

Re-imagining the Tower Park Athletic Complex

A generational community project

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Current Limits to Opportunity

Decades of Feedback

- Limited track lanes prevent large meets
- Width of soccer field limits level of play (sectional tournament, college use)
- No locker rooms
- No restroom access to athletes in proximity to competition
- Limited handicap accessibility
- Inefficient lights, sound, scoreboard
- Limited parking for fans
- Traffic and parking congestion burden for neighbors
- Unsafe drop-off and entry conditions
- Limited shelter during severe weather



Current Limits to Opportunity

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- Limited seating for fans
- Limited ability to expand to other sports (i.e. Lacrosse)
- Limited access to wifi, cameras, technology
- No capacity to provide training opportunities for other sports/activities
- Emergency response difficulties
- No locker room/changing space for officials
- Limited space for athletic trainer/ privacy for player assessment and treatment
- Very little investment able to be made in this space by the schools to date

Why Now?

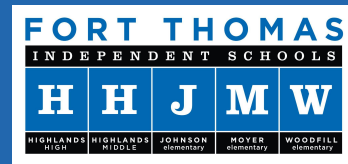
The right time to do something transformational after decades of feedback

- Turf and track at end of life
- Unique opportunity in FTIS owned space
- All 5 academic facilities state-of-the-art (system updates underway tech, HVAC, lighting, roof)
- Window to use funds for needed extra-curricular facility construction
- Private support likely

A highly utilized space with untapped potential

Current groups that utilize Tower Park:

- Highlands High School
- Highlands Middle School
- FTIS Elementary Schools
- Campbell County Youth Soccer League
- Kings Hammer Soccer Academy
- NKU Cross Country Team
- NKU Track & Field Team
- Army National Guard
- Misc. Soccer Clubs occasionally needing space
- Fort Thomas Community (track)



