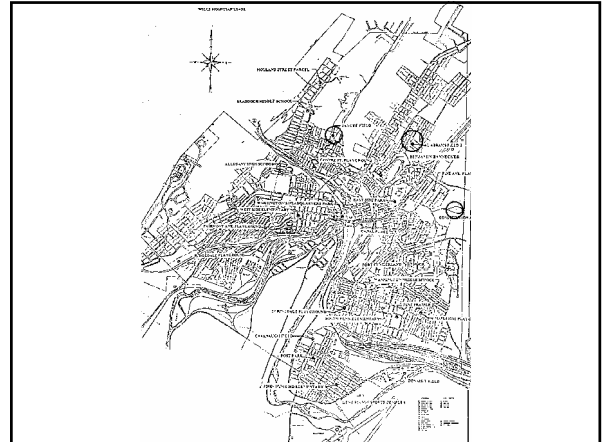


## Baseball Tomorrow Grant Application

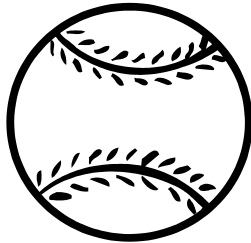
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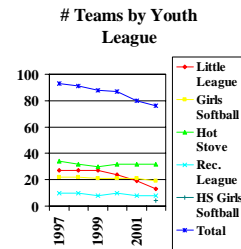
## Summary of Plan

- Ballfield Improvement Plans:
  - Jaycees Field (Application)
  - Al Abrams Field (additional field upgrade possible with additional new volunteer element)
  - Possibility of third field upgrade (Braddock Middle or Washington Middle) with dugout roof donations.
- Program will use successful Long Field model from last year



## Local Youth Baseball/Softball Participation

- Decrease in number of teams and players for boys teams (Dapper Dan Little League, Hot Stove League, Rec. League)
  - Little League has seen largest decline
- Stability/some growth in girls softball



## About Cumberland

- Population 21,518 (2000)
- De-industrialization during 80s and early 90s
- Income – Lowest in MD
- At-risk children – among highest percentage in MD

Table 1.1. Median Household Income for Maryland's Largest Cities

	Population	Median Household Income
Bowie	50,269	36,778
Roadville	42,288	48,874
Oakdale	32,813	39,879
<b>Maryland Average</b>	<b>5,296,486</b>	<b>52,868</b>
College Park	24,657	50,168
Annapolis	33,838	49,343
Federsick	40,617	47,700
<b>U.S. Average</b>	<b>281,421,966</b>	<b>41,994</b>
Hagerstown	36,687	30,796
Baltimore	651,154	30,978
Salisbury	23,943	29,191
<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>21,518</b>	<b>25,142</b>

Source: U.S. Census, 2000.

## About Cumberland Parks and Recreation Department

- 8 Full-time employees
- \$715,704 Annual Budget
- Youth baseball/softball
  - Umpires (12 in total) for youth baseball/softball
  - Field maintenance and preparation
  - City youth (Pee-wee) instructional league
  - No youth league fees are charged by the City!



## About Dapper Dan Club

- Created in 1945
- Grassroots volunteer organization that organizes and supports youth baseball and softball
  - Supports Boys Little League and Girls Softball League
  - Annual Memorial Day Parade
  - Annual Times-News youth baseball insert
  - Annual Awards Banquet
  - \$20 registration fee per child



## History of Application

- Dapper Dan BT application for Al Abrams Field (2000)
- City P&R Comprehensive Plan
- Successful collaboration on Long Field improvements (volunteers and grant money)



## Program Improvements Update

- New Partners
  - Dapper Dan Club
    - Build dugouts
    - BT funds would be used primarily for dugout materials, backstop installations, and part of bleachers
  - Let's Beautify Cumberland!
    - Landscaping, fence painting
- Program Open Space fund application
  - Playground
  - Paving/walkway pending
  - Commission positively received—would submit letter of support.



## Cost Estimates Jaycees

- Jaycees Field
  - Backstop (\$3,100) (BT)
  - Materials for 2 dugouts and roof installation (\$4,900) (BT)
  - Volunteer labor (\$5,600) (DD)
  - 240 8' fence (\$4,000) (CITY)
  - 2 5 Row Bleachers (\$5,400) (BT—\$3.4k and CITY 2k)
  - In house paving (\$13,500) (CITY)
  - Landscaping (LBC! and CITY) \$2,000
- BT: \$11,400
- City/County: \$19,500
- Volunteer: \$7,600



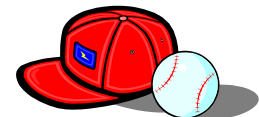
## Cost Estimates Al Abrams

- Al Abrams Field
  - Backstop (\$3,100)
  - Materials for dugouts and roof installation (\$4,000)
  - Volunteer in-kind labor (\$4,500)
- BT: (\$7100)
- In-kind: (\$4,500)
- Total \$11,600



## Total Project

- BT: \$18,500
- City: \$19,500
- LBC! and City: \$2,000
- Dapper Dan: \$10,100
- Total: \$50,100



## Evaluation

- Little League Use
- Scheduling Increases
- League Growth (+2 teams by 2005)
- Internet Citizen Satisfaction Survey (July 2003, July 2005)
- P&R CIP program stays on schedule



**City of Cumberland Citizen Satisfaction Survey**  
 The goal of this survey is to help you learn how the City of Cumberland is performing a variety of services. The results of this survey will be used to help improve our services. Thank you.

1. Please rate the following City facilities and services:

	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Very Poor	Don't Know/No Answer
Waste	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parks and recreational facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Public works	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Police services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fire services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