It would

- be a valuable curricular space for multiple PE classes
- be used by multiple programs: track, x-country, soccer, lacrosse, Special Olympics, marching band, football, field hockey, ultimate frisbee, cheer, and drill
- enhance a community asset: a 400M track is provides more options than our current walking track
- serve our largest and most representative extra-curricular program
  - approx. 250 boys and girls per year
  - consistently representative of diversity within the OPRF student population



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# A Solution

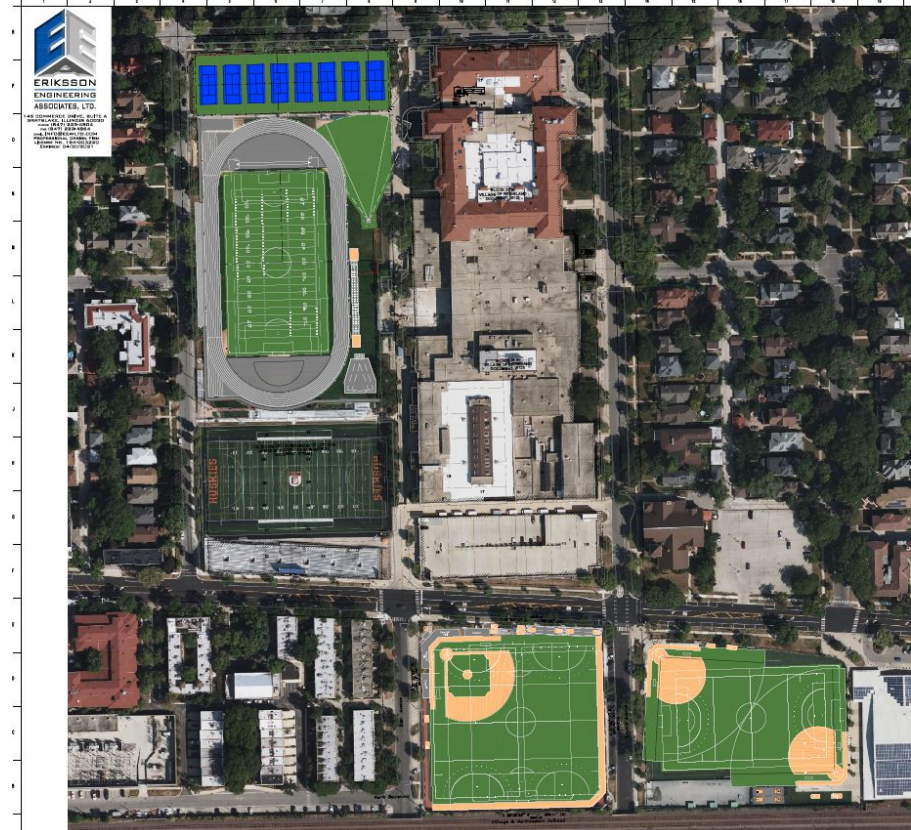


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Current concept...

By the Fall of 2023, have the following in place:

1. 400M track (with competitive field) on the back fields between tennis courts and stadium
2. Upgraded Ridgeland Common for softball programs
3. Multi-sport turf field on Lake Street (to be used in spring for varsity baseball)





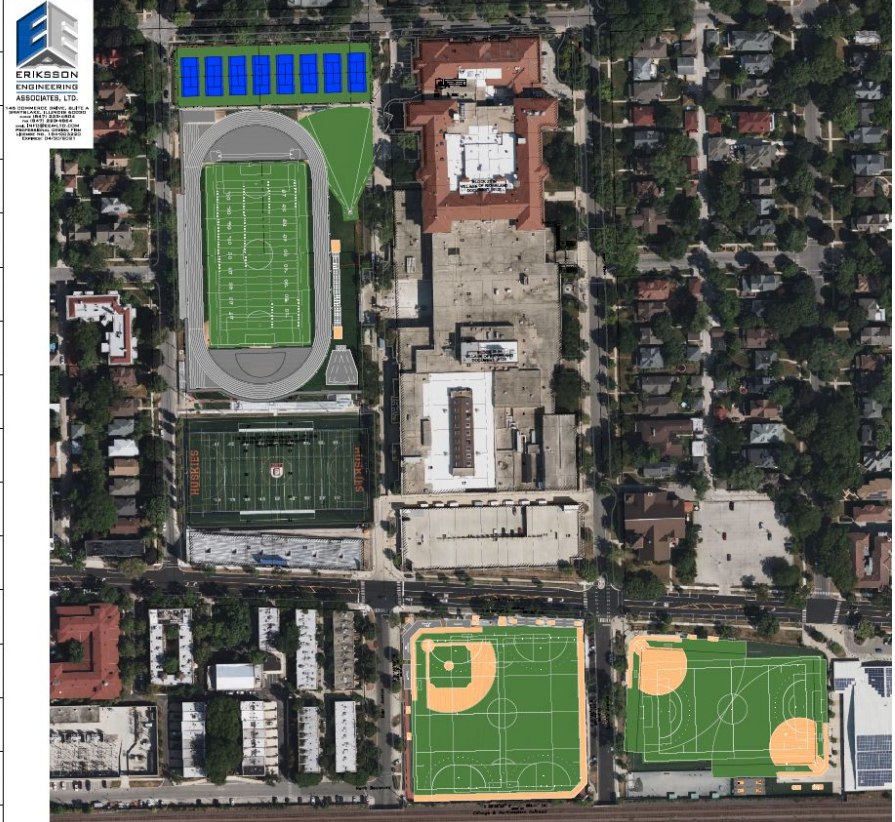
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# Who Will Benefit



