

Dune Coast Baseball and the New Buffalo Community Education Foundation are partnering with the Michigan Economic Development Corp on a crowdfunding grant from the state of Michigan to build out the areas around the redesigned baseball/softball complex. If the campaign reaches its crowdfunding goal of \$75,000 by July 17, the project will be awarded a matching grant with funds made possible by MEDC's Public Spaces Community Places (PSCP) program. This project is utilizing the PSCP Universal Design and Accessibility Funding Extension to access an additional \$25,000 for projects that achieve universal design and accessibility in their public space. Funding from this campaign will complete the playing field buildout with universally accessible bleachers and grandstands with chair back seating behind home plate. This is an investment in social infrastructure as we build a community gathering place where we can support the aspirations of our young people. The complex will be home to the Red Arrow Raiders teams as well as the Dune Coast collegiate summer team in the Northwoods League. The field and grandstands will also be utilized by New Buffalo Youth sports Pony League team which until this redesign did not have a field to play on in the New Buffalo area.

How the match works

Every dollar from a local donor moves the project closer to the goal. Cross the line by July 17, and a state matching grant lands in New Buffalo. In other words, a contribution to the Bison Field doesn't just fund a bleacher: it pulls additional state dollars into the project that wouldn't otherwise be there. Individuals who donate \$300 can have a message inscribed on a permanent seat plate to go in the chairback section of the field.

For project details and to donate, please visit: www.patronicity.com/bison