



Essex Centre Sports Fields

Essex, Ontario

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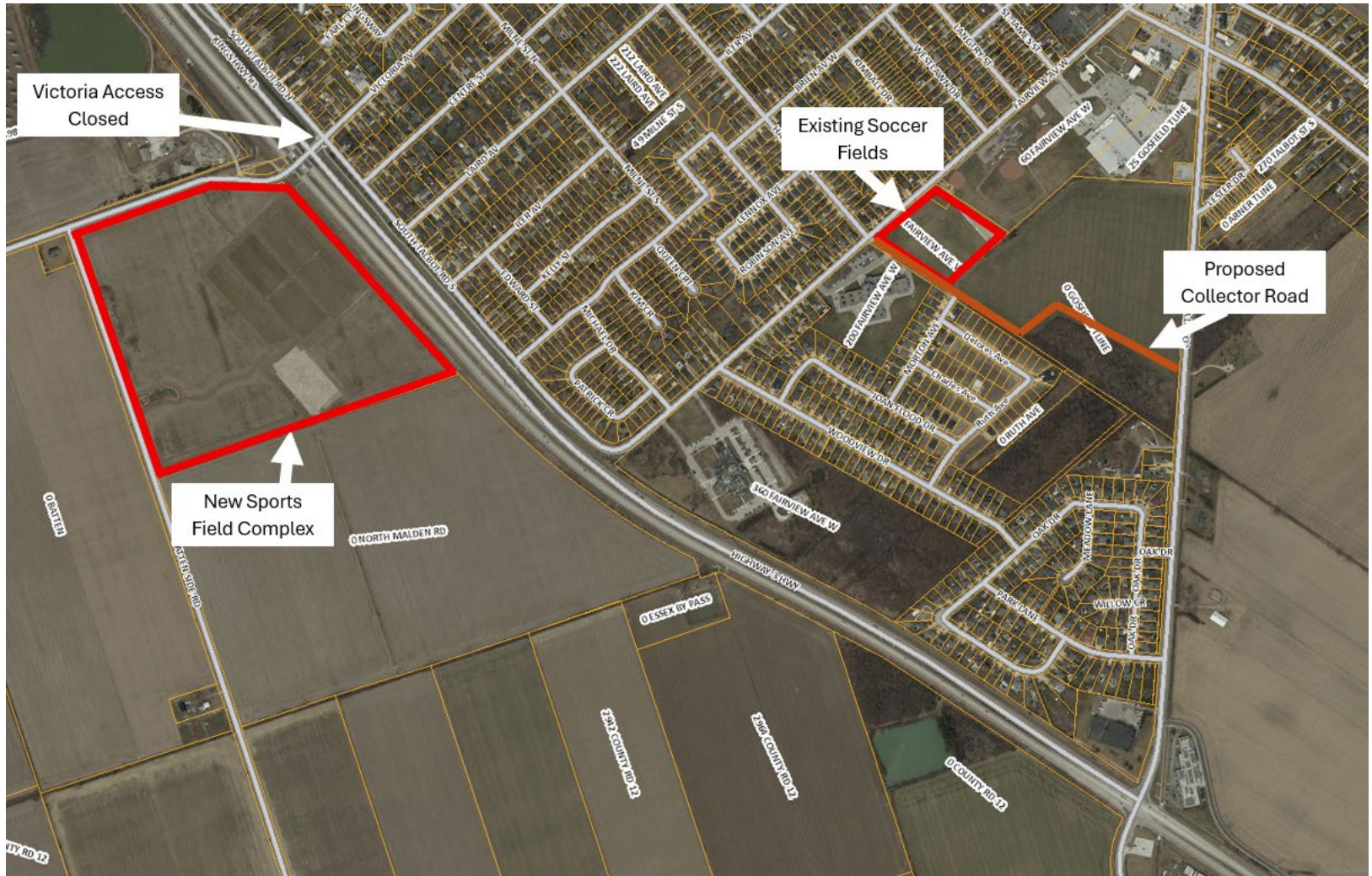
Current Sport Field Issues

- Highway 3 expansion closed Victoria Street access to Highway 3, now requiring a collector road from Gosfield Townline to Hanlan Street
- Collector Road cuts off sport field property reducing the soccer fields from four fields to two fields
- The Town already had a shortage of sport fields in Essex Centre, so the Town purchased property on North Malden/Batten Side Road for sport field development
- Lack of funding to continue phasing of sport field development

