

New Haven – Adams Township Community Center

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Nearly three decades of studies and investigation by the Park Board clearly demonstrated the desire of residents to have a facility that would provide for comprehensive and diversified programming all year. In 2017, construction was completed on the Community Center which now provides the community with a variety of amenities and programming.

The intent of the master plan for the property surrounding the Community Center is to simply build on the success of the Community Center and to be a grand example of the New Haven Parks and Recreation's Vision: "Building the community and increasing the quality of life through people, parks, and programs." The proposed improvements will provide a diverse range of amenities that offer recreational opportunities for all ages that will assist in strengthening the community and enhance the quality of life for all of those in the community. Two sand volleyball courts (with more in the future), four pickleball courts, and a basketball court provide the community opportunities for recreational games while also impacting the economic stability of the area by bringing people to the community for tournaments and recreational leagues. The inclusive playground will also provide an active space for the young visitors of all abilities. Parents watching children play can relax in the nearby plaza that offers shaded seating opportunities and can serve as outdoor gathering spaces for small or large groups. These multi-functional spaces within the outdoor plaza provide the community with a unique amenity, an amenity that will have an infinite amount of programming potential for Parks and Recreation. Due to this extreme success, the needs of the Community Center continue to grow. To accommodate some of these needs, the building will be expanded to incorporate additional restroom and locker room space. These additional restrooms and locker rooms will also service the proposed outdoor spaces while providing a physical connection to the future expansion of the Community Center. This future expansion will provide indoor activities and recreation. Through thoughtful design and site layout, this master plan will allow for future expansion to both the Community Center and outdoor amenities. The City of New Haven is thrilled to begin this next step in expanding their Community Center and can't wait to see what the future holds.

Impact:

- Providing a Regional Park for the benefit of residents in New Haven and Adams Township.
- Building upon the successful components within the existing Community Center asset.
- Providing new outdoor amenities for use by citizens and the Park and Recreation Department through athletic leagues, event space, etc.
- Revitalizing space along the 930 corridor, and effectively catalyzing additional revitalization efforts along the corridor.
- Contributing to the synergy of investment near the Meadowbrook Neighborhood Area including trail and sidewalk improvements, Isabelle Gardens Senior Housing, and the East Allen County Schools Career and Technical Center.

Readiness:

- Local Match Committed by City of New Haven, Allen County – Fort Wayne Capital Improvement Board Request Pending.
- Red Flag Survey Complete: No Significant Environmental Issues Identified.
- Preliminary Engineering Complete
- No acquisition needed
- No permits needed