

## Technical Memorandum

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Project Tennessee State University Campus Master Plan

Subject 6. Physical Master Plan

6.4 Athletic and Recreational Facilities

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To Tennessee State University

The Athletic and Recreational Facilities are used by University teams, students, and visitors for games and special events. All the athletic fields are concentrated in the northern portion of campus. The recreational facilities are located on the northern end of campus. The Athletic and Recreational Fields are in walking distance from campus and act as buffers between the campus and the Cumberland River, separated from campus by Walter S. Davis Boulevard to the north. Based on interviews with representatives of the Recreation and Athletics Staff, the following list of needs was developed:

- New 25,000 seat football stadium
- New football practice field for offense and kicking
- 10,000 SF. field house (north of the football field)
- New VIP boxes above the football field
- New press box above the football field
- General restrooms / concessions for outdoor sporting events
- Nature / bike trail

Refer to the following Athletic and Recreational Facilities Figure 1.

## 1. HALE STADIUM

There is a substantial interest in bringing the TSU football games back to campus. After a number of years in the Titan Stadium, it has been determined that TSU would greatly benefit from restoring the excitement of on-campus football. We are proposing the demolition of Hale Stadium, which is substantially beyond reuse or repair, and construction of a new 25,000 seat stadium on that site. This new facility will provide the University with a new field, field house, VIP boxes, press boxes, training and locker room facilities for TSU and visitors.

The new field house will provide new locker room and training room facilities for athletic teaming events. The field house is proposed to be located on the north side of the existing stadium and integrated within the existing stadium configuration to maximize space and enhance the overall character of the facility. This location serves the needs for immediate access to the training fields to the east for the new stadium on the site of the current football practice field. In addition, the athletics department requested the addition of a new practice field for the offense (or defense) as well as for kicking. The obvious site for these new

fields is on the location of the current facilities building which will be moved to the north east of the apartment style housing east of campus and adjacent to the maintenance repair shop.

## 2. CONCESSION AND RESTROOM FACILITIES

A new concessions and restroom facility is proposed to be integrated in the new football facility at the center of the Athletic and Recreation precinct. The facility will provide concessions and restroom amenities for the public during the various outdoor athletic events. The proposed location is easily accessed and centrally located providing equal opportunity for any sporting event.