

Performance Contracting

Project: Outdoor Courts

The lifespan of outdoor courts can vary from 6 – 20 years based on construction material and maintenance, making budgeting for outdoor court replacement challenging. This is why many school districts turn towards performance contracting to address outdoor court upgrades.

Background

Performance Contracting is widely known for its ability to modernize facilities through energy efficiency measures, but that same legislation can also fund necessary capital projects. Through the legislation, traditional energy savings measures are combined with necessary facility capital / infrastructure projects to provide a larger scale facility improvement solution.

Dunmore School District, located in Northeastern Pennsylvania, incorporated replacement of its outdoor basketball and tennis courts for their high school into a broader scope performance contract project.

A school's outdoor courts, in many communities, serve much more than the student population. Often, the courts are utilized by the local residents, providing a much-needed enhancement to existing parks and recreation facilities.

Performance Contract Benefits

- » A guaranteed level of performance from the chosen partner
- » Single-point accountability for the entire project
- » No referendum required
- » No change orders
- » An accelerated timeline for facility improvements
- » Minimal disruption to building schedules
- » Greater oversight regarding scope of renovations
- » Better control over final cost of the project
- » Enhanced management of renovation timeline
- » Greater flexibility on product selection

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Beyond sports, investments in athletic facilities can enhance the overall community by encouraging physical activity which builds important life skills for players and by serving as a point of pride for the school and the broader community.

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Project Summary

Tennis Courts

The courts were patched previously, but the patched areas were starting to fail. Dunmore agreed with CM3's recommendation to completely replace the courts. This option provided the same number of courts at a cost that was lower than conducting a myriad of repairs. In addition, the project delivered new posts and nets for three courts, as well as new galvanized fencing.



Typical Performance Contract Opportunities for Athletic Facilities

Repair and/or replacement

Tennis courts

Basketball courts

Outdoor track

Bleachers

Turf

Stadium lighting

Concession stands

Other Athletic Facilities Improved by CM3

Dunmore School District:

Tennis court replacement, basketball court replacement, track spot repairs, full turf replacement

Norristown School District:

Tennis court resurfacing, fencing, lighting, and weight room renovation.

Garnet Valley School District:

Stadium lighting

Perkiomen Valley School District:

Pool renovation

Hazleton School District:

Pool unit replacement



Basketball Courts

The existing courts were in poor condition and had exceeded their useful life. Dunmore agreed with CM3 to conduct a full tear out rather than pursuing a recoating of the existing court.