New Recreation & Sports Fields
A Proposal to Address UMD’s Playing Fields Deficit
Issues To Address

RecWell is unable to expand its outdoor intramural sports program, due to limited facility space. For outdoor team sports, games are now scheduled until 1 a.m. five nights a week, and many teams are on waitlists.

- 2017 RecWell Annual Report
Issues To Address

• Lack of Outdoor Recreational Fields
  • Students are waitlisted/unable to play

• Purple Line Construction Will Soon Require Relocation of Throwing Fields

• Track & Field and Soccer Share Facility
  • Significantly impacts athletes and fans

• Parking Reduction Impacts
  • Current and upcoming construction will reduce parking
## UMD Fields Compared to Big 10

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Greater College Park

A premier university needs a dynamic ecosystem.

Investments in dynamic academic & research spaces, new and renovated housing, and more amenities all contribute to the vision of a greater College Park.
Campus Size
1,340 acres*

Campus core
- Academic buildings, residence halls, athletic facilities, parking for 41,000 students and 11,000 faculty & staff

Discovery District
- The Hotel, METRO, fraternity row, research & offices where 4,000 people work daily

West of University Blvd.
- Golf course
- Courtyards, research buildings, USM offices, observatory, Archives II

* An acre is about the size of a football field
# Parking Changes 2015 - 2018

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Facilities Planning Process

• Facilities Management Planning staff evaluated 10 campus core site options & presented to Facilities Council
• Options considered by Facilities Council in winter 2017
• Facilities Council asked staff to look at other options
• Staff recommend golf course site as preferred option; presented to VPAF
• VPAF gathers feedback from community
• Independent Site Review Committee considers recommendation(s)
• Possible Facilities Council consideration December, 2018
Additional Fields – 10 Potential Sites

A: Existing RecWell Fields
   (Proposed to be displaced with Housing/Retail)

On Existing Recreation Fields
B: Chapel Lawn
C: Fraternity Row

On Existing Surface Parking Lots
D: Lots 1d; 3a
E1: Lots 9b; 9c; 11c; FF; RR2
E2: Lot 11b
F: Lot 2
G: Lot 4b

On Existing Open Spaces/Fields
H: CSPAC South Lawn
I: ICA Practice Field
Problems With 10 Potential Sites

• Significant loss of parking
• Site sizes limit recreational program development
• Lack of convenient restroom facilities
• Lack of parking
• Major environmental impacts
• Significant earthwork/grading required
• Impact to neighbors (noise/lighting)
Additional Sites Considered

1. Paint Branch Drive/Acredale
2. Research Park – M Square
3. Golf Course
Problems with Additional Sites

Paint Branch Drive/Acredale
  • Environmentally sensitive area
  • Potential neighborhood noise/disruption

Research Park – M Square
  • Environmentally sensitive area
  • Distant from campus
  • Not currently available

Golf Course
  • Topographical challenges
  • Impacts golf course
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Why Choose This Site?

• Adequate space (235 acres), much is cleared of trees
• Good location
  (5-10 min. walk from most campus residences)
• Already dedicated to recreation use
• Repurposes only part of the course
  • Golf course remains in service with at least 9-holes
  • UMD golf teams do not compete there; practice will continue
  • ~20% of golf rounds played by students, faculty and staff
• Potential for pervious (more sustainable) parking
What’s Next If Site is Approved?

• Detailed studies
  • Environmental
  • Transportation – traffic, pedestrian
  • Architectural – golf course, athletic facilities
• Review of studies, decision to move forward
• Preliminary cost estimates
• Schematic design
To provide feedback: communityfeedback@umd.edu

Presentation available at vpaf.umd.edu