University of Maryland
Track and Field Relocation and New Recreational Fields
Facilities Management - Planning and Construction
Current Track and Field Location with Purple Line Route
Track/Recreational Fields – 10 Potential Sites Originally Considered

- **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
Overview of Issues with Potential Sites

- Significant loss of parking
- Site sizes limit recreational program development
- Lack of convenient restroom facilities
- Lack of convenient parking
- Major environmental impacts
- Significant earthwork/grading required
- Impact to neighbors with noise/lighting
Additional Off-Campus Core Sites Considered

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

Current land use: mostly vacant / forested / wetland / floodplain with small parking lot (approx. 63 spaces)

Pros:
- Undeveloped site would accommodate track and field, large recreational fields, and larger parking lot
- Centrally located on campus – access to utilities, transportation, existing rec facilities, and existing parking; within walking/biking distance
- Highly visible from Paint Branch Drive
- Relatively flat

Cons:
- Environmentally sensitive site requiring extensive permitting and mitigation
- Adjacent to neighborhood (noise and lighting concerns)
Current land use: M Tech flight facility; mostly vacant/forested/wetland/floodplain

Pros:
- Undeveloped site would accommodate track and field, medium recreational fields
- Adjacent to existing parking
- Site is relatively flat and has access to existing utilities

Cons:
- Part of UMD-Copt joint venture; not currently available
- Environmentally sensitive site requiring extensive permitting and mitigation
- Distant from campus, not visible from street
- Would require relocation of M Tech flight facility
- Significant storm drainage required
Golf Course – Current

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Golf Course – Option 1 (Back 9 Remains)

Current land use: fully functional golf course

Pros:
• No development history other than current use
• Site will accommodate track and field, recreational fields, and parking facilities
• Directly accessible from Metzerott Road and University Blvd
• Good drainage with no obvious wetland or floodplain issues
• Adjacent to campus, pedestrian and bicycle accessible

Cons:
• Size of golf course decreased to 9 hole course
• Location would require extensive access roadway and utility development, forest mitigation
• Topography would require extensive earthwork, multiple, smaller recreational fields
• Relocation of maintenance building, team practice facilities required
• Poor visibility of site
• Adjacent to neighborhood (noise and lighting concerns)
Golf Course – Option 2 (Front 9 Remains)

Current land use: fully functional golf course

Pros:
• No development history other than current use
• Site will accommodate track and field, recreational fields, and parking facilities
• Directly accessible from Adelphi Road
• Good drainage with no obvious wetland or floodplain issues
• Golf course itself is adjacent to campus

Cons:
• Size of golf course decreased to 9 hole course
• Location would require extensive access roadway and utility development, forest mitigation
• Topography would require extensive earthwork, multiple, smaller recreational fields
• Relocation of maintenance building, team practice facilities required
• Poor visibility of site
• Site is distant from campus with no pedestrian/bicycle access
Recommendation: Golf Course – Option 3 (Keep up to 14 Holes)

- **Current land use:** fully functional golf course

- **Pros:**
  - Good access from Campus and University Blvd.
  - Limited environmental constraints i.e. wetlands flood plain forestry
  - Significant recreational program can be accommodated.
  - Close functional relationship to existing club house
  - Additional parking can be accommodated close to University Blvd.

- **Cons:**
  - Requires reduction of golf course to 14 playable holes
  - Does impact golf course layout and develops new use on the golf course parcel
  - Requires golfers to circulate through/by recreational facilities to get to new first tee and from new 14 (last hole) back to club house
Alternative: Golf Course – Option 4 (Keep Back 9)

Current land use: fully functional golf course

Pros:
• Golf start/finish remain adjacent to clubhouse
• South recreational fields are close to campus in a highly visible area
• Uses existing entry drives at University Blvd and Metzerott Rd
• Does not disturb golf course practice area and maintenance facilities
• Environmentally sensitive areas are avoided

Cons:
• Golf course is reduced from 18 holes
• Track & Field has limited visibility/relationship to Campus Core
• Track & Field near residential area
• Utility extensions necessary for Track & Field
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