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## **Loudoun County Celebrates Completion of Loudoun United Soccer Stadium**

Loudoun County officials joined with hundreds of members of the community Saturday, August 3, 2019, to celebrate the completion of Segra Field, the new 5,000-seat soccer stadium at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park in Leesburg, which will be home to Loudoun United FC, a direct second-division affiliate of Major League Soccer club D.C. United.

Members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors were among the elected officials who participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony with DC United Co-Chairman and CEO Jason Levien, Loudoun United FC leadership and players, representatives from Segra, which has naming rights for the new stadium, and others to mark the project milestone.

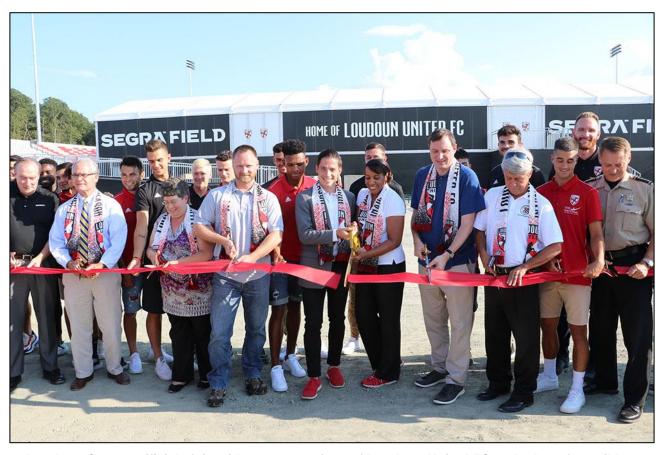
During spoken remarks prior to the ribbon cutting, members of the Board highlighted the benefits of the county's partnership with Loudoun United to the greater community, including use of soccer fields by the public, enhanced soccer-related opportunities for Loudoun's youth and a positive economic impact associated with events held at the stadium.

Following the ribbon cutting, a fan fest provided an opportunity for soccer fans of all ages to get an up close look at the new field, meet Loudoun United team members, take photos and enjoy food and drink from a variety of vendors. The festivities came ahead of the team's inaugural match at Segra Field, scheduled for August 9, 2019, against the Charlotte Independence.

In 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved legislative applications to allow for construction of the new stadium and other uses, including training facilities, team offices, parking lots and playing fields, two of which will be available for use by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Under the Memorandum of Agreement between Loudoun County and D.C. United, Loudoun County is providing the land for the facilities and approximately \$15 million in financing for construction of the complex. Construction of the facilities will be paid for by DC Soccer Management Company, LLC through lease payments to the county that will fully offset any debt payments incurred as a result of the financing package. The county will own the new stadium.

In addition, Loudoun County is constructing parking lots at the stadium and will retain the ability to operate them as paid parking lots for stadium events and as a park and ride lot for Loudoun County Transit bus riders during commuting hours. The project also includes area road improvements.



Loudoun County officials join with representatives of Loudoun United FC and others for a ribbon cutting ceremony at Segra Field at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park in Leesburg.