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The city of Columbia and private developers are investing \$37 million in a new minor league baseball stadium to anchor the new Columbia Commons mixed-use development on Bull Street. The 181-acre Spirit Communications Park will have seating capacity for 8,053. It will feature 16 luxury suites, 143 club seats, a 7,120-square-foot club lounge and 83 concession spots. In addition to being home to a soon-to-be-announced minor league team, the stadium will be open daily for visitors when events aren't scheduled. Its concourse forms a complete circle and is 1/3 mile in length, ideal for walking and jogging. Visitors also will be able to enjoy picnic areas and carted concessions.

The project will generate more than 900 temporary construction jobs, 26-30 full-time jobs to operate the new sports facility and more than 500 seasonal jobs.

Spirit Communications Park will be the hub for a residential and commercial, urban complex on the old State Hospital grounds on Bull Street. Plans also call for other tourism-type development, including a dine-in movie theater, small park areas and space for festivals and art events.

Report New Tourism Investments in South Carolina!

Tourism employs one in every 10 people in South Carolina with a total impact of more than \$18 billion annually. Capital investment dollars are constantly pouring into the tourism industry, with hundreds of millions of dollars spent on projects each year. It is vital that this component is properly recognized as a cornerstone of our state's economy. We at the South Carolina Department of Parks Recreation & Tourism are contributing to this effort by compiling new tourism businesses and developments from across the state and announcing them to the public as often as possible.

If you are aware of new tourism investments - new hotels or major expansions, new attractions, golf courses or new visitor services - kindly notify SCPRT to help us keep track and raise awareness. Use the form at the [link](#) to get started!

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