

The Maitland Ballfield Complex



First Station #47 at the top left [1]; public works water plant top right [2] plus ball fields and a concession building. Photo from Google Earth.

The City of Maitland married two ideas in 1990: they had surplus land at the Keller Road Public works site, home to their water plant [2] and Fire Station #47 [1]; and they needed a little league field for residents. The result of their co-location thinking was The Maitland Ballfield Complex. It has two 200' baseball fields, one 300' field, restrooms and a concession stand. This is the primary home site for Maitland Little League.

When the Forest City Little League club lost access to their fields, the Maitland Little League opened their fields to the neighboring club. Now two clubs call the Maitland Complex their home.

The trick was collaborative thinking. The City Council overcame the natural instincts of the public works department, the fire department and the recreation department to focus on their individual missions and, instead, produced a single facility that provided multiple services and multiple community benefits; all on one site.