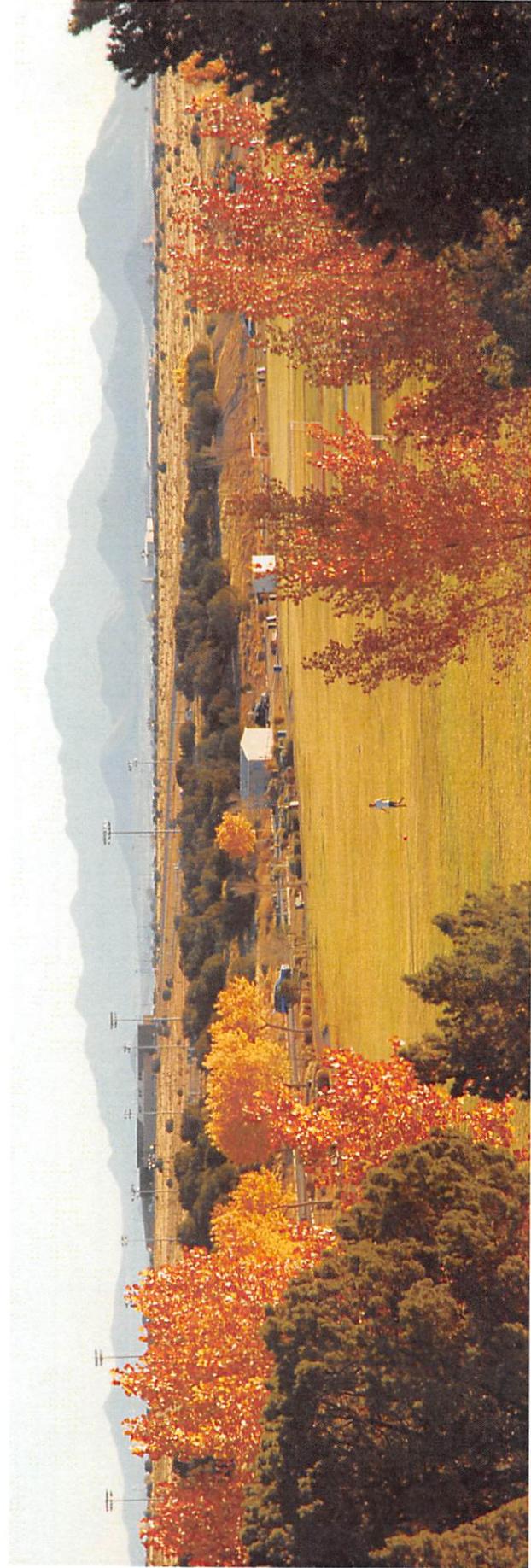


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Soccer, as one of the fastest growing sports in the United States, is attractive to a diverse array of players from all ages, genders, and racial backgrounds. Soccer is showing a substantial increase in participation in Santa Fe. Growth of interest and participation in this sport, however, has far outpaced available facilities. In Santa Fe, this has forced local talented players and teams to seek quality facilities beyond city limits in Bernalillo, Albuquerque, and even further.

The MRC Soccer Valley, originally conceived as a soccer destination, has been faced with significant challenges due to lack of maintenance and field overuse. The facility cannot meet current demands for field space or supply the level of quality of fields needed for competitive play.

Nevertheless, the MRC Soccer Valley site is in a prime location. With convenient access from NM 599, it is readily accessible to communities north and south of Santa Fe and is just 7 miles from the Santa Fe Plaza. Its adjacent available land presents a tremendous opportunity for growth and transformation to serve as a soccer destination both for Santa Fe and the region.

MRC Soccer Complex

The MRC Soccer Complex project will herald a new era of soccer in Santa Fe. As a premium facility that offers eight regulation size soccer fields, a championship field, a central clubhouse, and associated amenities, it will be a distinctive soccer destination that provides safe and enjoyable play opportunities for the community, regional teams, and competitive leagues.

With the MRC Soccer Complex in place, there will exist new opportunities for hosting regional tournaments, leasing space for professional teams to conduct high altitude training, and providing quality practice and competition fields for local leagues and school teams.

The MRC Soccer Complex builds on existing assets and available water resources by expanding field space and offering associated amenities to create one unified facility with broad appeal. Conceived primarily as a soccer destination, its fields, walking trails, and amenities will also be available for use by other appropriate user groups and the public at large.

MRC Soccer Complex Master Plan

The MRC Soccer Complex Master Plan summarizes a plan for a premium facility that responds to public desires and addresses key challenges with the existing facility. The Master Plan outlines a vision for the expanded facility, provides an overview of existing conditions and key challenges, offers a design framework for implementation, and outlines a strategy for improved maintenance and operations.

The Master Plan offers a range of potential build-out options: from a \$12 million scenario that addresses community goals and desires to a \$16 million full build-out scenario that expands use options for a premium destination facility. This cost range provides choices to include additional facility upgrades that will promote soccer in Santa Fe, ease maintenance and operations, and serve as a premium regional facility.

Economic Benefit

Improving the facilities at Soccer Valley will not only benefit the leagues in the region but will also contribute to sustainable economic growth for the City of Santa Fe. Cities that host soccer tournaments see a direct benefit in capital spending from each tournament hosted per year. Santa Fe, with all its cultural, arts, and recreational attractions, is a prime destination for families of soccer players. When the MRC Soccer Complex is completed, Santa Fe has the opportunity to become a sports destination for tournaments as well as high elevation training for national and international professional/semi-professional teams.