CANNING COMMONS

A Place for Everyone

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A community driven vision for recreation, accessibility, wellness and youth development.

STRONGER COMMUNITY | **HEALTHIER** LIVES | **ECONOMIC** GROWTH | **LASTING** LEGACY

Together, we build tomorrow's legacy today.

2. WHY CANNING COMMONS?

Meeting Today's Needs. Building Tomorrow's Legacy.

Our community is growing, our region is thriving, and the need for modern, inclusive recreation has never been greater.

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS...

A GROWING POPULATION

Canning and Northeast Kings County are experencing significant growth and new housing development.

The demand for recreation is rising.

LIMITED RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Our current fields and facilities are at capacity and lack the versatility our community needs.

It's time for more space and better facilities.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Youth, adults, seniors, parasport athletes – everyone deserves access to quality spaces to be active and thrive.

Inclusive recreation strengthens our whole community.

ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

Hosting tournaments and events brings visitors, supports local businesses, and builds our reputation as a regional hub.

Recreation drives economic growth.

A LASTING LEGACY

Investing in Canning Commons is investing in the health, vitality, and pride of our community for generations.

It's our legacy project.

PROJECTED GROWTH

By September, 54 new housing units will be occupied in Canning, with 24 more units coming soon after.

Our community is expanding – our infrastructure must too.

KEY BENEFITS OF CANNING COMMONS

HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

More opportunities for physical activity improve health, well-being, and quality of life for residents of all ages.

STRONGER SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Shared spaces bring people together, build community, and create la sense of belonging.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Tournaments, events, and year-round activity attract visitors and generate revenue for local businesses.

REGIONAL DESTINATION

Canning Commons will be a one-of-a-kind facility that showcases Northeast Kings County as a premier place to live, play and visit.

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Designed with environmental stewardship in mind, creating a facility that benefits our community today and tomorrow.

CANNING COMMONS IS MORE THAN A PROJECT – IT'S OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE.

Together, we can build a place where everyone thrives.

THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

Guiding our Vision. Building a Stronger Northeast Kings Community.

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?

Northeast Kings is one of the fastest growing areas in the Valley

- Youth sports, recreation, and community spaces are in high demand
- Existing fields are heavily used and increasingly difficult to maintain
- Community organizations have identified a need for enhanced recreational facilities

2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

- Open access for youth, schools, recreation groups, seniors, and community organizations
- Designed with accessibility and inclusion at its core
- Benefits extend beyond Canning to the entire Northeast Kings region

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3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

- Creates a shared gathering place for people of all ages
- Encourages volunteerism, community pride, and youth leadership
- Strengthens partnerships between schools, recreation groups, municipalities, and service clubs

4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

- Supports healthy, active living
- Creates opportunities for sport, recreation, and community events
- Enhances quality of life for residents
- Generates economic activity through tournaments, events, and visitors
- Leaves a lasting legacy for future generations

CANNING COMMONS: *A Place for Everyone.*

YOUTH | FAMILIES | SENIORS | ATHLETES | COMMUNITY

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A REGIONAL PROJECT

Serving Canning and the Entire Kings County Region

KEY MESSAGE:

- This is not a **CANNING** project.
- This is not an **NKEC** project.
- This is a **REGIONAL** project.

Nobody currently offers this combination of assets.

CANNING COMMONS PROJECT

Play. Grow. Connect.

TURF FIELDS | TRACK & FIELD | RUGBY | COMMUNITY HUB | OUTDOOR SPACES | ECONOMIC GROWTH

WHY CANNING?

Canning is the heart of our community.

MANY COMMUNITIES HAVE:

- Pools
- Recreation centres
- Indoor facilities

CANNING'S UNIQUE STRENGTH IS:

- Open space
- Existing recreation hub
- Arena
- Splash pad
- Schools
- Tennis Courts
- Walking access
- Available land

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES BUILD AROUND THEIR STRENGTHS.

A STRONG FOUNDATION. A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

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WHAT IS CANNING COMMONS?

A modern recreation hub for today and tomorrow.