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1. Physical Education classes during school day
2. After school sports and activities
3. Marching band
4. Park District of Oak Park
5. Feeder programs
6. School Districts 90 and 97
7. Community





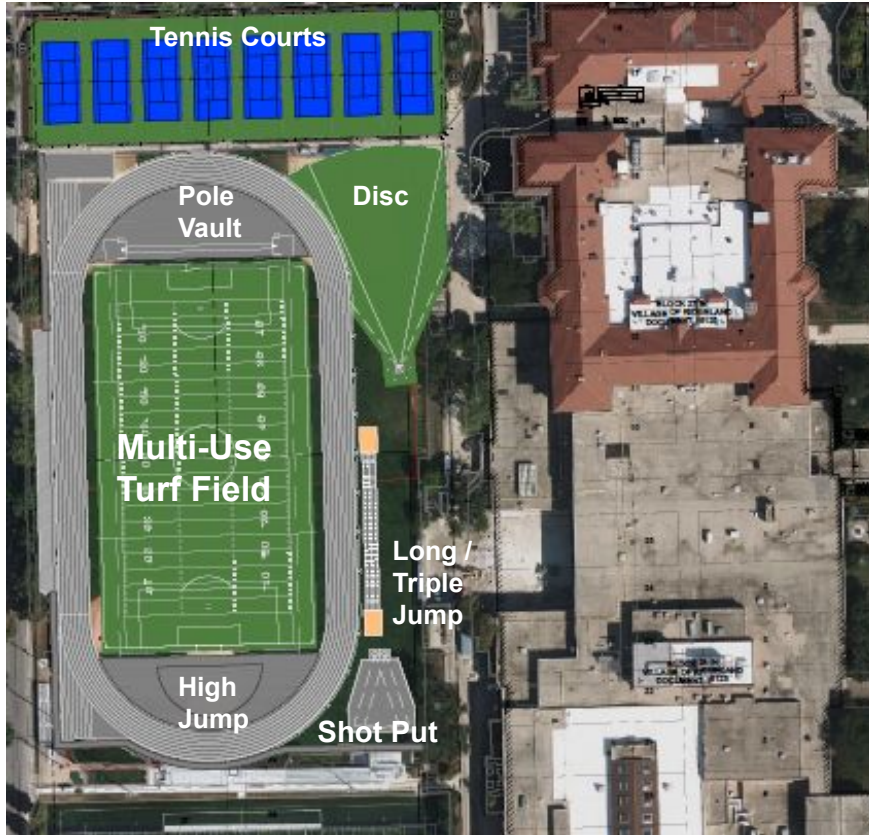


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# Back Fields Track Test Fit



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- Full 400M, 8 lane track including areas for pole vault; long, triple, and high jump; shotput and discus
- 600 seat bleachers on West side of track
- Full synthetic turf 65 yard x 110 yard multi-sport field within track
- Discus location would require installation of sleeves for temporary fencing between discus and track when discus is in use
- Installation of field lighting for extended use/safety in compliance with existing ordinance (lighting plan in development with poles at maximum of 45' in height)



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# Ridgeland Common/Lake Street Test Fit



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# OPRF/PDOP Collaboration



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Girls softball moves to Ridgeland Common with following provisions:

1. OPRF invests in scoreboards, new field turf, fencing, and/or other improvements
2. Girls program has primary access for all practices and competitions
3. Enhanced facility-sharing IGA developed for other fields between PDOP and OPRF





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# Lake Street Field Renovation



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- Varsity boys baseball moved to Lake Street field including synthetic turf field, dugouts, & bullpens
- Field lining for fall programming (shown) to allow for use of field year round
- New Special Use Permit needed to accommodate changes to lights, including
  - repositioning on the field
  - shortening height
  - improving technology to reduce spillage
  - extending hours of availability





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# Calendar of Events



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- ✓ April 6 OPRF Booster Club: Discussion/feedback at monthly meeting
- ✓ April 7 PDOP Board: Discussion of potential MOA to formalize collaboration between D200 and PDOP
- ✓ April 12 D200 Facilities Committee Meeting: Discussion/feedback at monthly meeting
- ✓ April 13 OPRFHS Neighbors: Invited to special meeting for discussion/feedback
- ✓ April 14 D200 Board: MOA, along with draft plans for field renovation, presented for discussion
- ✓ April 21 PDOP Board: Approves MOA
- ✓ April 27 Stadium Neighborhood Advisory Committee (SNAC): Discussion/feedback at regular meeting
- ✓ April 28 D200 Board: Approves MOA
- ✓ May 4 Open Public Meeting: PDOP/D200 host public meeting to gather community feedback
- ✓ Late May D200/PDOP:
  - Draft field-sharing schedule developed between PDOP and D200
  - Need for extended hours on Lake Street fields identified
- June D200: Finalize site plan including illumination study
- July D200/PDOP: Seek approval of new special use permit from Plan Commission and Village Board
- August D200 and PDOP: Finalize Intergovernmental Agreement