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Project Tennessee State University Campus Master Plan

Subject 4. Future Campus Requirements
 4.4 Athletic and Recreational Facilities Projections

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To Tennessee State University

The objective of this work element is to project future open space requirement for athletic and recreational facilities including space for intercollegiate sport programs, scheduled intramural sports and general recreation.

1. GOALS AND PRIORITIES

Priorities for indoor athletic facilities are described and documented in Memorandum 4.2, which sets forth space and facility needs. Goals and priorities for outdoor athletic and intramural facilities are documented in Memorandum 3.1.6, and summarized below.

Based on interviews with representatives of the Recreation and Athletics Staff, the following list of needs was developed:

- New football stadium to seat 25,000
- 10,000 sq.ft. field house (beneath the risers of the football seating)
- New president's box above the football field
- New press box above the football field
- General restrooms / concessions for outdoor sporting events
- Athletic practice fields for football offense and kicking
- Nature / bike trail within the campus perimeter
- Office and support facilities for consolidating the athletics department

2. LOCATION CRITERIA

The area of campus north of John Merritt Boulevard is the logical place for most of the athletic and recreational facilities listed in Item 1 above. The area would enable a clustering of sport facilities adjacent to existing facilities including the football stadium, track and softball fields. Vehicular access to the northern portion of campus is from Walter S. Davis Boulevard. Sufficient parking is in the area just north of the current Hale Stadium.

3. COMPARISON TO NCAA/TITLE IX STANDARDS

TSU currently competes at the NCAA Division II level in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletics Conference, and no plans are under consideration to change Division level. The proposed walking and jogging trail system could also serve the needs of the cross country competition team.

Facilities are not needed to meet Title IX requirements, unless and until TSU were to elevate to Division I.