



# East Rock Sports Complex

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Rice Field | Wilbur Cross | Blake Field

Hosted by the City of New Haven Department of Engineering, Department of Parks and Public Works,  
and the Youth and Recreation Department – 10/12/2022



# Our Plan for This Evening



Introductions



Recap of Previous  
Meeting



What We've  
Heard



Proposed  
Improvements



Next Steps



Open Discussion

# Improvements Proposed on 6/7/2022





# What We've Heard

## Top Priorities: Cross Football Stadium and Rice Fields

Synthetic turf football field is preferred because:

- Returns to use more quickly after rain
- More resilient to heavy multi-sport use
- Reduced impact of geese

Install lights at Wilbur Cross football field to allow for evening games

Return Wilbur Cross press box + amenities to usable condition

Address access + drainage issues and repair turf on Rice baseball fields

Field conditions for varsity softball field

**Use funding that is available now for improvements now**





# Overview of Proposed Improvements

## Rice Field

Varsity Baseball

JV Baseball

JV Soccer

JV Softball

## Wilbur Cross

Install field lights and synthetic turf field. Rebuild Track. Renovate Press Box and Field Amenities

Renovate Tennis & Basketball Courts



## Blake Field

Existing Little League Field

Varsity Softball Turf & Infield Improvements

Varsity Soccer

Expand Dog Park

Phase One Improvements



# Proposed Improvements: Wilbur Cross

Rebuild track.  
Install root barrier,  
synthetic turf  
field, and lighting.

Replace  
Scoreboard



Repair fence and  
gates

Repair electrical  
and audio systems  
in press box

# Proposed Improvements: Rice Field



Regrade infields with new clay

Regrade and renovate fields through multi-season turf plan

- Aeration
- Grading/Drainage
- Fertilizing
- Seeding
- Soil amendments

# Proposed Improvements: Blake Field

Improve existing  
varsity softball  
field

Create new  
varsity soccer  
field



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# Funding

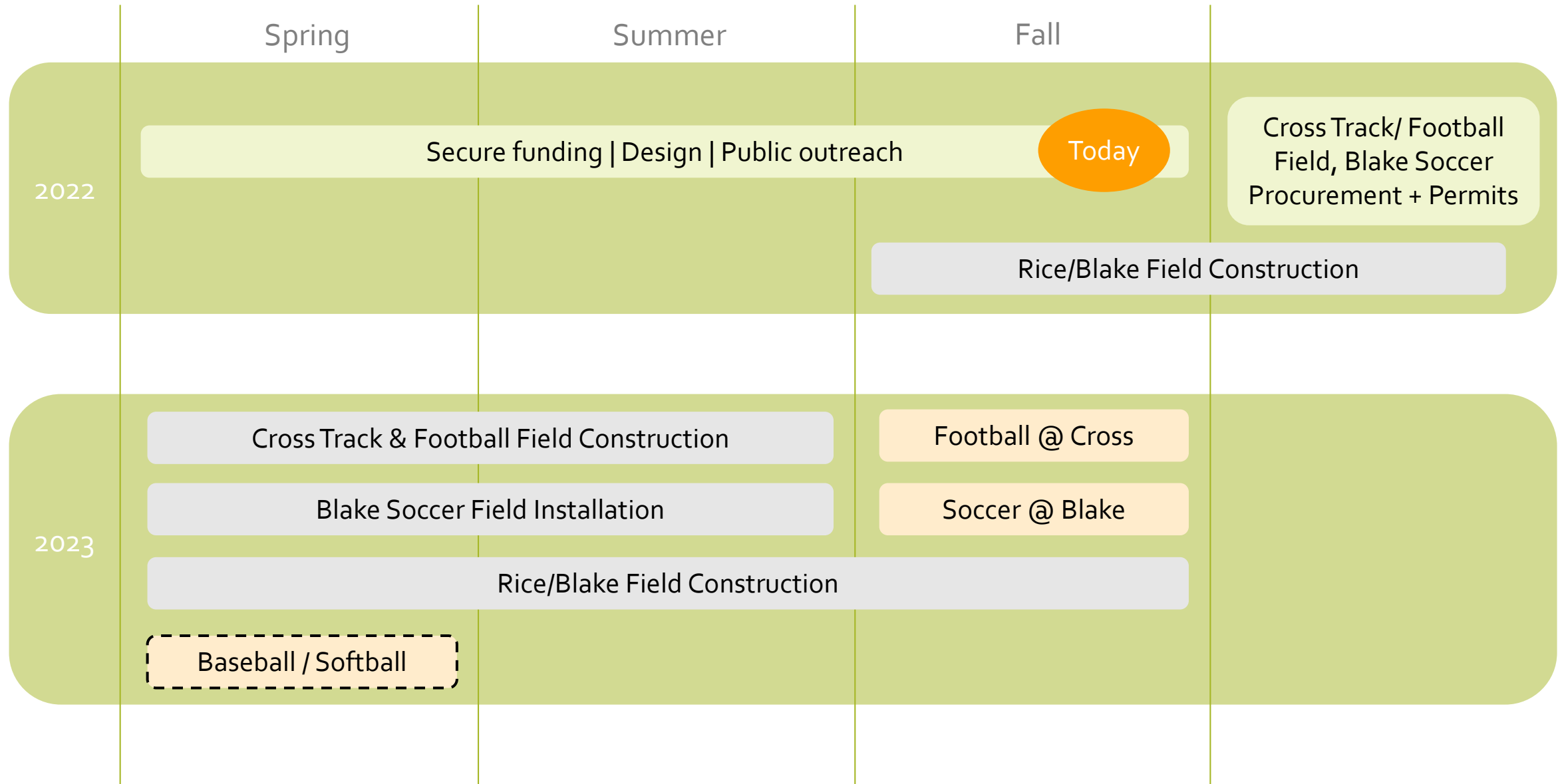
CT Dept of Education	\$1,100,000.00
US HUD	\$750,000.00*
CT DECD	\$1,500,000.00
CT DEEP	\$500,000.00
ARPA	\$500,000.00

Total: \$4,350,000.00

\* Expected from US Congress



# Phase One Schedule







# DISCUSSION

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# Thank You!

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