



NEW FIELDS UPDATE

The dream is getting even closer to reality! In December 2002 the Town of Colonie purchased an approximately 50 acre parcel of land in the northeast corner of the town for the development of a soccer field complex for the LCSC. The property is bounded by Watervliet Ave. Extension on the south, Baker Avenue on the east and Boght Road to the north.

The Town hired J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates to design the facility. After getting approvals from various government agencies on wetland issues, the design was completed this past spring. The Town awarded the construction contract at the Town board meeting on July 8th. The meeting was attended by many LCSC members and players. On behalf of the club, President Matt Scarchilli thanked Supervisor Brizzell and the town board for their support of this important project. Construction of the new fields started this month. It is anticipated the new fields will be playable in the Fall, 2005.

The facility will include three full size soccer fields and three modified fields, a concession/bathroom/storage facility and plenty of parking. Access to the fields will be off Boght Road, approximately one-half mile east of Route 9, see field layout. The fields will be terraced and be buffered from the surrounding homes by wetland areas. The LCSC board is already making plans for the management of this new facility. Dedicated fund-raising will be needed to provide funds for a picnic pavilion, building equipment, a sprinkler system and other infrastructure items that the Town will not be able to provide.

While this facility is under development, the LCSC, fortunately, has a very good relationship with the Latham Kiwanis Foundation for the continued use of Kiwanis Park and with the North Colonie School District for the use of their facilities. A 5 year extension of the lease with the Latham Kiwanis Foundation was signed in 2003 allowing the LCSC exclusive use of the fields at Kiwanis Park.

With a new facility and additional fields, the LCSC should be able to offer a Spring recreational program, expand the ages of participants and conduct outdoor tournaments in the future. Stay tuned for further developments!