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CAMPUS RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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VISIONING

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MISSION

Stephen F. Austin State University's Campus Recreation department focuses on programming, staffing, facilities, and space needs to support the University's wellness journey for each Lumberjack student, faculty and staff member. Campus Recreation provides a dynamic network of interconnected fitness resources that are actively and passively accessible to all students and the broader Nacogdoches community. Campus Recreation's inclusive tools will help the campus reach prospective students and keep current students engaged. We will endeavor to eliminate barriers for users to help them find success on their unique health journey. We will cultivate an impactful environment to develop our employees' and staff's professional and personal growth, creating lasting impacts.

GOALS

1. **Impact:** Increase the number of unique users and repeat users on campus with sustainable strategic decisions that can support growth with increased opportunities, space, resources and staffing.
2. **Growth:** Campus Recreation can play a direct and indirect role in helping recruit and retain students. The Student Recreation Center and other facilities are pivotal nodes for prospective students on campus tours. Internal and external activities can find new ways to impact students' lives.
3. **Connection:** Get more folks in the doors to showcase all Campus Recreation has to offer users! Adding student-focused space will increase the lobby's storefront aspects and increase activity. Connecting and showcasing outdoor recreation will drive Campus Recreation's impact on students' lives.
4. **Culture:** Maintain or increase the demand and desire to be a student worker. Campus Recreation prides itself on the connections it makes with its full-time and part-time staff. Develop strategies to bridge the current barriers to find continued success.

OBJECTIVES

1. **Fields:** Critical to the overall impact of supporting as many students as possible, the current fields should be renovated to provide the most available playing surface, a full-size field with synthetic turf and lighting. Support facilities should be provided to meet users' needs.
2. **Outdoor Pool:** Throughout the hot months, the campus and the larger community rely on the pool. It is a crucial activity zone for Campus Recreation and needs to be renovated and repaired to maintain functionality and potentially increase offerings.
3. **Recreation/Fitness:** To keep up with the increased student population, the facility should be renovated to provide a multi-activity court (MAC), increased fitness space with high-performance training activities, climbing upgrades, wellness space, esports, passive recreation, outdoor amenities, personal training, and potential intra-campus partnerships.
4. **Teams Ropes Course:** Upgrade the current course with modern amenities to increase offerings and revenue streams.
5. **Tennis and Pickleball Courts:** Explore adding pickleball court space and enhancing current facilities with lighting.

6. **Renovation:** Create a new operations model for recreation that can maximize usage of Lucille Norton Health and Physical Education (HPE) complex and Shelton Gym by providing a better connection to the Student Recreation Center (SRC) and campus. Increase the features within the space with added storage and technology.







BACKGROUND CONTEXT

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INTRODUCTION

Stephen F. Austin State University's Campus Recreation program serves as a vital component of student life and community engagement, providing comprehensive recreational, fitness, and wellness opportunities for the University community and broader East Texas region. The recreational facilities at SFA are designed to support the University's mission of student development while promoting lifelong wellness habits and community connections.

SFA's recreational infrastructure reflects the institution's commitment to holistic student development, recognizing that physical wellness, social engagement, and experiential learning through recreation are essential components of the college experience. The facilities serve multiple constituencies including traditional students, student-athletes, faculty, staff, and community members, creating a shared space for health and wellness activities.

The Campus Recreation program encompasses approximately 103,000 net square feet and operates under the philosophy of developing a culture of Lumberjack wellness through excellent facilities and inclusive experiences across four primary areas: adventure programming, fitness and wellness, recreational sports, and community engagement. This comprehensive approach ensures that recreational programming meets diverse interests, skill levels, and schedules while maintaining high standards for safety, accessibility, and educational value.

Located in Nacogdoches, Texas, these facilities take advantage of the natural East Texas environment while providing modern indoor amenities that operate year-round. The integration of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities allows programming to adapt to seasonal variations and weather conditions while maximizing the unique geographical advantages of the University's location in the Piney Woods region.

The recreational facilities described in this report represent significant investments in student life infrastructure, community partnerships, and regional recreational programming that extend SFA's impact beyond traditional academic boundaries. These facilities serve as gathering places for the campus community while also functioning as venues for regional events, youth programming, and community wellness initiatives.

- 1 Advancement Annex
- 2 Agricultural Mechanics Shop
- 3 Agriculture Building
- 4 Agriculture Greenhouse
- 5 Art Building
- 6 Art Studio
- 7 Art Studio Annex
- 8 Athletics Ticket Office
- 9 Austin Building
- 10 Baker Pattillo Student Center
- 11 Biology Greenhouse
- 12 Boynton Building
- 13 Brundrett Conservation Education Building
- 14 Bush Mathematical Sciences Building
- 15 Central Stores and Receiving, Housing Operations
- 16 Cole STEM Building
- 17 Construction Management
- 18 Culinary Cafe
- 19 Dugas Liberal Arts North
- 20 Eatery on East
- 21 Education Annex
- 22 Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management
- 23 Ferguson Building
- 24 Field House
- 25 Forestry Building
- 26 Forestry Greenhouse
- 27 Forestry Laboratories
- 28 Griffith Fine Arts Building
- 29 Griffith Hall
- 30 Grounds and Transportation
- 31 Hall 10
- 32 Hall 14
- 33 Hall 20
- 34 Homer Bryce Stadium
- 35 Human Sciences Building North
- 36 Human Sciences Building South
- 37 Human Services Building
- 38 Janice A. Pattillo Early Childhood Research Center
- 39 Johnson Coliseum
- 40 Juanita Curry Boynton House/President's House



- 41 Kennedy Auditorium
- 42 Kerr Hall
- 43 Kingham Children's Garden
- 44 Lehmann Chemistry Building
- 45 Lumberjack Landing
- 46 Lumberjack Lodge
- 47 Lumberjack Village Community Building
- 48 Lumberjack Village (Buildings 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- 49 McGee Business Building
- 50 McKibben Education Building
- 51 McKinney Fine Arts Annex
- 52 Military Science Building
- 53 Miller Science Building
- 54 Murphy Wellness Center
- 55 Music Prep House
- 56 Naymola Basketball Performance Center
- 57 North Hall
- 58 Norton HPE Complex
- 59 Parking Services
- 60 Pearman Alumni Center
- 61 Physical Plant
- 62 Pineywoods Dining Hall
- 63 The Plantery
- 64 Press Box
- 65 Rusk Building
- 66 Schief Tennis Complex
- 67 SFA Theatre Scene Shop
- 68 Shelton Gym
- 69 Social Work Building
- 70 South Hall
- 71 Steen Hall
- 72 Steen Library
- 73 Stone Fort Museum
- 74 Student Recreation Center
- 75 Ticket Booth
- 76 Tucker Building/Health and Wellness Hub
- 77 University Police Department
- 78 Wildlife Habitat and Silviculture Laboratory
- 79 Wisely Hall
- 80 Wright Music Building

Map 1. Existing Campus Recreation Facilities Map (facilities outlined and marked in orange)

Scale: N.T.S.

CAMPUS INTRAMURAL AND RECREATION FIELDS

- **Name:** Campus Intramural/Competitive Fields Complex
- **Location:** North of Starr Avenue
- **Primary Uses:** Intramural sports leagues, club sport activities, outdoor group fitness, recreational field activities, special events.
- **Surface Types:** Natural grass
- **Lighting:** Selected fields equipped for evening programming.



Campus Intramural and Recreation Fields

HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT

The Campus Intramural and Recreation Fields provide expansive outdoor spaces for a wide range of recreational and competitive activities. Designed to accommodate larger-scale sports and group activities than indoor facilities allow, these fields form the backbone of SFA's intramural and club sports programming. They also serve as flexible venues for campus events, community engagement, and outdoor fitness initiatives.

The intramural fields were established to meet the growing demand for organized and casual outdoor recreational opportunities at SFA. Developed in multiple phases, the fields have evolved alongside the University's campus recreation programs, offering space for intramural leagues, club sports, and special events that require large, open areas. Their placement near residential areas ensures easy access for students, enhancing participation and campus engagement.

FEATURES

The complex consists of multiple fields with natural grass surface, configured for sports such as soccer, flag football and ultimate frisbee. Facilities support extensive intramural league programming across the academic year, accommodating recreational and competitive participants alike. Features include:

- **Seasonal Sports Leagues:** Flag football, soccer, softball, ultimate frisbee, and other intramural sports.
- **Tournament Events:** Single-elimination and round-robin competitions throughout the year.
- **Club Sports Support:** Fields provide practice and competition space for student sport clubs.
- **Community and Special Events:** Available for campus-wide recreational activities, festivals, and special programming.
- **Flexible Usage:** Field layouts can be adapted to suit seasonal and sport-specific requirements.

Maintenance and operations are integral to the facility's functionality, including mowing, aerating, overseeding, surface repairs, weather monitoring, and safety inspections. On-site equipment storage supports efficient field upkeep and programming.

GAPS & POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- **Visitor Field Maintenance Coordination:** Peak usage periods can strain maintenance schedules, risking surface quality.
- **Lighting Expansion:** Not all fields are equipped for evening play, limiting programming during shorter daylight months.
- **Spectator Amenities:** No seating, shade structures, and viewing areas reduce the experience for supporters.
- **Drainage:** Fields are in a floodplain and not adequately drained which creates major problems during weather events.
- **Storage and Operations:** Additional storage for equipment and maintenance supplies would improve operational efficiency.

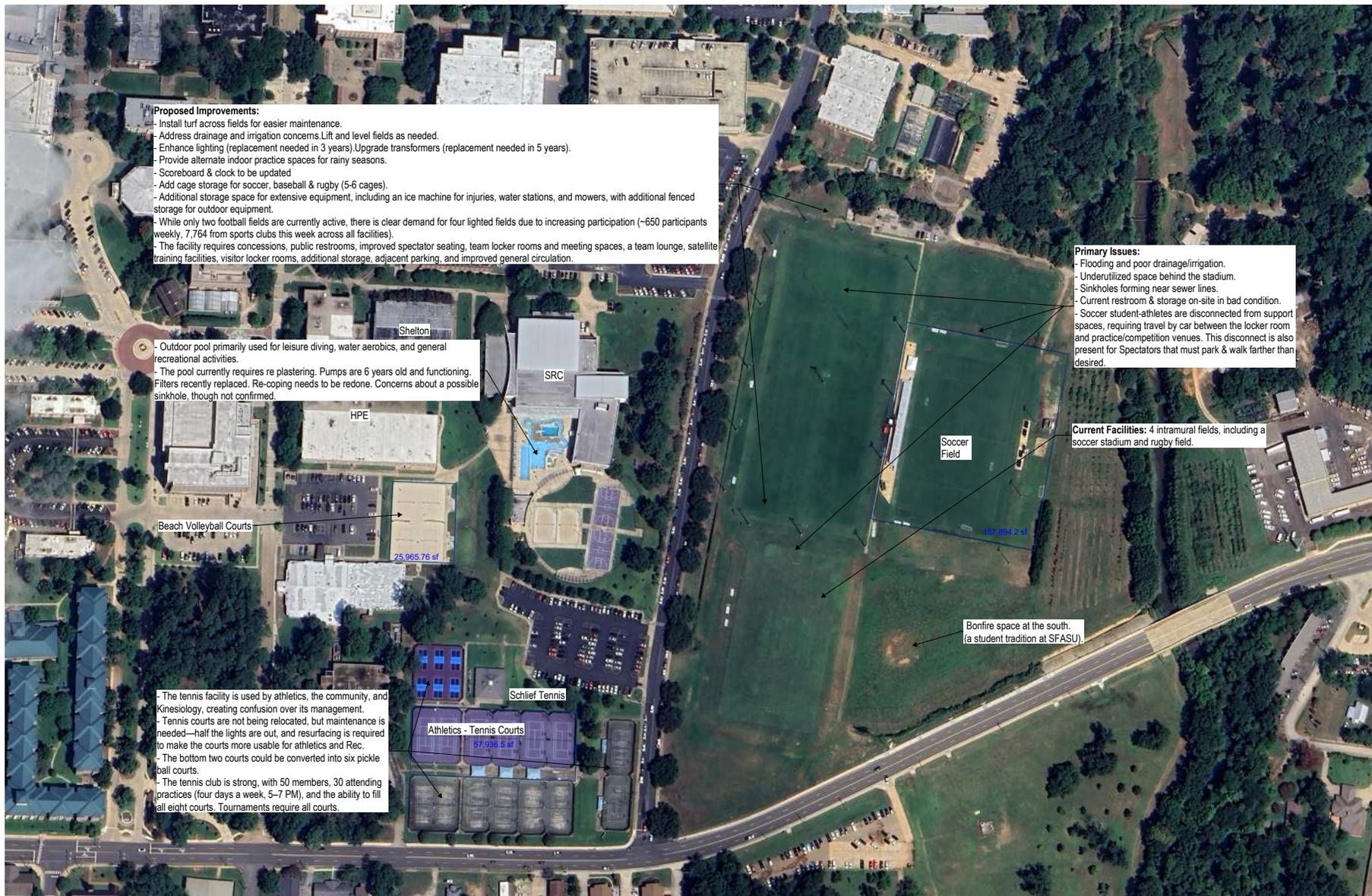


Figure 1. Analysis Diagram of Campus Intramural and Recreation Fields

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER (SRC)

- **Name:** Student Recreation Center (SRC)
- **Opened:** 2007
- **Location:** On campus, north of Schlieff Tennis Complex and west of the Campus Intramural and Recreation fields.
- **Primary Uses:** Campus fitness and wellness (cardio/weight rooms); intramurals; group fitness classes; climbing wall; aquatics; outdoor program coordination; event rentals; community outreach programs.
- **Annual Membership:** Students are members per their fees. Memberships are available to the community.



Student Recreation Center

HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT

The Student Recreation Center stands as the flagship facility of SFA's Campus Recreation program, serving as the primary hub for fitness, wellness, and recreational activities on campus. As the newest and most comprehensive recreational facility, the SRC embodies the University's commitment to student wellness and serves as a model for modern campus recreation centers in the region.

The Student Recreation Center opened in 2007 as part of SFA's commitment to student wellness and campus life enhancement. The facility was developed to serve the growing student body's recreational needs and to provide a modern, comprehensive recreation hub that would support both physical fitness and social engagement. It was intentionally sited to preserve the Pineywoods on campus and to cluster outdoor and indoor recreation into a single precinct, giving students a modern, multi-discipline recreation hub. Since opening the SRC has served as the primary place for day-to-day student fitness, intramurals, and outdoor program staging.

FEATURES

The SRC is a comprehensive, multi-component facility designed to serve a wide range of student recreation and wellness needs.

Indoor features include:

- Extensive fitness areas with modern free-weight and machine strength training, dedicated cardio zones, and functional training spaces.
- Multipurpose courts for basketball, volleyball, and other recreational sports.
- Specialized climbing wall facilities, including a bouldering cave and roped climbing areas, with instruction and belay certification programs.
- Multipurpose rooms for group classes and instructional programming.
- Locker rooms, equipment checkout areas, and support spaces designed to enhance user experience.

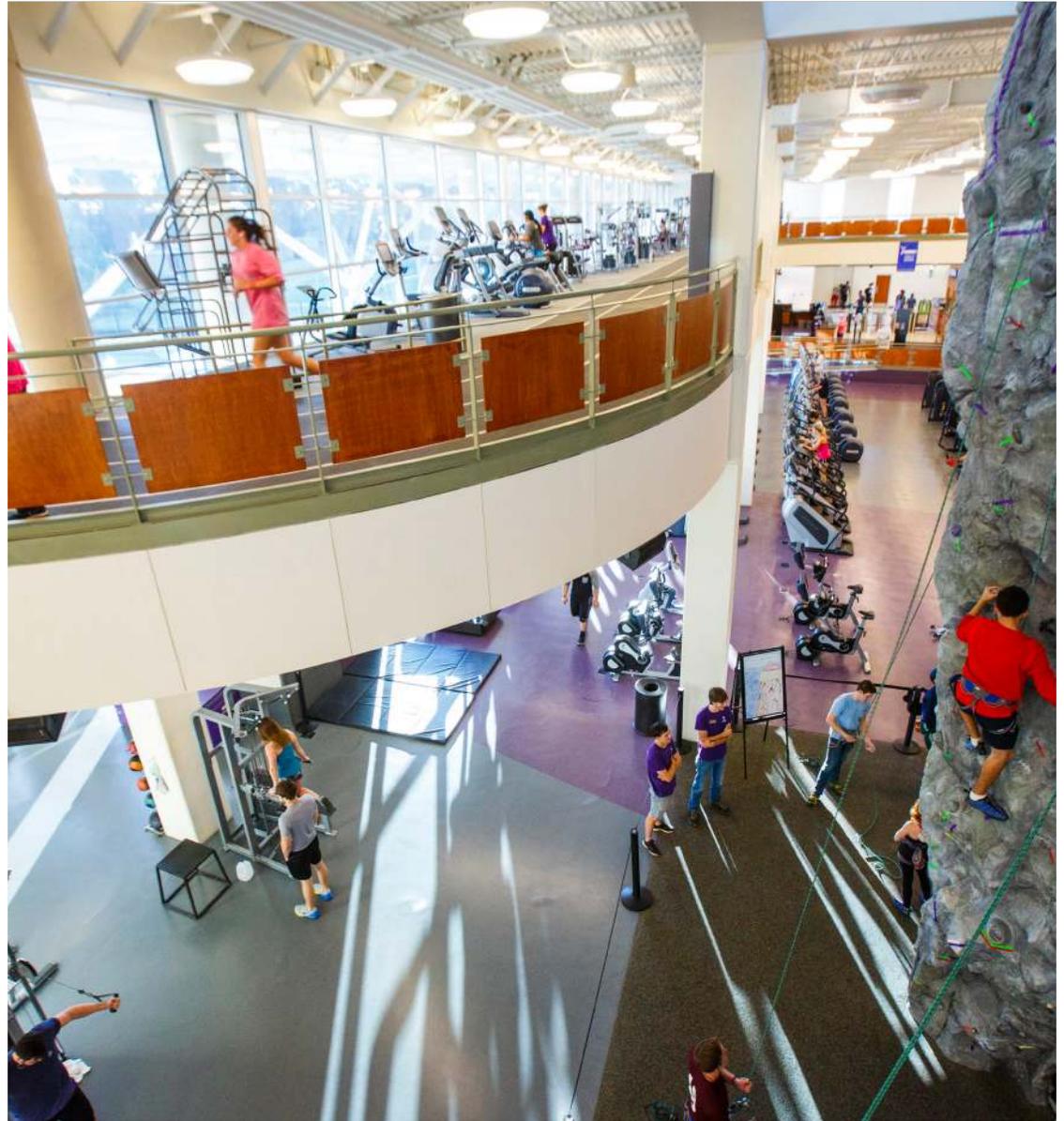
Outdoor features coordinated by the SRC include:

- Sand volleyball courts and turf workout pads for recreation and intramurals.
- Army ROTC with ropes and challenge course elements for leadership development, team-building, and outdoor adventure programs.
- An outdoor swimming pool supporting lap swimming, aquatics classes, and recreational swim, available for both SRC and HPE Complex users.

Programming spans a diverse range of activities, including intramural leagues, drop-in recreational play, group exercise classes, climbing instruction and certification, lifeguarded aquatics programming, Army ROTC, and special events for student organizations. These programs support SFA's mission to cultivate a culture of Lumberjack wellness by providing inclusive and engaging fitness, sport, and adventure experiences.

GAPS & POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- **Peak-Time Crowding:** Fitness areas, courts, and studios experience high utilization during peak hours; scheduling adjustments or expansions would improve access.
- **Recovery and Wellness Zones:** Adding passive recreation, lounges, stretching, or quiet recovery spaces could modernize the wellness offerings.
- **Wayfinding and Orientation:** Improved signage between outdoor and indoor facilities would assist first time users.
- **Maintenance and Life Cycle Planning:** Continued investment in pool systems, climbing wall elements, and fitness equipment ensures longevity and safety.
- **Program Visibility and Accessibility:** Expanding awareness campaigns and inclusive programming can increase student participation, especially for outdoor adventure and challenge course activities.



