

The Big Picture

A mild evening, great seats that don't break the bank, a couple of hot dogs, a cold drink, and live baseball. Does it get much better? NewBridge Bank Park opened in 2005 as the home of the Greensboro Grasshoppers, the single-A affiliate of the Florida Marlins. By raising \$30 million in private funding, city leaders built the park, and the fans have come. Families catch the action from the stands and grassy play area and laugh at the goofy contests between innings. Young professionals walk from their downtown offices to enjoy the outdoor sports bar. Out past right field, the city's skyline forms a handsome backdrop. *Photo by Mark Wagoner*

