**Young Men’s Christian Association of Anderson**

**Project Summary**:

Expansion and Upgrade of Anderson Area YMCA Ducworth/Tucker Sports Park. In its completion, the Anderson Area YMCA Sports Park will be a multi-sport complex featuring: 88 total acres, four softball/baseball fields, five multipurpose fields (soccer, football, lacrosse), expanded and new restroom facilities, a special events lawn, playground with picnic shelter, walking track, and over 700 parking spaces (a growth from the current 99 parking spaces). The sports park will also be home to Anderson School District 5's cross country course. This course will provide a safe practice location for junior varsity and varsity cross country teams from the district's secondary schools. This course will not only serve as the "home" course for TL Hanna and Westside High Schools but will be built to accommodate and host regional and statewide cross country meets or collegiate meets.

The Anderson Area YMCA serves over 2,500 youth ages four to twelve each year through its sports program. The current sports park was built in 1972 and has remained virtually the same in size and facilities since then. In order to meet the needs and accommodate for seasonal team sports, the Y has to lease sports fields from the county and school district for team practices and games which allows no room for growth to the current sports program at the Y. The new sports park will be an asset to Anderson County and Upstate of South Carolina as a whole by allowing the Y and Anderson School District 5 to host weekend sporting tournaments and cross country meets. These events will provide economic benefits and dollars to our county by bringing in athletes and families to Anderson and surrounding towns and cities. The location of the sports park is conveniently located two miles from Interstate 85 which will allow easy access to the sports park for out of town participants. In addition, the citizens of Anderson County will benefit from and have access to the playground, picnic shelter, event lawn, and walking track throughout the year. This section of the county currently does not have a community space for residents to be physically active.