SOCCER FIELDS
Full-size field for play, training & events

ARTIFICIAL TURF
Multi-sport field for year-round play

8-LANE TRACK
For training, meets and events

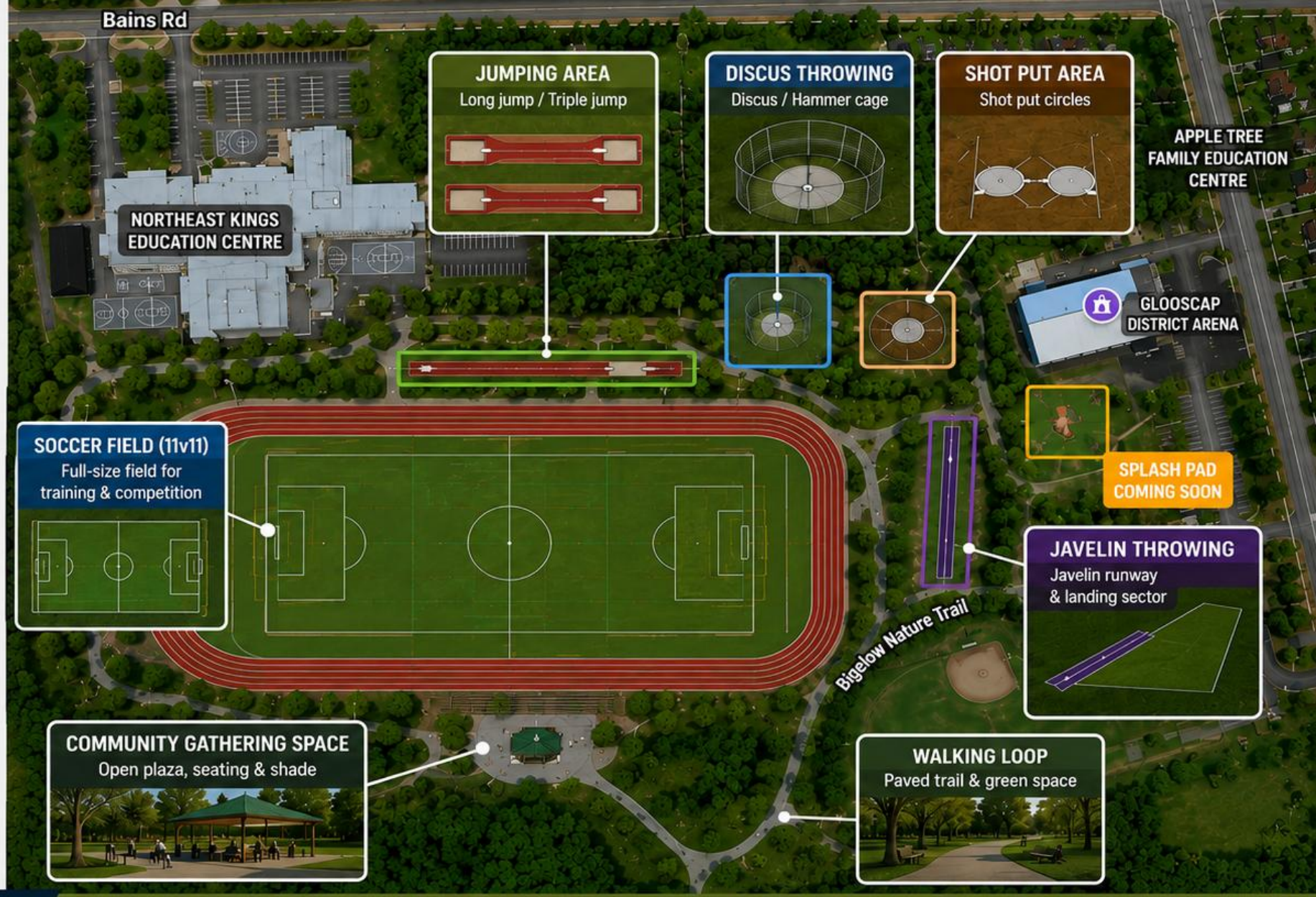
WALKING SPACE
Connected trail and walking loop

THROWING AREA
Discus, shot put & javelin facilities

LIGHTING
LED lighting for safety and extended use

ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES
Barrier-free access throughout

COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE
Open space for events and connection



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A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Creating opportunities for recreation, wellness, inclusion, and community connection across generations.