Demand and Need for Essex Centre

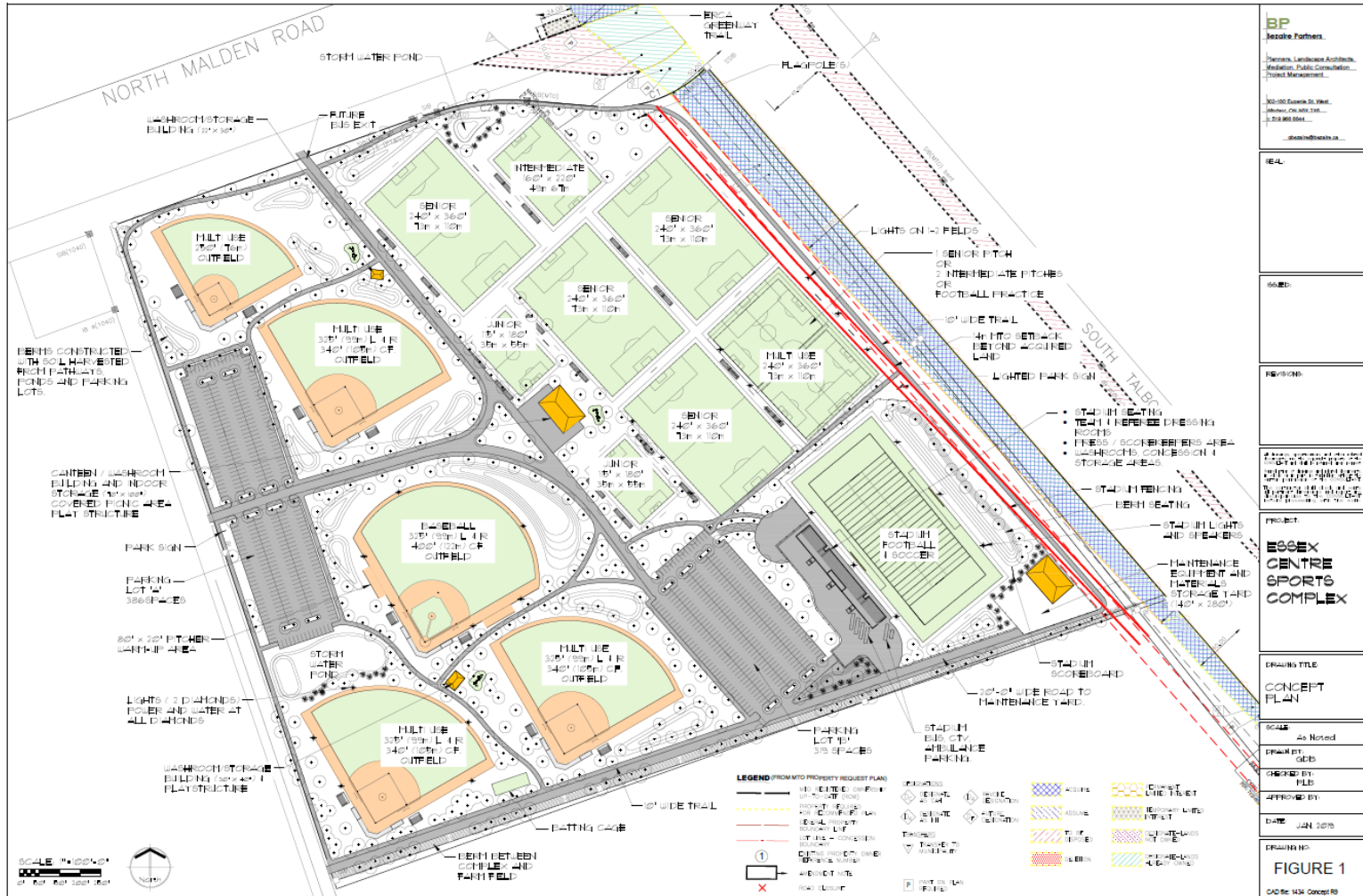
- The Town lost three baseball diamonds and two soccer fields due to new school build (previous joint use agreement)
- The Town has been turning away additional baseball and soccer users due to lack of field space
- Minor Soccer Association is turning away soccer players due to shortage of field space
- No capacity to take on adults, leading to equity issues
- The Town is experiencing growth, but cannot provide amenities for newcomers
- Shortage of fields and high summer temperatures forces kids to play in extreme heat

