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New Ball Field Construction Moves Forward
With Permit Approval Complete, Field Expected to Open This Summer

Washington Adventist University (WAU) is moving forward with its new $1.8 million ball field, following permit approval from Montgomery County government. Construction will start in early April, and the field is expected to be completed this summer.

The field will be constructed of artificial turf, which will provide a safe and aesthetically pleasing space to accommodate soccer games, intramural sports, and a variety of activities by students, staff, and members of the local community throughout the year.

The ball field is part of an overall effort by WAU to improve its physical campus. During the past five years, the university has made investments of more than $16 million, reaping visible and effective results. The list of completed projects includes a new $6.3 million music building, a $1.2 million dining hall renovation, a $1.1 million activity center, and a host of smaller projects.

Smaller projects have included new sidewalks near the library, replacement steps for Richards Hall, new furniture for the men's and women's dormitories, new flooring and classroom furniture, and new lockers for the gymnasium locker rooms, in addition to some ongoing and needed maintenance projects.

Transforming the physical campus is part of Washington Adventist University's *Vision 2020: Growing with Excellence* strategy, which will enable the university to better serve its students, faculty and staff as it goes about the business of "engaging minds and transforming lives." With these capital investments, WAU is moving closer towards its goal of becoming one of the premier universities in the mid-Atlantic region.

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