

WASHINGTON - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) said he has obtained \$100,000 in a House bill to complete the City of Gardendale's Miracle League Field project.

The funds will allow the City of Gardendale to make improvements to the Miracle League Field complex, which is the first baseball and softball park in Jefferson County specifically designed for children and adults with special needs. The assistance will be used for the construction of a covered seating area and parking lot improvements to enhance accessibility.

This is the opening year for the Miracle League Field in Gardendale.

Congressman Bachus said, "Miracle League Field is a truly inspiring place which allows a special group of young people and adults to experience the joy of sports. They teach all of us that challenges can be overcome. The City of Gardendale deserves enormous credit for hosting this unique facility and it is my pleasure to be able to show support for it."

Stan Hogeland, the Director of Parks and Recreation for Gardendale, said, "The Miracle League has been a positive experience for the entire community. Our first season has been a great success. This assistance will allow us to complete construction on the facility and we appreciate the support from Congressman Bachus."

The funding is contained in the FY10 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill. Legislation must be passed by both the House and Senate and signed by the President before becoming law.