December 13, 2023

TO:

RE: Letter of Support for the Banneker Upper Field Project

Hello,

Banneker City Little League would like your support on the Banneker Upper Field Project (BUFP). The BUFP is a comprehensive beautification project of one of the city's most visible fields, Banneker Upper Field—our flagship field. Improvements include:

- 1. Field Lights.
- 2. Electronic Scoreboard.
- 3. Batting Cage.
- 4. The Banneker City Edifice: Press Box, Concession Stand, Bathrooms.
- 5. Fence Repairs.
- 6. Dugout Covers & Improvements.
- 7. Stadium Seating & Landscaping.

Banneker Upper Field Project: Budget Estimates

Musco Field Lighting Equipment	\$125,000.00	Paid
Musco Lighting Installation	\$84,100.00	Inv
Scoreboard	\$22,341.00	Inv
Scoreboard Installation	\$13,700.00	Inv
Long Fence: Equipment, Installation, and Repairs	\$16,303.00	Inv
The Banneker City Edifice (Press Office Box, Concession Stand, and Bathrooms)	\$350,000.00	Est
Stadium Seating & Landscaping (Trees, shrubs & plants)	\$42,000.00	Est
Dugout Roofs	\$27,500.00	Est
Total =	\$555,944.00	_

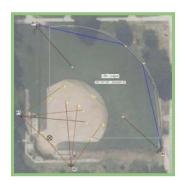
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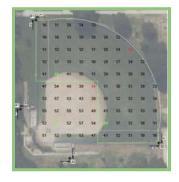




1. Field Lights

In 2022, Banneker City Little League won lighting equipment for Banneker Upper Field for producing the best <u>Safety Manual</u> of the 7000+ Little Leagues in the country (<u>Read More Here</u>). Field Lights would allow for more kids to utilize the green space for longer hours.





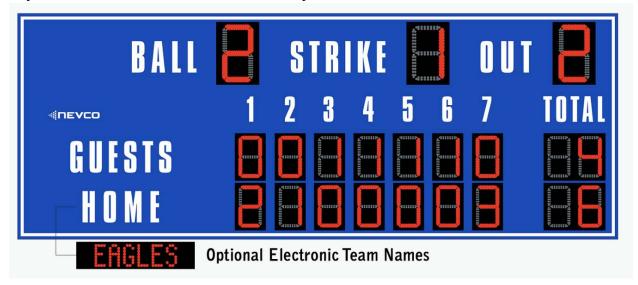




Musco Lighting Information

2. Electronic Scoreboard

Since the ground and electricity will be exposed for the lighting installation, Banneker City added an electronic scoreboard to the scope.



Nevco Model 1609







Scoreboard View From Georgia Avenue

3. **Batting Cage**

There is a new, redundant, unsafe toddler jungle gym that needs to be removed. DCPS received permission to build the redundant, but unsafe playground in 2022. It sits against the Banneker Upper Field Center Field Fence, where projectiles (baseballs) are subject to pelt the playground regularly, which can be very dangerous, even fatal to our toddlers.



Sky View Render of Proposed Batting Cage



Proposed Location of Batting Cage







Currently Redundant Playgrounds Directly Next To Each Other?



Unsafe Location Directly Behind The Baseball Center Field Fence





4. The Banneker City Edifice: Press Box, Concession Stand, Bathrooms



New Access Point On The Corner of Georgia Avenue NW & Euclid Street NW



Press Office Box







Concession Stand & Bathrooms



Press Office Box (Interior)





There is sewer water constantly flowing through the retaining wall weep holes at Banneker Upper Field behind the backstop, which is a haven for mosquitos and disease (**READ MORE HERE**).













Standing Putrid Sewer Water

The Banneker City Edifice consisting of a Press Box, Concession Stand, and Bathrooms will allow permanent repair of the flowing sewage water issue. This is not rainwater runoff, this is constant sewage seepage.

Bathrooms are necessary. With Banneker Recreation Center bathrooms available only during pool hours, there are no other bathrooms on site. The addition of bathrooms will prevent parents and children from having to use the trees and bushes as bathrooms.

The concession stand will bring a non-alcoholic, non-smoke, non-vape, strictly food and beverage, kid-friendly, business to Georgia Avenue.



The Banneker City Edifice may disturb 2 mature trees at the new access point at the corner of Georgia Avenue NW & Euclid Street NW.

Banneker City is consulting <u>Casey Trees</u> for guidance on how to best proceed.





5. Fence Repairs

Fence repairs are desperately needed for safety concerns and to ensure the children's green space does not get compromised by human and pet defecation and urination.

6. **Dugout Covers & Improvements**

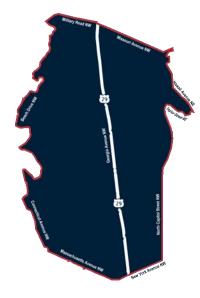
Will provide much needed refuge from the elements: sun, rain, and lightning. Improvements will allow for better use of the space and be more kid-friendly.

7. Stadium Seating

Will allow for more parents and fans to enjoy the games more comfortably, and add additional trees, shrubs, and plants to the Banneker Upper Field landscape.







OUR COMMUNITY

DC Wards serviced by Banneker City Little League:

- Ward 1 (100%)
- Ward 4 (50%)
- Ward 5 (22%)
- Ward 2 (12%)
- Ward 6 (10%)

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Banneker City Parks

Banneker City hopes to gain your full support, so please let me know if I can answer any additional questions.

Thank you,

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