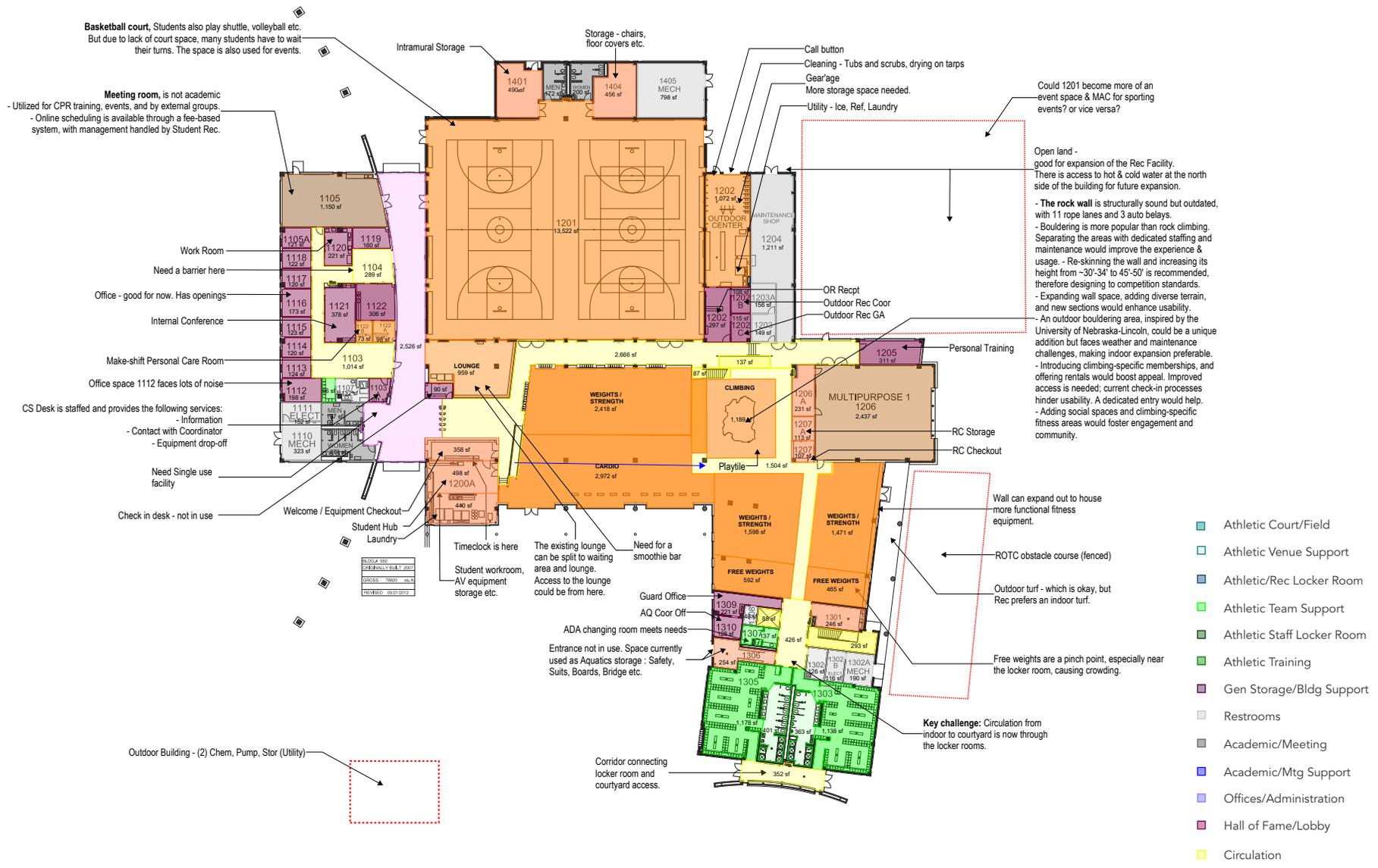


Figure 2. Student Recreation Center Level 1 Floor Plan

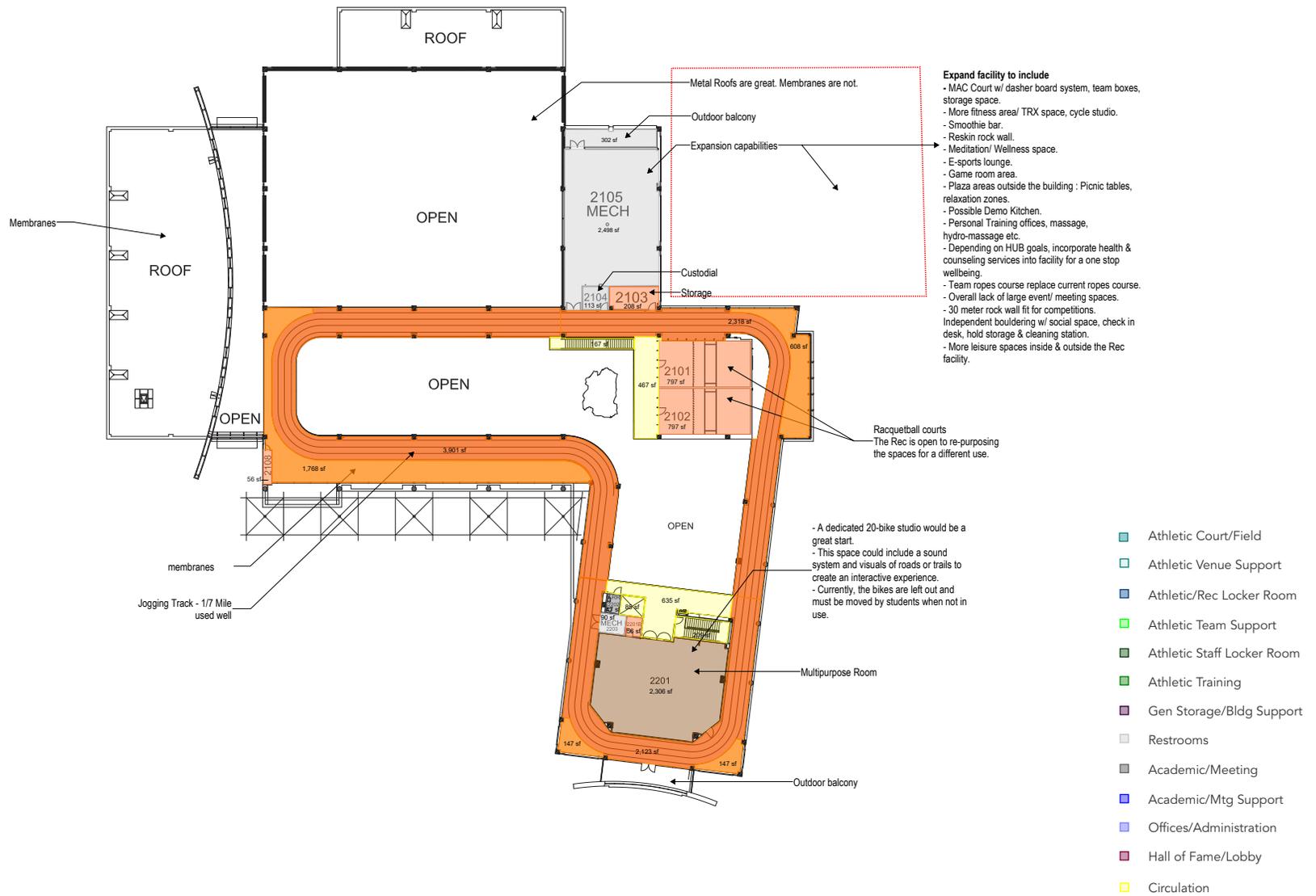


Figure 3. Student Recreation Center Level 2 Floor Plan

Scale: N.T.S.

SFA OUTDOOR PURSUITS PROGRAM

- **Name:** SFA Outdoor Pursuits Program Facilities
- **Location:** Located in the SRC
- **Primary Uses:** Outdoor equipment rental and storage, adventure programming, outdoor education, recreational trips, leadership development
- **Service Area:** On-campus programs, regional day trips, and extended adventure excursions



SFA Outdoor Pursuits Program

HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT

SFA's Outdoor Pursuits Program provides students and the campus community with structured access to outdoor recreation opportunities, leveraging the Piney Woods region's unique natural environment. By combining equipment rental, educational workshops, and adventure-based programming, the program fosters leadership development, environmental stewardship, and experiential learning outside traditional indoor recreation spaces.

Established as part of SFA's comprehensive campus recreation initiative, the Outdoor Pursuits Program complements the Student Recreation Center's indoor amenities by connecting students with local and regional natural resources. The program was developed to enhance student wellness, promote engagement with outdoor recreation, and provide hands-on learning in leadership, risk management, and environmental awareness. Since its inception, the program has grown to include structured trips, outdoor skill workshops, and specialized equipment rental services. SFA's Outdoor Pursuits program offers a variety of activities, including hiking, biking, climbing, canoeing, and backpacking trips, as well as team-building challenge courses and adventure clinics. Opportunities range from local trail biking and hiking to more extensive trips such as New Mexico National Park Tours and multi-day hikes.

FEATURES

The program operates from the SRC but extends to multiple outdoor sites around campus and the East Texas region. Features and programming include:

- **Rental Inventory:** Camping gear, hiking equipment, climbing gear, water sports equipment, and specialized outdoor recreation items.
- **Maintenance and Safety:** Regular inspection, cleaning, and equipment replacement cycles ensure reliability and participant safety.
- **Educational Workshops:** Equipment orientation sessions, skill-building clinics, and safety training accompany rentals and trips.
- **Trip Support:** Staff assist with route planning, safety procedures, and permits for off-campus excursions.
- **Programming:** Organized day trips, multi-day regional excursions, outdoor leadership development activities, and skill-building workshops.

The program emphasizes safe, responsible engagement with outdoor recreation while cultivating teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership skills.

GAPS & POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- **Adventure Infrastructure:** Additional on-campus challenge course elements or adventure features located in spaces visible to the public would enhance programming options.
- **Weather Contingencies:** Indoor backup activities are needed during periods of inclement weather or peak storm seasons.
- **Equipment storage and Life Cycle Management:** Dedicated expansion is necessary to accommodate both storage and multi-functional needs. Ongoing investment in equipment replacement and facility growth is crucial to ensure quality and safety standards are maintained.

SFA CHALLENGE COURSE

- **Name:** SFA Challenge Course (High / Low Ropes and Team-Building Course)
- **Capacity:** Designed for flexible groups including single team sessions (8–20 participants) up to back-to-back sessions for larger groups; site can host multiple small groups concurrently depending on staffing and element layout.
- **Location:** Across University Drive, part of the outdoor recreation precinct on campus.
- **Primary Uses:** Team-building, leadership training, first-year and leadership orientations, contingency problem solving, confidence building, community group programming, corporate retreats, experiential education credit programs.



SFA Challenge Course

HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT

The SFA Challenge Course was implemented as part of a growing emphasis on experiential education and outdoor leadership within campus recreation programming. It was built to provide structured opportunities for students, campus groups, and external partners to participate in facilitated activities that develop trust, leadership, communication and problem solving. Over time, the course expanded from basic low-elements (ground-level trust and problem-solving features) to include high-ropes elements, belayed challenges, and portable initiatives for off-site facilitation.

FEATURES

- **Low Elements:** Ground-level problem-solving features (e.g., trust fall platforms, log balance beams, team traverse, spider web) used for ice-breakers and progressive group challenges.
- **High Elements:** Elevated ropes, zip elements, and belayed platforms that provide personal challenge under trained supervision. Safety systems and anchors are maintained to industry standards.
- **Facilitation and Curriculum:** Programming is used for team bonding, first-year orientation, leadership retreats, fraternity/sorority training, and community group development.
- **Staffing and Training:** Facilitators are trained in ropes safety, belay certification, and group facilitation techniques; ongoing staff training and recertification maintain safety and program quality.
- **Safety and Compliance:** The course follows industry standards for challenge courses such as regular inspections, personal protective equipment (PPE) checks, written emergency action plans, staff credentials.

GAPS & POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- **Element Life Cycle and Modernization:** Hardware or wooden elements are aging; scheduled capital replacement and modernization (composite treads, modern anchors) will sustain safety and reduce maintenance downtime.
- **Adaptive/Inclusive Access:** Adaptive programming is currently limited; enhancements such as additional equipment and staff training are needed to better serve participants with mobility or sensory disabilities, including harnessed transfers and wheelchair-accessible low elements.
- **Program Diversification:** Expand curriculum into credit-bearing leadership courses, certification tracks (e.g., facilitator certification), and corporate partnership packages to increase utilization and revenue.
- **Marketing and Visibility:** The course is under-utilized relative to capacity because awareness among student groups and academic departments is uneven; improved outreach and integration into first-year programs would increase traffic.

LUCILLE NORTON HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HPE) COMPLEX

- **Name:** Lucille Norton Health & Physical Education Complex (HPE)
- **Opened:** Mid-20th century (renamed in 1977); modernizations since then.
- **Capacity:** Building capacity varies by room; gymnasium spaces handle standard class and lab sizes.
- **Location:** On campus (central academic/physical-education campus) across from the Student Recreation Center
- **Primary Uses:** Academic instruction for health and kinesiology, movement labs, teacher education in physical education, recreation, and community workshops.



HPE Complex

HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT

The Lucille Norton Health and Physical Education (HPE) Complex, serves as a home for SFA's Physical Education and Exercise Science and Campus Recreation programs. The complex contains teaching classrooms, movement and biomechanics labs with observation windows, multi-use gymnasias for techniques and pedagogy, faculty offices, and an aquatic facility. The pool provides a versatile space for both uses, featuring lap lanes and instructional space suitable for swimming lessons, water fitness, and kinesiology course instruction. Pool-only memberships allow users to access the facility based on availability. Programming is coordinated with the SRC pool to maximize overall aquatic access for the campus community.

FEATURES

- **Fitness and Group Studio Space:** HPE offers a variety of spaces for fitness, recreation and academic needs.
- **Lap Lanes and Instructional Space:** Suitable for swimming lessons, water fitness, and kinesiology course instruction.
- **Academic Integration:** Supports courses in kinesiology, health science, and physical education while providing research opportunities.
- **Dual-Use Scheduling:** Coordination between academic classes and recreational programming maximizes facility efficiency.
- **Practical Teaching Environment:** Student teachers and research projects gain real-world experience in a controlled aquatic setting.

GAPS & POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- **Space Reallocation:** The racquetball courts and climbing/gymnastics areas are significantly underutilized and could be renovated or repurposed. These spaces are currently inactive or temporarily used for Judo and Jiu-Jitsu activities.
- **Student Integration:** Create dedicated student collaboration / project spaces tied to HPE research and community outreach.
- **Schedule Coordination:** Recreational users may encounter conflicts with use of facilities; optimization could improve access for all users.
- **Modernization Opportunities:** Upgrades to energy efficiency, pool filtration systems, and user amenities would enhance facility performance.
- **Systems Modernization:** HVAC, acoustics, and accessibility modernizations would improve learning comfort.
- **Deck and Spectator Areas:** Improved pool deck layouts and spectator seating would support class observations and enhance user comfort.
- **Accessibility and Wayfinding:** Clear signage and access routes between Shelton, HPE and SRC aquatic facilities could improve ease of use for users.

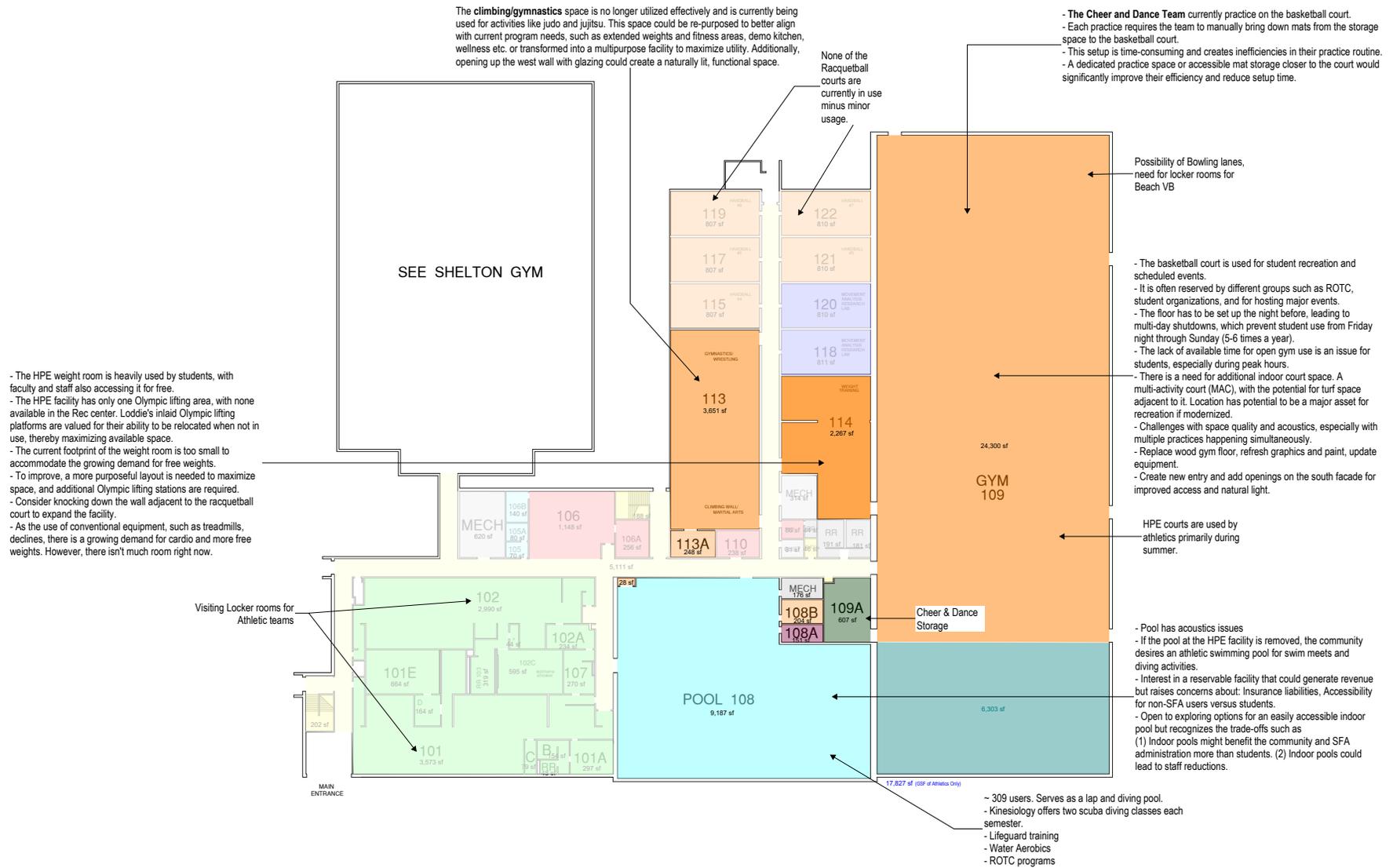


Figure 4. HPE Level 1 Floor Plan

Scale: N.T.S.



- Athletic Court/Field
- Athletic Venue Support
- Athletic/Rec Locker Room
- Athletic Team Support
- Athletic Staff Locker Room
- Athletic Training
- Gen Storage/Bldg Support
- Restrooms
- Academic/Meeting
- Academic/Mtg Support
- Offices/Administration
- Hall of Fame/Lobby
- Circulation

Scale: N.T.S.

Figure 5. HPE Level 2 Floor Plan





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CAMPUS RECREATION MASTER PLAN PRIORITIES

Through a series of planning workshops, stakeholder interviews, and program assessments conducted in close collaboration with the University, the planning team identified key needs and opportunities across the recreation facilities. This comprehensive programming process included an evaluation of existing facility conditions, peer benchmarking, and an understanding of how facilities align with the mission, goals and objective. Current recreation facilities operate at close to maximum capacity demonstrating strong demand that exceeds existing infrastructure capabilities. They were built for a campus that has grown and continues to grow for the future.

The evaluation revealed critical deficiencies in field quantity and quality, inadequate indoor fitness and wellness spaces, limited climbing and outdoor pursuits facilities, and insufficient support amenities for programs serving the broader campus community. The resulting priorities reflect a unified vision developed with campus stakeholders to elevate the student recreation experience, broaden program variety, improve accessibility and functionality, and reinforce Campus Recreation as a vital contributor to student well-being and sense of community at SFA.

