

BERKELEY ATHLETIC COMPLEX (BAC)

The City of Berkeley Perspective

Events/Situations that have IMPACTED the City of Berkeley:

A. Population, Land Use, and Revenue. The City was born in 1937, and rose to a population of 20,000 by 1960. Presently there is a population of 12,240, a loss of over 7,500.

1. This loss is due to buyouts for Airport expansion and Airport noise abatement. We have had numerous buyouts of residential and commercial land since 1960. We have lost a good deal of very good people, as well as the elimination and/or restriction of land use.
2. There has been a loss of tax dollars due to loss of available land to occupy and use. We are a City of approximately 4.5 square miles. We don't have land to lose.

B. Loss of Recreational/Social gathering facilities.

1. Country Day School. A large facility, with ball fields, picnic areas, meeting places, etc. Gathering place for fun, games, etc. Eliminated for Airport expansion.
2. Holiday Hill. A commercial recreational facility, with numerous rides, batting cages, etc. Attended by thousands of people from the St. Louis area. Eliminated for Airport expansion.
3. Berkeley Athletic Complex. A large field for playing games, softball, etc., for gathering of residents and employees of the community and area for various events throughout the year, i.e. Berkeley-Fest, the City's festival lasting two and one-half days, where there was a circus, carnival, booths, league play, musical presentations, i.e. Bob Cuban and other bands, fireworks displays, etc. In other words, a very worthwhile, wholesome, and valuable event.
 - a. Our last Festival, league play, employee picnic, etc. at this facility was in 1987. This was stopped by the City due to the radioactive material at the site.
 - b. This is the only ground available and appropriate for an event of that size in Berkeley.
 - c. There is a negative impact to any community that cannot get together in one place and play. This has been the case for Berkeley.

(Other issues have negatively impacted Berkeley, i.e. loss of our School District, by Federal mandate. We have given much, and the giving has taken its toll.)

Consideration of the BAC site based upon GEOLOGICAL, GEOGRAPHIC, SAFETY, and PEOPLE factors:

250,000 people reside within 3 miles of the BAC.

2,000,000 people work and reside in the St. Louis Area.

This is located next to a stream that flows into the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, and into the City of St. Louis water supply.

The stream (Cold Water Creek) flows through miles of residential areas throughout North St. Louis County, children play in the Creek, on its banks, eat the snow from its banks, not to mention the fact the wildlife use the Creek regularly.

This is located next to an international airport (Lambert).

This is located over a very large earthquake fault (New Madrid).

This is located in a floodplane.

A storage bunker at the BAC site would be located approximately one-half mile from the largest employer in the State of Missouri. (McDonnell Douglas Corporation).

Several major businesses are located within a three-mile radius.

Within the course of a normal day approximately 17,555 people traverse James S. McDonnell Boulevard.

It would be located in the midst of many major traffic arteries.

This parcel of ground is zoned "P" for park purposes by the City of Berkeley.

The position of the elected officials of the City of Berkeley has been clearly expressed by statements released, public hearings attended, as well as by the adoption of resolutions. Please note the following reiterated statement: "The City of Berkeley is vehemently opposed to any permanent containment cell in a heavily populated area. We believe that such a containment cell would lower property values in all of North St. Louis County and it would also greatly diminish economic development opportunities. We support the cleanup efforts, but we do not support the construction of one of the largest radioactive waste dumps in the country in our area."

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City Clerk
City of Berkeley, Missouri

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