YOUTH & STUDENTS
- Physical Education
- School Teams
- Intramurals
- Leadership Opportunities

FAMILIES
- Community Events
- Outdoor Recreation
- Healthy Active Living
- Shared Experiences

SENIORS
- Safe Walking Surface
- Year Round Access
- Community Wellness
- Senior/Youth Social Connections

SPORT ORGANIZATIONS
- Soccer
- Rugby
- Football
- Track & Field

WHEELCHAIR USERS
- Accessible Track
- Inclusive Design
- Barrier Free Access
- Adaptive Opportunities

VISITORS & TOURISM
- Tournaments
- Regional Events
- Provincial Championships
- Community Festivals

UNIFIED SPORTS & SPECIAL OLYMPICS
- Inclusive Recreation
- Community Participation
- Belonging Through Sport

LOCAL GROUPS
- CAPRE
- SMILE
- Recreation Programs
- Farm Workers & Seasonal Workers

BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES | CREATING INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES | SUPPORTING ACTIVE LIVING & WELLNESS | STRENGTHENING OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

CREATING LASTING IMPACT

Partnering with Rotary International to Create Lasting Change in Our Community

Rotary International

TOGETHER, WE CREATE LASTING CHANGE

IMPROVES HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Encourages daily physical activity
- Supports physical and mental well being

PROMOTES ACTIVE LIVING

- Year round access to recreation and sport
- Walking track, field space, and programs

INCREASES ACCESSIBILITY

- Inclusive design welcomes all
- Removes barriers to participation

SUPPORTS YOUTH LEADERSHIP

- Students involved in planning and advocacy
- Opportunities for volunteerism and growth

STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Shared space for schools, families, seniors and recreation groups
- A true gathering place for our community

LEAVES A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

- Infrastructure that will serve the region for decades
- An investment in the future

This is more than a sports facility.
It is a lasting investment in people, community, and future generations.

COMMUNITY LED | COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP | HEALTHIER LIVES | STRONGER REGION | A LEGACY THAT LASTS

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Investing in Our Community

More Events. More Visitors. More Opportunities.
Stronger Local Economy.

POTENTIAL FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Provincial Championships
- Rugby Tournaments
- Track & Field Meets
- Soccer Events & Tournaments
- Outdoor Concerts
- Community Festivals
- Winter Classic Style Events
- Recreation Programming & Camps

A destination for sport, recreation, events and community celebration in Northeast Kings County.

RUGBY TOURNAMENT

TRACK MEET

SOCCER FESTIVAL

OUTDOOR CONCERT

WINTER CLASSIC EVENT

EVERY EVENT CREATES COMMUNITY IMPACT.

- VISITORS EAT
- VISITORS SHOP
- VISITORS STAY OVERNIGHT
- VISITORS SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

A COMMUNITY ASSET THAT GENERATES ACTIVITY, ATTRACTS VISITORS, AND SUPPORTS LOCAL ECONOMIC GROWTH.

- More Visitors More Events
- Increased Spending in Our Community
- Stronger Local Partnerships
- Support for Local Businesses
- A Legacy for Future Generations

MOMENTUM THROUGH PHASES

We Want Benefits Immediately

A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH THAT DELIVERS VALUE AT EVERY STAGE

NKEC TURF PROJECT

Building Health. Building Community. Building Legacy.

1 PHASE 1 — JUMPING FACILITIES

- Long Jump / Triple Jump
- High Jump Area
- Pole Vault Area

BENEFIT: Expanded opportunities for events, training and development.

2 PHASE 2 — THROWING FACILITIES

- Hammer Throw
- Discus Throw
- Shot Put Area
- Javelin Runway

BENEFIT: Immediate use for schools, athletes and community training.