Priority	Project Name	0-5 Years	6-10 Years
1.	Intramural / Competitive Sports Fields	X	
2.	Recreation Field Services Building	X	
3.	Student Recreation Center Renovation and Addition		X
4.	Loop Trail and Challenge Course		X
5.	Norton HPE Complex Renovation and Addition		X

Figure 6. Campus Recreation Master Plan Priorities Summary

PRIORITY 1: INTRAMURAL / COMPETITIVE SPORTS FIELDS

0-5 YEAR TIMELINE

The current intramural, competitive sports and recreation fields are not meeting the baseline needs for Campus Recreation. Challenges exist with the size of fields, quantity of field space, hours of use and field type. Synthetic fields will provide a more flexible and durable surface that will be available during/directly after inclement weather without damaging playing surface.

LOCATION

- Existing site on South Campus – planning did not explore alternate locations.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The existing athletic soccer field sits approximately in the middle of the complex and could be relocated. It is likely Campus Recreation may have to share field space with the Athletics Department.
- The bonfire site adjacent to Starr Avenue creates an informal student activity zone.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- Synthetic Turf: 318,000 Gross Square Feet
- Natural Grass: 216,000 Gross Square Feet

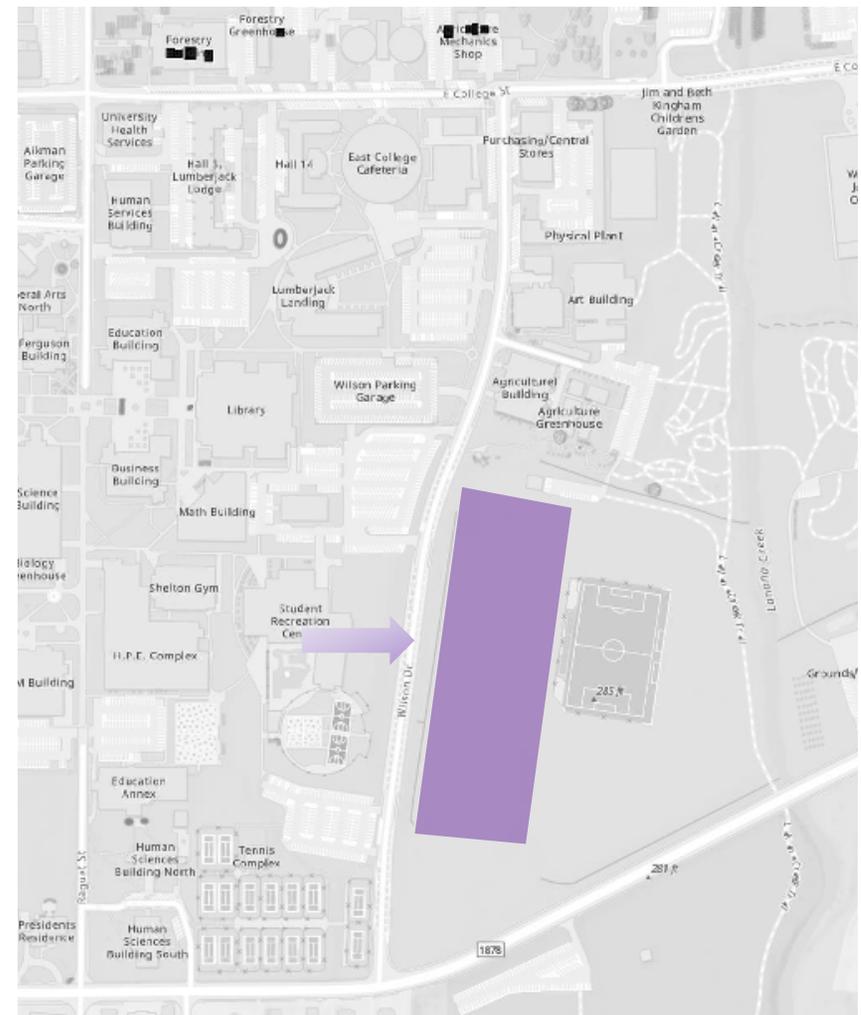


Figure 7. Priority 1. Intramural/Competitive Fields Test Fit

Scale: N.T.S. 

PRIORITY 2: RECREATION FIELD SERVICES BUILDING

0-5 YEAR TIMELINE

The existing recreation field services building is situated north of the recreation field. The new facility includes cage storage for soccer, baseball, and rugby (approximately 5-6 cages), along with additional space to accommodate extensive equipment needs. This includes provisions for an ice machine for injury treatment, water stations, and mowers, as well as a fenced area for outdoor equipment. While only two football fields are currently in use, participation continues to grow, averaging around 650 weekly participants and 7,764 from sports clubs, indicating a clear need for four lighted fields. To support this growth and enhance user experience, the facility also requires concessions, public restrooms, improved spectator seating, team locker rooms and meeting spaces, a team lounge, satellite training facilities, visitor locker rooms, expanded storage, adjacent parking, and better overall site circulation.

LOCATION

- The proposed facility is planned northwest of the recreation field, with no alternate locations currently under consideration.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- This project will be a new construction aimed at enhancing and contributing to the overall efficiency and functionality of the facility.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- 4,000 gross square feet



Figure 8. Priority 3. Intramural and Recreation Field Services Building Test Fit

Scale: N.T.S. 

PRIORITY 3: STUDENT RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION & ADDITION

6-10 YEAR TIMELINE

The SRC renovation and addition include the following elements in consideration:

- **Outdoor Aquatics / Pool:** The existing pool shell currently requires re-plastering. The whirlpool has a leak that appears to be under the pool and needs to be located. Re-coping work needs to be done to correct some wear issues. There are concerns raised about a possible sinkhole adjacent to the pool that should be examined and ruled out or confirmed.
- **Wellness Suite:** Current offerings are off the beaten path within the Campus Recreation office and underused with limited promotion. There is a desire from students for wellness focused activities, and having a storefront type of holistic wellness massage, rest, recovery space is needed. The aesthetics and ambiance should feel like a spa that is visible and able to be promoted for student, staff, faculty and members.
- **Tennis and Pickleball Courts:** The existing tennis courts need to be repaired and resurfaced to promote safe play and increase usage. There are currently eight courts that could be renovated. The existing two pickleball courts have been recently created.
- **MAC Court:** The existing Student Recreation Center is missing additional multi-use indoor court space, and the addition of multi-activity court (MAC) can provide flexible indoor space needed for non-basketball/volleyball programming and provide relief to the crowded existing gymnasium. A MAC court will draw interest from existing users but also create new/different alternate fitness users like roller hockey or indoor lacrosse. Offering a double court space will increase participation and functionality. The space would allow Campus Recreation to host Showcase Saturdays and fairs without shutting down their current wood court gymnasium space. The

MAC would have a durable resilient rubber floor that could be used for these events. The scale for events is larger than the current gym space as well with over 5,000 occupants.

- **Weights and Functional Fitness:** Strength and conditioning, free weights and functional fitness space is rising in popularity on SFA campus and nationwide. Review and benchmarking of the current square footage allocated to these programs reveals a deficiency of space. The current weight room and core fitness space should be expanded to provide more offerings.
- **Climbing Social Space and Bouldering:** Popularity for climbing is stable, based on the current offerings. There is a core group of students that use the space and wall. The current wall square footage and lanes for top roping are adequate but the wall is missing social space for prepping to climb, waiting to use the wall and watching climbing. There is a need to provide an ante space and dedicated bouldering area. The bouldering space will open up climbing for entry users and give Campus Recreation a wall that does not require full staffing.
- **Outdoor Fitness:** The East Texas climate is conducive for outdoor fitness space. The current space is popular but undersized. There is an unneeded adjacency to underutilized obstacle course equipment that limits the overall functionality of the space. The outdoor recreation space could be expanded or relocated to maximize functionality.
- **Jogging Track Extension:** Increase the length of the track to be approximately 1/8 of a mile.

LOCATION

- **Existing Outdoor Pool:** Planning did not explore alternate locations.
- **Wellness Suite:** SRC, Planning did not explore alternate locations.
- **Tennis and Pickleball Courts:** The existing South Campus location is at the corner of Starr Avenue and Wilson Drive. Alternate

locations for the fields could be off Raguet Street South of HPE or across Wilson Drive on the existing intramural fields on the South Campus or part of a combined Athletics and Campus Recreation Facility on North Campus.

- **MAC Court:** SRC - Planning did not explore alternate locations.
- **Weights and Functional Fitness:** SRC - Planning did not explore alternate locations, less HPE.
- **Climbing Social Space and Bouldering:** SRC - Planning did not explore alternate locations.
- **Outdoor Fitness:** SRC - Planning did not explore alternate locations.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Existing Outdoor Pool:** There could be additional exterior recreation components that could be added to support the outdoor offerings at the SRC.
- **Wellness Suite:** SRC - Likely a renovation of the existing underutilized space.
- **Tennis and Pickleball Courts:** Depending on the Intercollegiate Athletics basis of need, the tennis courts could be relocated. Alternately, the tennis courts could be located on top of a parking garage to maximize available land.
- **MAC Court:** The existing HPE Space could be used for the Showcase Saturdays and fairs.
- **Weights and Functional Fitness:** There could be additional interior recreation components that are added to support the weight and fitness programs at the SRC. The HPE is likely available for expansion of the weight and fitness spaces.
- **Climbing Social Space and Bouldering:** Increase bouldering and maximize functionality.

- **Outdoor Fitness:** There could be additional exterior recreation components that are added to support the outdoor offerings at the SRC.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- Student Recreation Center overall renovation and addition: 112,754 gross square feet

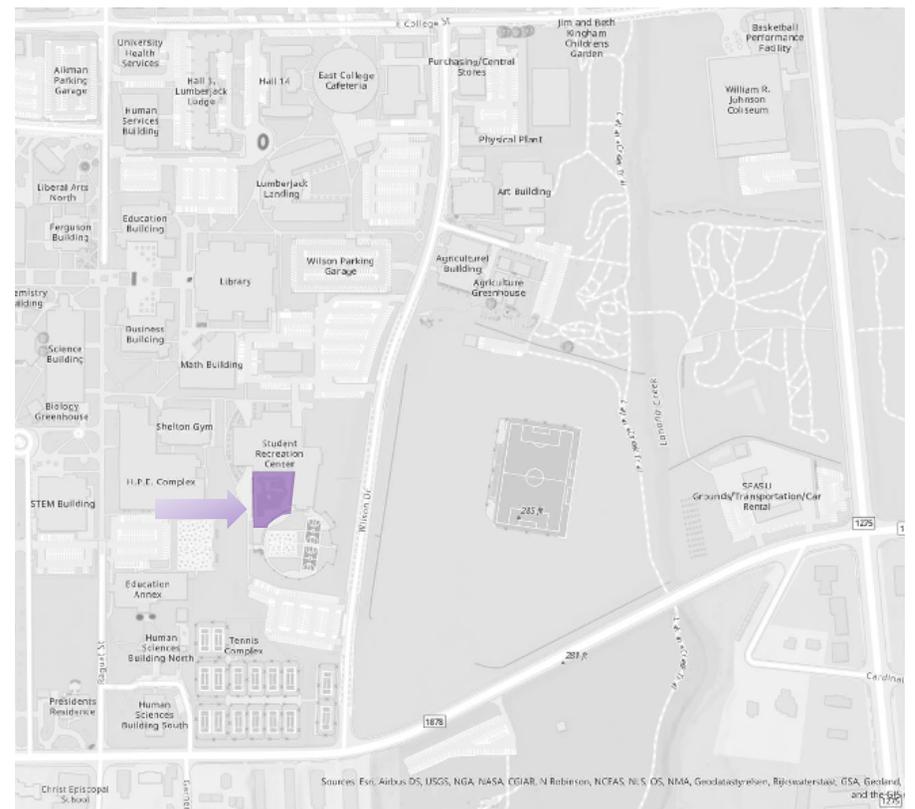


Figure 9. Priority 2. Outdoor Pool Test Fit

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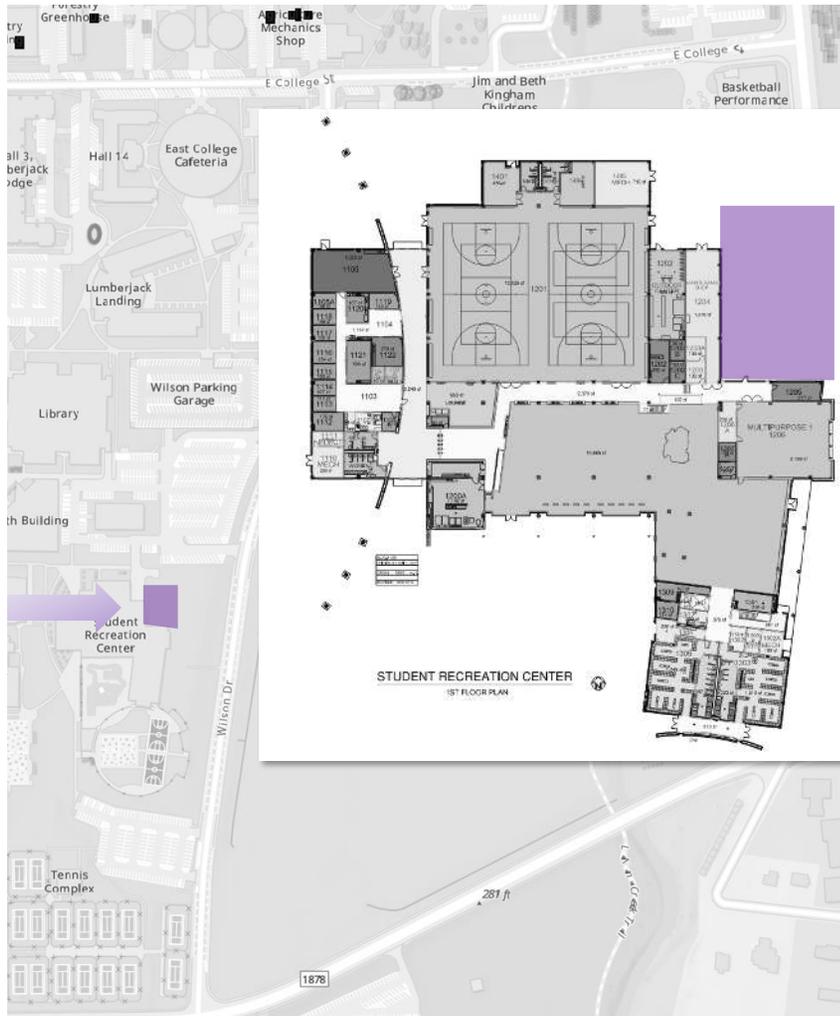


Figure 10. Priority 2. MAC Court Test Fit

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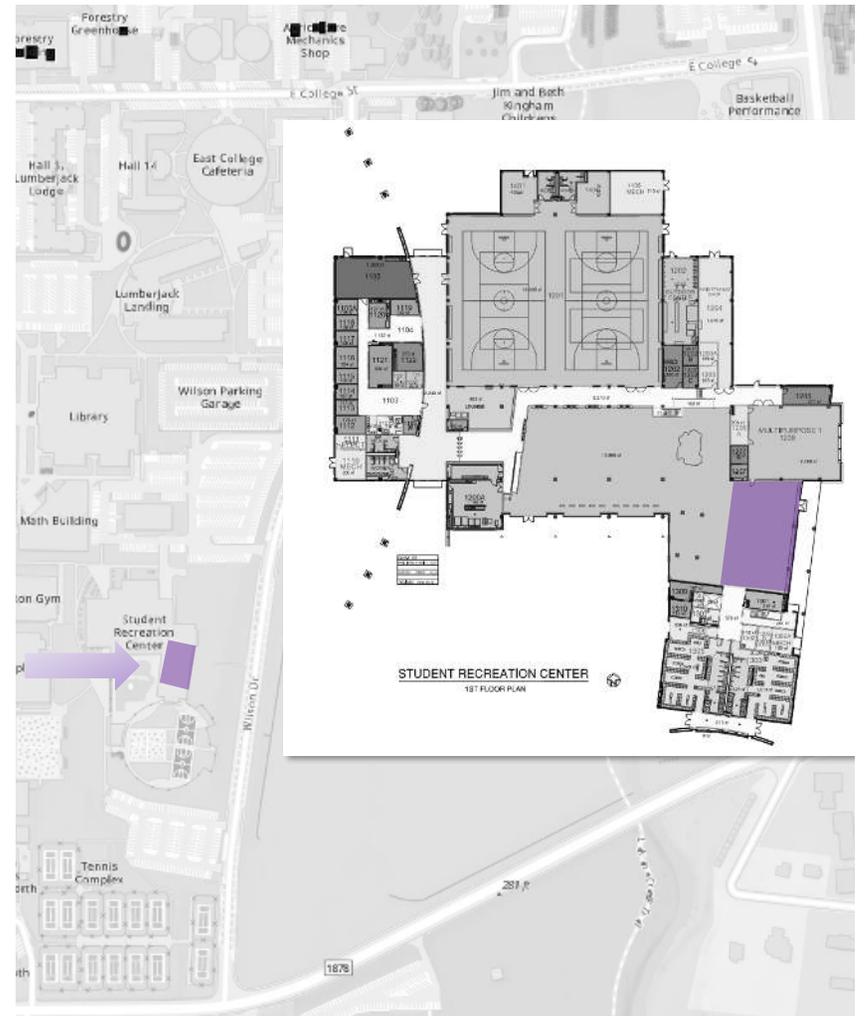


Figure 11. Priority 2. Weights and Functional Fitness Test Fit Scale: N.T.S. 

