



National Digital Database of Sport and Recreation Amenities (NDD)

By mid-2023, Sport Ireland and its partners will develop an open, comprehensive, and authoritative database of sport and recreation in Ireland, with applications to promote physical activity for all, while supporting evidence-based decisions and policy at local and national levels.

Sport Ireland are leading on an initiative to develop a National Database of Sport & Recreation Amenities. Working closely with spatial data experts, Esri Ireland and Derilinx, the project aims to:

- 1. Create a central registry of all sports facilities and places for people to be active in Ireland.** The database will include datasets such as Sports (pitches, pools, clubs, etc...), Recreation (trails, Greenways, surfing spots...), Public Places (parks, beaches, forests...). The project also aims to collect additional data on what users can expect to find at these facilities, such as accessibility, parking, toilets etc.
- 2. Provide a website and mobile app to serve the information to the public.** By making the collected data available in an interesting and engaging format, the project aims to encourage higher activity levels for health and wellbeing within the population.
- 3. Facilitate National Policies** covering National Development, Sport, Health, Data and more.
- 4. Improve how sport and recreational facilities and amenities are planned and managed.** Through a range of purpose-built analytical tools, the NDD will provide facilities planners with information on what is currently available and determine where best to provide future

development. Ensuring that data providers benefit from the database is a key priority to promote continued data provision.

By creating a central, authoritative National Registry, complete with a public facing website and app, and a suite of applications and statistical dashboards, the ultimate impact and benefits of the project will be to:

- Improve Lives of People in Ireland
- Promote higher levels of physical activity
- Improve health & wellbeing throughout the population
- Provide suitable facilities where they are needed
- Transform Planning, Funding & Management of Amenities
- Improve analysis of requirements, future needs & impacts
- Provide consistent, accurate data for evidence-based decisions
- Promote effective collaboration between stakeholders