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Gadsden County Park and Recreation Center with Indoor Amenities

Quincy, FL – Gadsden County is slated to see its first park with plans to have indoor recreation in the St. Hebron Community. The purchase of the 25.5-acre lot on Fantana Trail, which is meant to serve the entire County, was approved during a regular meeting in January with a land use change following during the May 3, 2016 regular meeting. The County Parks Department has erected a sign effectively announcing the future plans for the property.

The plans, which will be implemented in phases, include a playground, walking trails, pavilions and indoor recreation for the property. In the coming months, County Park staff will be working in the area to clean and prepare the property for future construction. County Administrator Robert Presnell stated, "This will be the first park of this kind in Gadsden County that will have amenities to serve the entire County in the area of both indoor and outdoor recreation. We will seek funding sources to implement the project to bring this comprehensive recreational component to Gadsden County."

The St. Hebron Park and Recreation Center is the vision of District 2 County Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V." Viegbesie, PhD who envisions a multi-purpose recreational facility in Gadsden County. "This caliber of Park and Recreation Facility is needed in Gadsden County for multiple reasons. It will provide our youth an outlet to keep them engaged in athletic activities thereby reducing their chances of participating in juvenile delinquent activities. It will also provide an avenue for recreational activities for the overall improvement of the health of the citizens. Furthermore, it is an economic development engine since employee's access to meaningful recreational facilities is one of the major factors that businesses consider in their determination of where to locate their industries" states Commissioner Viegbesie, PhD.

This project will enhance the recreational assets within Gadsden County and provide a unique recreational experience to the County. The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners has made, and continues to make, significant investments to our local parks and recreational venues through grant funding and budgetary appropriations.

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Picture Caption: Commissioner Viegbesie, PhD. visits future site of recreational center.