3 PHASE 3 — FULL TURF FIELD

- Full Turf Field (Multi-Sport)
- Field Equipment
- Lighting & Fencing
- Enhanced Amenities

BENEFIT: A premier facility for all sports, events and community celebrations.

4 PHASE 4 — TRACK & FIELD COMPONENTS

- 8-Lane All-Weather Track
- Runway Extensions
- Field Event Markings
- Track Equipment & Amenities

BENEFIT: Host meets and competitions, attract visitors and grow our sports tourism.

BUILDING TODAY. BENEFITING TOMORROW.

- IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY USE AND PROGRAMMING
- ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH EVENTS AND VISITORS
- HEALTHIER, MORE ACTIVE COMMUNITY
- A LASTING LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

PROGRESSIVE INVESTMENT. MAXIMUM IMPACT.

Together, We Build More Than a Field.

FOR OUR STUDENTS | FOR OUR ATHLETES | FOR OUR HEALTH | FOR OUR BUSINESSES | FOR OUR COMMUNITY

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

A Grade 2 student discovering a love of sport.

NKEC athletes training and competing close to home.

Seniors staying active and connected.

Accessible recreation for people of all abilities.

Families gathering for sport, wellness, and community events.

Stronger local economy through events, visitors, and business growth.

"WHEN this project succeeds, every generation in our community will benefit."

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STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

WORKING TOGETHER. BUILDING COMMUNITY. CREATING OPPORTUNITIES.

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VOLUNTEERS
OUR COMMUNITY. OUR STRENGTH.

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VILLAGE OF CANNING
A Community on the Move

CANNING RECREATION COMMISSION

VALLEY DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Rotary Club of Kentville

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education

OUR PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES:

- Shared vision for community well-being
- Commitment to youth and active living
- Long-term investment in local infrastructure
- Building a legacy for future generations

AVRCE HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT BY:

- Participating on the planning committee
- Providing expertise and project guidance
- Managing project finances
- Issuing charitable receipts for donations

TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A VIBRANT FUTURE FOR CANNING AND THE VALLEY.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS. LASTING IMPACT.

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

BUILDING MOMENTUM TOWARD REALITY

COMPLETED

- Community vision established
- Strong partnerships formed
- Preliminary concept planning completed
- Organizational structure in place
- Stakeholder engagement underway

NEXT STEPS

- Topographical Survey
- Hydrological Assessment
- Environmental and Site Studies
- Final Concept Design
- Detailed Costing and Funding Strategy

OUR ROADMAP TO REALITY

Every successful community project begins with a clear vision, strong partnerships, and steady progress. ***Canning Commons is already on that journey.***

