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Greetings,

The City of Helena extends our gratitude and support for a Regional Sports Complex, as part of a potential future Regional Parks District. We would like to partner with the Helena Regional Sports Association (HRSA) and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) to further efforts to provide much needed recreation and sports amenities to the greater Helena area.

The City of Helena is currently pursuing the creation of a Regional Parks District that would include parts of Lewis and Clark, and Jefferson Counties as well as Montana City and East Helena. With the Regional Parks District, there are potential funding mechanisms to support that district, of which this facility could be incorporated.

This partnership would ensure this potential future facility be a public facility available for use to the greater Helena Regional Parks District area and community.

The City would like to continue to work with HRSA and YMCA, as well as a larger group of interested users and government entities and land managers, on the appropriate location and amenities provided at the Regional Sports Complex. As you are aware, the City has some concerns with the current location of the proposed facility including some of the property in your current proposed site is not owned by the City of Helena; there are complex engineering considerations given the nature of the site's location; the site has limited space and may not allow for additional amenities needed for a robust sports complex that fulfills the current and future needs of the community; and the current lease to the YMCA will need to be updated.

Thank you for your efforts and the work you are doing to support and grow sports, recreation and community health in Helena.

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