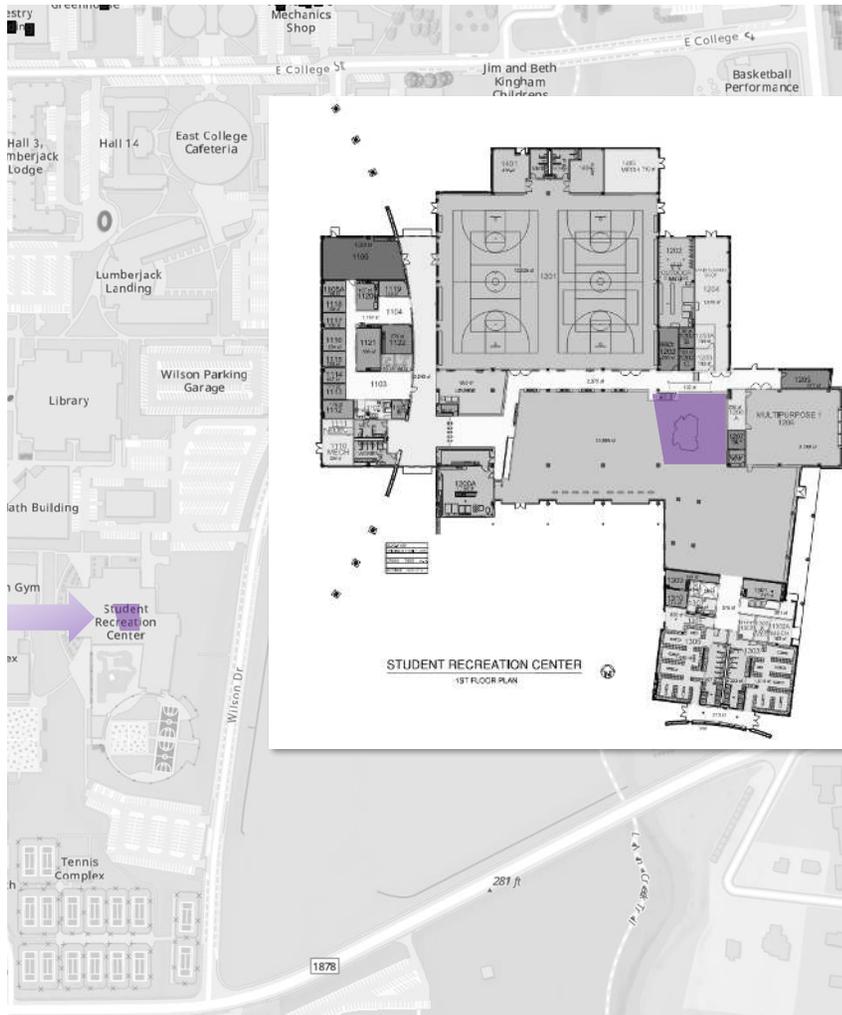


Figure 12. Priority 2. Climbing and Bouldering Test Fit Scale: N.T.S. N

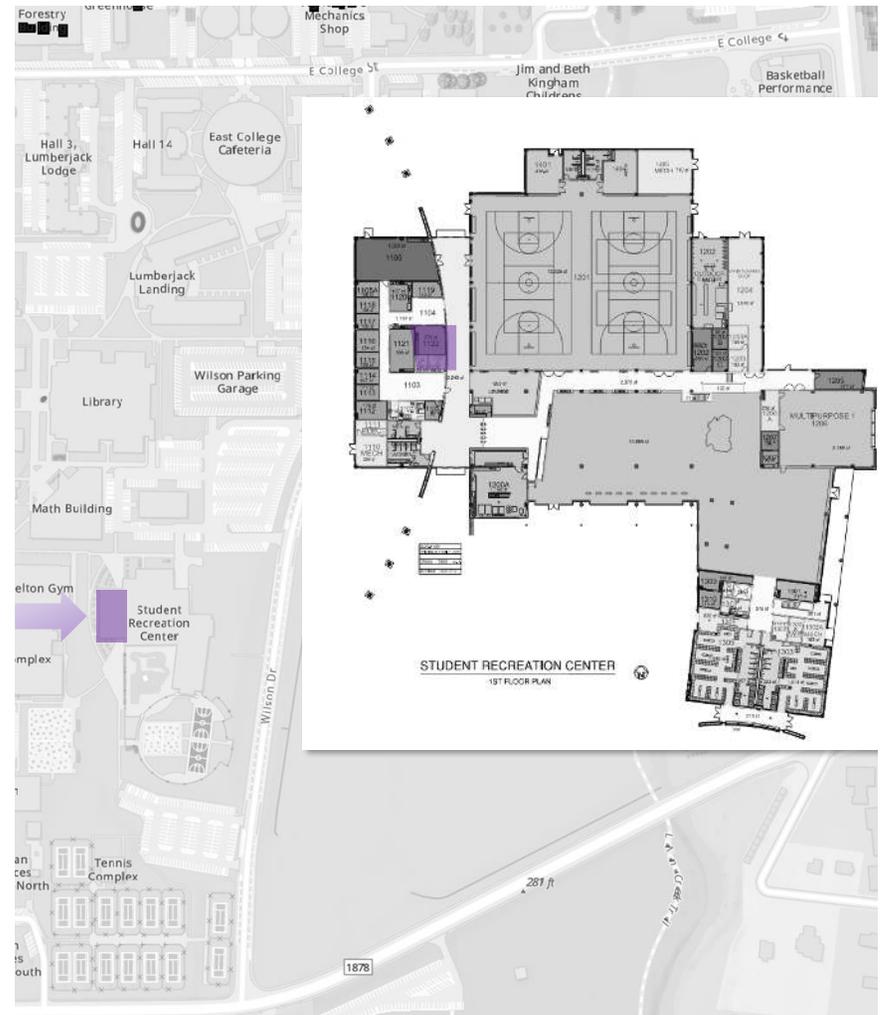


Figure 13. Priority 2. Wellness Suite Test Fit Scale: N.T.S. N

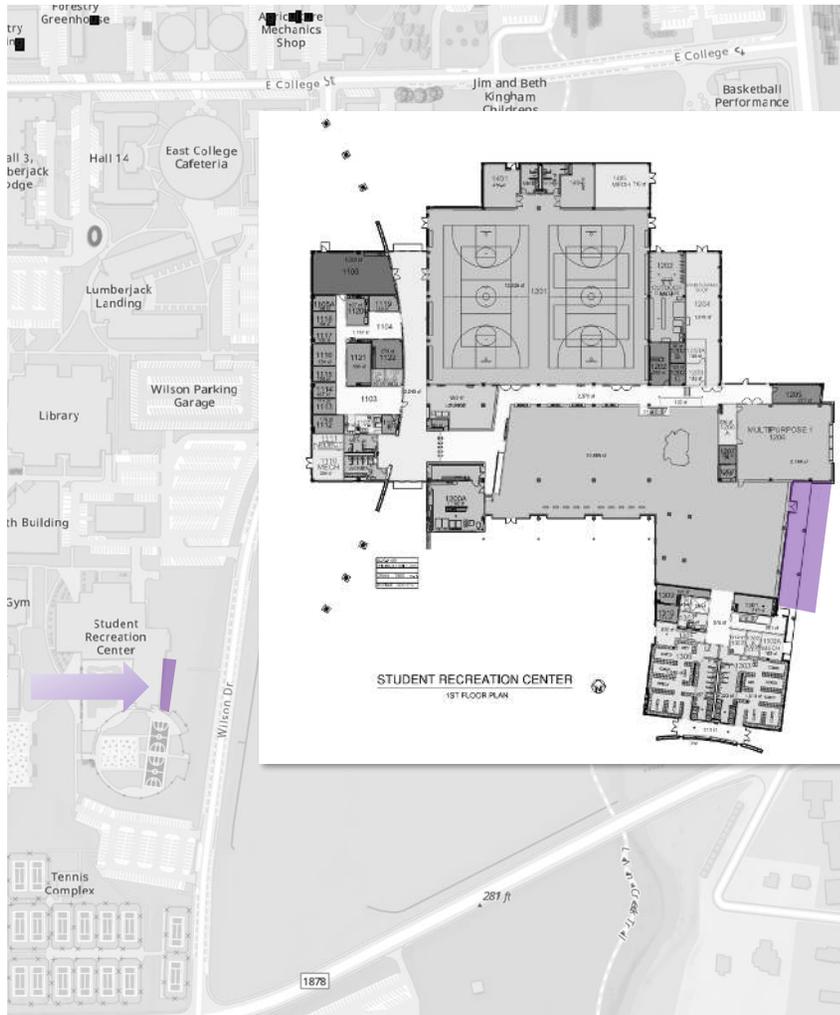


Figure 14. Priority 2. Outdoor Fitness Test Fit

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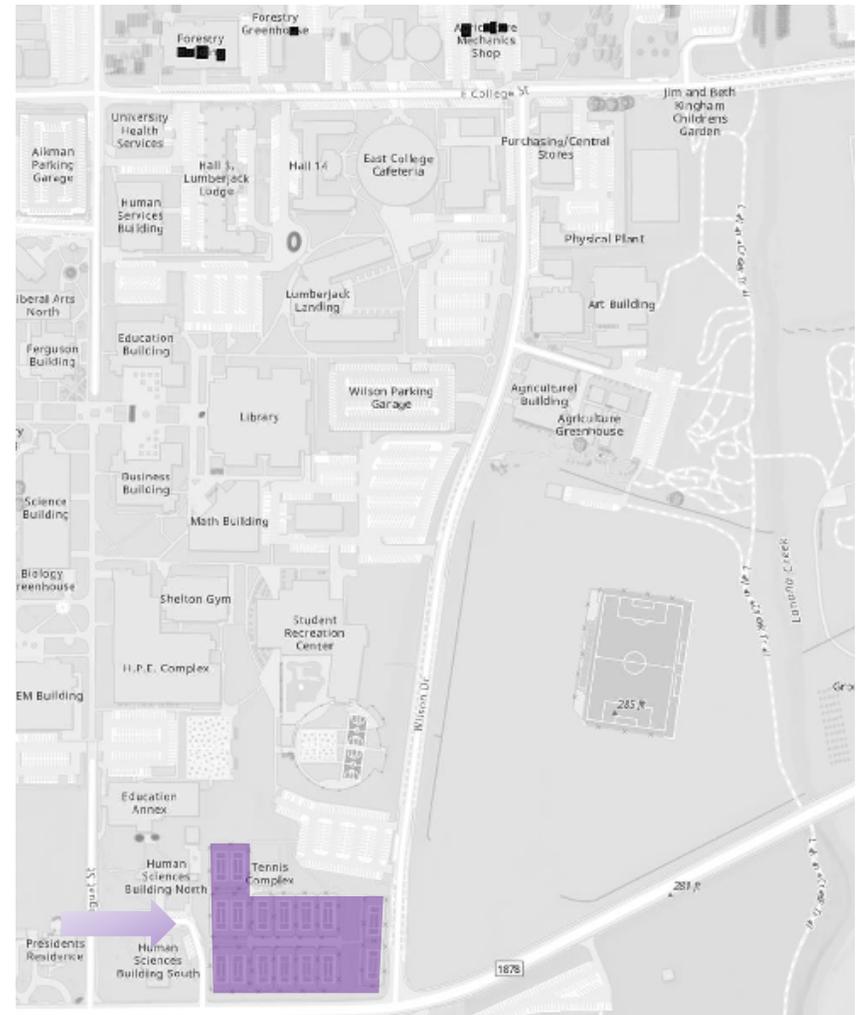


Figure 15. Priority 2. Tennis and Pickleball Courts Test Fit

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PRIORITY 4: LOOP TRAIL AND CHALLENGE COURSE

6-10 YEAR TIMELINE

The Challenge Course is part of Outdoor Pursuits within SFA's Campus Recreation. It's designed for groups seeking team building, leadership development, communication and problem solving. Typical users include student organizations, academic programs, athletic units, and professional groups. Key Elements include low-ropes (outdoor) and high-ropes (indoor) elements. Low-ropes courses are problem-solving, and communication focused, often at ground level; the high-ropes elements include things like a 30-foot elevated rope course or crate stacking, plus the climbing wall for more physically challenging experiences. The course serves as a complement to indoor recreation and athletics by offering unique outdoor experiential learning. It has fallen into some disrepair and needs to be brought back to life. Upgrades would see both tower elements renovated and expanded to accommodate student and outside groups. The entirety of the course needs to be more visible and made marketable to meet the revenue potential.

LOCATION

- High-Ropes Course, across N. University Drive, adjacent to the recreation fields.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- There is a network of adjacent trails that could be part of the site.
- There is a great watershed off the site from the east flowing west that needs to be understood and addressed.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- 160,000 gross square feet

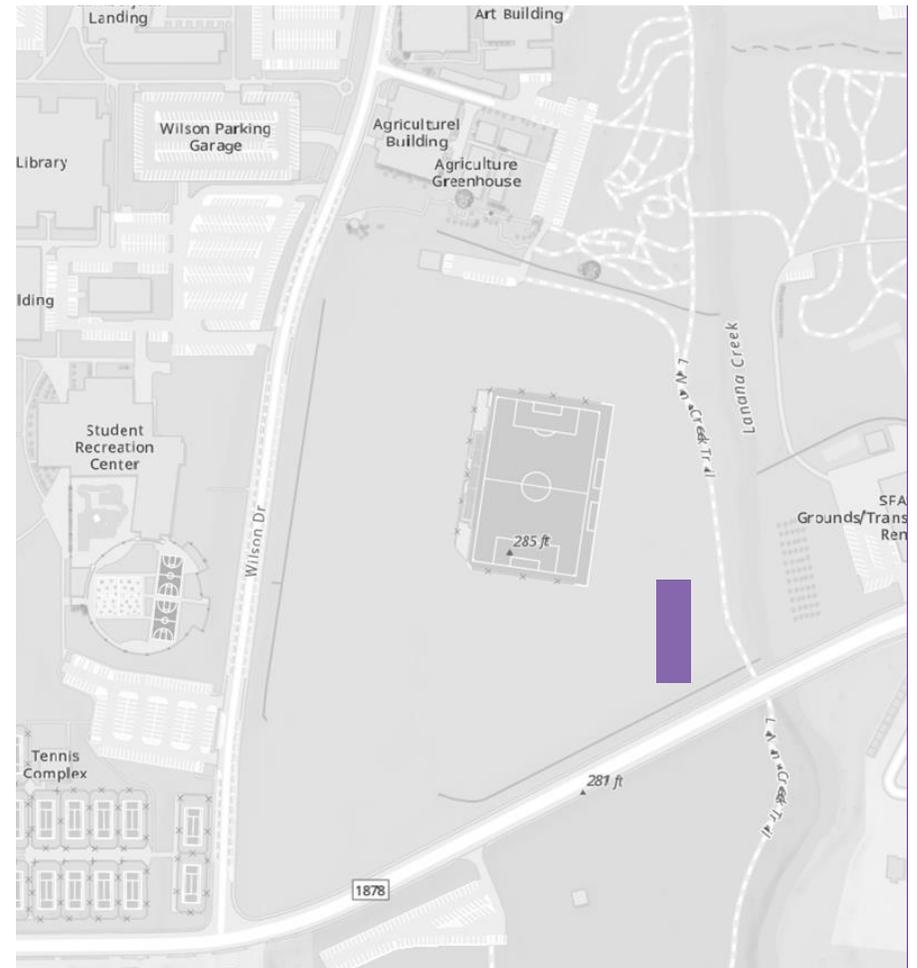


Figure 16. Priority 4. Ropes Course and Zipline Test Fit

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PRIORITY 5: HPE GYM

6-10 YEAR TIMELINE

The current HPE facility is a functioning partnership of academics, Campus Recreation and Athletics. With some strategic modifications, the facility could better serve all stakeholders. There is a vast amount of locker room space that could be renovated, allowing academics to move out of the fixed sized racquetball courts. The locker rooms would be renovated to include kinesiology laboratories, Athletics visitors' locker rooms and Campus Recreation general locker rooms. The racquetball courts would then allow recreation to expand group studios and weights space. The large, under-utilized gymnasium space could be repurposed for bowling lanes or revitalized as an academic/recreation resource. The space would allow SFA to host Showcase Saturdays and fairs without shutting down the SRC. Challenges related to the quality of space and acoustics need to be addressed. The HPE location is desirable and could be a major asset for campus if modernized.

LOCATION

- HPE – planning did not explore alternate locations. All tertiary locations were deemed not to be desirable.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The connection to Shelton Gymnasium has current shared space that could be reallocated to further benefit to Campus Recreation and Athletics.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- Existing: 133,000 gross square feet
- Recreation (Renovation/Addition): 25,000 gross square feet

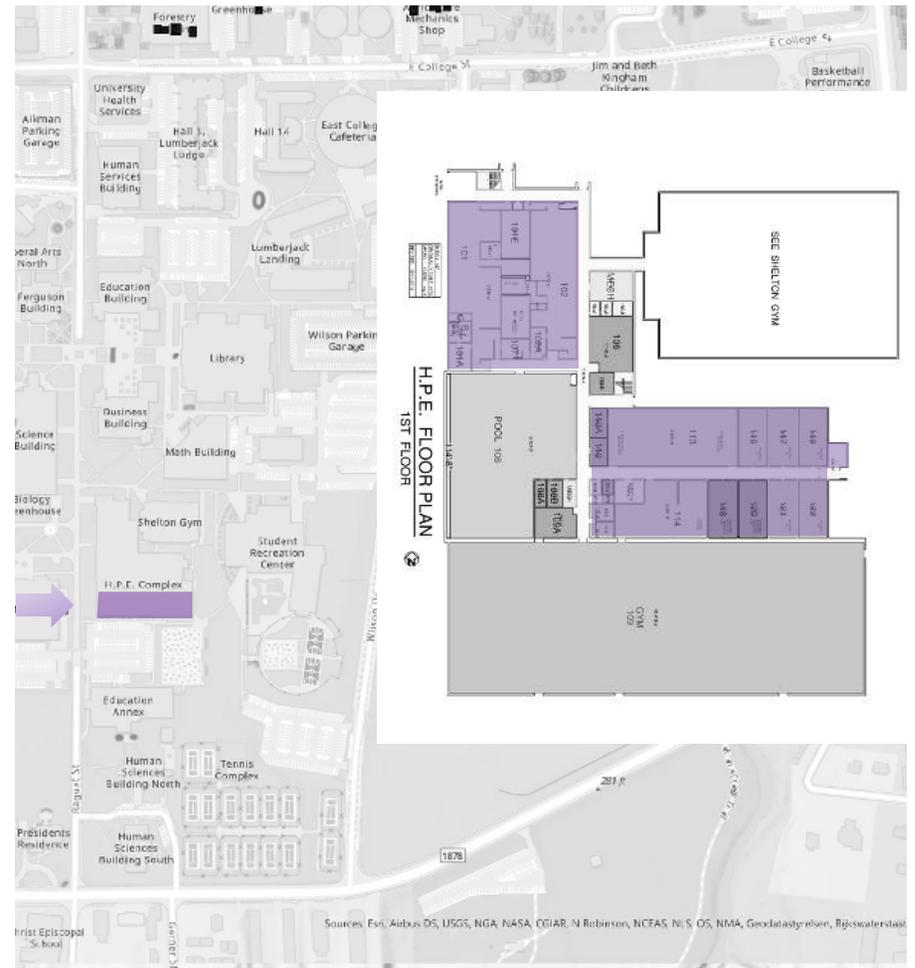


Figure 17. Priority 5. HPE Gym Test Fit

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PEER BENCHMARKING ANALYSIS

Peer benchmarking provides a critical framework for understanding how an institution's recreation facilities and programs compare to those of its competitive and aspirational peers. By examining factors such as facility quality, program offerings, and resource allocation, the benchmarking process helps identify both strengths and gaps relative

to institutions of similar profile and ambition. This analysis ensures that future investments are strategically aligned to elevate the University's competitive position and support its long-term recreation and wellness goals.

Universities	# of Under-graduates	% Live On-Campus	# Live On-Campus	% Fem	% Male	Faculty/Staff	% Students Active w/ Stud Rec	Daily Users	Community Access	Paying Members - Non Affiliated
Stephen F. Austin	9,905	37%	3,664	63%	37%	1,632		1,232	A, W, R, T	435
Sacramento State	27,640	32%	8,845	55%	45%	3,400	78%	3,500	A, W, R	
Sam Houston State	18,179	23%	4,181	63%	37%	2,391			Sponsor	
UT Tyler	7,287	24%	1,748	60%	40%	1,745	35%	450	Membership	1,200
James Madison University	21,008	32%	6,723	56%	43%	4,456			No	N/A
Texas A&M	59,993	21%	12,560	53%	47%	10,701	92%	8,341	Member & Guest Pass	745

Universities	Guest Passes/ Yr	Size - Sq. Footage	SF/Daily User	SF/Stud & Staff	Generated Revenue/ YR	Student Fee Revenue/ YR	Student Rec FTEs	Student Rec GAs	Student Rec Students/ PTEs	Student Rec Maint/ Custodial	# of Indoor Rec Facilities
Stephen F. Austin		140,688	114 sf	12 sf	\$400,000	\$2,377,200	7	4	80-100	5	3
Sacramento State		260,263	74 sf	8.4 sf		\$525,160					1
Sam Houston State		77,000		3.75 sf		\$3,635,800					1
UT Tyler		50,000 sf	111 sf	5.5 sf	\$100,000	\$1,020,180	6	0	40		1
James Madison University		278,515		11 sf		\$20,419,776					2
Texas A&M	99,979	686,146	82.5 sf	9.7 sf	\$3,340,300	17,720,000	35	3	900		4

Universities	Recent Project	Clubs	Intra	Track	Pool	Indoor Courts	Indoor Turf	Outdoor Courts	Outdoor BVB Courts
Stephen F. Austin	Light upgrades	17	17	3 Lane; 1/7 Mile	Outdoor & Indoor	8 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	2	2
Sacramento State	Yes	18	9	3 Lane	Outdoor; 25 Y, 6 Lanes	4	N/A	0	4
Sam Houston State	Yes	25	41	1/8th Mile	Outdoor 25 Y, 4 lanes	5	N/A	5	2
UT Tyler	No	7	15	3 lane; 1/11 Mile	Outdoor 2 lanes & zero entry	3	N/A	1	0
James Madison University	2017 (Dbl'd Fac Size)	400	17	4 Lane; 1/6 Mile	Indoor; 8 lanes	16	Yes	2	2
Texas A&M	Yes	39	61	4 Lane; 1/4 Mile	4 pools & 1 Diving Well	10	Yes	2	6

Universities	MAC	Weight Rooms	Cardio/ Fitness/ MP	Spin	Studios	Climbing Wall	Bouldering Wall/Cave	RB Crts	Sq Crts	F-Fit Trng	Esports	Meeting Rooms	Demo Kitchen	Pharmacy
Stephen F. Austin	0	2	2	1		39 feet	1; 13 feet	7	0	N/A	Remote	1	No	N/A
Sacramento State	1		5	1	5	39 feet	1; 13' x 15'	4	0	N/A	Remote	7	No	On-site
Sam Houston State	0	10,000 sf	1	1	3	34 feet	1	3	0	New	Remote	0	No	Remote
UT Tyler	0	6,340 sf	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	0	Yes	Remote	0	No	Remote
James Madison University	2		2	1	6	Yes	1	7	0		Remote	3	Yes	Remote
Texas A&M	2	85,000 sf	12	1 - 31 Bikes	4	1; 44 feet	2; 950 sf & 1,150 sf	14	2	2	On-Site	22	No	Remote

