SPECIAL USE
Burbank Park

**Description**

This park is located on the south side of Burbank Drive, just east of Bluebonnet Road. The facility boasts 22 soccer fields, and is the largest soccer facility in East Baton Rouge Parish and has played host to large regional tournaments. The park also features a new Dog Park with separate fenced areas for large and small dogs, a pavilion, walking path and dog pond. Other improvements include additional parking, improved vehicular circulation throughout the park, and five new baseball fields.

**Project Date**

- 2007  Soccer & Ball Fields Construction
- 2009  Dog Park Construction
- 2011  Fishing Area Improvements
- 2012  Lighting Project

**Project Cost**

- $3,700,00  Soccer & Ball Fields Construction
- $595,000  Dog Park Construction
- $75,000  Fishing Area Improvements
- $35,000  Lighting Project

247.84 Acres
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BURBANK PARK

PROJECT PHOTOS

Soccer Fields

Lake Parking—Before

Dog Park—Before

Soccer Fields

Lake Parking—After

Dog Park—After

BURBANK PARK
CENTRAL SPORTS PARK

DESCRIPTION

Located in East Baton Rouge Parish, this unique park will provide outdoor recreation for the active sports community in Central. The various outdoor recreation spaces sit on approximately 55 acres of land. Phase One construction includes building two park entry drives, one from Hooper Road and another from Lovett Road, five lighted ball fields, a recreational lake for fishing complete with walking path around the lake, concession building, and restrooms. The second phase of renovations include two additional ball fields with lighting, four multi-use fields, a new playground and approximately 330 additional parking spaces.

PROJECT DATE

- 2007 Design Phase
- 2008 - 2009 Design Development Phase
- 06/06/2009 Land Acquisition
- 01/22/2009 Commission Approved Master Plan
- 04/23/2009 Commission Approved Revised Master Plan
- 2008 - 2009 Construction Documentation Phase
- 09/21/2009 Clearing & Grubbing
- 2009 - 2011 Construction Documentation Phase
- 05/21/2011 Phase I Construction
- 2014 Phase II Construction

PROJECT COST

- $20,000 Master Plan
- $700,000 Land Acquisition
- $165,000 Wetland Mitigation
- $60,000 Clearing & Grubbing
- $2,876,000 Ph I Construction
- $400,000 Concession Bldg
- $1,300,000 Ph II Construction
CENTRAL SPORTS PARK

PROJECT PHOTOS

Ball Field & Concession Building

View Of Concession Building

Park Entry Walks

Lighted Parking Lot

Ball Field

Ball Field
DESCRIPTION

This beautifully landscaped, heavily wooded land is used for the preservation and study of native plants and flora from other areas. BREC’s Cohn Arboretum features more than 300 species of native and adaptable trees and shrubs, a fruit orchard, butterfly garden and bamboo collection. Amenities and services include pamphlets, paved walkways, self-guided tours and guided tours. A 1-mile paved trail circles the lake and another lake skirts a wooded area. Both are ADA accessible.

The asphalt parking lot was repaved and a new sidewalk installed in 2013.

PROJECT DATE

2009  Site Improvements
2010  Deck/Walks Improvements
2013  Parking Lot Improvements

PROJECT COST

$70,000  Parking Lot/Sidewalk Improvements
PROJECT PHOTOS

Parking Lot Prior to Improvements  Repaved Parking Lot

Sidewalk Prior to Improvements  New Sidewalk

Parking Lot Prior to Improvements  Parking Lot Repaved
Farr Park Horse Activity Center's upgrades were completed in 2007. Improvements include the newly installed eventing trails on the far west side of the property and new entrance and way finding signs installed throughout the entire park. Our new white fencing has been completed and is being put to good use along with two new equipment barns that house hay, and eventing trail equipment. The 300-acre facility houses the Horse Activity Center which features a large indoor arena, an outdoor arena (both lighted), 256 stalls (available for rent), a cross-country event course, horse trails and RV campground. A Trailhead for cyclist is under construction with trail access to the River Road and Mississippi River Levee. The facility will provide an air pump, a water fountain, bike racks, restrooms and a pavilion.

**PROJECT DATE**
- 2005 Master Plan
- 2006 Eventing Trails
- 2006 Fence Construction
- 2006 Indoor Arena Renovations
- 2006 Farr Hay & Storage Barns
- 2006 Signage Upgrade
- 2011 Trailhead

**PROJECT COST**
- $10,000 Master Plan
- $250,000 Eventing Trails
- $150,000 Fence Construction
- $500,000 Indoor Arena Renovations
- $225,000 Farr Hay & Storage Barns
- $30,000 Signage Upgrade
- $286,000 Trailhead
New Farr Trailhead

Old Entry Sign

New Equestrian Jumps

New Fans for the Indoor Arena
Hartley/Vey Sports Complex at Oak Villa is located between South Choctaw Drive and Greenwell Springs Road. The ball park has been renovated in recent years with a state-of-the-art ball field complex containing eight lighted ball fields and a concession center. Situated across the street is a "passive use" neighborhood park with a small basketball court, an open shelter, and a large open space for play. It has played host to some of the largest softball tournaments in Louisiana over the last couple of years.

