

Program Summary:

A transformative women's athletics complex that redefines recruitment, training, competition, and campus identity while advancing equity and visibility in collegiate sports.

Program Statement:

Following the devastating tornado that destroyed much of the university's existing softball and soccer facilities, the project presented a unique opportunity to do more than replace what was lost. The vision was to create a premier destination for women's athletics that would elevate the student-athlete experience, strengthen campus identity, and establish a new benchmark for collegiate softball and soccer facilities.

Positioned prominently at a primary entrance to campus, the complex serves as both a gateway and a symbol of the university's commitment to the continued growth of women's sports. The design centers on a two-story field house strategically placed between the softball and soccer venues, creating a physical and visual connection between the programs while fostering a shared sense of community.

The facility provides dedicated team spaces, modern locker rooms, nutrition areas, coaches' offices, meeting rooms, and support spaces tailored to the needs of today's student-athletes. A centralized sports medicine and training suite serves both programs, while an indoor training facility offers year-round opportunities for development and performance enhancement.

Beyond the building itself, the project transforms the game-day experience through new competition venues, upgraded spectator amenities, and enhanced visibility for both sports. The softball and soccer stadiums create energetic environments that celebrate competition while strengthening connections between athletes, students, alumni, and the broader community.

The resulting complex is more than an athletics facility. It is an investment in opportunity, equity, and the future of women's collegiate athletics, positioning the university to attract top talent and compete at the highest level for years to come.

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Building Area: (sf)
50,052 sf

Cost per Square Foot:
\$314

Construction Cost
\$15,708,765

Date of Completion:
March 2021



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The two-story field house serves as the central hub for the university's softball and soccer programs, consolidating athlete support spaces, training facilities, and team environments within a single integrated building. Shared resources on the first floor promote efficiency and collaboration, while dedicated program spaces above provide each team with a distinct identity. The resulting design strengthens connections between athletes, programs, and the broader campus community.



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Illuminated at the campus edge, the field house establishes a new front door for women's athletics and a prominent gateway to the university. The double-height entry connects shared training and support spaces with program-specific amenities, fostering both collaboration and team identity. Through transparency, connectivity, and athlete-centered design, the facility elevates the daily experience of student-athletes while expressing the university's investment in the future of women's sports.



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The softball stadium is anchored by a thoughtfully integrated field house that serves both softball and soccer programs. Berm seating, spectator amenities, and direct connections to athlete support spaces create a unified environment that enhances both performance and engagement. The composition reinforces the visibility of women's athletics while transforming the campus edge into an active and welcoming destination.





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The softball stadium and press box were designed as integral components of the women's athletics complex, creating a cohesive environment for competition, training, and community engagement. Clear sightlines, enhanced spectator amenities, and strong visual connections to the field house reinforce the identity of the program while elevating the overall game-day experience.



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Illuminated at night, the field house serves as a prominent backdrop to the soccer stadium and a defining element of the women's athletics complex. The second-floor soccer facilities connect directly to the field, creating a seamless transition between team spaces and competition areas. This integration reinforces the facility's athlete-centered design while strengthening the visual and functional relationship between building and venue.





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Serving as the primary point of arrival, the lobby establishes the character of the women's athletics complex through openness, transparency, and connectivity. The multi-level space encourages interaction among athletes, staff, and visitors while creating a welcoming environment that celebrates the culture and identity of the programs it serves.

The coaches' offices are strategically located to provide clear sightlines to the soccer field, reinforcing the connection between leadership, training, and competition. Natural light and unobstructed views contribute to a comfortable and productive environment while strengthening the relationship between staff and student-athletes.

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Designed to support learning, leadership, and team cohesion, the softball meeting room provides a dedicated environment for collaboration and preparation. Tiered seating promotes engagement and visibility for all occupants while fostering a strong sense of community within the program.





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The women's soccer locker room anchors a thoughtfully organized collection of athlete-centered spaces, including the team lounge and nutrition area. Together, these environments support wellness, collaboration, and performance while creating a strong sense of identity for the program. The design emphasizes both individual preparation and collective experience, reinforcing the culture and community that define successful teams.



