

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Recreational Sports Fields
Hubbard Road, North Campus

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

After gathering additional compelling data around usage and analyzing a variety of options in collaboration with AEC, Recreational Sports reaffirms the proposal to construct two new soccer-sized artificial turf fields located off Hubbard Road on North Campus to replace fields that will be displaced by the Central Campus Residential Development (see attached graphic). In addition to soccer, the fields will accommodate lacrosse, rugby, women's ultimate, and flag football, serving as critical space for student health and well-being by supporting many Intramural Sports programs, Club Sports practices and competitions, student drop-in use, and other Recreational Sports programs provided for students, faculty, and staff. In total, around 24,000 students use our fields for student organization events each year, and an additional 4,700 unique students use the fields for Club Sports and Intramural Sports each year.

The scope of the project includes significant re-grading and soil balancing for eight acres of the site with fifteen-foot elevation differences, construction of retaining walls necessary for soil stabilization, including required fall protection barriers due to the height, installation of netting for ball control, stormwater management, and field lighting configured to minimize stray lighting beyond the fields. Due to the site topography, the project will displace a portion of parking spaces in the existing lot and replace those with a similar amount along Hubbard Road. Access to the site will not be controlled with fencing or other barriers and will be accessible to the community when not reserved in advance.

The estimated cost of the project is \$14,000,000. Funding will be provided from Student Life resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of SmithGroup will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 75 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2023.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Recreational Sports Fields Hubbard Road, North Campus as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

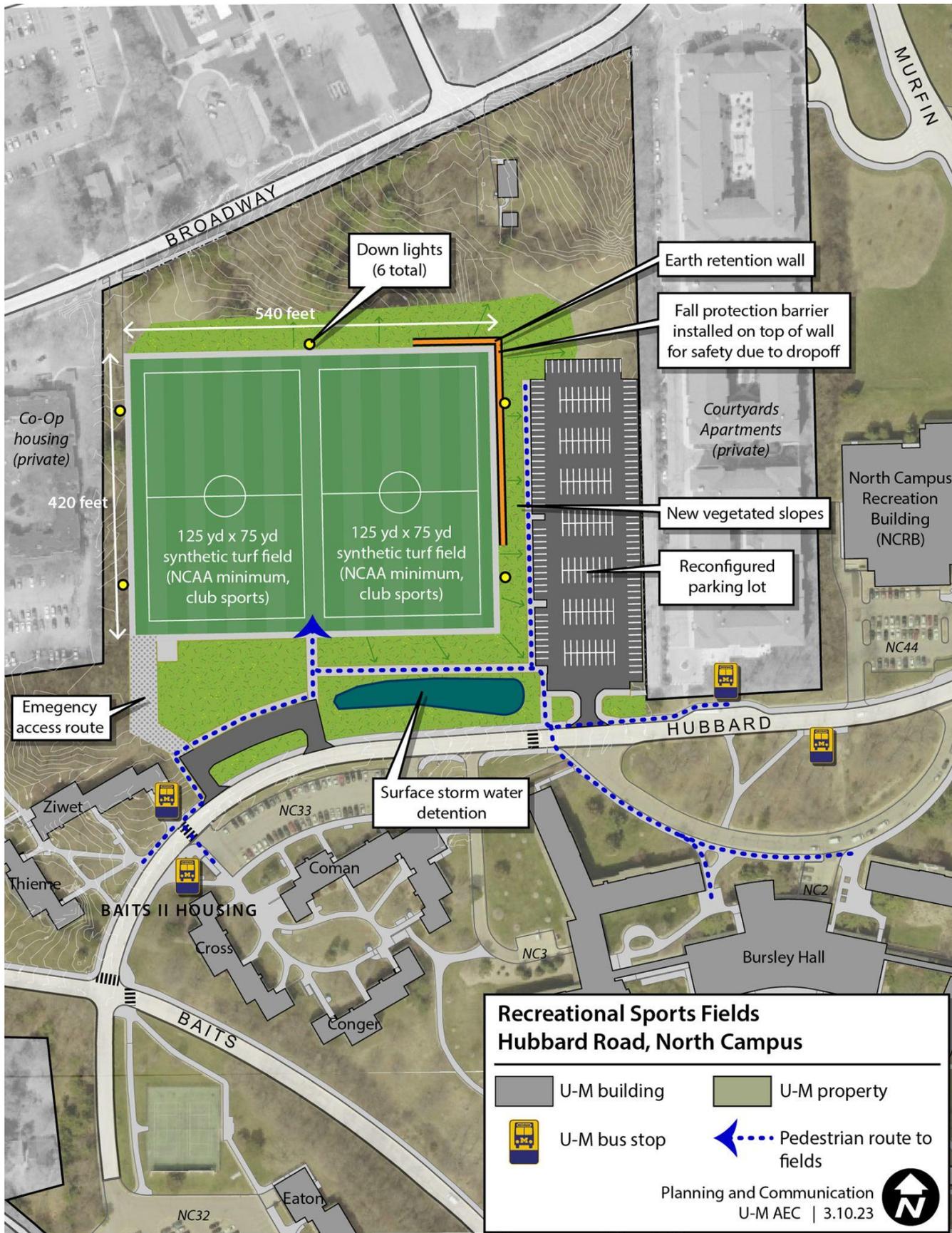


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SITE MAP



BROADWAY

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Down lights
(6 total)

Earth retention wall

Fall protection barrier
installed on top of wall
for safety due to dropoff

Co-Op
housing
(private)

Courtyards
Apartments
(private)

420 feet

125 yd x 75 yd
synthetic turf field
(NCAA minimum,
club sports)

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synthetic turf field
(NCAA minimum,
club sports)

New vegetated slopes

Reconfigured
parking lot

North Campus
Recreation
Building
(NCRB)

NC44

Emergency
access route

Surface storm water
detention

HUBBARD

Ziwet

NC33

Coman

Thieme

BAITS II HOUSING

Cross

NC3

Conger

NC2

Bursley Hall

BAITS

NC32

Eaton