



What amenities will be found here?

Victoria Acres seeks to strengthen Minnesota's commitment to outdoor recreation and sports, as well as the community of Victoria. The Victoria Acres complex will provide for world class trap shooting competition, Olympic shooting sports training and competition, and a community event center. The complex will also include year-round recreational activities such as cross country skiing, snowshoeing, parks and trail system, and camping. In addition, synergistic economic development opportunities such as outdoor-related business headquarters, sporting retail stores, health and wellness retail, restaurants, hotels, and more will be pursued adjacent to the complex area.

Where will the Victoria Acres Outdoor Recreation & Shooting Sport Complex be located?

The City has worked with USA Clay Target Association League to design a preliminary site layout and identified potential land for acquisition. The City envisions a 350 to 500- acre footprint in a beautiful setting that centers around an appreciation of natural resources and features.

Is there a need for this type of facility?

Youth clay and target shooting is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. With nearly 500,000 target shooters and 400,000 hunters in just the Twin Cities area alone, the need for an outdoor recreation and sporting complex has never been greater. Additionally, the complex will include an events center which currently does not exist in Victoria.

What safety measures will the complex have?

USA Clay Target League and site designers have developed layout options that provide optimal safety at the complex. In addition, league target shooters are required to go through safety classes. When there are target shooting events, additional safety measures will be implemented.

When will Victoria Acres be completed?

The City of Victoria is currently seeking legislative support for the project. Land acquisition, environmental assessment, and final design services will keep the project on track and on pace for groundbreaking in spring of 2025.

How will the Outdoor Recreation & Shooting Sport Complex be paid for?

Through public-private partnerships, including funding through key appropriations and/or consideration of inclusion in the bonding bill will ensure this world class outdoor recreation and shooting sports complex can preserve our great outdoors and be purposeful in our economic growth. In addition, there will be opportunities for sponsorships and fundraising strategies.

Who will manage Victoria Acres?

The shooting sports facility is envisioned to be operated by USA Clay Target, a non-profit organization who would host a number of local, regional, statewide, national and even international youth, high school and collegiate tournaments. Additionally, the site will offer opportunities for clay and target enthusiasts throughout the year. A proposed indoor event center on the grounds, will be operated by the City of Victoria and is envisioned to provide year-round event space for conferences and meetings, retreats and sports shows, firearm education/trainings, weddings, restaurant and catering facilities, and corporate offices. A museum highlighting Carver County and Minnesota's outdoor heritage is envisioned for the site. Permanent vendor buildings and dedicated vendor space will be available for purchase or lease making this site ideal for tournaments and other events.

I am concerned about noise generated by firearms from the site. What will be done to address noise mitigation?

USA Clay Target has and the City are committed to working with the community to reduce noise exposure by all reasonable means. There are a number of noise mitigation guides for outdoor shooting ranges that will be reviewed as part of this process, and noise mitigation solutions will be evaluated during the planning and design process. Additionally, the City will require a noise mitigation plan as part of the project.