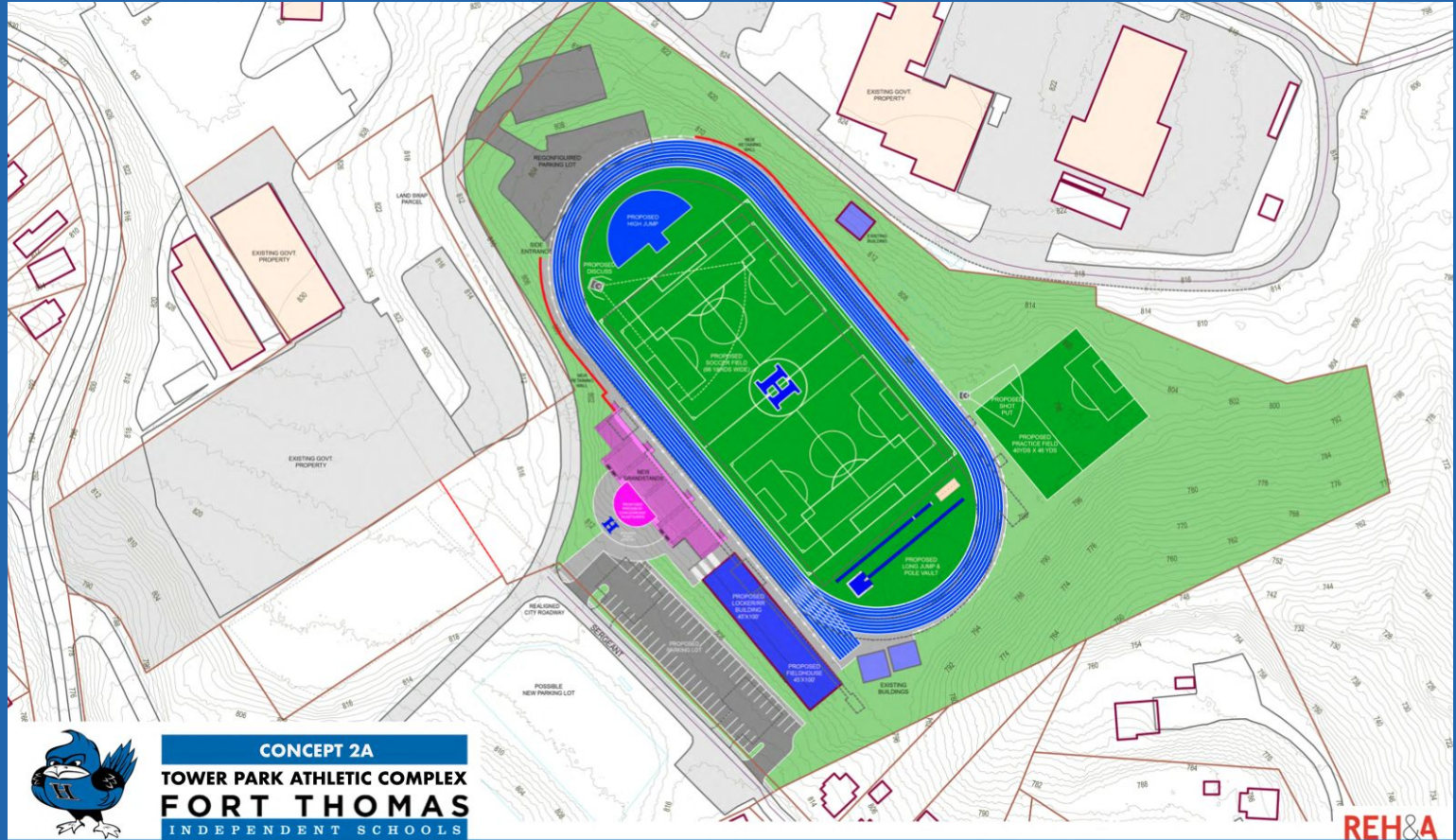
Transformational Opportunity



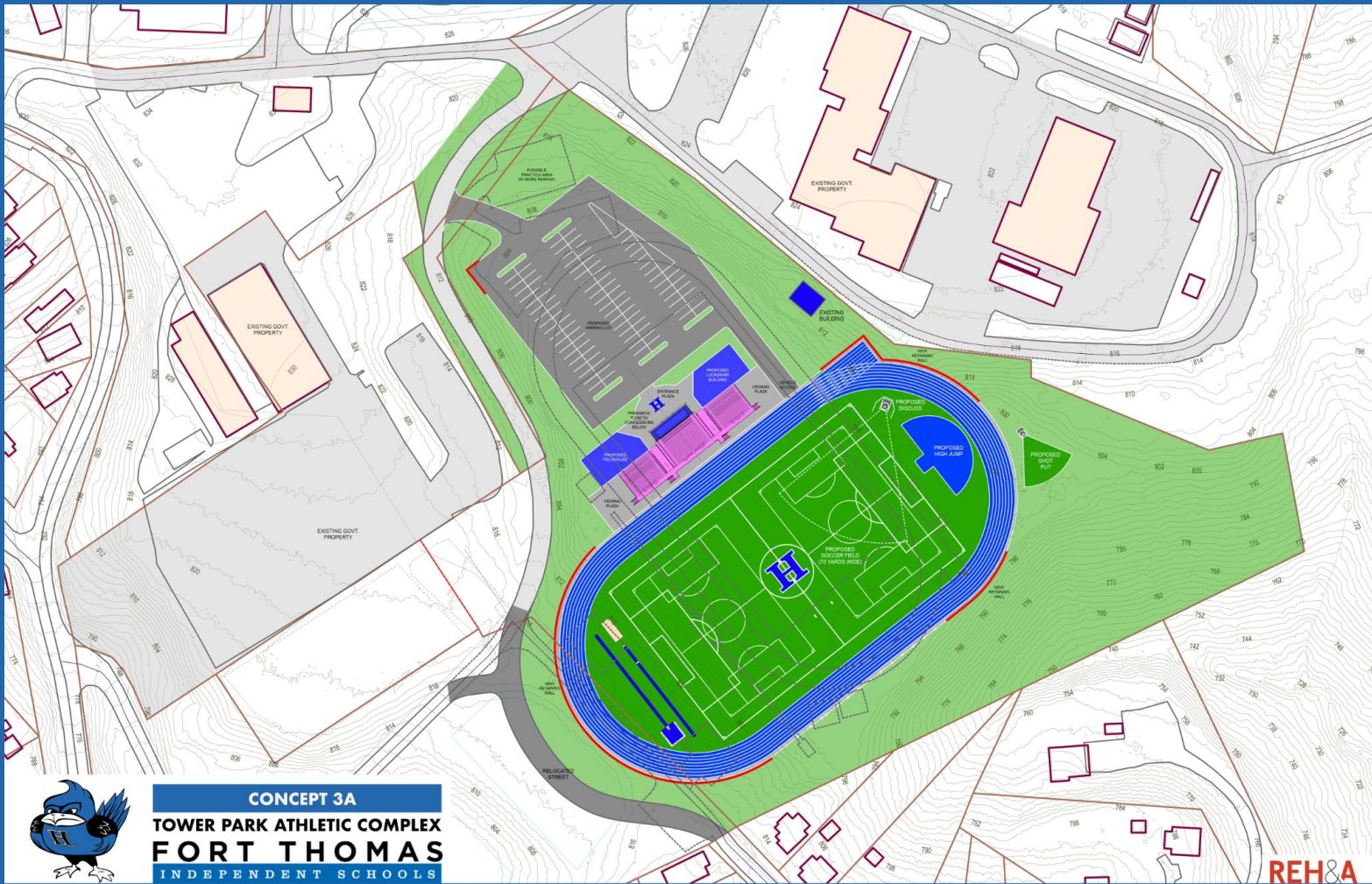
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Design Considerations



