

**Pike Soccer Club strikes deal with City for fields**  
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**Youth organization will develop 90-acre site near Eagle Creek Park for use in June 2001.**

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The fast-growing Pike Youth Soccer Club has received a 20th birthday present from the Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation - a 90-acre home, south of Eagle Creek Park and adjacent to the Indianapolis Colts training complex. The club will develop the site that now is farmland and garden plots sponsored by the mayor's office. The gardens will remain.

Financing and construction of 18 to 20 game fields, several small practice fields and various buildings will take until mid-2001. The major cost will be an estimated \$1.2 million for basic construction of fields, drainage and irrigation systems and parking areas. Additional costs will be for construction of restrooms, storage buildings and concession stands, and equipment purchases, from goals to lawn mowers.

"It's a great situation for us," said Chuck Beard, manager of Eagle Creek Park. He said Eagle Creek Park will get good neighbors, parks department land will be used appropriately, and the city's cost is limited to supplying and emptying trash containers. Beard said the site was zoned for soccer fields in 1997, and the pact with the club protects residential areas to the west, south and east by prohibiting field lights and loudspeakers.

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