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SARASOTA - MANATEE CAMPUS

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This element ensures the provision of adequate and accessible recreation facilities and open space to meet the future needs of the University.

A. Inventory and assess *existing university-owned or managed* recreational sites against the projected needs for recreation and open space facilities required to meet the needs of the projected university population.

1. Existing Conditions Campus Recreation Facilities and Open Spaces

There are no formal sports fields on the USF SARASOTA-MANATEE campus, and limited area available for open play space. Informal walking paths leading to the ponds and beyond the ponds to the west edge of the detention areas are cited as positive experiences, with naturalized surroundings and opportunities for wildlife viewing.

In addition, USF SARASOTA-MANATEE shares 10 acres of open informal recreation property with New College. This property is located at the bay front, just south of the Crosley Estate and west of Uplands Boulevard. USF SARASOTA-MANATEE completed a scenic walking/bicycle path and elevated bridge in 2014 to extend the campus walkway system to the west and south through the Crosley Estate grounds and link the campus to the open recreation areas. The USF SARASOTA-MANATEE segment of the path links the USF SARASOTA-MANATEE campus and Crosley Estate grounds with a 2-mile regional north-south multi-use trail along Sarasota Bay to the New College campus and the Ringling Museum.

An indoor fitness facility - located within the main building (SMC) and open to students, faculty and staff - provides a selection of fitness equipment within a 1,047 nsf room. This fitness room is planned to be enlarged in 2023. Shower and locker facilities exist nearby in the SMC building. Adjacent to the fitness center is the Student Government sponsored Recreation Room/Lounge.

A new student center is being constructed and will be open to students in the Fall of 2024. This new space will include spaces for clubs, gaming, e-sports, and a large open room for student functions.

Table 9-1 provides a summary of recreation facilities and opportunities available to all USF students.

Table 9-1 Inventory of ONE-USF Recreation Facilities

Facility Type	Number/Account	Estimated/ Projected* Usage	Acreage/ Square Footage
Yuengling Center	4 BB or 6 VB Courts	Summer camp only	25,000 sf
Arena – Level 2 (multi-use arrangement)			
Arena – Level 1 (multi-use arrangement)	1 BB or VB Court	540 hr/wk (seasonal)	20,000 sf
Corral	1 BB or VB Court	200 hr/wk (seasonal)	11,000 sf
	3 Offices	160 hr/wk	
	Conference Room		
	Reception Area		
	3 Storage Rooms		
	Locker Room		
YC Service Level			
YC Administrative Suite	13 Offices/Reception	560 hr/wk	
Men's Basketball Suite	Offices/Support	320 hr/wk	
Women's Basketball Suite	Offices/Support	320 hr/wk	
Sports Medicine Clinic	Treatment Area/Support	215 hr/wk	
Strength and Conditioning	Weight Room and Storage	215 hr/wk	
Men's Basketball Locker/Shower		75 hr/wk	
Women's Basketball Locker/Shower		75 hr/wk	
Visiting Basketball Team Locker Room	2 Locker Rooms		
Ticket Office	2 Offices Conference Room	160 hr/wk	
Maintenance/Production	7 Offices Conference Room Support	320 hr/wk	
Housekeeping	Office/Support	160 hr/wk	
Concessions	2 Offices/Support	120 hr/wk	
Meeting Rooms	2 Meeting Rooms	150 hr/wk	
Performance Dressing Complex	6 Dressing Rooms	75 hr/wk	
Laundry	Laundry/Support	28 hr/wk	
Lee Roy Selmon Athletic Center			
Strength and Conditioning	3 Offices/Support Weight Room Cardio Room	2,400 hr/wk	10,696 sf
Sports Medicine Clinic	4 Offices/Support 2 Exam/4 Treatment Therapy/Work Rooms	2,400 hr/wk	6,133 sf
Equipment Room	2 Offices/Support Laundry	2,400 hr/wk	4,859 sf
AD Conference Room	Conference/Kitchen Support	150 hr/wk	1,388 sf
Athletic Director's Suite	13 Offices 2 Conference Rooms Kitchen/Support	1,040 hr/wk	5,869 sf
External Affairs Suite	16 Offices 20 Work Stations 2 Conference Rooms Kitchen/Support	1,440 hr/wk	5,951 sf
Olympic Sports Suite	15 Offices 10 Work Stations Conference Room Support	1,000 hr/wk	4,372 sf
Academic Enrichment Center	6 Offices/Support Study Lounge	1,200 hr/wk	7,518 sf
Football Suite	17 Offices 10 Meeting Rooms 3 Conference Rooms Kitchenette/Support	1,200 hr/wk	10,790 sf
Men's Staff Locker Room	24 Full, 12 Half	150 hr/wk	550 sf
Women's Staff Locker Room	15 Full/10 Half	100 hr/wk	438 sf
Football Staff Locker Room	19 Lockers	95 hr/wk	454 sf