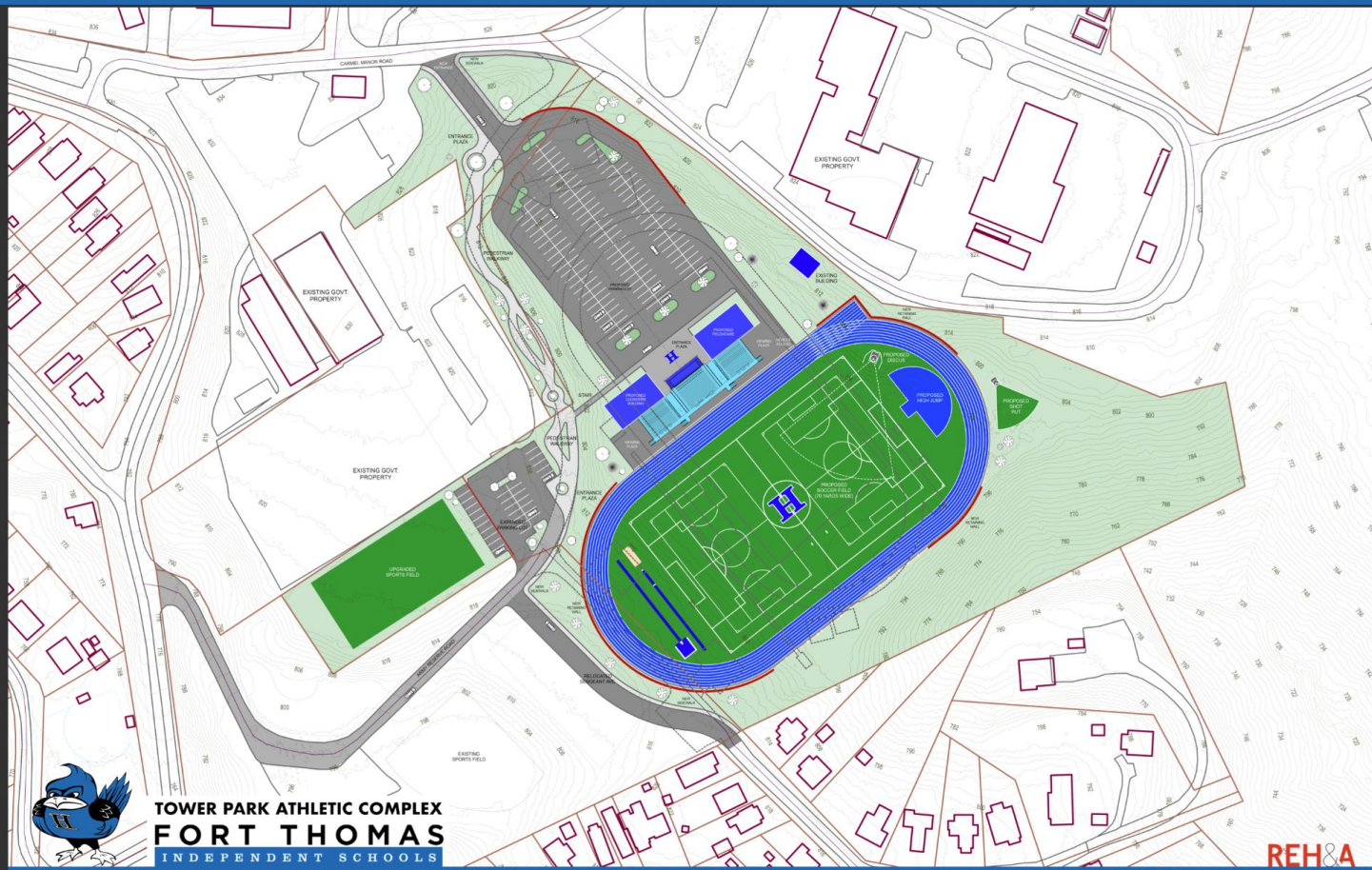
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A Destination Location

- Opportunities for regional and sectional track and soccer events for the first time in HHS history
- Accessibility for the entire community regardless of physical limitations
- Locker room, restroom, and training space
- Full program impact- Field house and designated rooms to expand opportunities for a number of activities (color guard, archery, dance, baseball/softball, wrestling, etc..)

A Destination Location

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- Ability to add space for future community/club programs such as lacrosse
- Significant seating, ticketing, concession, and restroom accommodations
- Significant safety improvement for drop-off
- Lighting, sound, and scoreboard upgrades are easier to maintain and energy efficient
- Technology upgrades allows for student broadcasting and safety

Community Enhancement

- Truly accessible for all patrons
- Continued use as a community space when not in use by the school (Restroom Access)
- Expanded parking and egress improves the neighborhood experience by relieving congestion, increasing safety
- Repurposing the road to the field allows for sidewalks, bike paths, green space- connects neighborhood and park free of traffic
- Design creates enhancement/connection to the park
- Field orientation allows for sound to be more purposefully directed
- Modernized lighting allows for more targeted use

Next Steps

- Final designs in collaboration with athletic dept. and architect
- Agreements
- BOE approval
- Beginning in October is preferred to minimize program impact



Community Feedback

- ❖ Three feedback groups- recorded on chart paper
 - Clem Fennell & Ann Meyer
 - Jeff Beach & Julie Kuhnhein
 - Brian Robinson & Sarah Foster
- ❖ Share:
 - What do you like?
 - What is missing?
 - Concerns?
- ❖ We will remain for additional questions
- ❖ Comment card

THANK YOU for making FTIS a destination district!