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## League City baseball park underestimated economic impact, officials say

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Officials with [Big League Dreams](#) baseball park in League City say the high number of tournaments booked at the new sports park will have an estimated \$27 million economic impact on the small community east of Houston.

"We were very conservative in estimating the impact on our local economy," says Doug Frazier, economic development coordinator for the League City. "Our estimates included only the large market tournaments and events requiring overnight stay from visitors."

According to the park's general manager, Ed Farmer, tournaments are scheduled every weekend for the rest of the year. The number of tournaments at Big League Dreams is expected to grow over the next five years, increasing the annual economic impact to more than \$40 million.

The model used by League City economic developers to project the impact includes expenditures by additional visitors to the area, additional taxes generated and the local payroll created by the sports park.

The newly opened multi-sport recreational complex features scaled-down replicas of six famous major league ball parks, two sports-themed restaurants and an indoor soccer arena. The facility hosts softball, baseball and indoor soccer league play and tournaments, as well as corporate outings.