



**Unincorporated Seminole Recreation Status Update** 

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# **Unincorporated Seminole Youth Sports Master Plan**



#### **2019 Unincorporated Seminole Youth Sports Master Plan**

- Includes youth recreation facilities operated in Unincorporated Seminole
  - Cross Bayou (County-owned facility)
  - SJWAA (County-owned facility)
  - SYAA (GSRSD owned facility)
- RS&H and Sports Facility Advisory conducted a market analysis, needs assessment, and concept plans with estimated costs for renovation and expansion of existing facilities
- Plan calls for the three organizations to consolidate to meet current and future recreation needs
- Total estimated cost is \$21M-\$25M (3 Phases)
  - \$10M approved in ARPA (Phase 1)
  - \$8.75M programmed in Penny IV (Phase 2)
  - Remaining funds to be requested in Penny V (Phase 3)

# **Unincorporated Seminole Youth Sports Master Plan**



#### **Existing Facilities**



Site 1: SJWAA and New Land Area



Site 2: SYAA



Site 3: CBLL

**Current Facility Inventory: 17 Baseball/Softball, 7 Multi-Purpose Fields** 

# **Unincorporated Seminole Youth Sports Master Plan**









Site 1: Proposed SJWAA Facility

Site 2: Proposed SYAA Facility

Site 3: Proposed CBLL Facility

Proposed Facility Inventory: 12 Baseball/Softball, 12 Multi-Purpose Fields

# **Greater Seminole Area Recreation District**



- Special Act establishing District became law and approved by voters in 1980
- Authorized District to hold and acquire property within district, specifically the purchase of a parcel owned by PCSD (current SYAA facility) to serve recreational needs of the community
- Authorized District to levy ad valorem tax up to .5 mills for three years
- Taxing authority ended in 1983
- Facility construction completed in 1993
- District exists until dissolved by law
- In 2020, District expressed their intent to dissolve

## **Current Project Status**



- Cross Bayou Facility Improvements
  - Project funded and in design
- Greater Seminole Recreation District has requested local bill to repeal Special Act in 2023 Legislative Session
  - If dissolved, GSRD property (Managed by SYAA) would be transferred to the County
- Consolidation of baseball programs to create Pinellas County Youth Baseball Organization
  - Complete
- Cross Bayou, SJWAA, and SYAA agreed to outline of non-profit board to oversee operations and maintenance of all three facilities and administer funding provided by the Board through proposed MSTU

## **Proposed Establishment of MSTU**

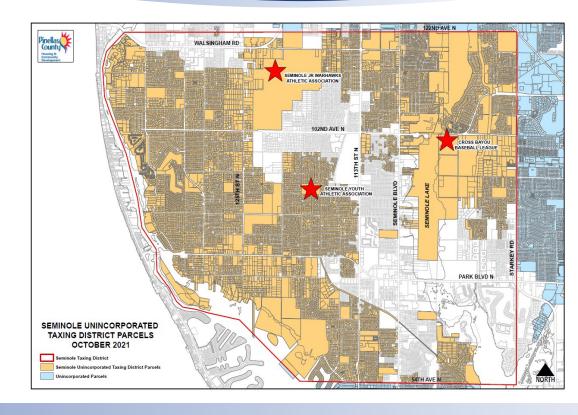


- Create MSTU and authorize ad valorem tax levy
- Establish boundaries of MSTU
- BCC is the governing body of MSTU
- BCC to contract with non-profit to administer operations and maintenance funds for youth recreational facilities in unincorporated Seminole (will define how funds can be spent in ordinance)
- Non-profit to have Board of Directors:
  - Appointed by BCC
  - 7 members
    - 1 from CBAA
    - 1 from SJWAA
    - 1 from SYAA
    - 4 at large who are not affiliated with any of the 3 providers, and live within district
- Non-profit would provide annual budget to BCC for approval

### **Proposed MSTU Boundary**



- Proposed MSTU boundary similar to existing GSRD, less incorporated areas
- Population of MSTU is approximately 50,000



### **Estimated MSTU Revenues**



- Estimated revenue generated from an MSTU ranges from \$357,534 to \$893,835 depending on millage rate\*
- Annual operating and maintenance costs for all 3 facilities is approximately \$300,000 (as provided by user groups)
- MSTU funds over and above annual O&M costs would be placed in a Capital Reserve

Scenario 1: Unincorporated Seminole Potential MSTU Review		
MSTU Millage Rate	Total MSTU Revenue	Annual Cost to Average Residential Property Owner *
0.1	\$357,534	\$19.83

Scenario 2: Unincorporated Seminole Potential MSTU Review				
MSTU Millage Rate	Total MSTU Revenue	Annual Cost to Average Residential Property Owner *		
0.2	\$715,068	\$39.66		

Scenario 3: U	Scenario 3: Unincorporated Seminole Potential MSTU Review		
MSTU Millage Rate	Total MSTU Revenue	Annual Cost to Average Residential Property Owner *	
0.25	\$893,835	\$49.58	

<sup>\*</sup>Based on FY21/22 taxable values

<sup>\*</sup>Based on average residential property with taxable value of \$198,315

### **Items for Consideration**



#### Establishment of MSTU

- May be enacted by ordinance, or through referendum
- MSTU millage rate
  - .1 mill
  - .2 mill
  - .25 mill

### Timing for creation of MSTU

- If ordinance adopted by Dec. 31, 2023
- Effective Jan. 1, 2024
- Collection to begin Oct. 1, 2024

