

## PRESS RELEASE

City of Kirkwood to Pause Demolition of former KAA Fields to continue discussions with Citizen Group

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**KIRKWOOD, MO (July 8, 2024)** – Following productive input from and discussions with a group of citizens dedicated to continuing youth athletics at the site, the City Council of Kirkwood, Missouri, announces a pause in plans to demolish the former Kirkwood Athletic Association (KAA) fields. City representatives met with the group with the intent of identifying a way forward to preserve youth athletics at the site. The pause is to allow the citizen-led effort more time to organize, and to continue the discussions with the hope of retaining the property as a viable athletic site. City Council's decision ensures that the fields will remain intact to allow more time for the group to further develop their plans.

Key details of the announcement include:

- Preservation of Athletic Fields: The existing fields, including dugouts, fencing, lighting and hardscape, will remain intact while ongoing discussions continue.
- Removal of Unsalvageable Buildings: Any buildings on the property in unsalvageable condition will be removed to ensure the safety and viability of the space for future activities.

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