Universities	Health Services	# of Fitness Classes	Outdoor Challenge Course	# of Intra Fields	# of Tnns Crts	Out PB Crts	Trails	Athletic Division	FCS/FBS	Athletic Conference	Public/Private University
Stephen F. Austin	PT & Massage	12	Yes	4	8	0; 6 shared	5 Miles	I	FCS	Southland	Public
Sacramento State	On-site	70 +	Yes	4	10	0; 10 shared		I	FCS	Big Sky	Public
Sam Houston State	Remote	22	Yes	6	8	0; 8 shared		I	FBS	Conf USA	Public
UT Tyler	Remote	15	N/A	1	8	0; 8 shared	4.5 Miles	II	N/A	Lone Star	Public
James Madison University	Wellness	100	Yes	7; 1 syn	4	0; 4 shared	3 Miles	I	FBS	Sun Belt	Public
Texas A&M	Remote	100	Yes	13; 4 syn	15	10 dedicated	No	I	FBS	SEC	Public

SPACE NEEDS COMPARISON TO NIRSA



Student Enrollment at SFA
 Future Enrollment at SFA

NIRSA Factor	
11,327	Students 11.33
15,000	Students 11.33

NIRSA Benchmarking + RDG Historical information										Exist + Proposed		
		NIRSA Ratio	Needs	RDG Adj	Working - NIRSA Total	Adj Area (NSF)	Existing	Difference	SRC	HPE		
				A			B	B-A = C	D	E		
Total Indoor Recreation Space												
01	Locker Room Space (Traditional)	ASF per 1,000 students	177.00	2,005 ASF	1.0		2,005	5,705	3,700	3,080	2,400	
	Locker Room Space (Individual)			4	120		480	137	(343)	137		
	Staff / Administration / Offices			1 Qty	3,000		3,000	2,868	(132)	2,761		
02	Aquatic Office, Lifeguard, First Aid			1 Qty	500	Outdoor + Indoor	500	500	0	349	151	
	Outdoor - Offices			1 ASF	400		400	520	120	520		
	Staff Lockers / Wet Area			1 Qty	400		400	198	(202)	198		
03	Cardio Equipment Space	ASF per 1,000 students	440.00	4,984 ASF	1.4	39% of Total	6,977	14,432	(3,585)	19,125	5,467	
	Free Weight Space	ASF per 1,000 students	295.00	3,341 ASF	1.6	30% of Total	5,346					
	Strength Equipment Space	ASF per 1,000 students	309.00	3,500 ASF	1.4	27% of Total	4,900					
	Stretching and Core Exercise Space	ASF per 1,000 students	50.00	566 ASF	1.4	4% of Total	793					
	Jogging Track			3 Lanes	3,000		9,000					
	Personal Training			1 Ea ASF	650		650	311	(339)	682		
	Welcome Desk/Control			1 Qty	200		200	224	24	224	100	
	Social Spaces			1	1,000		1,000	480	(521)	602		
	Passive Rec - Table Tennis Tables	Tables per 1,000 students	0.31	4 Tables	300		1,053	480	(574)	1,048		
	Nutrition Services			1	400		400		(400)			
	Juice Bar / Healthy Snacks			1	600		600		(600)	503		
	Student HUB			1 Qty	600		600	498	(102)	498		
	Equipment Issue			1 Qty	150		150	224	(276)	224		
	Equipment Issue Storage			1 Qty	350		350					
	Indoor Lap Pool	Lanes per 1,000 students	0.92	10 Lanes	900		9,379	9,187	(192)		9,187	
	Indoor Recreation Pool			- Qty	4,000		-		0			
	Steam Room (All Gender, clothed)			- ASF	350		-		0			
04	Sauna (All Gender, clothed)			- ASF	350		-		0			
	Basketball Courts (Gymnasia Courts)	Courts per 1,000 students	0.45	5 Courts	6,800		34,661	19,648	(15,013)	13,522	6,126	
	Multipurpose Activity Court (MAC)			1	15,000		15,000		(15,000)	15,000		
	Racquetball Courts	Courts per 1,000 students	0.39	2 Courts	800		1,600	1,592	(8)	1,592		
	Squash Courts	Courts per 1,000 students	0.05	1 Courts	-		-		0	-		
	Indoor Bouldering Walls	SF of Climbing surface per 1,000 stu	36.00	408 SF	2.5	73 LF of Bouldering	1,019	3,040	821	1,000		
	Indoor Climbing Walls	Number of top ropes per 1,000 stud	0.55	10 Ropes	120	80 LF of Climbing	1,200			1,189		
	Outdoor - Storage / Trip / Rental Equip	ASF per 1,000 students	184.00	2,084 ASF	1		2,084	1,072	(1,012)	1,722		
	GX / MP Space	ASF per 1,000 students	351.00	3,976 ASF	1		3,976	6,543	2,567	4,743	5,200	
	Group Indoor Cycling Space	ASF per 1,000 students	72.00	816 ASF	0.6		489		(489)			
	Multiuse Space - FFit, Meeting	ASF per 1,000 students	415.00	4,701 ASF	1		4,701	1,150	(3,551)			
	Wellness - Massage, Counsel, Mtg, Social			1 ASF	1,000		1,000	477	(523)	528		
	Aquatics Storage			1 Qty	1,000		1,000	524	(476)	798	232	
	Recreation Storage			1	2,000		2,000	1,484	(517)	1,992	287	
05	Laundry (Commercial Eq)			1 Qty	500		500	440	(60)	440		
	Maintenance / Repair			1 Qty	1,000		1,000	1,211	211	1,211		
	Comp Sports - IM and Club Storage			1 ASF	1,200		1,200	866	(334)	490	800	
Projected Total Assignable Building Space (NSF) of Recreation - Does not include other Building Program							NSF	111,629	82,151	(40,272)	84,820	29,950
Net to Gross Ratio - Walls / Circulation, Core/Shafts					70%	Actual	80%					
Projected Total Building Area* (GSF), Rounded (Based on Partial usage)							14.04 SF/Student	159,000	103,000	(56,000)	130,623	31,448
										162,070		

PLAN OPTIONS

Developing plan options is an essential step in translating vision, identified needs and priorities into actionable, physical solutions. Through an iterative design process, multiple combinations of facility locations, layouts, and program relationships were explored to evaluate

their functional, operational, and aesthetic impacts. This approach allowed the planning team and stakeholders to compare alternatives, refine ideas, and ultimately arrive at a balanced solution that best supports SFA's recreation and wellness vision and long-term growth.

OPTION A



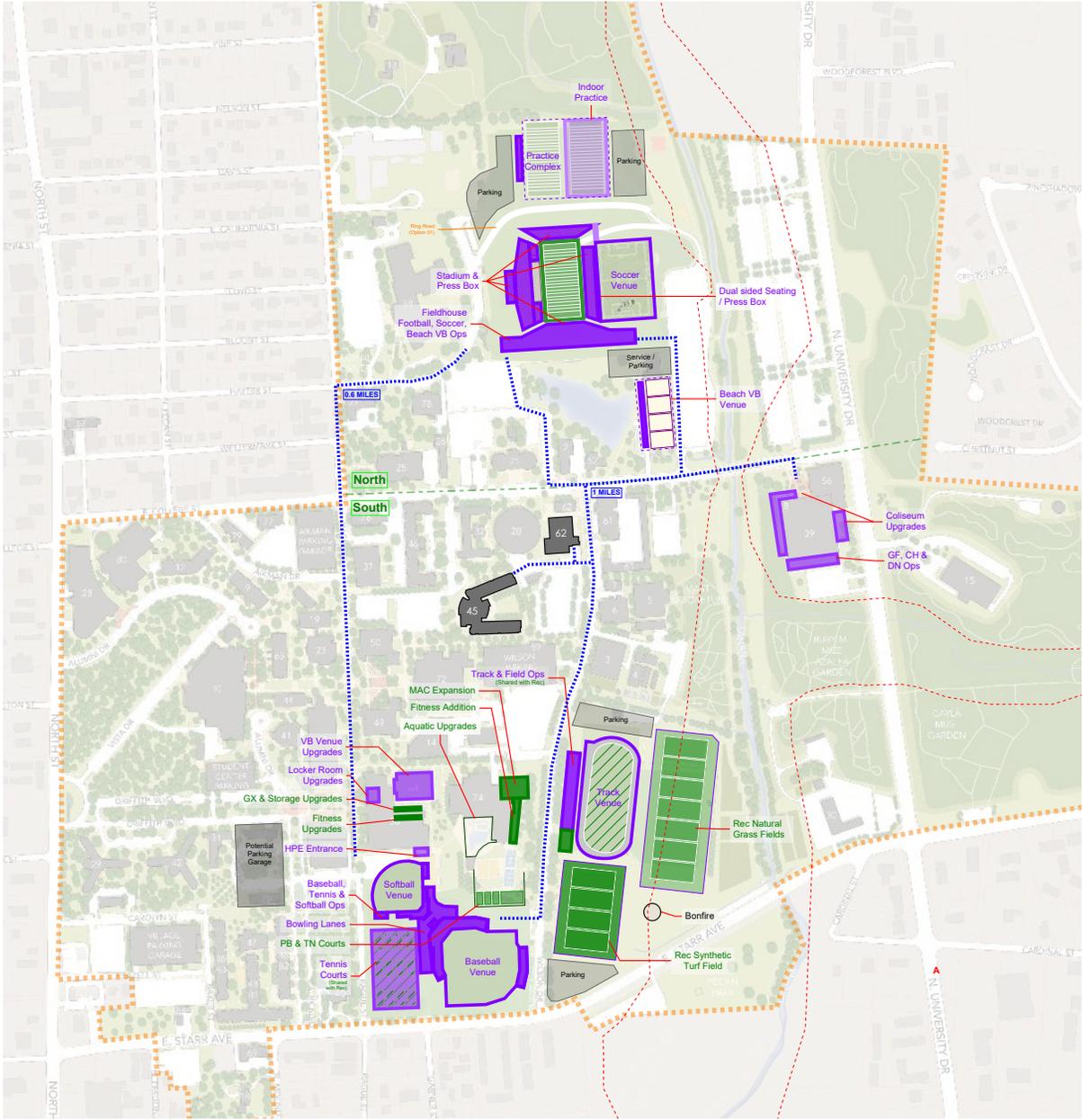
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South Campus NE Aerial View - Option A



South Campus Master Plan - Option A



Athletic Legend - Timeline

- 0-5 Year
- 5-10 Year
- 10-15 Year

Recreation Legend - Timeline

- 0-5 Year
- 5-10 Year
- 10-15 Year

Map 2. Campus Recreation and Athletics Master Plan Option A

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OPTION B



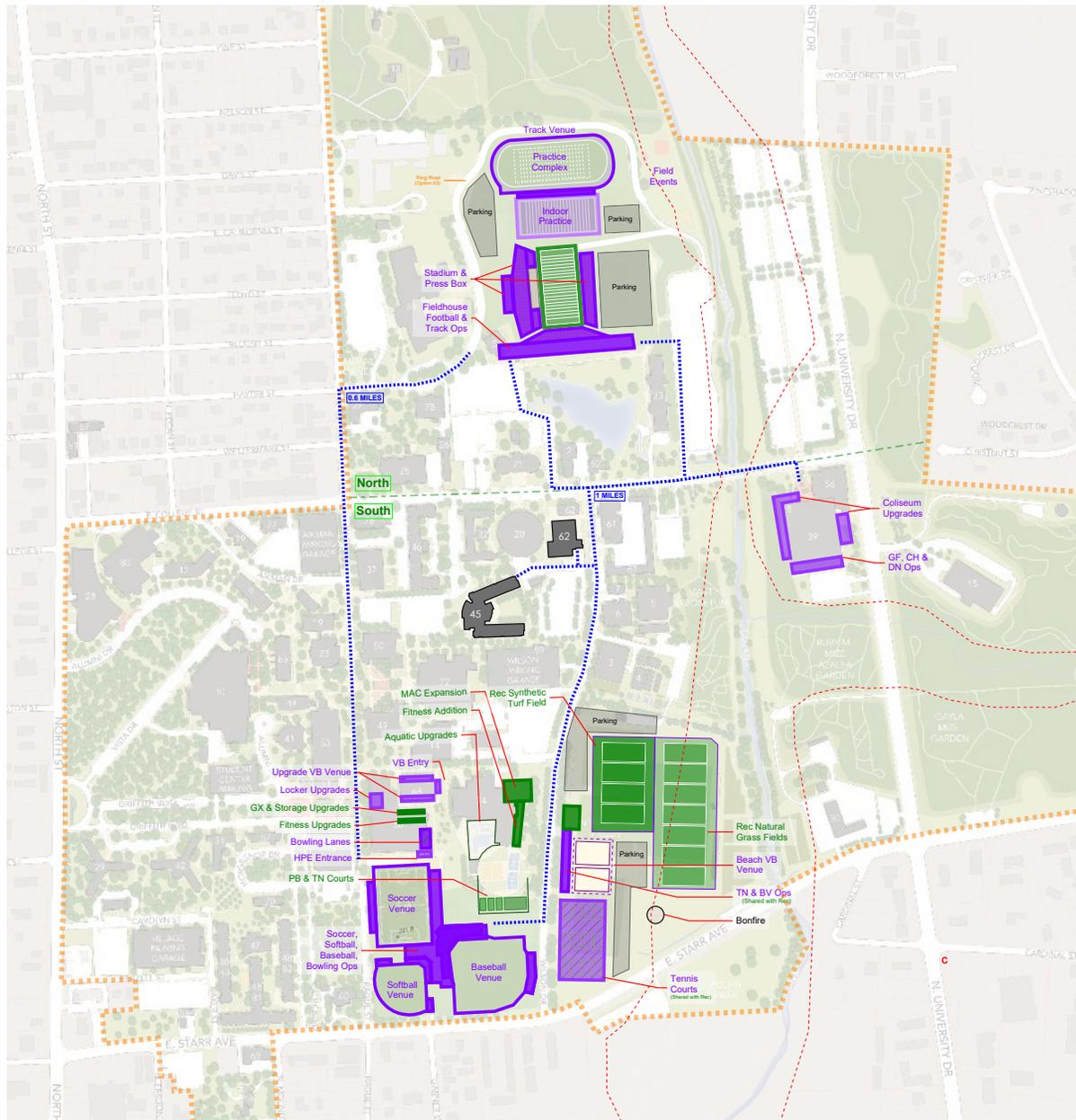
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South Campus Master Plan - Option B



Athletic Legend - Timeline

- 0-5 Year
- 5-10 Year
- 10-15 Year

Recreation Legend - Timeline

- 0-5 Year
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- 10-15 Year

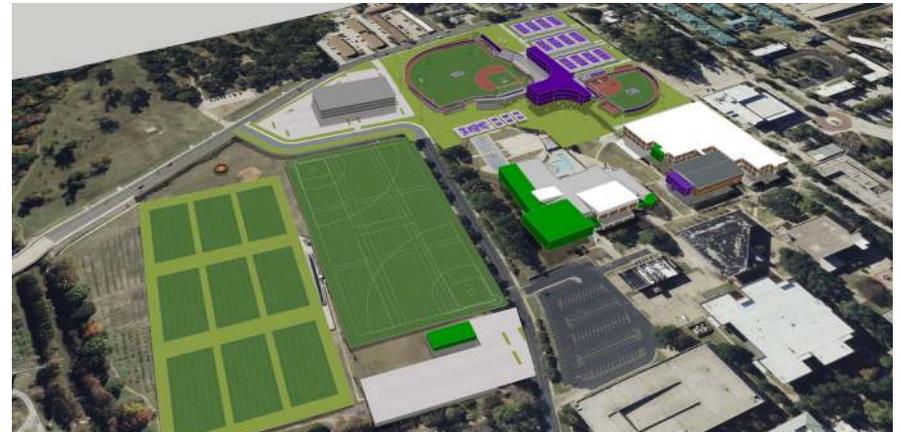
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OPTION C



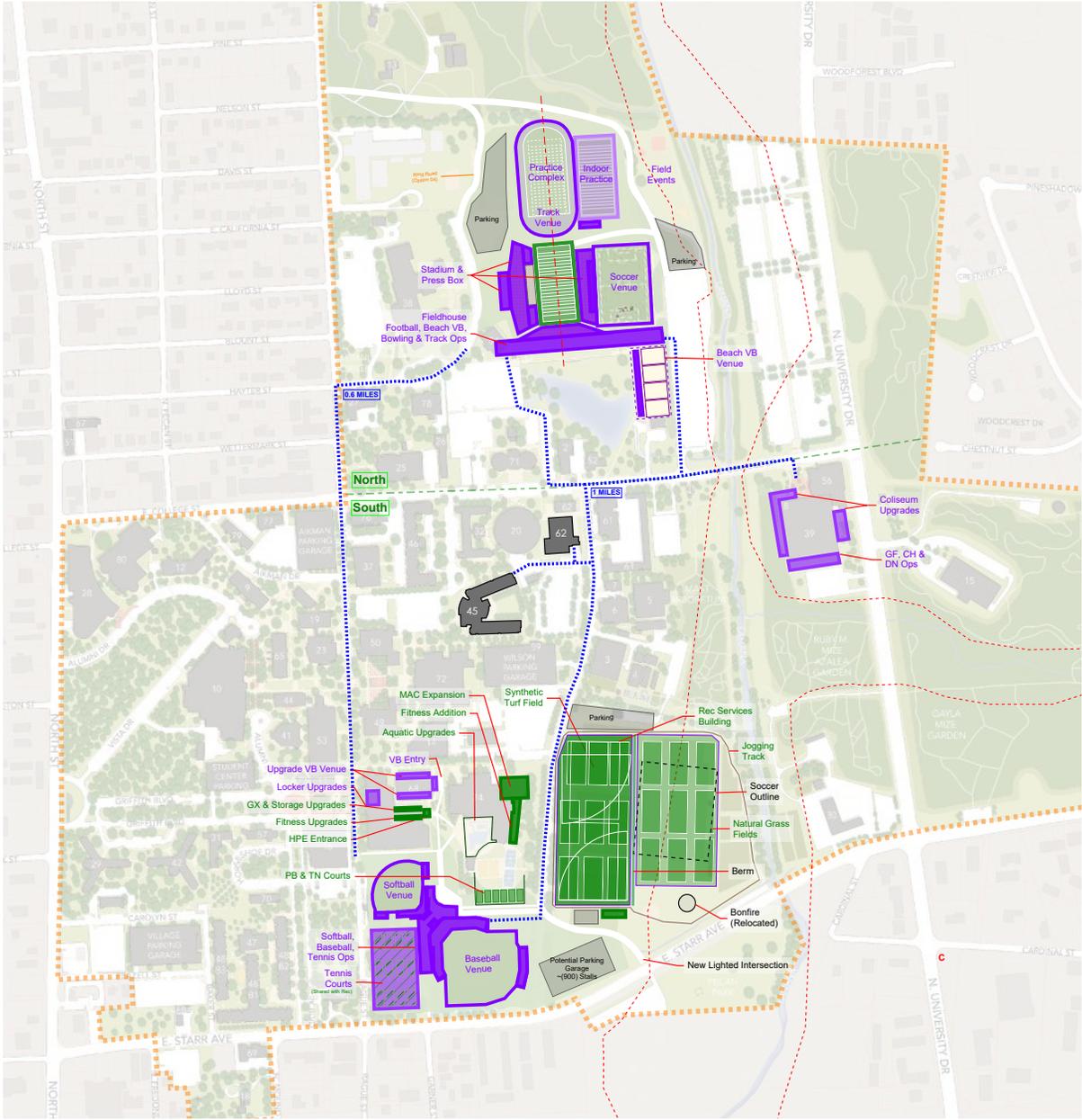
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South Campus NE Aerial View - Option C