Football Locker Room	116 Lockers	580 hr/wk	6,073 sf
Baseball Locker Room	36 Lockers	180 hr/wk	706 sf
Softball Locker Room	22 Lockers	110 hr/wk	593 sf
Men's Tennis Locker Room	12 Lockers	60 hr/wk	269 sf
Women's Tennis Locker Room	14 Lockers	70 hr/wk	327 sf
Men's Soccer Lockers Room	29 Lockers	145 hr/wk	450 sf
Women's Soccer Locker Room	33 Lockers	165 hr/wk	480 sf
Men's Track/XCC Locker Room	18 Full/12 Half	120 hr/wk	269 sf
Women's Track/XCC Locker Room	34 Full/42 Half	275 hr/wk	638 sf
MUMA BASKETBALL PRACTICE Center			
Basketball Courts	2 full court	60 hr/wk	51,000 sf
Locker Rooms	20 Lockers/each	20 hr/wk	
Support Offices	16 Offices		
OUTDOOR FACILITIES			
Varsity Tennis	12 Courts (no lights)	360 hr/wk (seasonal)	3.6 ac
Soccer/Track Stadium	Soccer Fields (lights) 400 M Track	1,000 hr/yr (seasonal) 1,200 hr/wk (seasonal)	6.9 ac
Soccer Practice Field	1 Field (no lights)	360 hr/wk (seasonal)	2.7 ac
Soccer Stadium	Seats 1,000		
Baseball Stadium	1 Field (lights) Seats 1,500	800 hr/wk (seasonal)	4.5 ac
Softball Stadium	1 Field (lights) Seats 750	480 hr/wk (seasonal)	1.8 ac
Football Practice fields	3 Fields (lights)	3,000 hr/wk (seasonal)	5.0 ac

Within the current campus, there are the following open spaces:

Central Open Space/Quadrangle: The central campus open space extends from the west side of the main building (SMC) to the ponds and visually beyond this to the backdrop of trees on the Crosley Estate. The eastern half of this large open space is framed by the main building (SMC) and its covered colonnade walkways. A strikingly strong east-west pedestrian spine connects the SMC on the east and the overlook amphitheater at the ponds on the west. The landscape character of the east and west halves of the quadrangle are distinct from each other. The east half is characterized by a higher level of development including: structured walks, plazas and landings related to building activity, and a relatively open landscape of trees edging walks. The west half, much less developed, is characterized by greater tree canopy and vegetative cover composed of a mix of new and mature stands of trees, and curvilinear paths.

Terraces: Both the small extensions of hard surface from building access points into the site and larger plazas associated with the café on the north side and the Selby Auditorium on the south side at the west end of SMC wings "A" and "D" - effectively extend interior building functions to the outdoors and help to engage the site with activity. Trellises, colonnades and shade structures help to invite use through multiple seasons and times of day, and add visual interest and scale.

Pond Pavilion: A formalized gathering area is provided west of SMC within the west half of the central open space setting. A trellised pavilion with stepped amphitheater like edge leading down to the water is located at the west terminus of the east -west pedestrian spine. This functions as both visual focal point and potential gathering area, connected to the main building (SMC) by both the formal walks of the spine and informal walks within the open space.

Pedestrian Corridors: The east-west pedestrian spine between SMC and the ponds is a strong visual and physical organizing feature, both at ground level and when viewed from upper level windows. A secondary major north -south walk between parking areas to the north and south of SMC is less distinct in current form, but has potential to provide a similar campus organizing function in a future campus expansion that extends northward. Strong diagonal secondary walks connect the wing ends of SMC (A and C) and secondary building access angle to parking beyond. With a single focal building, the current walk system is largely one of moving pedestrians between parking areas and SMC;

though as the campus expands with additional facilities these pedestrian corridors and related open space will play a strong role in defining campus spaces and providing critical physical and visual connections in a pedestrian dominated environment.

Nature Trail: Also part of the pedestrian circulation system, the curvilinear walks located west of the north-south pedestrian spine have established the beginnings of a naturalized campus trail system that engages the campus landscape and detention areas. This naturalized trail system continues to the west and south through the Crosley Estate grounds to recreation areas located on the bay front. This trail is open to both pedestrians and bicyclists.

Perimeter Landscape and Campus Gateways: The campus perimeter along US 41-North Tamiami Trail is characterized by USF boundary walls/fences - white stucco piers and black steel pickets reminiscent of the historical Ringling-era context - set behind a public sidewalk at street curb edge. Post mounted USF banners follow the rhythm of the piers (located every third pier), with banners located just above the height of the pier. The main entry drive is framed by a stucco entry gateway, with tall wall on either side of the roadway, pedestrian gate within wall, and lower sign wall extending to meet the perimeter fence. Mature trees within the adjacent conservation area form a green backdrop to the wall.

Existing conditions along US 41 that detract from both the safety accessing the main gateway and the aesthetic image presented at this public face include:

- Scale and speed of travel on US 41, six to eight lanes without median, minimal sidewalk dimension
- Lack of canopy edging or overhanging roadway
- Overhead power lines between campus fencing and curb
- Limited extent of frontage, and
- Unsightly adjacent facilities in area of campus along US 41.

