



## Recreational Sports Master Plan Status Report September 4, 2014

In 2013, the Division of Recreational Sports developed a new master plan for their facilities across campus in an effort to document current facility conditions and make recommendations for improvements to meet the ongoing recreational needs of the students, faculty, staff and campus community. The final draft master plan was presented to the Recreational Sports Board in early 2014 and to the UW-Madison Campus Planning Committee in March 2014. Also in March 2014, a student referendum was approved that provides segregated fee funding support for the initial four projects defined in the master plan: Near-West Fields, the SERF Replacement, the Natatorium Replacement, and the Near-East Fields projects. The Recreational Sports Master Plan was also presented to the Board of Regents in February 2014.

As the campus begins an update of their 2005 Campus Master Plan, all campus recreational facilities and the proposed upgrades from the 2014 Recreational Sports Master Plan will be reviewed for their inclusion in the 20-year, 2015 Campus Master Plan. This process will continue to be open, engaging and transparent with many open public meetings. Please watch for information on how you can participate in this process.

The Recreational Sports Master Plan includes the following projects along with a proposed timeline for implementation:

1. **Near-West Playfield Upgrades:** This project, located west of Willow Creek, east of Walnut Street and north of Observatory Drive, will include: 4 synthetic turf flag football fields; 1 championship soccer field (overlaid on the 4 flag football fields); decorative fencing with brick piers surrounding all of the fields, and upgraded lighting. The project design process will include the development of an Environmental Impact Assessment to research and study the impact of the proposed upgrades on the local campus environment.

Design: Fall 2014 to Spring 2015

Construction: Summer 2015 to Summer 2016

Occupy: Summer 2016

2. **South East Recreational Facility Replacement:** This project is a total redevelopment of the existing facility at on W. Dayton Street to provide a significant increase in program space and functionality. The project includes new recreation spaces, new fitness space, new aquatic space, a new completion pool for Athletics, a 3-lane running track, racquetball courts, basketball/volleyball/badminton courts, and several multi-purpose rooms. A full Environmental Impact Statement will be developed for this project.

Design: Summer 2015 to Summer 2017

Construction: Summer 2017 to Summer 2019

Occupy: Summer 2019

3. **Natatorium Replacement:** This project is a redevelopment of the existing facility on Observatory Drive east of Willow Creek. The project includes new recreational space, fitness space, multi-purpose rooms, a turf gym, basketball/volleyball/badminton courts, racquetball courts, an indoor recreational ice rink, a 4-lane running track, an 8-lane lap pool, a recreation/exercise pool and new facilities for the Kinesiology Department. A full Environmental Impacts Statement will be developed for this project.

Design: Summer 2017 to Summer 2019

Construction: Summer 2019 to Summer 2021

Occupy: Summer 2021

4. **Near-East Playfield Upgrades:** This project, located west of Elm Drive, east of Willow Drive and north of Observatory Drive, will include: 4, synthetic turf soccer fields; 1 championship soccer field (overlaid on the 4 soccer fields); decorative fencing with brick piers surrounding all of the fields, upgraded lighting and bleacher seating for spectators. A Environmental Impact Assessment will be developed for this project.

Design: Summer 2019 to Spring 2021

Construction: Summer 2021 to Summer 2022

Occupy: Summer 2022

5. **Nielsen Wellness and Tennis Stadium:** This project is an addition to the existing Nielsen Tennis Stadium on Highland Avenue north of the UW Hospital complex. The project includes new fitness space, a multi-purpose studio, renovations to the tennis stadium lobby, new locker facilities, and tournament locker rooms accessible from the west University Bay Drive fields. An Environmental Impact Assessment will be developed for this project if and when it moves forward in design development.

This project has no currently approved funding and no timeline for implementation.

6. **University Bay Drive Playfield Upgrades:** This project is a renovation and upgrade to the existing outdoor recreation fields east of University Bay Drive, north of the Waisman Center. The master plan recommends including the following upgrades: synthetic turf soccer and lacrosse fields (2 each); natural turf rugby and softball fields (2 each); a natural turf baseball field; 2 new shelters and concession stands with restrooms; a new walking/jogging path; night sky compliant outdoor field lighting; and fencing around the synthetic turf fields. Any proposed renovations to the University Bay Drive fields will include the development of a full environmental impact assessment, public meetings and an ad hoc working group of representatives of Recreational Sports, Campus Planning, the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, the Village of Shorewood Hills, University Housing and others interested in the long term planning for this area. If and when a project moves forward, an Environmental Impact Assessment will be developed for this project.

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**The final Recreational Sports Master Plan can be found at:** [http://www.cpd.fpm.wisc.edu/projects/Rec\\_Sports\\_Master\\_Plan\\_-\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.cpd.fpm.wisc.edu/projects/Rec_Sports_Master_Plan_-_FINAL.pdf)