South Campus Master Plan - Option C



Athletic Legend - Timeline

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- 5-10 Year
- 10-15 Year

Recreation Legend - Timeline

- 0-5 Year
- 5-10 Year
- 10-15 Year

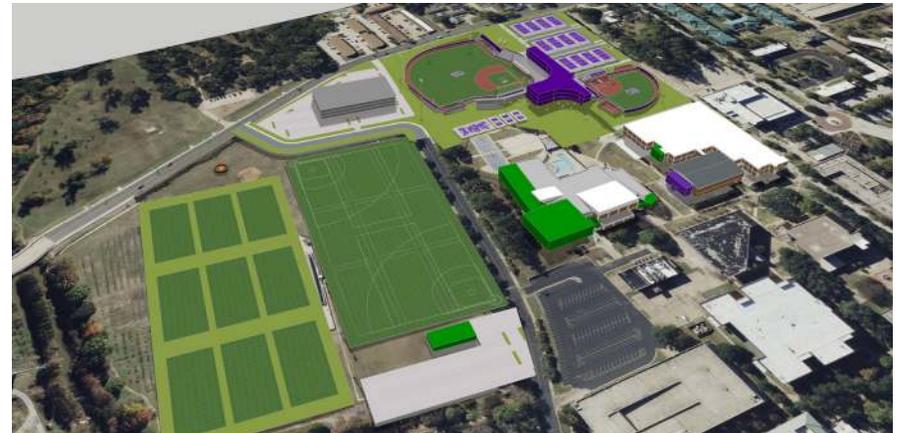
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OPTION D



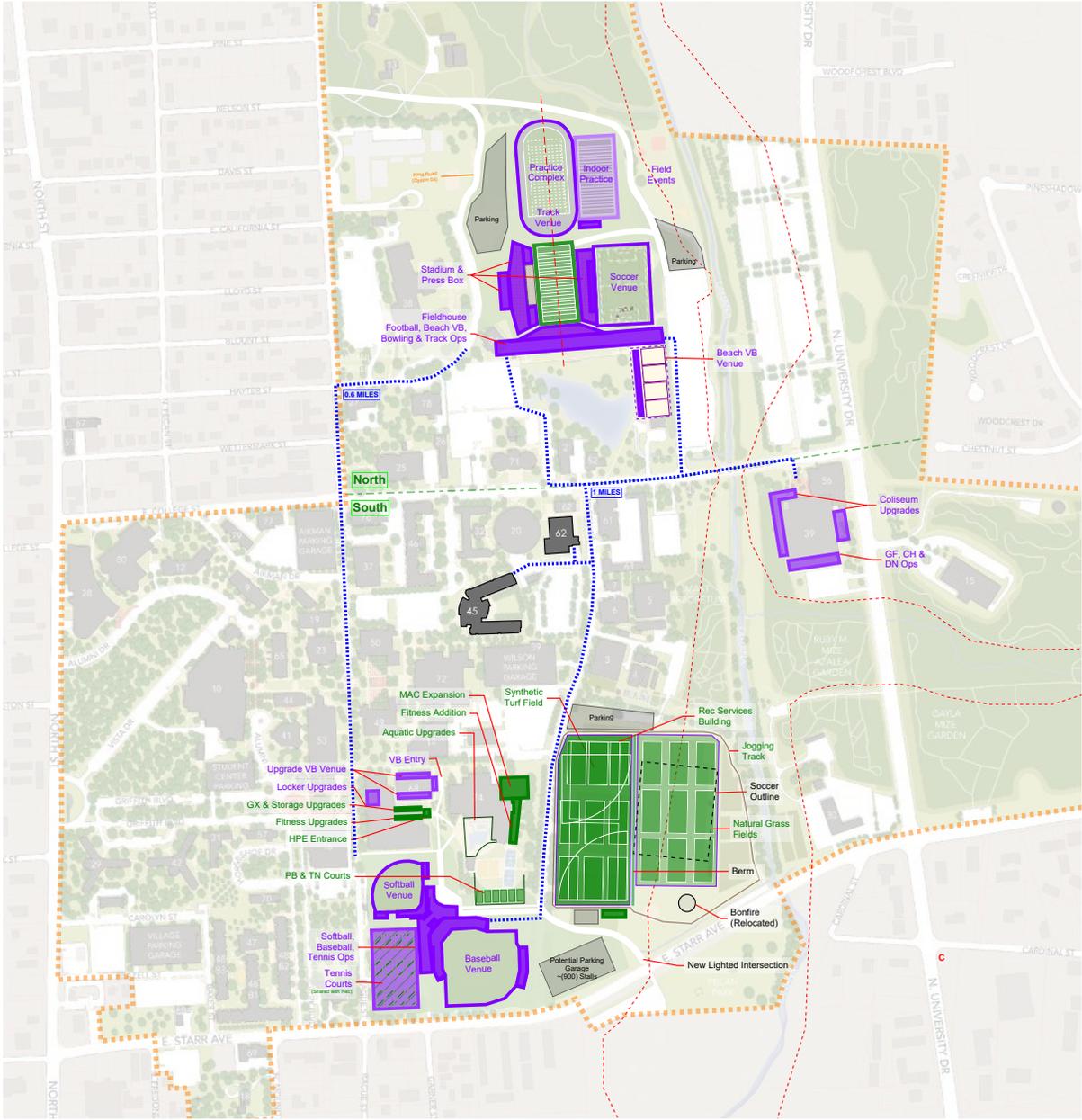
South Campus SW Aerial View - Option D



South Campus NE Aerial View - Option D



South Campus Master Plan - Option D



Athletic Legend - Timeline

- 0-5 Year
- 5-10 Year
- 10-15 Year

Recreation Legend - Timeline

- 0-5 Year
- 5-10 Year
- 10-15 Year

Map 5. Campus Recreation and Athletics Master Plan Option D

Scale: N.T.S.



OPTION EVALUATION MATRIX

The planning team, in collaboration with University stakeholders, developed conceptual options that were systematically evaluated against established criteria in the form of a matrix. The review tool included the visioning, programmatic needs and how well each option served the broader student body, faculty, and staff. Campus Recreation facilities have the potential to be renovated and expanded to maximize the existing spaces as well as address the need for overall student wellness programs.

Each option was assessed using a strength-to-challenge rating system where strengths scored the highest points and challenges scored lower point values. The evaluation assessed critical factors such as Student Recreation Center expansion and renovation feasibility, integration with HPE Complex improvements, outdoor recreation field quantity and quality, connectivity to intramural and competitive sports venues, student entry and circulation patterns, administrative staff access and operational efficiency, and provision for outdoor pursuits programming. The matrix also assessed conflicts with campus attributes such as floodway limitations affecting field placement, topography impacting accessibility and construction

costs, and adjacencies to future housing development opportunities that could limit recreation facility utilization and student engagement.

Option D provided the most comprehensive solution for expanding the Student Recreation Center with optimal placement of wellness suites, upgraded climbing wall, fitness areas, and indoor multi-activity courts. The design excelled in addressing intramural and competitive sports field deficiencies by strategically positioning them with an elevated synthetic turf outside the floodway with proper drainage, a relocated Wilson Drive and a lower natural grass fields. The configuration integrated the Recreation Support Field Services Building to serve users and annual sports club participants, incorporating the Loop Trail and Challenge Course. Option D creates a cohesive recreation infrastructure that promotes lifelong wellness habits, supports diverse student needs, and enhances overall campus engagement while maintaining operational efficiency and financial sustainability.

OPTION EVALUATION MATRIX

Category	Sub Category / Item	Athletic and Recreation Site Plan Options - Strength (3) / Challenge (1)							
		Option A		Option B		Option C		Option D	
		Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation
Vision / Goals / Objectives	Showcase Athletics	2		3		2		3	
	Showcase Recreation		2		2		2		3
	Revenue Generation	3		2		2		3	
	Enhance Recruitment & Retention	2	1	3	2	1	2	3	3
	Enhance Membership		2		2		2		2
	Enhance Program Culture	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	3
	Planning Goals	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
	Planning Objectives	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Impact on Campus Infrastructure	General Parking	2	2	3	2	1	3	3	3
	Student Pedestrian Flow	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
	Emergency/Life Safety	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Access	Student-Athletes	2		2		3		3	
	Students	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
	Staff	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
	Spectators	2	2	3	2	1	3	3	3
	Outside Rental	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
	Community Membership		2		2		2		2
Stadium Connection Nodes	Stadium Spectator Entry	2		3		2		3	
	Ticketing								
	ADA/ Elevator								
	Stadium VIP Entry								
	VIP Ticketing								
	VIP ADA/ Elevator								
	Stadium Team Entry								
	Home - Team Practice								
	Home - Team Competition								
	Visitor - Team Competition								
	Band Entry	2		2		2		2	
	Maintenance Entry	2		2		2		2	
	Emergency/Life Safety Entry	2		2		2		2	
Fieldhouse	2		1		2		2		

OPTION EVALUATION MATRIX - CONTINUED

Category	Sub Category / Item	Athletic and Recreation Site Plan Options - Strength (3) / Challenge (1)							
		Option A		Option B		Option C		Option D	
		Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation
Fieldhouse Connection Nodes	Student-Athlete: Housing Proximity	2		2		2		2	
	Student-Athlete: Parking Proximity	1		3		3		2	
	Performance Center Proximity	2		2		2		2	
	Training/Recovery Center Proximity	2		2		2		2	
	Strength & Conditioning Proximity	2		2		2		2	
	Academic Center Proximity	2		2		2		2	
South Athletic Campus Connection Nodes	Spectator Entry								
	Parking	2		1		1		3	
	Ticketing								
	ADA/Ramps								
	VIP Entry								
	Parking								
	VIP Ticketing								
	VIP ADA								
	Team Entry								
	Home - Practice								
	Home - Competition								
	Visitor - Competition								
	Stadium Rentals								
	Maintenance Entry								
	Emergency Entry								
North Athletic Campus Fieldhouse									
Wilson Drive Crossing	2		2		2		3		

OPTION EVALUATION MATRIX - CONTINUED

Category	Sub Category / Item	Athletic and Recreation Site Plan Options - Strength (3) / Challenge (1)							
		Option A		Option B		Option C		Option D	
		Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation
South Athletic Campus Connection Nodes	Spectator Entry								
	Parking	2		1		1		3	
	Ticketing								
	ADA/Ramps								
	VIP Entry								
	Parking								
	VIP Ticketing								
	VIP ADA								
	Team Entry								
	Home - Practice								
	Home - Competition								
	Visitor - Competition								
	Stadium Rentals								
	Maintenance Entry								
	Emergency Entry								
North Athletic Campus Fieldhouse									
Wilson Drive Crossing	2		2		2		3		
Loddie Naymola Basketball Performance Center Connection Nodes	Spectator Entry								
	Ticketing	2		2		2		2	
	ADA	2		2		2		2	
	VIP Entry								
	Ticketing	2		2		2		2	
	Team Entry								
	Home - Practice								
	Home - Competition								
	Visitor - Competition								
	D/C & Golf Access	1		1		1		1	
	D/C & Golf Parking	1		1		1		1	
	Arena Rentals								
	State								
	Shows	1		1		1		1	
	Administrative Staff Entry								
Staff Parking	2		2		2		2		
Visitor - Access	2		2		2		2		
Visitor - Parking	2		2		2		2		

OPTION EVALUATION MATRIX - CONTINUED

Category	Sub Category / Item	Athletic and Recreation Site Plan Options - Strength (3) / Challenge (1)							
		Option A		Option B		Option C		Option D	
		Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation
SRC + HPE + IM/Comp Sports Fields	Student Entry								
	Lobby		2		2		2		2
	Passive Rec		2		2		2		2
	Wellness		2		2		2		2
	Fitness & Weights		2		2		2		2
	Group Studios		2		2		2		2
	Courts / Gymnasia / MAC's		2		2		2		2
	Climbing / Bouldering		2		2		2		2
	Outdoor Pursuits		2		2		2		2
	IM / Comp Sports Fields		1		2		2		3
	Tennis / Pickle Ball		2		2		2		2
	Aquatics		2		2		2		2
	Administrative Staff Entry		2		2		2		2
		Sub-Total		26		28		30	
	Sub-Total	70		74		67		82	
Conflicts	Campus Attributes								
	LaNana Creek Floodway	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
	Ag Pond	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
	Wilson Drive	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
	Topography	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
	Janice Pattillo ECRC	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
	Raguet Elementary	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
	President's Residence	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Utilities								
	Water								
	Sanitary								
	Storm								
	Gas								
	Electric								
	Communications								
	Lighting								
	Future Development								
	Housing	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Parking								
Rugby		NO		NO		NO		NO	

OPTION EVALUATION MATRIX - CONTINUED

Category	Sub Category / Item	Athletic and Recreation Site Plan Options - Strength (3) / Challenge (1)							
		Option A		Option B		Option C		Option D	
		Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation	Athletics	Recreation
Big Picture	Phasing	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	2
	Investment	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	3
	ROI								
	Sub- Total	4	4	2	4	6	4	5	5
	Grand Total	74	30	76	32	73	34	87	42



Intramural & Competitive Sports Fields

HPE Renovation

SRC Expansion





PROPOSED SCOPE

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RECREATION PROJECT SCOPE SUMMARY

The Campus Recreation planning efforts includes comprehensive improvements to recreational facilities serving the broader campus community. The scope encompasses renovations and expansions to existing recreation facilities, development of new outdoor recreation amenities, and enhance intramural and club sports infrastructure.

Major initiatives include expansion of the Student Recreation Center adding wellness suites, climbing social spaces, extended jogging tracks, expanded weights and functional fitness areas, and a new indoor multi-activity court (MAC) for flexible programming. Outdoor improvements feature six new pickleball courts, renovation of existing aquatics areas, and enhanced outdoor fitness facilities.

The upgraded and new 4,000 GSF Recreation Support Field Services Building provides essential public restrooms, expanded equipment storage with divisible cages for soccer, softball, and rugby, and support infrastructure for the adjacent upgraded field complex serving over 650 weekly users various sports club participants.

Upgraded intramural fields address current inadequacies in field size, lighting, ease of maintenance, type, and flood resilience.

An asphalt trail will loop around the Recreation Fields and provide access to a challenge course with a program footprint featuring low-ropes courses at ground level and high-ropes elements including crate stacking and a climbing wall.

Norton HPE Complex renovations create a modernized multi-use facility serving athletics, recreation, and academic programs. Campus Recreation plans to abandon all space within Shelton Gymnasium.

The comprehensive recreational facilities scope encompassing growth to 125,000 net square feet, or 21% growth, ensures the campus recreation infrastructure serves diverse student needs into the future. It will promote lifelong wellness habits, support intramural and club sports growth, and creates versatile spaces for both structured programming and informal recreation activities that enhance overall student life and campus engagement.

BUILDING & FACILITY INITIATIVES

Academic

- A** Science Building
- B** Long-Term Building Site
- C** McKibben Building Renovation
- D** Boynton Music Expansion
- E** Art Building
- F** Facilities Services & Operations + Academic Building
- G** Agriculture Building Renovation
- H** Long-Term Military Science & Aviation Sciences Expansion
- I** Greenhouses
- J** Social Work Building Renovation

Athletic/Recreation

- K** Tennis Venue
- L** South Operations Venue
- M** Baseball Venue
- N** Softball Venue
- O** Norton HPE Renovation & Addition
- P** Shelton Renovation & Addition
- Q** Student Recreation Center Renovation & Addition
- R** Recreation Support - Field Services Bldg.
- S** Loop Trail & Challenge Course
- T** Recreation Fields - Intramural & Competitive Sports
- U** Johnson Coliseum Renovation & Addition
- V** Fieldhouse Building
- W** Football Stadium
- X** Soccer Stadium
- Y** Indoor Practice
- Z** Track & Field + Practice

Student Experience

- AA** Auditorium/Welcoming Center
- BB** R.W. Steen Library Renovation
- CC** Student Housing A
- DD** Student Housing B
- EE** Student Housing C
- FF** Student Housing D

Garages

- GG** Garage A
- HH** Garage B
- II** Garage C + University Police Facility

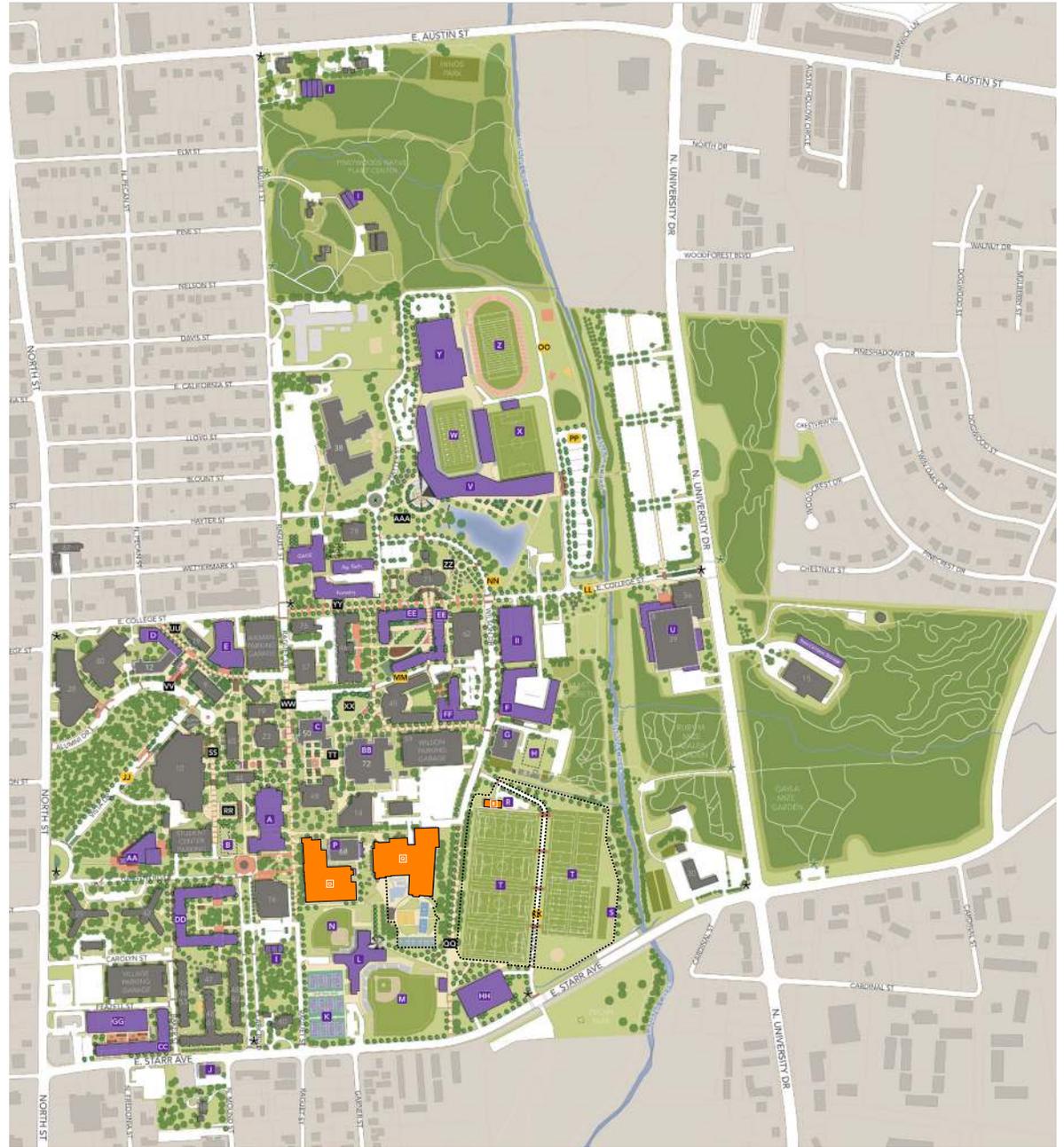
TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

(areas not included in other facility initiatives)

- JJ** Vista Drive & Alumni Drive Street Modifications
- KK** Wilson Drive Realignment
- LL** College Street Modifications
- MM** McKibben/Library Access Road
- NN** North Wilson Drive Extension
- OO** Stadium Loop Drive
- PP** East Stadium Parking

LANDSCAPE INITIATIVES

- QQ** Wilson Mall
- RR** Central Quad
- SS** Student Center Mall Enhancements
- TT** Central Mall Area
- UU** Aikman Mall
- VV** Austin Plaza
- WW** Raguet Mall Extension
- XX** Steen Open Space
- YY** College Mall
- ZZ** Steen Hall Courtyards
- AAA** Lumberjack Quad & Stadium Plaza
- * *** Gateway Signage



