

Becker-Big Lake Ice Association



"The Eagles Nest"

Mission

Our mission is to build, manage, and maintain a local indoor ice arena that promotes the development of youth organizations, as well as promotes area economic and social development.

Our organization is working closely with the cities of Becker and Big Lake as well as other organizations to develop finance and construction plans for a community ice arena to be located along the Highway 10 corridor in the Big Lake Marketplace Development. The proposed 30,000 square foot ice arena design includes a single sheet of ice with seating capacity of approximately 500 people and will accommodate future expansion of a second sheet of ice. The multi-purpose facility will support a broad range of youth activities and public events.

Community Benefits

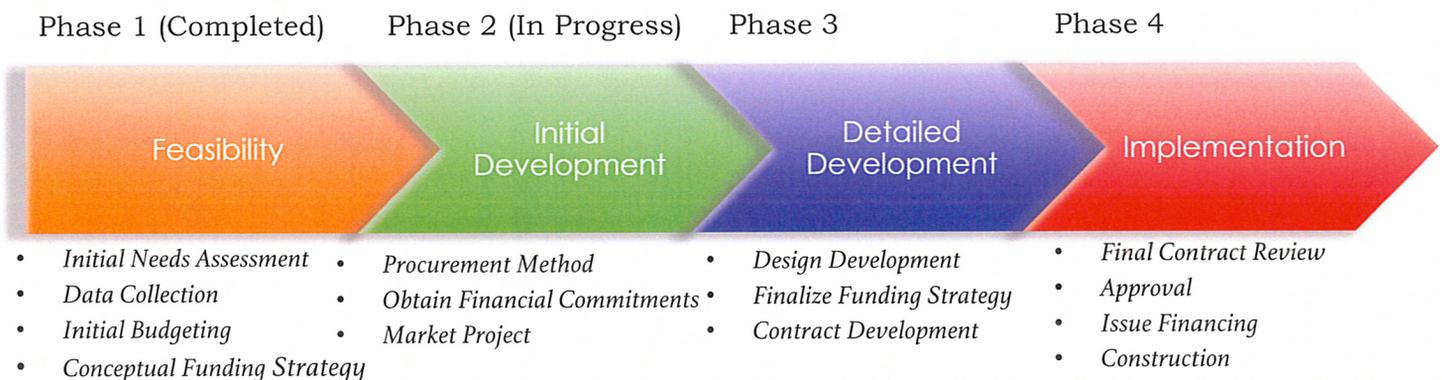
- Increased revenue for area businesses (Restaurants, hotels, shopping centers, transportation, sporting goods, etc.)
- Retain local athletic talent to community hockey teams
- Reduced losses to open enrollment
- Additional recreational events & dry-floor events
- Community pride

BBLYHA Participant Benefits

- Reduction of travel time and expenses for practices and games. Most BBL Hockey Families will see fuel and time savings
- Ability to play home games in a local arena and host tournaments
- Establishment of Becker-Big Lake Area girls' hockey program
- More local = more fans

Arena Development Phases

Currently the Ice Board is in phase 2 of the project development process with a primary focus on obtaining financial commitments.



The board's goal is to raise \$1 million from area businesses, personal contributions and foundations. Work is underway to accomplish this goal and many businesses have expressed a desire to help. Attached is a menu of pledge levels and a pledge form. More information can be found at www.beckerbiglakehockey.com and click on the *Arena* tab. We are also actively looking for additional volunteers that will help make the BBLYHA Arena a reality. If you are interested in helping out or have general questions about the project feel free to contact Ben Rusin, President, by email (bwrusin@hotmail.com). GO EAGLES!