

YORK INSTITUTE BASEBALL TOMORROW FUND



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: York Institute is one of two high schools in Fentress County, Tennessee. It is named after native son and WWI war hero, Sergeant Alvin C. York, who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. It does not have a baseball field. The high school team must go off campus to practice and play home games. The only field available in the county is also utilized by the Babe Ruth League, men's softball league, and as a soccer field. Scheduling use of the sole field is chaotic and creates significant stress and conflict within the community.

Fentress County is an economically "distressed" county as identified by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in the heart of Appalachia. Due to the poverty level of the community, this project would not be possible without grant assistance. The suggested site is on a portion of the school grounds already owned by York Institute. A design has been developed by the building trade's class of York Institute for constructing the buildings. The willingness and dedication of the community are strong, but the economy is weak.

IMPACT AND OUTCOME: Children from age 5 to 18 will be served by this project. By providing a primary field for York Institute’s high school team, the existing field will be made available to the younger children. This will ease current frustrations with lack of availability of the current field for both practice and games for the Little League and the Babe Ruth League. An additional field will loosen restrictions on the youth baseball program and allow increased participation in the program. York Institute’s high school baseball team will not be required to travel off campus for practice and home games resulting in increased convenience and safety for the team. Younger aged children will be able to participate in the youth baseball program by the lessening of pressure on the older field resulting in an increase in the total number of teams using the fields.

RC&D COUNCIL’S ROLE:

Responsible for all aspects of the field construction to completion, including the bidding process, site preparation, soil amendments, grading, the construction of fencing, the construction of backstops, sodding, the construction of dugouts, bleachers, construction oversight and administrative responsibilities, in accordance with guidelines published by the United States Baseball Federation.

RC&D President – Project oversight

RC&D Coordinator – Technical oversight

RC&D Treasurer – Oversee grant funds and grant reporting

<u>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</u>	\$ 78,942.00
In-Kind	\$ 50,200.00
Cash	\$ 6,000.00

TOTAL PROJECT VALUE: \$135,142.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTNERS: 30

Private Individuals and Contractors – 25 no.

York Institute Building Trades class

City of Jamestown

Jamestown Rotary Club International

Fentress County Government

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

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