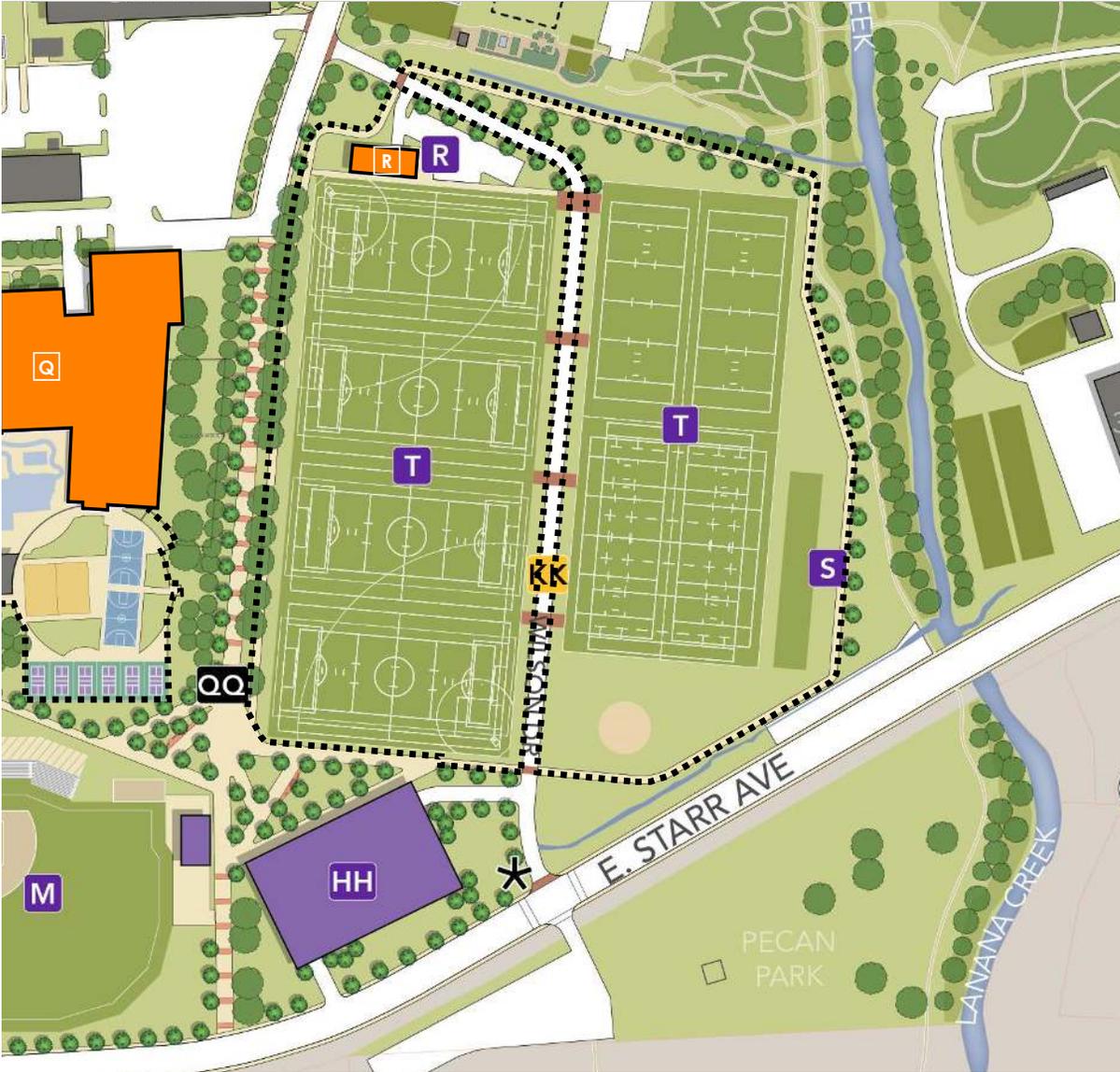
Map 6. Campus Master Plan with Recreation spaces marked in orange-

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RECREATION FIELDS

INTRAMURAL / COMPETITIVE SPORTS FIELDS

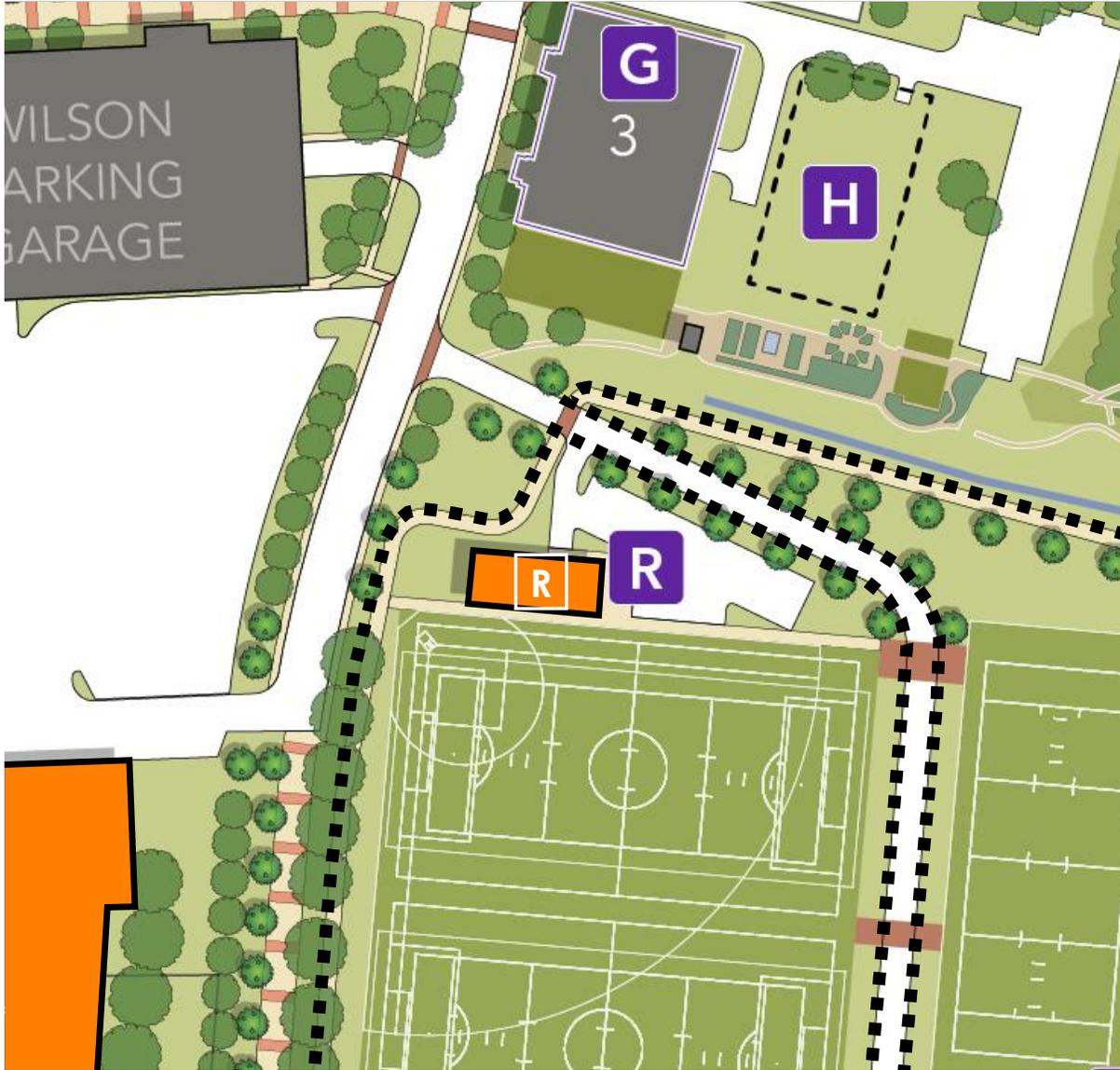
The current intramural, competitive sports, and recreation fields do not meet the baseline needs for Campus Recreation, with limitations in field size, quantity, usage hours, field type and flooding. To increase usability within the floodplain, the 318,200 GSF of synthetic turf for soccer, softball, and flag football located west of the new and relocated Wilson Drive will be elevated and fenced, providing a flexible, durable surface that is easier to maintain and remains playable during and after inclement weather. An additional 216,000 GSF of natural grass will accommodate rugby and flag football. Field lighting and scoreboards are also added. These upgrades will improve field availability, enhance playability, and support a wider range of campus recreational activities. Together, the synthetic and natural fields address current deficiencies and enhance the overall functionality of Campus Recreation facilities.



Map 7. Recreation Fields

RECREATION SUPPORT: FIELD SERVICES BUILDING

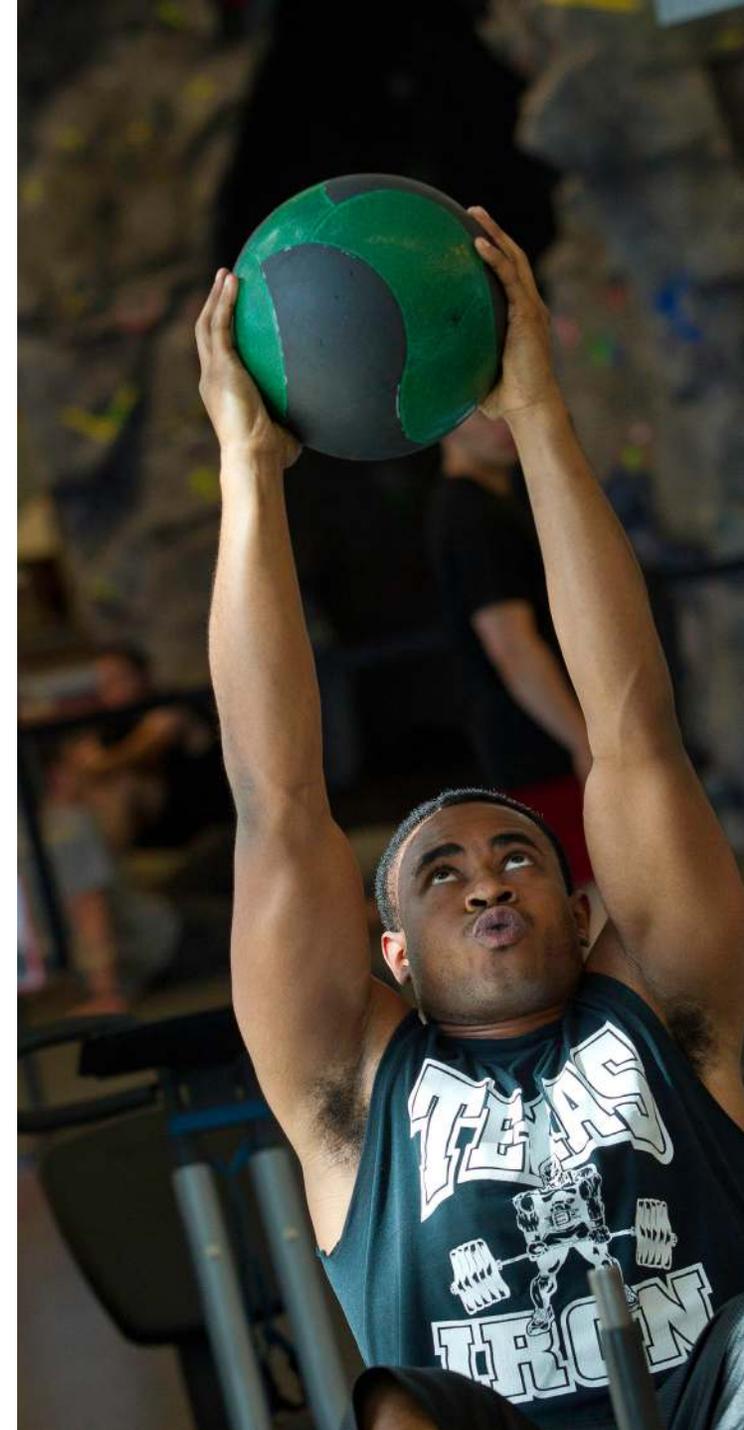
The 4,000 GSF building will provide public restrooms, expanded storage, and parking for the adjacent upgraded field complex. Storage with divisible cages will give a home to soccer, softball, and rugby equipment. Space for an ice machine, water stations, mowers, and a fenced outdoor equipment area is provided. With increased participation from weekly users and sports clubs, there is a clear need for enhanced site circulation and amenities to support both students and spectators, ensuring a functional and accessible recreation environment.



Map 8. Field Services Building

FIELD SERVICES BUILDING PROGRAM

Building Function / Space	Unit	Area	Extension	Comments
1.00 Circulation				
		w/GSF		
2.00 Public Space			555 SF	
Entry Lobby	1	200	200 SF	
Public Restroom(s)				
Mens	1	125 SF	125 SF	Could be enlarged for Bonfire
Womens	1	150 SF	150 SF	Could be enlarged for Bonfire
Single Occupancy	1	80 SF	80 SF	
3.00 Athletics				
4.00 Recreation				
4.01 Field Services			2,300 SF	
Office / Workspace for Field Monitor	2	100	200 SF	
First Aid	1	100	100 SF	
Storage	1	2,000	2,000 SF	Divisible per IM/Comp Sport
5.00 Recreation				
6.00 Utilities				
		w/GSF		
7.00 Building Support Spaces				
		w/GSF		
Total Net Square Footage			2,855 SF	
Building Factor - Circulation / Utilities / Shafts /Walls		30%	1,228 SF	
Total Gross Square Footage			4,083 SF	
8.00 Outdoor Athletic Facilities				
8.01 Intramural / Comp Sports				
Natural Grass Field	1 Area	216,000 SF		
Synthetic Turf Field	1 Area	318,200 SF		
Ropes Challenge Course	1 Area	15,000 SF		
Jogging Track				
Fencing around Turf				
Sports Lighting	20 Poles			
Scoreboard	4 Board			
Sound / PA System				



STUDENT RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION AND ADDITION

This project expands the facility from approximately 79,000 to approximately 113,000 GSF. The outdoor aquatics area will be renovated. A new wellness suite will provide a space for holistic wellness, massage, rest, and recovery. Recreation upgrades include adding 6 outdoor pickleball courts and an indoor multi-activity court (MAC) for flexible indoor programming. Weights and functional fitness areas are expanded, a climbing social space is created with dedicated bouldering, outdoor fitness facilities are enhanced, and the jogging track extended, creating a more versatile, user-focused environment.



Figure 18. Proposed Student Recreation Center

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER PROGRAM

Building Function / Space	Exstg Area	Unit	Area	Extension	Comments
1.00 Circulation	5,726 SF			7,081 SF	
Circulation	4,801 SF	1	6,156 SF	6,156 SF	
Vertical Circulation	925 SF	1	925 SF	925 SF	
2.00 Public Space	4,589 SF			5,293 SF	
Lobby	2,526 SF	1	2,526 SF	2,526 SF	
Lobby Extension	704 SF	2	704 SF	1,408 SF	
Restroom(s)					
Mens	566 SF	1	566 SF	566 SF	
Womens	746 SF	1	746 SF	746 SF	
Single Occupancy	47 SF	1	47 SF	47 SF	
3.00 Athletics	0 SF			0 SF	
4.00 Recreation	57,821 SF			90,245 SF	
4.01 Locker Room	3,217 SF			3,217 SF	
Women's Locker Room					
Wet Area	401 SF	1	401 SF	401 SF	
Locker Room	1,178 SF	1	1,178 SF	1,178 SF	
Men's Locker Room					
Wet Area	363 SF	1	363 SF	363 SF	
Locker Room	1,138 SF	1	1,138 SF	1,138 SF	
Single Toilet / Shower	137 SF	1	137 SF	137 SF	
Lifeguard Changing Room	56 SF	1	56 SF	56 SF	
4.02 Offices	3,935 SF			3,935 SF	
Reception	449 SF	1	449 SF	449 SF	
Admin Office(s)	1,101 SF	1	1,101 SF	1,101 SF	
Additional Office		1	0 SF	0 SF	
Staff Area	511 SF	1	511 SF	511 SF	
Lifeguard Office(s)	221 SF	1	221 SF	221 SF	
Aquatic Director(s)	128 SF	1	128 SF	128 SF	
Outdoor Rec	520 SF	1	520 SF	520 SF	
Climbing Office/Check/Issue	107 SF	1	107 SF	107 SF	
Sports Programs	101 SF	1	101 SF	101 SF	
Conference Room(s)	378 SF	1	378 SF	378 SF	
Work Room(s)	221 SF	1	221 SF	221 SF	
Staff Locker Space - Wet & Dry	198 SF	1	198 SF	198 SF	
Office Renovation	528 SF	1	528 SF	528 SF	
4.03 Fitness	21,246 SF			32,106 SF	
Weights					
Strength	5,468 SF	1	4,868 SF	4,868 SF	
Free	2,823 SF	1	1,879 SF	1,879 SF	
Fitness Addition		1	8,504 SF	8,504 SF	
Stretching / Core	902 SF	1	902 SF	902 SF	
Cardio Equipment	2,972 SF	1	2,972 SF	2,972 SF	
Cardio Addition		1	1,650 SF	1,650 SF	
Jogging Track	8,342 SF	1	8,342 SF	8,342 SF	
Jogging Track Extension		1	2,250 SF	2,250 SF	
Personal Training	739 SF	1	739 SF	739 SF	
Functional Fitness Turf	2,322 SF	1	2,322 SF	2,322 SF	
4.04 Indoor Recreation	25,173 SF			45,942 SF	
Welcome Desk / Control	224 SF	1	224 SF	224 SF	
Lounge / Passive Rec	959 SF	1	1,650 SF	1,650 SF	
Student Hub	498 SF	1	498 SF	498 SF	
Equipment Checkout	224 SF	1	224 SF	224 SF	

Building Function / Space	Exstg Area	Unit	Area	Extension	Comments
Indoor Courts					
Bball / VBall / Open Gym	13,522 SF	1	13,522 SF	13,522 SF	
Multi-Activity Court (MAC)		1	15,000 SF	15,000 SF	
Bench / Seating		1	1,000 SF	1,000 SF	
Seating / Lounge		1	1,000 SF	1,000 SF	
Handball / Racquetball	1,592 SF	1	1,592 SF	1,592 SF	
Climbing	1,189 SF	1	1,189 SF	1,189 SF	
CW Viewing / Seating		1	400 SF	400 SF	
Bouldering Renovation		1	1,000 SF	1,000 SF	
Outdoor Center	1,072 SF	1	1,072 SF	1,072 SF	
Outdoor Storage & Repair		1	650 SF	650 SF	Exterior Access
GX - Multipurpose Studio(s)	4,743 SF	1	4,743 SF	4,743 SF	
Meeting / Classroom	1,150 SF	1	1,150 SF	1,150 SF	
Wellness		1	1,028 SF	1,028 SF	
E-Sports		1	1,028 SF	1,028 SF	
4.05 Recreation Support	4,250 SF			5,045 SF	
Aquatics Storage	720 SF	1	720 SF	720 SF	
Recreation Storage	1,197 SF	1	1,197 SF	1,197 SF	
Storage Addition		1	795 SF	795 SF	
Laundry	440 SF	1	440 SF	440 SF	
Maintenance	1,211 SF	1	1,211 SF	1,211 SF	
Intramural Storage	682 SF	1	682 SF	682 SF	
Comp Sports Storage					
5.00 Academics	0 SF			0 SF	
6.00 Utilities	5,501 SF			5,501 SF	
7.00 Building Support Spaces	0 SF			0 SF	
Total Net Athletics Square Footage	SF			0 SF	
Total Net Recreation Square Footage	57,821 SF			90,245 SF	
Total Net Square Footage	73,637 SF			108,120 SF	
Building Factor - Misc Circ / Shafts / Walls	5,118 SF		4%	4,634 SF	
Total Gross Square Footage	78,755 SF			112,754 SF	

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|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Athletic Court / Field | Athletic/Rec Locker | Athletic Training | Academic/Meeting | Recreation | Rec - Group Studio |
| Athletic Venue Support | Athletic Team Support | Storage/Bldg Support | Academic/Mtg Support | Rec Support | Natatorium |
| Athletic Spectator | Athletic Staff Locker | Restrooms | Offices/Administration | Track | Circulation |
| | | | HOF /Lobby | Rec - Fitness | Unknown |

