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### Growth on EDS property hinges on fields

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**In a recent vote to increase the amount of development allowed a property in western Fairfax, the Board of Supervisors also voted to increase the number of ball fields in the same area where they have become scarce because of so much growth.**

Currently, the property, at the corner of Centreville and Wall roads, is vacant except for fields used by the Chantilly Youth Association (CYA) for soccer.

The land is owned by EDS, a global technology company with local offices that wants to increase development on the site, which is mostly vacant.

The supervisors voted to amend the county's Comprehensive Plan to allow for offices, residential and retail uses on the property but only under the condition that ball fields also be built somewhere on the site so CYA can continue playing there, Sully Supervisor Michael Frey (R).

The application will not solve the need for ball fields in this area, Frey said, "but, if we do this right, we can help."

"The field issue is something that is critical in this area as the number of additional students added to the Westfield pyramid grows," he said.

Now that the county's Comprehensive Plan is changed to allow for the new development, the application will go through the county's rezoning process.

The new fields would either be under the supervision of the Fairfax County Park Authority of CYA.

Ralph Willis, CYA president, said at the recent supervisors meeting that the association would be willing to assume responsibility for the fields.

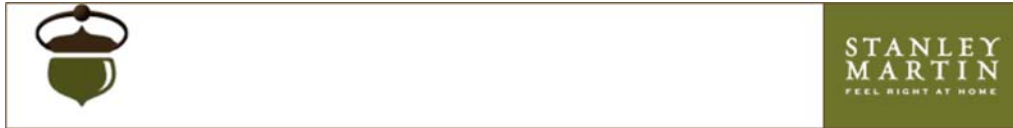
Frey said he would be willing to talk with CYA about that, adding that "there are still a lot of issues to work out."

Either way, Frey said he will not support the application if CYA has to stop using the fields.

Frey and the CYA are not the only ones wanting to increase the number of ball fields in the Sully area.

Earlier this spring, members of the Southwestern Youth Association opened three fields on a property off Bull Run Post Office Road where eight more fields are planned.

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