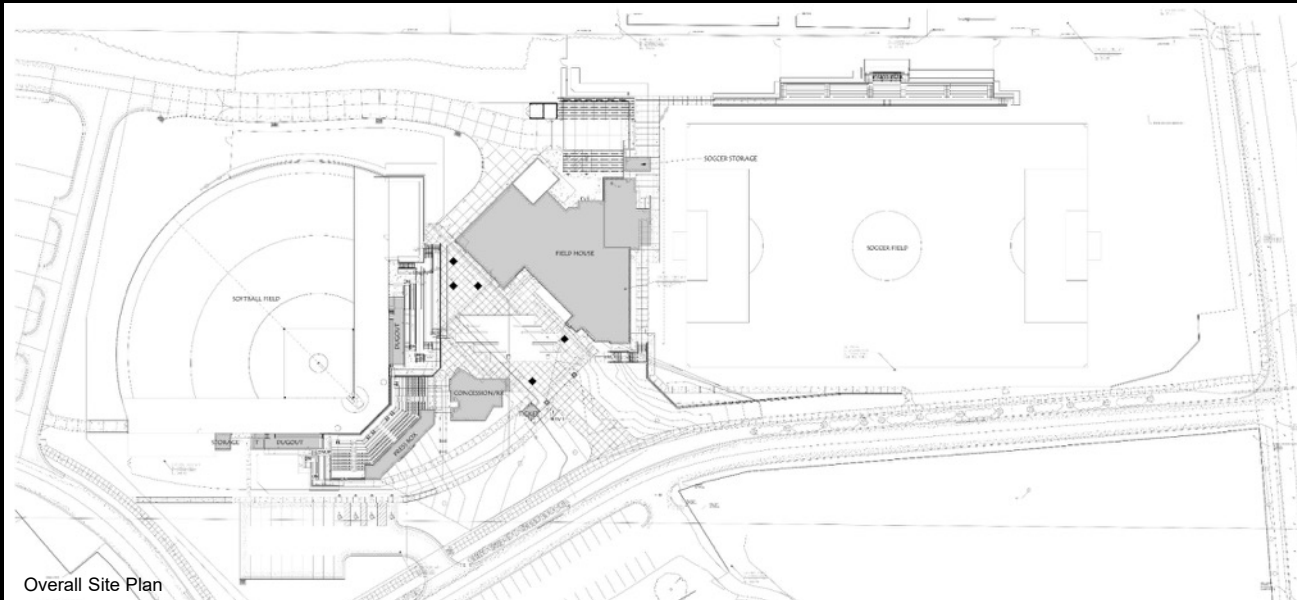
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Positioned prominently along the facility's main circulation spine, the athletic training room overlooks the softball stadium through expansive floor-to-ceiling glazing. Natural light and direct views to the field reinforce the connection between athlete care and athletic performance, while creating an open, welcoming environment that supports recovery, rehabilitation, and daily wellness.



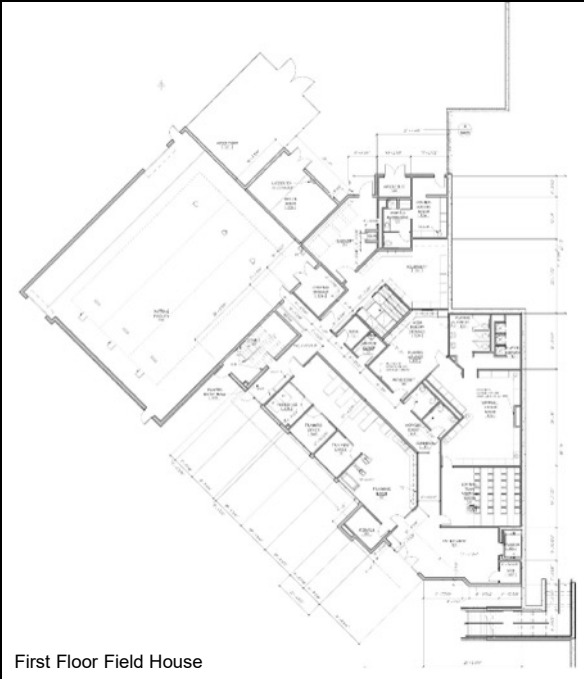
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The women's athletics complex is carefully woven into the existing landscape through a series of terraces, retaining walls, and pedestrian connections that respond to the site's significant grade changes. The resulting composition unifies the softball and soccer facilities while creating a seamless transition between architecture, athletics, and the natural environment.

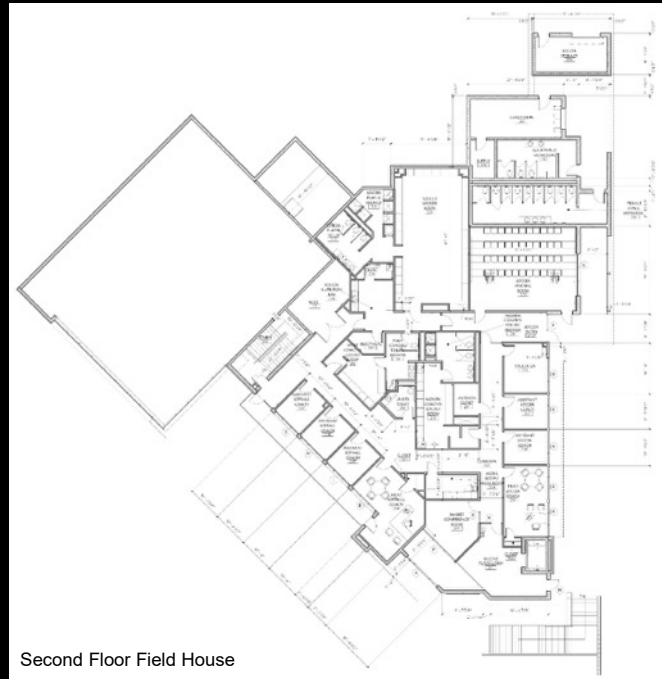


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The field house is organized to serve both softball and soccer programs through a thoughtful arrangement of shared and dedicated spaces. The plans demonstrate how circulation, visual connections, and functional adjacencies support athlete wellness, team identity, and daily operations while maintaining a strong relationship to the surrounding playing fields.



First Floor Field House



Second Floor Field House

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The plans demonstrate how each program is provided with a distinct home while remaining connected through a shared athletics campus. Carefully organized team spaces, support functions, and circulation patterns create efficient operational relationships and strengthen the connection between preparation, recovery, and competition.

