City: Sioux Center

Title of Project: Field Turf at Open Space Recreation Complex

City's Population: 7,048

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:
Our project was to install artificial turf on the football field at the Sioux Center Open Space Recreation Complex. Adding turf was a joint project between Dordt College, Sioux Center Schools and the City of Sioux Center at a cost of about $1,000,000. Our challenge was how to add games and deal with weather, rain, insects, etc. The turf will handle the stress of 50+ football games each fall. In addition, there are plans to add college lacrosse, high school soccer, youth football, flag football and recreation soccer leagues.

Explain the specific role of your city in this project:
The project is unique because it is shared between the Sioux Center School District, Dordt College and City of Sioux Center. In the 1960’s these agencies entered into a 28E agreement and agreed to share costs of this large area and create a recreation complex that could not accomplished by one agency on it’s own. These agencies and Sioux Center residents have benefitted from this agreement and enjoy a state-of-the-art modern complex which includes softball/baseball fields and press box, running track, tennis courts and All Seasons Center with an indoor/outdoor pool and ice rink. With the addition of new turf, the complex will better serve our users.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
This project will impact our community by providing a venue that is useable in all weather conditions and allows us to expand recreational opportunities. Our community is a growing and diverse community and so are the programs that we are being asked to offer. In the future, this field will not only be used for school activities, but also to expand our adult and youth recreational opportunities.

Total cost of project: $980,000

List where funding came from. (grants, donations, city funds, etc):
City, college, school and donations
Total time project took/projected to take for completion. Please include start date and end date. (To qualify the project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015):


Resources. (Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information.):

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