**PROJECT DATE**

- 2006 Parking & Center Buildings
- 2006 Signage/Landscaping/Dugout Covers
- 2006 Lake Improvements
- 2006 Fire Pump/Irrigation Well and Pump
- 2007 Neighborhood Park Improvements

**PROJECT COST**

- $800,000 Parking & Center Buildings
- $15,000 Signage/Landscaping/Dugout Covers
- $10,000 Lake Improvements
- $60,000 Fire Pump/Irrigation Well and Pump
- $40,000 Neighborhood Park Improvements
Concession Building Construction

Concession Building—Completed

Dug Outs— No Shades

Dug Outs— With Shades

Neighborhood Park—During Construction

Neighborhood Park – Completed
LIBERTY LAGOON

DESCRIPTION

Liberty Lagoon is the newest aquatic facility at BREC. It is centrally located in East Baton Rouge Parish and sits on 3.5 acres of land in Independence Community Park. The master plan for Liberty Lagoon was developed by a joint venture of the nationally acclaimed firms of Kimley-Horn and Counsilman-Hunsaker & Associates. With over 400,000 gallons of water, the park features a "lazy river" where swimmers can float along on inner-tubes, a water vortex that swirls riders around in a circle, 3 wild slides, the yellow lunge, the purple plunge and the gator bowl, a lap pool, a shallow zero-entry lagoon featuring a playground and splash-pad, a sand volleyball court, picnic tables and group pavilions available for rental. Liberty Lagoon also offers aquatic based classes to adults and children of all skill levels.

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LIBERTY LAGOON

PROJECT PHOTOS

LIBERTY LAGOON

BREC SPECIAL USE
**DESCRIPTION**

BREC’s Magnolia Mound Plantation is a rare survivor of the vernacular architecture influenced by early settlers from France and the West Indies. Of the 900 original land-grant acres, BREC retains sixteen acres. The structures on the property include: Historic Museum House, Open-Hearth Kitchen, Overseer’s House, Hart House Quarter House, Crop Garden, Pigeonnier, Carriage House, Barn Reception Area. Park improvements include Hart House painting and repair, site electrical and lighting, and the historic plantation house renovation and repairs were completed in 2010. Mrs. Sue Turner and her family generously donated $1,283,804 to go towards a new visitor center which began construction in 2013. Mr. John Turner pledged an additional $250,000 for the gift shop and signage enhancements at the new facility. The Turner Visitor Center will house the museum gift shop and feature a mini-theater for an introductory film about the historic property. It will also feature a large meeting room for receptions and exhibits about the history of Magnolia Mound.

**PROJECT DATE**

- 2004  Master Plan
- 2004  Hart House Painting/Repair
- 2010  Site electrical and Lighting
- 2010  Main House Renovation/Repair
- 2011  Fund Raising Efforts for Visitor Center
- 2012  Visitor Center—Master Planning and CDs
- 2013-2015 Visitor Center Construction

**PROJECT COST**

- $15,000  Master Plan
- $115,000 Hart House Painting/Repair
- $195,000 Site Electrical and Lighting
- $452,000 Main House Renovation/Repair
- $1,760,000 Visitor Center Construction
PROJECT PHOTOS

Plantation Home During Renovations

Plantation Home After Renovations

Electrical Infrastructure Installation

New Electrical infrastructure

Interior Before Painting

Newly Painted Interior
MAGNOLIA MOUND PLANTATION

PROJECT PHOTOS

Visitor Center Illustration

Visitor Center Site

Visitor Center Under Construction
Memorial Sports Complex is adjacent to Interstate 110 in downtown Baton Rouge. The stadium seats 21,500 people and is used by local high schools and by BREC for football games. On special occasions, it is used for major special events. There are a number of restrooms, a concession area, parking facilities and the site also has two lighted ball diamonds.

Improvements to Memorial Stadium include new concrete ADA accessible parking and reconfigured stadium seating to allow for wheelchair access, concessions and renovated press box. In 2012 the field was completely renovated with a new drainage system and turf creating a more durable and safer playing surface for athletes.

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MEMORIAL SPORTS COMPLEX

PROJECT SITE PLAN

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MEMORIAL SPORTS COMPLEX

PROJECT PHOTOS

ADA Parking—Under Construction

ADA Parking—After

Concession Stand—Before

Concession Stand—During Construction

Football Field—During Construction

Football Field—After
We have been busy creating exciting animal exhibits for visitors to enjoy at BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo. The Zoo has been in various stages of design and construction since 2005. Throughout these phases the zoo has remained open to the public. An education building and Zoo hospital were renovated, improvements made to the visitor parking lot. Visitors can enjoy the new Realm of the Tiger exhibit, featuring Sumatran and Malayan Tigers, Siamang Gibbons and a walk-through Asian Aviary as well as the Safari Playground and Kids Zoo.

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PROJECT PHOTOS

Kids Zoo Playground Before

Kids Zoo Playground After

Tiger Exhibit Prior to Improvements

New Tiger Exhibit

Entry Walk Before

Entry Walk After Renovations
**PROJECT PHOTOS**

- **New Globe Fountain**
- **New Restroom Facilities**
- **Refurbished Entry Plaza**
- **Refurbished Cypress Bayou Railroad Station**
- **Parking Lot Improvements**
- **New Flamingo Exhibit**