Map of Issues



Final Design Plan

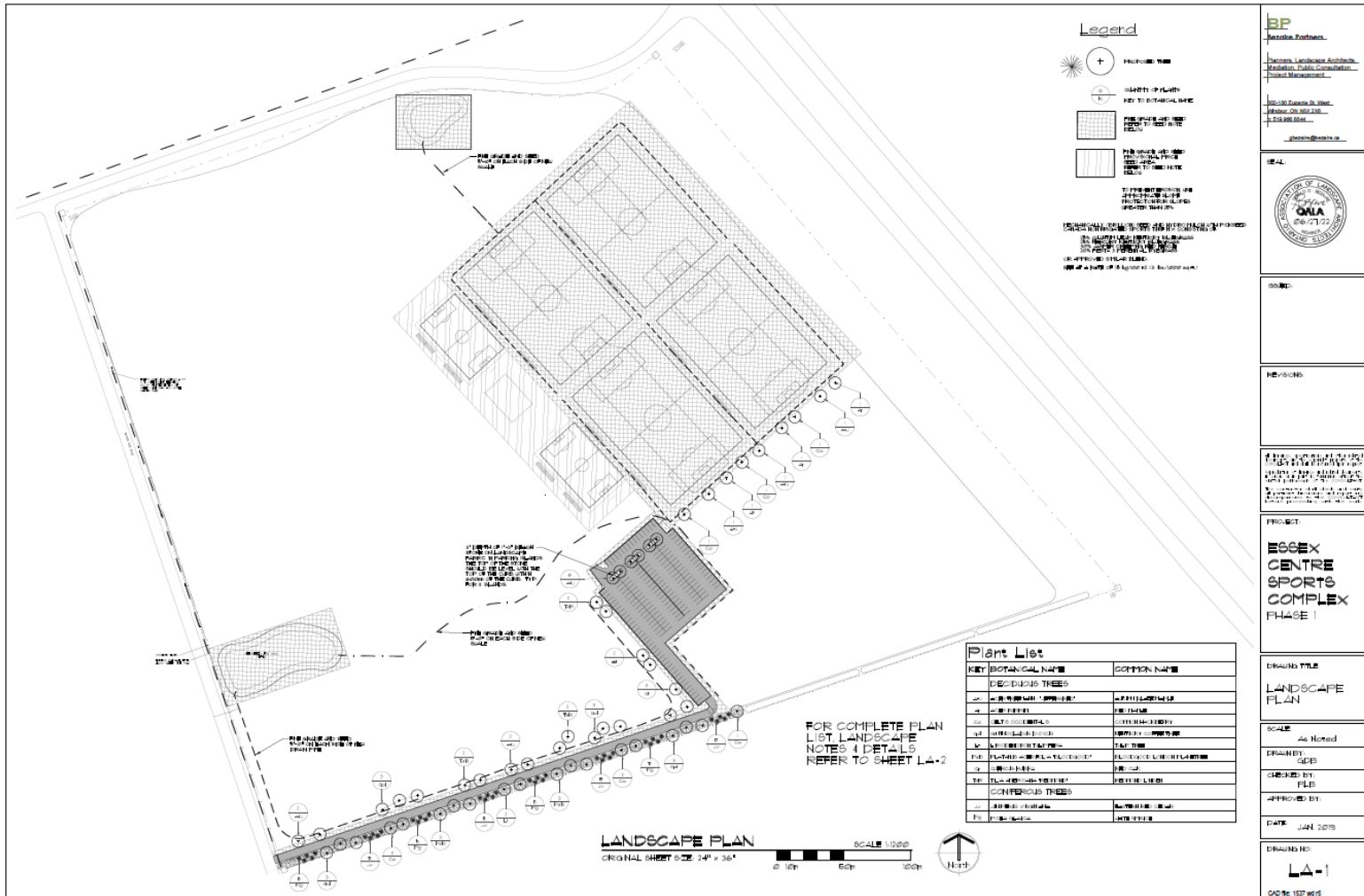
APPENDIX 1



Current Status

- Due to emergent need for sport fields, the Town required Phase 1 to occur
- Phase 1: Complete
 - Received \$750,000 in federal grant funding
 - Created six of the soccer fields (four senior and two junior)
 - Created a portion of parking lot 'B'
 - Completed some general site work and drainage
 - Added two storm water retention ponds
 - East access road off of Batten Side Road
 - Establish turf (ongoing)