The main campus entry landscape is characterized by the natural vegetative state of the Conservation area. While this natural condition provides a setting distinct from adjacent development along US 41 and makes a statement endorsing the value of the natural environment, there is a desire to enhance this entry setting with additional plant material to create a hierarchy of open space, improve wayfinding, and add greater visual interest to the campus entry.

The south, west and north boundaries border on residential, Manatee County and private development properties respectively. Establishing a naturalized perimeter with greater visual and noise separation between campus functions and residential uses to the south, and potentially to the northwest in future expansion, is desirable. To the west, there is a desire to establish visual continuity between the campus landscape and the Crosley Estate and to better reflect the proximity of the campus to the bay front through vistas, common materials, and extended pedestrian circulation.

See Element 8, Conservation, for a description of the conservation area open space located east and north of SMC, adjacent to US 41.

B. Inventory and assess existing privately owned, state owned or local government-owned recreational facilities and open spaces within the planning study area against the projected needs for recreation and open space facilities required to meet the needs of the projected university population.

Manatee County level of service standards for Parks and Recreation is as follows: a) one local park per 5,000 residents; b) one district park per 300,000 residents; c) one regional park per 500,000 residents. According to these standards Manatee County and USF SARASOTA-MANATEE is adequately served by recreational facilities. In addition, Sarasota County and City of Sarasota offer a variety of recreation and open space settings fitting guidelines below for type and service area. However, safe and convenient non-vehicular access to public recreation and open space facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists from the campus is limited.

Consideration of Definitions of Recreation Facility types:

- Major (District) Park – park of 41-150 acres that serve a minimum radius of three miles, are located on major transportation routes and attract uses based on the availability of a major attraction or natural resource (zoo, lake, river, etc.)
- Neighborhood (Local) Park – park that serves the population of a neighborhood, serves a minimum radius of 1 mile and is generally accessible by bicycle or pedestrian way.
- Regional Parks and Greenways and Trails - linear open space, such as wildlife protection and trailway corridors.

The agreements from the most recent Campus Development Agreement (CDA) state that USF SARASOTA-MANATEE has no financial arrangements with Manatee County for the provision of parks and recreation facilities. The development of the USF SARASOTA-MANATEE campus does not degrade the operating conditions for public open space and recreation facilities below the level of service standards adopted by the County, nor is the campus required to make improvements to the County recreation and open space.

C. Inventory and assess planned future recreation and open space facilities both on-campus and off-campus within the planning study area, against projected needs of both the University and host and/or affected local governments.

1. On-campus

On-campus facilities have been identified by USF SARASOTA-MANATEE and are planned for in the design of the future campus. Within this section, on-campus refers to the 2010 University land holdings as well as parcels identified for acquisition that are contiguous to the current USF SARASOTA-MANATEE main campus. The USF SARASOTA-MANATEE and New College of Florida jointly-owned waterfront parcels will be considered on-campus; the shared recreational facilities located on the New College campus are considered off-campus. Participation with New College of Florida's student intramural program is also encouraged.

Existing USF SARASOTA-MANATEE land holdings and development restrictions placed upon bay front holdings limit USF SARASOTA-MANATEE's potential for providing on-campus recreational facilities. Current land holdings are insufficient and/or inappropriate for development of recreation facilities such as sports fields, which require both large areas of land and open ground plane. Interim approaches to providing recreation opportunities include the use of informal play area such as exists in shared USF SARASOTA-MANATEE/New College bay front property, small area facilities developed within the existing core campus and continued use of shared facilities on the New College campus. In order to accommodate the projected recreation program on-campus in a plan organization that recognizes requirements and sympathetic/compatible relationships between all campus land use demands and affinities, USF SARASOTA-MANATEE will require expanded campus land area.

2. Off-campus

The University is engaged in discussion with Manatee County on a variety of development and shared use opportunities focused on the Crosley Estate property and USF SARASOTA-MANATEE campus grounds. Also of shared interest is the development of a regional north-south multiuse trail. The University, working with host community governing bodies, public agencies, and local advocacy groups, completed its segment of a connecting walking and bicycle trail in 2014 that could serve the USF SARASOTA-MANATEE campus and provide connections to other local recreation opportunities and services.

The 2020-2030 Campus Master Plan incorporates green corridors and trails into the Sarasota County, Uplands neighborhood. The green corridors will utilize one side of select existing roadway. These green corridors are intended to provide walkable connectivity between the main campus and the surrounding community.

Sources:

The following is a list of sources reviewed for information to support the Recreational Facilities and Open Space Element data collection and analysis.

- Space Planning Guidelines for Campus Recreational Sport Facilities; National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA)
- USF SARASOTA-MANATEE Campus Development Agreement, June 2005
- USF SARASOTA-MANATEE New College of Florida Joint Relocation and Use Plan, January 2003.
- USF SARASOTA-MANATEE Work Session Meetings, February 2011



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- Campus Limits
- Study Areas
- Quadrangle
- Vegetative Buffer
- Plaza/Terrace
- Conservation Area
- Naturalized Area
- Pedestrian Mall
- Multi Use Path
- Existing USFM Facilities
- 1 Basketball Court
- 2 Sand Volleyball
- 3 Barbeque

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