

About Hiller Sports Complex

The 19-acre Hiller Sports Complex includes two little league fields, one regulation sized softball field, one minor softball field, a Babe Ruth baseball field that doubles as a regulation softball field, and two collegiate size soccer fields. The area to the north of the sports complex was developed as a 10-acre stormwater marsh area to minimize downstream erosion and assist the County in meeting the Phase II storm water requirements. The northern 20 acres of this area is a forest preserve of spruce and coastal pine.

The Hiller Sports Complex planning began back in 1992, after the passage of the Measure B assessment district. Plans were designed for the entire 58-acre Hiller east site and the south portion of the 60-acre Wastewater Management Facility parcel. Clearing began on the Hiller east parcel in the mid-nineties while plans and permits were being developed. The determination was that a small wetland was located in the middle of the site delayed the project for a few years for mitigation and relocation. Ultimately the project got back on track about 2000 with the relocation of the wetland and completion of design plans.

Financing has always been a concern since the State of California, through the tax shifts in the early nineties, had taken over one million dollars of the Districts tax revenues. Tax shifts continued and was even more of a problem in 2009 & 2010 with additional Proposition 1A tax shifts.

Financing was a combination of grant funds, District reserves and local donations that enabled construction to begin in earnest in 2002. The two little league fields were completed for the 2005 season and the Babe Ruth and softball fields were ready for the 2006 season.

The District is very grateful to all the local businesses that have donated materials, labor or equipment to this project. The Construction Committee of Tim Hooven, Jim Furtado, Rex Bohn, Ross Miller, Justin Zabel and Eleanor Sullivan were particularly helpful to the District to get the construction started and complete the major elements.

