***SPORTS AND RECREATION***

Sports and recreation in the Municipality of Mangaldan offers a range of services and support to promote an active and healthy lifestyle. From training programs, the local government works closely together with the citizens particularly the youth and the elderly to build strong, inclusive and active communities. The People of Mangaldan believe that sport and recreation is for everyone and they make it possible through increased opportunities for the people with disabilities, women, seniors and the youth. With vast area allotted for sports and recreational facilities that could offer not only to the people of Mangaldan, but also host big events during Provincial activities.

***Situational Analysis***

**Sports and Recreation Interests**

The people of Mangaldan are lovers of both outdoor and indoor sports. In the barangay level, the outdoor sports well-liked by the barangay folks are baseball, softball, lawn tennis, volleyball and basketball. Baseball and softball are usually played after harvest season making use of the fields as their diamonds. At present, driven by their burning interest in sports, basketball courts are no longer a rarity in the barangay levels. Many barangays have put up their basketball courts in private lots, not only in the school compound that attests to the growing enthusiasm of Mangaldan folks in sports.

In schools particularly in the intermediate and secondary levels, organized sports groups are formed like table tennis, lawn tennis, basketball, baseball, softball, taekwondo, volleyball, badminton and chess under competent coaches and trainors. In the Division Meet 2014, Mangaldan has produced Champion Athletes in Taekwondo and Chess (John Marx Anastacio). During the R1AA, Mangaldan won 5th place (Cyrine Nichole M. Condes)- elementary.

In dance sport, the ***Boyz Unlimited Dancers***is one of the Philippine’s best dance crews with back to back championship record from one of the most-prestigious international dance competition, the World Supremacy Battlegrounds in which the crew bagged gold for two consecutive years of joining the competition held in Sydney Australia year 2011 & 2012.

The others simply indulge themselves in passive indoor activities like reading, TV or VHS viewing. Popular among the children are video games especially in the computer shops within Poblacion.

**Sports and** **Recreation Facilities and Services**

The Mangaldan I Central School has a wide playground that can accommodate all events in sports played during Division and Regional Athletic Meets. It has one (1) tennis court, a people’s court, one (1) basketball court, an oval shaped ground for track and field, and a diamond shaped ground for baseball, softball and football and two (2) courts for volleyball. It has been for several times the site for Palarong Panlalawigan and the R1AA formerly known as Ilocos Region Athletic (IRAA) Meet. Mangaldan hosted the Division II Pangasinan Meet Last January 2010.

In the barangay Level, many barangays have now basketball courts in private lots aside from those found in the school compound. These barangays are Alitaya, Amansabina, Anolid, Banaoang, Buenlag, David, Embarcadero, Guiguilonen, Lanas, Landas, Maasin, Malabago, Navaluan, Osiem, Palua, Poblacion, Pogo, Salaan, Salay and Talogtog. The existing playgrounds in the school compounds are used for recreational activities and other sports like badminton, baseball, softball and volleyball.

The Mangaldan Youth Development Center now Macario Ydia Development Center (MYDC) by virtue of Resolution No. 97-47 dated June 6, 1997 conceptualized and constructed thru the initiative of Former Mayor Macario G. Ydia in 1979 and was completed and made operational thru the zealous leadership of Mayor Benigno M. Gubatan. Inter-barangay basketball tournaments are being held in this hall yearly. During Division and IRAA meets this hall is being used for cultural presentations for SAYAWIT, a cultural competition during sports activities during Division and IRAA Meets. It is likewise used as a training center for out of school youth for vocational skills development and for other indoor sports for students of the different colleges and universities in Dagupan City. Other recreational activities like stage plays are held in this hall which has a floor area of 1,728 square meters or a seating capacity of 2,00 spectators. To date, the Municipal Government in coordination with the different sectors in the locality has already sponsored two major stage plays namely *Digmaan* in 1996 and *Anak-Banua* in 2001.

The public plaza is the venue for community affairs and has an area of 4,386 square meters, one of the widest public plazas in Pangasinan. Its periphery is planted with trees, which attracts students to play and stay. It provides a suitable area for joggers and brisk walking as well as a leisurely stroll for a wholesome and healthful activity.

