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Project Tennessee State University Campus Master Plan

Subject 3. Existing Campus Conditions
3.1 Campus Grounds
3.1.6 Athletic and Recreational Facilities

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The objective of this work element is to assess the existing intercollegiate, intramural sports and recreational facilities.

1. ATHLETIC AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

The TSU intercollegiate athletic programs include the following:

- men's football (NCAA Football Championship Subdivision)
- men's and women's basketball
- men's and women's cross country
- men's and women's golf
- men's and women's tennis
- men's and women's track and field
- women's softball
- women's volleyball

TSU currently competes at the NCAA Division I level in the Ohio Valley Athletics Conference, and no plans are under consideration to change Division level.

In addition, an organized program of intramural sports is structured to provide competitive recreational activities TSU community. All activities are offered as men's, women's, and co-recreational divisions.

Intramural programs include:

- Flag football (team)
- Basketball (team)
- Volleyball (team)
- Softball (team)
- Tennis (individual/dual)

2. CAMPUS OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Described below are the existing outdoor athletic facilities on campus. Refer to the following Athletic and Recreation Facilities Figure 1.

- Hale Stadium is no longer used by the football program, and has fallen into disrepair. The stadium includes a natural turf football field encircled by an 8-lane quarter-mile track. Restroom/concession facilities are located beneath the west side bleachers. There is a press box on the west side of the stadium above the bleachers.
- Currently, the football program leases the Titan's LP Stadium in downtown Nashville for their home games.
- The women's softball stadium is located directly north of the Gentry Athletic Complex. The field houses bleachers, dugouts, fencing, and lighting, and sports pavilion. A secondary practice/intramural facility is located to the north of the stadium.
- The Tennis Court Complex consists of nine new tennis courts and a field house adjacent to Schrader Lane.
- Three basketball courts are located immediately east of the Gentry Athletic Complex. Two of these basketball courts are covered with a metal roof structure.
- The recently surfaced Edward S. Temple outdoor 8-lane quarter-of-a-mile track and adjacent field spaces is located directly west of the softball complex.

3. GENTRY ATHLETIC COMPLEX

The Gentry Athletic Complex, a facility for Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Convocation was completed in 1980. The building contains a 10,000 seat basketball and convocation arena, a 220 yard indoor track, handball courts, dance studio, offices, faculty and student lounges, classrooms, and a thirty-five meter 8 lane swimming pool.

4. WELLNESS CENTER

In 2006, the Wellness/Recreation Center was built adjacent to the Gentry Athletic Complex. The addition allows for joint access to the existing swimming pools in the Gentry Complex. The center has a work-out room, which includes weight-training machines, free weights, recumbent bicycles, treadmills, rowing machines, and elliptical trainers. The facility also includes a 1,300 square foot room for aerobic/dance. There is also a diagnostics training room, which will contain a hydrotherapy unit, massage tables, whirlpools, treatment tables, and other medical recovery stations for injured athletes.