2026

Planning and Site Evaluation

2027/28

Detailed Design and Fundraising

2028/29

Construction and Community Activation

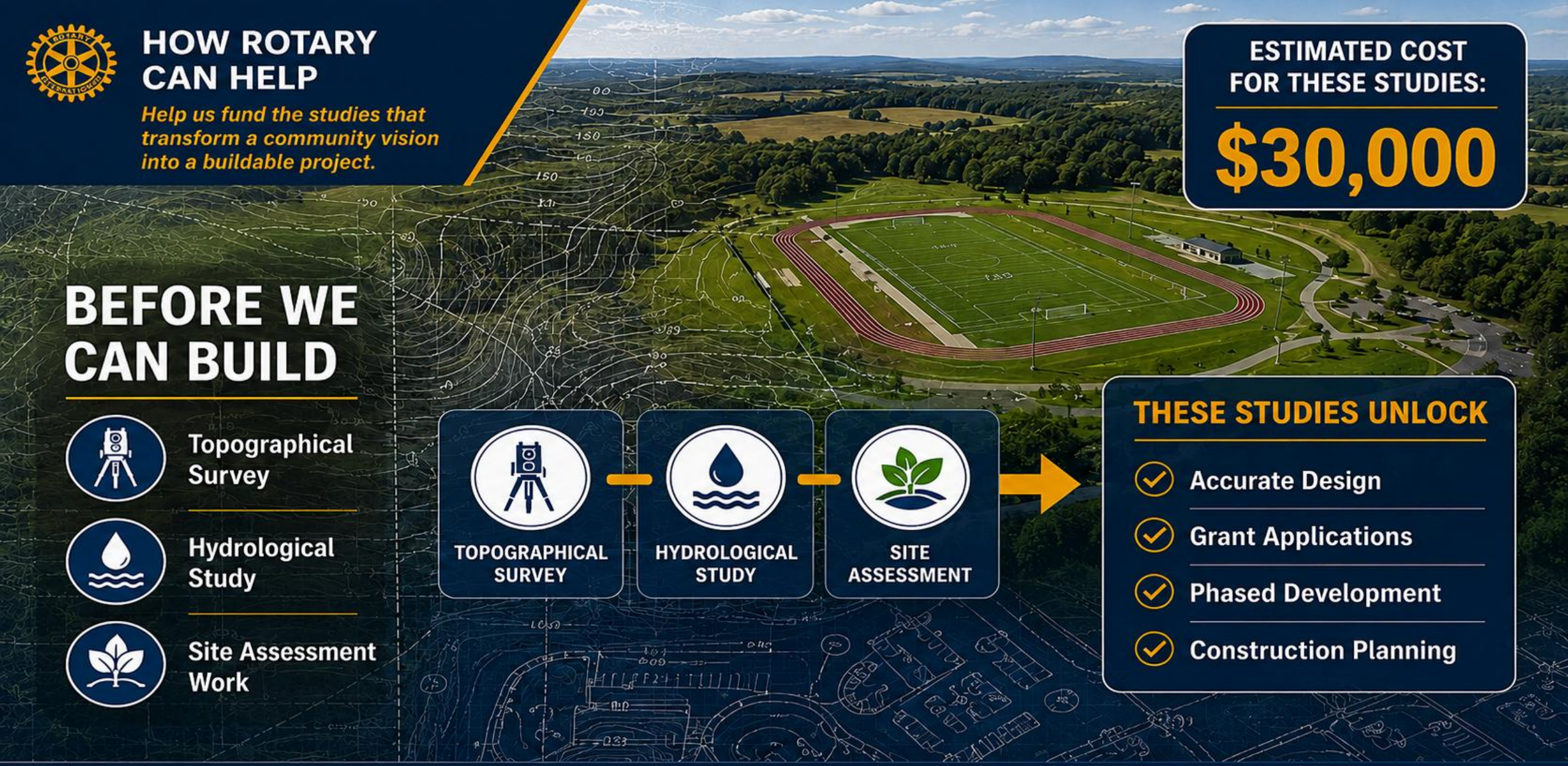
COMMUNITY FIRST | STRONG PARTNERSHIPS | HEALTHY LIVING | ECONOMIC BENEFIT | LASTING LEGACY

HOW ROTARY CAN HELP

Help us fund the studies that transform a community vision into a buildable project.

ESTIMATED COST FOR THESE STUDIES:

$30,000



BEFORE WE CAN BUILD

- Topographical Survey
- Hydrological Study
- Site Assessment Work

TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY → HYDROLOGICAL STUDY → SITE ASSESSMENT

THESE STUDIES UNLOCK

- Accurate Design
- Grant Applications
- Phased Development
- Construction Planning

BEFORE WE CAN BUILD, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE LAND.

THANK YOU, ROTARY

Building a Legacy for Generations to Come

YOUR SUPPORT TODAY HELPS TRANSFORM A COMMUNITY VISION INTO A COMMUNITY LEGACY.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the vision of Canning Commons.

Together, we have the opportunity to create a lasting community asset that will serve:

- Students
- Families
- Seniors
- Athletes
- Community groups
- Visitors to our region

What begins with studies and planning today can become a place that inspires healthy living, connection, inclusion, and community pride for decades to come.

We look forward to working together to help make this vision a reality.

Questions?

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is today."

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