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER FLOOR PLANS



Figure 19. SRC - Level 1 Floor Plan

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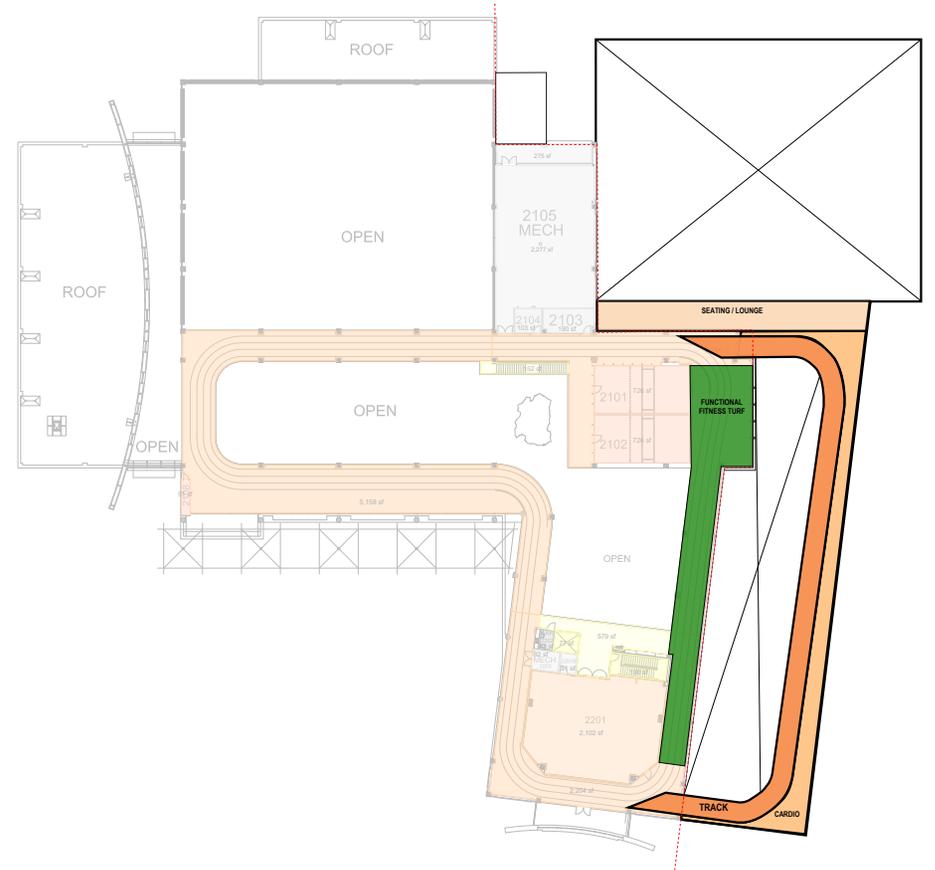
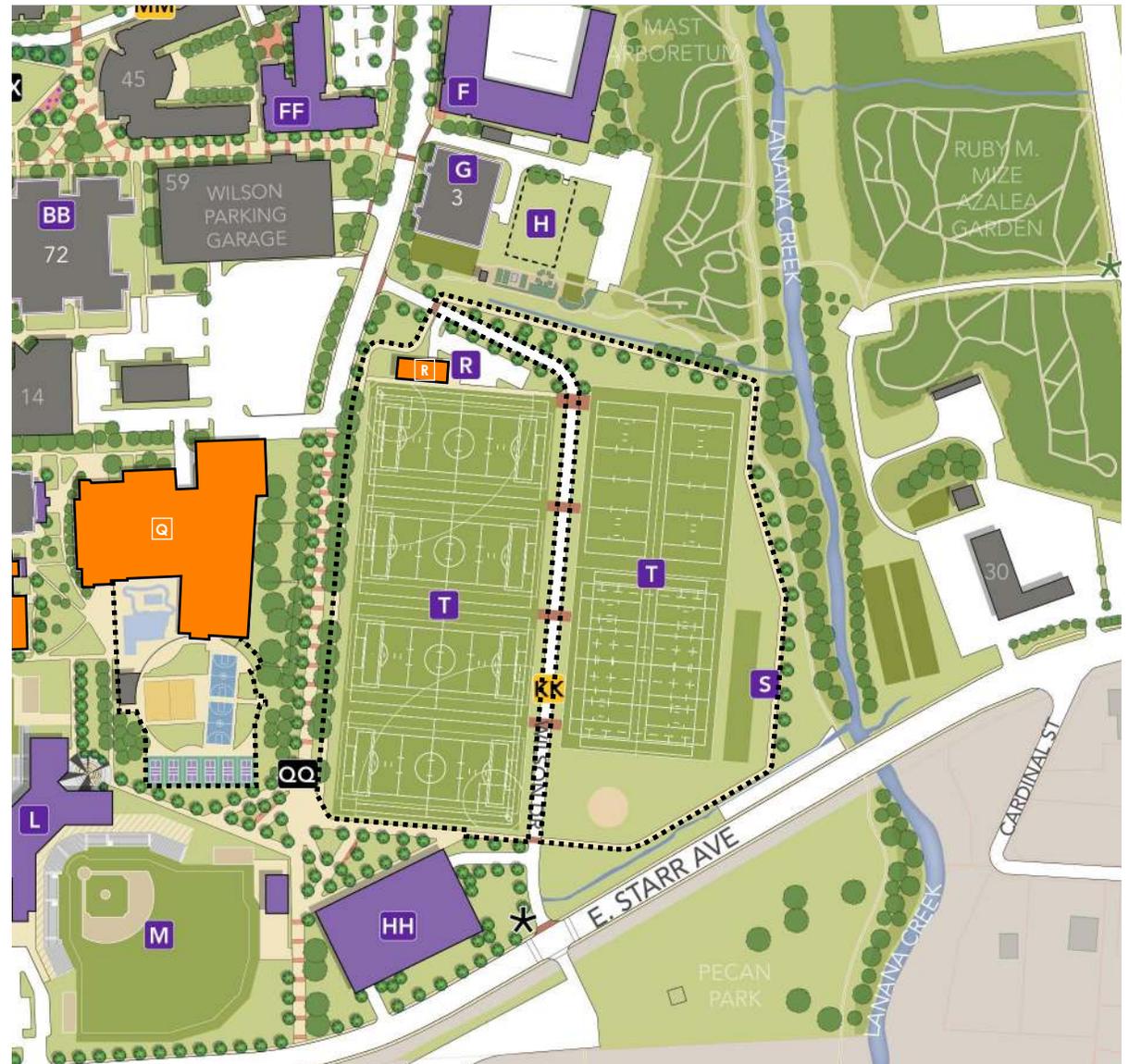


Figure 20. SRC - Level 2 Floor Plan

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LOOP TRAIL AND CHALLENGE COURSE

The 12-foot wide asphalt trail covering 37,550 GSF, loops around the Recreation Fields and provides access to a Challenge Course with a program footprint of 15,000 SF. The loop trail will be used by the entire Nacogdoches community, while the Challenge Course will focus on student organizations, academic programs, and professional groups, featuring potential items like low-ropes courses at ground level and high-ropes elements, including a 30-foot elevated rope course, crate stacking, and a climbing wall for more physically challenging activities.



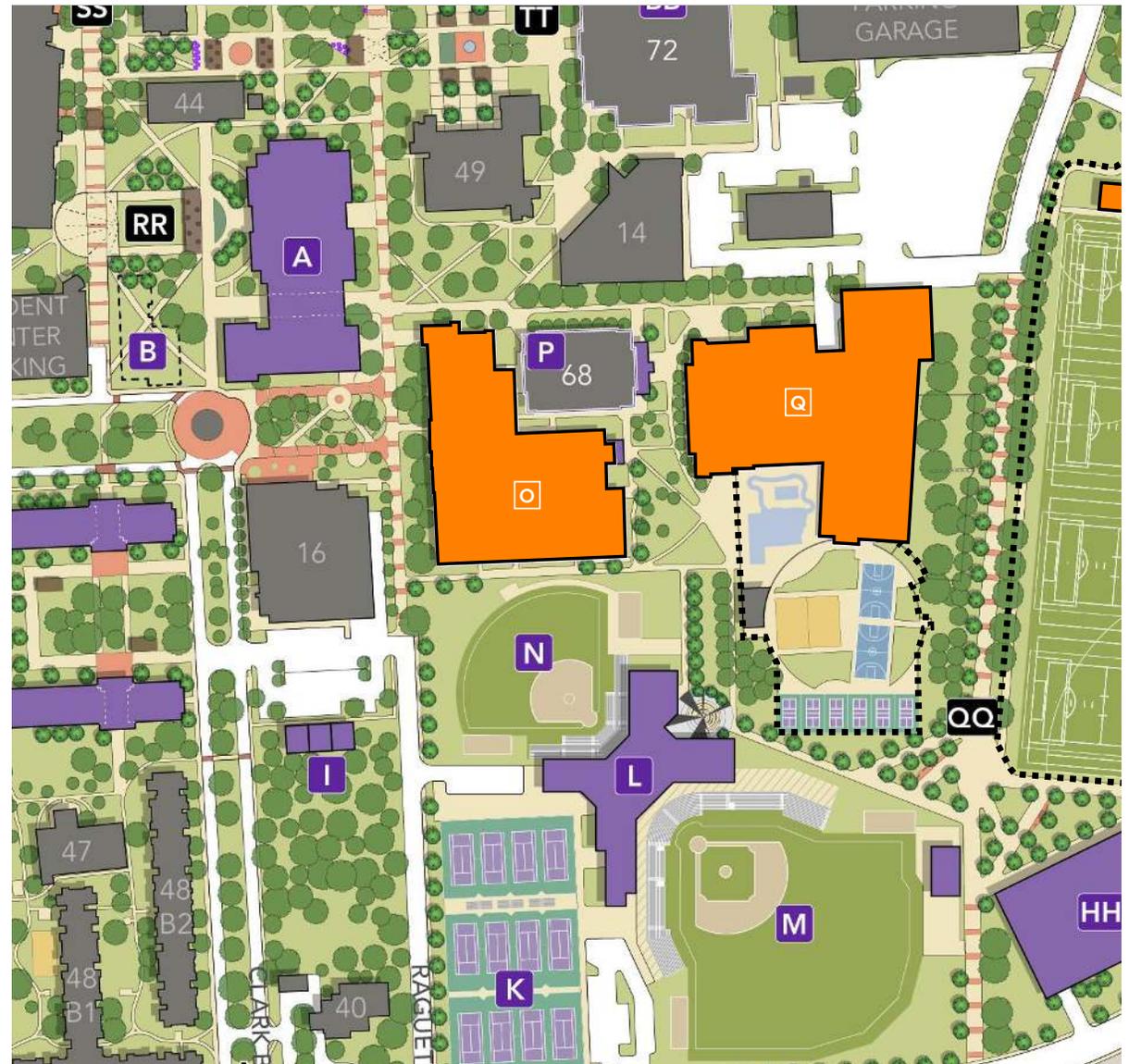
Map 9. Loop Trail and Challenge Course



Figure 21. Precedent Image of walking trail along Lanana Creek

NORTON HPE COMPLEX RENOVATION & ADDITION

The proposed HPE facility renovation includes a new entry on the east near the existing staircase, improving access and circulation. Recreation upgrades feature an enhanced fitness center with a powerlifting zone, expanded group and yoga studios, a new spin studio, multipurpose studios, and renovated locker rooms for men and women. Athletics improvements include new locker rooms for visiting athletes and coaches who are competing in Shelton and on the south athletics field/courts. Academic upgrades focus on revitalizing kinesiology spaces. The gym and pool will also be upgraded to address acoustical and aesthetic issues, and gym spaces will be upgraded to better support the cheer and dance programs, ensuring the facility serves the entire campus more effectively.



Map 10. Norton HPE Complex Renovation & Addition

NORTON HPE COMPLEX PROGRAM

Building Function / Space	Exstg Area	Unit	Area	Extension
1.00 Circulation	12,253 SF			12,253 SF
Circulation	10,709 SF	1	10,709 SF	10,709 SF
Vertical Circulation	1,544 SF	1	1,544 SF	1,544 SF
2.00 Public Space	803 SF			300 SF
Lobby		1	300 SF	300 SF
Public Restroom(s)				
Mens Urinals / Water Closets	373 SF	1	573 SF	573 SF
Womens Water Closets	387 SF	1	587 SF	587 SF
Single Occupancy	43 SF	1	123 SF	123 SF
3.00 Athletics	8,751 SF			8,546 SF
3.03 Team Locker Rooms	2,625 SF			2,020 SF
Visiting Team Locker Room				
Locker & Wet Room - Volleyball 01		20	30 SF	600 SF
Locker & Wet Room - Volleyball 02		20	30 SF	600 SF
Visiting Coaches Locker Room				
Locker Area - Open Shared	2,625 SF	6	20	120 SF
Single Occupancy - Wet Area		3	100	300 SF
Officials Locker Room				
Locker Area - Open Shared		4	20	80 SF
Single Occupancy - Wet Area		2	100	200 SF
Lounge		4	30	120 SF
3.07 Indoor Practice Field / Court	6,126 SF			6,526 SF
Cheer / Dance	6,126 SF	1	6,126 SF	6,126 SF
Cheer / Dance Storage	607 SF	1	400	400 SF
4.00 Recreation	24,525 SF			29,949 SF
4.01 Locker Room	2,625 SF			2,400 SF
Women's Locker Room	1,313 SF			
Locker & Wet Room - General		60	20 SF	1,200 SF
Men's Locker Room				
Locker & Wet Room - General	1,313 SF	60	20 SF	1,200 SF
Single Toilet / Shower				
4.02 Offices	151 SF			151 SF
Lifeguard Office(s)	151 SF	1	151 SF	151 SF
4.03 Fitness	2,267 SF			5,467 SF
Weights				
Strength	2,267 SF	1	2,267 SF	2,267 SF
Added Weights / Strength / Cardio		1	3,200 SF	3,200 SF
4.04 Indoor Recreation	18,964 SF			20,613 SF
Welcome Desk / Control		1	100 SF	100 SF
Lounge / Passive Rec		-	200 SF	
Indoor Aquatics	9,187 SF	1	9,187 SF	9,187 SF
Indoor Courts				
Bball / VBall / Open Gym	6,126 SF	1	6,126 SF	6,126 SF

Building Function / Space	Exstg Area	Unit	Area	Extension
Handball / Racquetball				
Climbing	1,851 SF			
GX - Multipurpose Studio(s) Large		1	2,400 SF	2,400 SF
GX - Multipurpose Studio(s) Small		2	800 SF	1,600 SF
GX - Yoga		1	1,200 SF	1,200 SF
GX - Martial Arts	1,800 SF			
4.05 Recreation Support	519 SF			1,319 SF
Aquatics Storage	232 SF	1	232 SF	232 SF
Recreation Storage	287 SF	1	287 SF	287 SF
Intramural Storage				
Competitive Sports Storage		1	800 SF	800 SF
5.00 Academics	38,758 SF			39,567 SF
Added Kinesiology Space		1	5,000	5,000 SF
Subtracted Kinesiology Space		1	(4,191)	-4,191 SF
6.00 Utilities	5,183 SF			5,183 SF
7.00 Building Support Spaces	13,307 SF			13,307 SF
Total Net Athletics Square Footage	8,751 SF			8,546 SF
Total Net Recreation Square Footage	24,525 SF			29,949 SF
Total Net Square Footage	103,581 SF			109,105 SF
Building Factor - Misc Circ / Shafts / Walls	29,770 SF		19%	25,445 SF
Total Gross Square Footage	133,350 SF			134,550 SF

NORTON HPE COMPLEX FLOOR PLAN



Figure 22. Norton HPE Complex Level 1 Floor Plan

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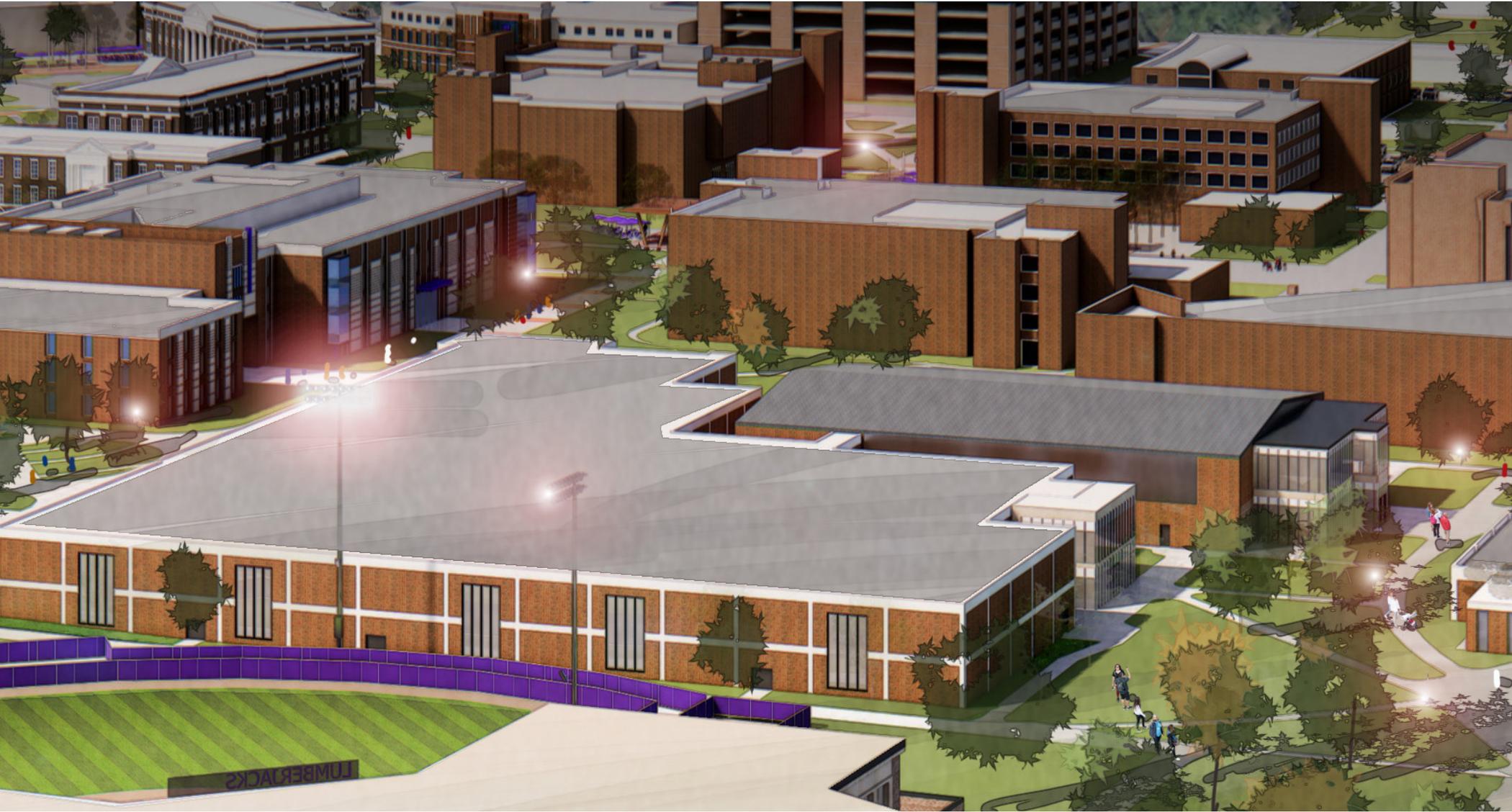


Figure 23. Proposed Norton HPE Complex





SCHEDULE

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The phased project schedule provides the University with a clear framework to plan, secure funding, and obtain approvals for future recreation facility improvements. The durations for planning, design/production, and construction were established in coordination with the University. Prioritization was developed collaboratively with University leadership to ensure alignment with institutional goals, programmatic urgency, operational efficiency, student impact, and long-term participation growth. Short-term

phase (0–5 year) investments target the most immediate needs, including deficiencies in outdoor fields. The mid-term phase (6–10 years) continues the momentum by focusing on the renovation and expansion of the Student Recreation Center and Norton HPE Complex. Following these initiatives, efforts will focus on enhancing shared recreational facilities and broadening outdoor amenities including the Recreation Fields Services Building, and the Loop Trail and Challenge Course.

CAMPUS RECREATION MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Facilities	SHORT-TERM							
	2026				2027			
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Recreation Fields - Intramural & Competitive Sports								
Recreation Support - Field Services Building								
Student Recreation Center Renovation & Addition								
Loop Trail and Challenge Course								
Norton HPE Complex Renovation & Addition								

Note: Projects can slide within phase window

