2014 All-Star Community Award Application

City: City of Fairfax
Population: 2,123

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Title of Project: Fairfax Regional Sports and Park Complex

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed.

The project is a multi faceted recreation complex covering approximately 17 acres. The complex provides lit baseball/softball fields, pavilion, concession area, paved walking trail, playgrounds, batting cages, soccer fields, and parking for the complex and other nearby city recreation facilities.

This project was needed because over the course of the last decade, Fairfax has grown nearly 150%. This growth severely maxed out the facilities that we had which were initially installed when our community had a population of less than 800 residents. Now with a community driven Fairfax Youth Sports Association providing sports programming for over 300 kids and growing, along with a growing adult population spectrum looking for more walking and recreation space, there was an obvious need. The Fairfax Regional Sports and Park Complex gives our community the green space necessary to serve our residents, produce a better quality of life for people of all ages, and with a variety of amenities can be used by people with various recreational interests.

Project Funding and Execution:

Total Cost/Projected Cost of Project: 2.148 million or □ no cost

List where funding came from (grants, donations, city funds, etc.)
Funding came from grants, donations, and city funds.

Total time project took/projected to take for completion:
(to qualify project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013)

April 2012 □ Start date May 2013 □ End date or □ Project is ongoing

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Explain the specific role of your city in this project.
We were the conduit through which the project was designed and installed. However, leading up to this our residents helped push for the need, we in turn collaborated with key people to ensure the design would be ideal based on experience, we then worked to rally community support, and ultimately executed the project to completion.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
This project’s impact will be felt for generations in the following ways. First, it provides enough space and parking to safely service our community. Second, it provides enough green space to give everyone an opportunity to participate in recreational activities. Third, it is a centralized facility that provides a draw for everyone. Specifically, it has become a place where everyone can get together and meet one another- it has helped unify our community by bringing long time residents and new residents together. In a fast growing community this is especially important. Fourth, we have a fantastic community wide celebration annually and this has now provided a centralized location for many of the festivities to take place. 2013 was the first year of this facility being open and it held t-ball, softball, baseball, adult softball, youth soccer, USA Days celebration, fireworks, Halloween festival, and many other personal parties and events. It is hard to imagine what we did before this facility was installed and the possibilities for its future use are nearly endless.

Resources
Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information. Do NOT include supplemental paper information. Only information on this form or the sites listed will be used in the judging process.

www.cityoffairfax.org and click on Parks and Recreation on the left and choose Fairfax Regional Sports and Park Complex

Signatures: (Must be signed to be eligible. Most members print to sign)

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Return this form by Monday, April 7, 2014.
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