



Ragweed Draw Ballfields

February 3, 2020

Practice fields (baseball/softball)

City Council approves capital improvement project (traditional) funding in 2019 for ball field upgrades and additions on city owned property and 27J school district property located north of 96th.



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- Ragweed Draw ball field not eligible for CCBSD Use Tax funding.
- City received ACOS grant funds totaling \$77,500.
- Staff requesting re-appropriation of City Lottery funding of \$87,500 to complete the project - total budget: \$165,000 includes contingency.



Ragweed Draw Property (ball field site)



Location: Ragweed Draw Open Space
near 116th Ave and River Run Parkway
in the River Run subdivision.



Current Field Availability

- Commerce City has 2 fields in the north (no lights)
 - River Run
 - Villages East
- School District 27J has 3 fields in the north (no lights)
 - Second Creek Elementary
 - Turnberry Elementary
 - Reunion Elementary
- Commerce City has 7 fields in the south (all have lights)
 - 4 fields at Pioneer Park & 3 fields at Fairfax Park
- School District 14 has 10 fields in the south
 - Alsup, Central, Dupont, Hanson, Kemp, Monaco, Rose Hill
 - Commerce City recently upgraded many of these fields and is maintaining them



Youth Athletic Fields- Interim Option

- Opportunities to add additional fields at existing park/school sites
- Staff identified potential sites near elementary and middle schools to add new fields and also looked at existing fields that are not currently utilized for city programs
- Provide short/long term practice fields
- Possible short term game fields



6 Potential Additional Fields

- River Run
 - One existing field at Thimmig; construct additional field at Thimmig & additional field in Ragweed Draw
- Stuart Middle School
 - Upgrade two existing fields
- Fronterra Park/Second Creek Elementary
 - One existing field; construct one more field
- Turnberry Park
 - One existing field; construct additional field





Youth Practice Fields- Potential Sites

- City staff currently working with School District 27J on deeding, IGAs, operations and maintenance, and CCBSD Use Tax funding source.
- Utilizing these existing fields with upgrades and constructing additional fields near developed city owned properties are estimated at \$625,000 (total includes \$165,000 for Ragweed Draw.)
 - Approved as a 2019 CIP project
- Will require additional O&M for ball field maintenance.



QUESTIONS