Phase 1 Completed Areas



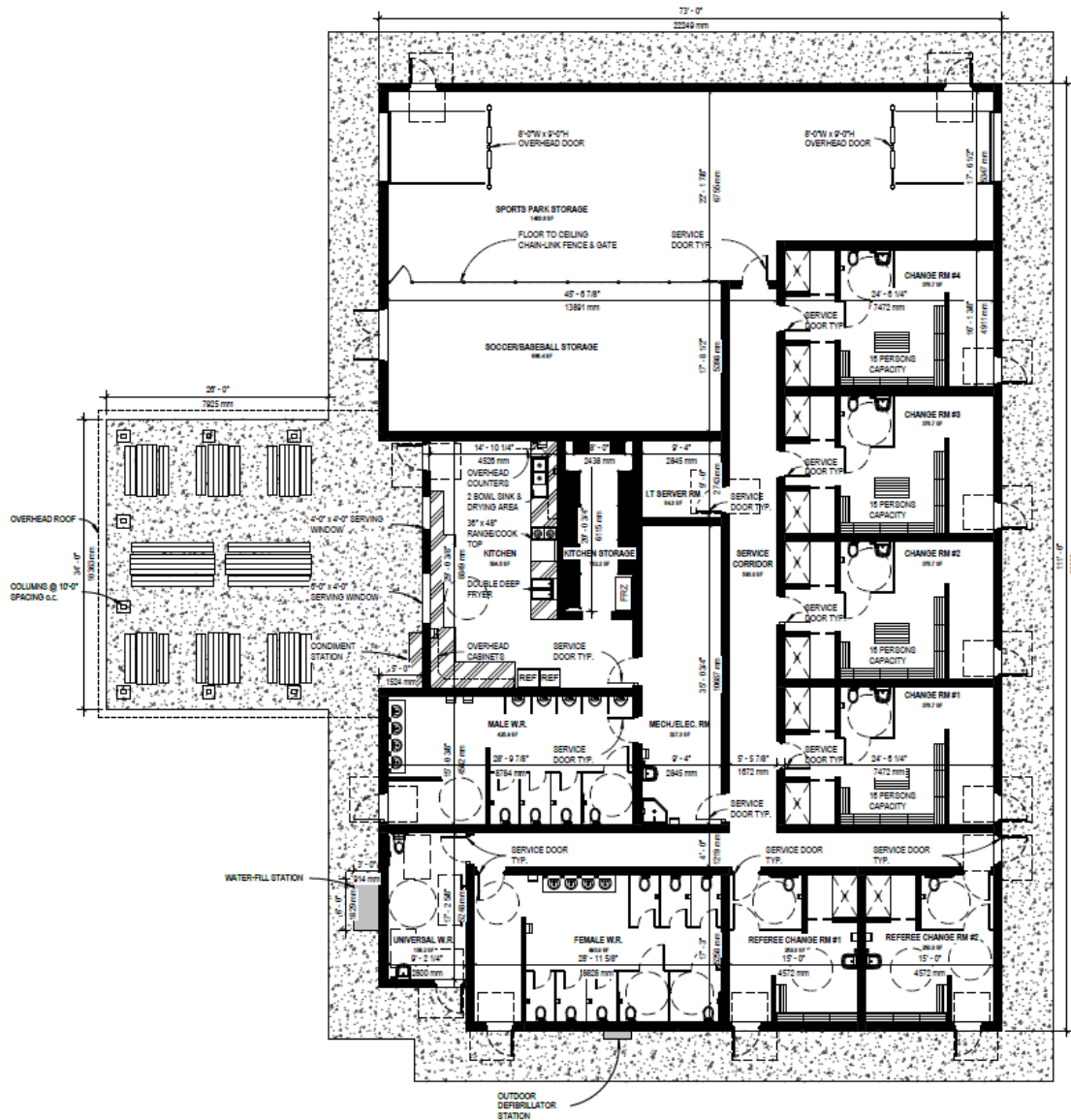
Future Phase 2

- Phase 2: Estimated at \$2,907,260
 - General site work (Grading, Drainage, Ball Diamond Earthwork, Seed/Mulch)
 - One multi-use ball diamond
 - Additional parking and main access roadway
 - Site services (Electrical, Sanitary, Water, Communications)

Future Phase 3

- Phase 3: \$2,700,000
 - Outbuilding for facility
 - Male washroom (5 urinals, four stalls, 4 sinks)
 - Female washroom (8 stalls, four sinks)
 - Universal washroom
 - Four change rooms
 - Two referee rooms
 - Concession
 - Overhang area for sitting outside of concession
 - Equipment storage for municipal use
 - Storage for minor soccer and minor baseball
 - Custodial room
 - Mechanical room

Phase 3 Outbuilding



Costing Models

- Future Phase Costing:
 - Phase 2: \$2,907,260
 - Phase 3: \$2,700,000
 - Phase 4 and beyond:
 - Balance of Sport Fields: \$3,250,000
 - Paving of Parking Lots and Trails: \$1,800,000
 - Other Site Amenities: \$500,000
- Total anticipated cost: \$11,157,260

Benefits to Provincial Government

- Town can surplus existing soccer field parcel for housing development (aligning with provincial goals)
- Every dollar invested in community sport infrastructure reduces future health care spending through increased physical activity and improved mental health outcomes
- Sport fields function as community-based prevention infrastructure, reducing at-risk youth
- Multi-field complexes allow the Town to host regional and provincial tournaments that bring sustained tourism dollars into local economies TOWN OF ESSEX = PRIME LOCATION
- Quality community fields are the foundation of the provincial high-performance sport pathway

Request

- The Town is requesting financial support for further development of the Essex Centre Sport Fields