The 3rd floor of the New Municipal Building is turned into a Multi-purpose Hall. It has a floor area of 618 square meters and can accommodate a 1,000-audience of community programs, activities and socio-cultural shows.

There are three (3) Physical Fitness Centers run in Mangaldan which is located at the Jayo Building and along the Public Market. This however, caters to the higher income physical fitness enthusiasts. The more affluent members of the community avail of the recreational facilities in Dagupan City.

**Sports Agencies**

The Department of Education, together with local sports clubs and the local government unit are the agencies that play an active role in sports development in the Municipality of Mangaldan. In the elementary, secondary and tertiary levels, specialized athletics are formed every school year to prepare the youths for the yearly varied athletic competitions at varied levels.

In the municipal level, barangay teams in basketball are formed in preparation for the inter-barangay basketball tournament held during summer at the MYDC spearheaded by the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation.

**Table 65: Existing Sports and Recreational Facilities by Barangay**

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| **Barangay** | **Facility** | **Location** | **Surface**  **(Indicate If Concrete/ Earth, Others** | **Land Area (sq.m.)** | **Indicate Public or Private** |
| Alitaya | Basketball court   1. Whole court 2. Half court | In front of PB’s House Montemayor’s Near Soriano’s Compound | Concrete  Concrete |  | Private  Public |
| Anolid | Basketball court   1. Whole court | Anolid Elementary School |  | 140 sq. m. | Public |
| Banaoang | Basketball court   1. Whole court 2. Parks & playground | Barangay Hall  Barangay Hall | Concrete  Concrete |  | Public  Public |
| Bantayan | Basketball court   1. Whole court 2. Half court | Bantayan  Sitio Guesang  Sitio Parian  Abalatin | Concrete  Concrete  Earth | 200 sq.m  75 sq.m  75 sq.m | Public  private Private |
| Bari | Basketball court   1. Whole court 2. Half court | Camp Pasong Bari, Mang. Pangasinan |  | 320 square meter | Public |

*Continuation of Table 65 ……*

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| Bateng | Basketball court   1. Whole court 2. Half court | Bateng East & West | Concrete | 400 sq.m. | Private |
| David | Basketball court   1. Whole court 2. Half court | Barangay Auditorium  Macasieb Comp. | Concrete  Concrete | 200 sq. m  75 sq. m | Public  Private |
|  | Parks &playground | Barangay Auditorium | Earth |  | Public |
| Embarcadero | Basketball court   1. Whole court 2. Half court | Purok – V  Purok – VII | Concrete  Earth | Sub-standard | Private  Private |

*Source: MPDO*

***Current and Projected Land Requirement***

The Municipality of Mangaldan has an existing recreational space of 2.52 hectares comparing to the standard of 500 square meters or 0.05 hectare per 1000 population, Mangaldan with 124,771 projected number of population by year 2026, the municipality needs an additional 1.33 hectares.

**Table 66: Technical Findings**

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| **Problems/ Issues/ Concerns** | **Recommendations** | **Policies/ Strategies** |
| **Barangay Level** | | |
| 1. Lack of sports facilities | * Provision/ establishment of required sports/ recreating facilities | * Lobby for fund allocation for the various sports/ recreational facilities |
| 1. Availability/ accessibility of sports/ recreational in barangays |
| 1. Lack of maintenance of sports facilities |
| 1. Lack of designated focal persons of sports/ recreation facilities of every barangay | * Proper coordination in the Municipal Sports council | Coordination in the Municipal Sports council |
| **Municipal Level** | | |
| 1. Lack of sports/ recreational facilities of every event like basketball court, gymnasiums, etc. (For hosting Provincial/ Regional/ National events) | * Establishment of lacking sports/ recreation facilities * Development of sport/ recreation facilities | * Lobby for fund allocation for the various sports/ recreational facilities |
| 1. Maintaining of sports facilities of every events like basketball gymnasiums, etc. | * Development & maintenance of sports/ recreation facilities | * Yearly budget appropriation for the maintenance of facilities |