



ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Project to provide for needed repair, renovation, and replacement to support and address athletic facilities deferred maintenance and programmatic requirements. Project to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Whitmire Stadium Improvements:

A new facility hosting an Academic Suite, a Chancellor's Suite, and a Press Box would be constructed above the existing restroom and concessions facilities at the back of the existing west stand bleachers. An improved pedestrian walk that brings fans from the new parking garage along the west side of the stadium to an improved entry plaza between the proposed Football Operations facility and the existing west stands will also be created. Due to a failing expansion joint and evidence of concrete cracking throughout, the upper section of the east stands is planned for demolition. Following demolition, an upper level plaza will be created with restroom facilities and opportunities for on-site concession setup, while also being designed for potential future bleacher seating.

- Football Operations Facility:

Located along the north, this facility will include a football locker room, player's lounge, equipment area, team meeting spaces, and coaches' offices. The new facility will also provide space for an WCU Athletics Hall of Fame, sports medicine, strength and conditioning, and academic facilities for all student-athletes. To minimize the disturbance to athletics seasonal schedule, it was decided that the Football Operations facility would be built in two phases, allowing the existing Jordan-Phillips Field House to remain operational while the first phase is constructed west of its footprint. This initial phase, Phase I, would include the WCU Athletics Hall of Fame and the strength and conditioning space. Upon completion of Phase I, Jordan-Phillips Field House will be demolished, and Phase II will be constructed. Phase II will house the sports medicine facility, the football locker room, player's lounge, and equipment area on the lower level. The second level would house the team meeting spaces and coaches' offices. A roof top assembly space would replace the existing "Paw's Porch" gameday viewing and occupy the third level.

- Field Sports Complex:

Soccer, Track & Field, and Golf are presently housed in the existing 1965 Camp Lab K-12 Gym. This facility, residing in the floodplain, is beyond its useful life and contains multiple deferred maintenance and non-code compliant items. To meet the current needs of Soccer, Track & Field, and Golf programs, a new facility is proposed north of the existing practice soccer field while also allowing for the demolition of the existing Camp Lab Gym. The proximity to the Catamount Athletic Center and the planned Golf Short Game facility makes this location an ideal multi-sport building location. This new building will house men's and women's Track and Field Locker Rooms, a Soccer Locker Room, a Golf Indoor Practice Facility, a satellite Training room, as well as a shared player lounge. Golf's indoor facility would be conveniently located adjacent to the planned short game facility, covered hitting bays for the short game facility would serve as a porch for the new building. Inside the golf team would have space for two golf simulators, a large undulating practice green, lockers and equipment storage, as well as two changing/restrooms.