VERDE DESIGN developed the refined site design for Phase I of Grogan Park. Phase I features a soccer complex to help with the growing interest in the soccer community of Modesto. This park is the largest sports park in the city of Modesto. The local soccer youth group (MYSA) will be the primary users of the soccer complex and anticipates holding many local and regional tournaments on these fields.

The soccer complex has a total of seven fields, all of which are lighted. Three of the fields have state of the art, synthetic turf, with the central synthetic turf field being set up as a stadium field. This field is directly adjacent to the entry plaza and is lowered slightly, enhancing the stadium sight lines and creating an impressive first impression as patrons enter the complex. Near the entry are 3 buildings, the MYSA office building, a restroom building and a concession building. The plaza area between the entry and the fields is ideal for post-game gatherings and award ceremonies. To the north of the three synthetic fields are four natural turf fields. These fields utilize the latest breed of hybrid Bermuda grass for increased resistance to wear and longer season of playability. Beneath the turf grass, we designed a slit sand drainage system to improve turf quality and play.

Program:
• Three synthetic and four natural turf fields
• Field lighting for all seven fields
• Highly efficient irrigation system and drought tolerant planting
• Main entry sign, soccer complex entry trellis element
• Perimeter pathway and ADA access
• Picnic areas, restrooms, and concessions

Services: Site design, construction documents, construction administration services, sponsorship and fundraising brochures for the city and club use.

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Construction Cost: $7.5 million
Size: 43 acres total, Phase I: 26 acres
Schedule: Opened June 2013