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Our mission is to improve the lives of kids by providing the opportunity to play baseball and softball which, through teamwork, strengthens character, builds pride and teaches skills for life. We will do this by helping ensure they have a quality place to play by providing assistance and rallying the support needed to build new ballparks and/or improve existing ballparks.

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IOWA [BASEBALL](#) COMPLEX RECEIVES MAJOR FUNDING BOOST FOR RENOVATION [Black Hawk County Gaming Association](#) Awards \$50,000 Grant to Project

WATERLOO, IOWA (April 1, 2010) – Thanks to a major grant, the Dane Complex, a Waterloo [baseball](#) complex in poor condition, has moved one step closer to renovation. The Black Hawk County Gaming Association awarded a \$50,000 grant to The Dane Complex to help make its renovation a reality. [Build Our Ballpark](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of youth by providing the opportunity to play baseball and [softball](#), is partnering with the City of Waterloo [Leisure Services Department](#) to spearhead that renovation project to ultimately benefit local youth.

“Since these fields are used by hundreds of kids each year, renovation is important for Cedar Valley youth to continue playing baseball,” said Don Hoth, Black Hawk County Gaming Association President. “The [Black Hawk County Gaming Association](#) is proud to be able to assist with this project.”

Build Our Ballpark is an organization committed to providing the assistance and rallying the support needed to build new ballparks and/or improve existing ballparks to ensure kids have a quality place to play. “Baseball is an important part of American culture and history, and our organization believes strongly in the many benefits our youth receive by participating in baseball and softball,” said [Bob Hellman](#), Executive Director of Build Our Ballpark.

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About the Dane Complex Renovation

The [Dane Complex](#) is a city-owned facility located on Waterloo's west side. All three existing fields will have field improvements and bleachers. One field will also include lighting and an electronic scoreboard. The fields have not seen any substantial renovations in the last 30 years.

About Build Our Ballpark

Created in 2008, Build Our Ballpark was the vision of [Bob Hellman Sr.](#), the founder and chairman of the board at Hellman, a marketing and advertising agency in Waterloo, Iowa. An avid baseball enthusiast, Hellman used a teamwork approach to give back to his favorite game by helping build a showcase ballpark – Hellman Field – in his hometown. From that teamwork, Build Our Ballpark was born.

The organization is committed to providing the assistance and rallying the support needed to build new ballparks and/or improve existing ballparks to ensure kids have a quality place to play. By promoting teamwork, strengthening character, building pride and teaching life skills, Build Our Ballpark is rebuilding passion in America's pastime – one field at a time. For more information about Build Our Ballpark, please visit our website at www.BuildOurBallpark.org.

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