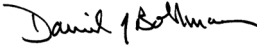


# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

December 17, 2021

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Committee on Budget and Finance

**From:** Daniel Bollman   
Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities

**Subject:** **Project Approval - Authorization to Proceed**  
Health, Wellness and Fitness – Service Road Recreation Turf Fields

### RECOMMENDATION

The Trustee Committee on Budget and Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to proceed with construction of new recreation fields and amenities.

### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to proceed with the project entitled "Health, Wellness and Fitness – Service Road Recreation Turf Fields" with a total project budget of \$13,000,000.

### BACKGROUND

The current MSU recreational sports grass fields support an average of 8,500 students per semester, and are in use from 5 p.m. until midnight, seven days a week, weather permitting. These facilities are also used by 400-500 club athletes. Participation is limited due to lack of availability and poor condition. The fields drain poorly, resulting in 5-10 days of cancellations per season. The grass fields condition declines as the academic year progresses, with the fields unusable from December through March, and dormant from June through mid-August for restoration and recovery.

The Service Road grass fields do not currently have irrigation, proper lights, and infrastructure, including water, restrooms, and shelter, to support normal use. These are the least utilized fields at the university.



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**Description of Project:**

The project is on Service Road in the south academic district. The project will add two full sized multipurpose artificial turf fields with full lighting, two support buildings that include storage, office, and restrooms, a canopy connection between the buildings for weather protection, and removal of an abandoned geothermal field. These new fields will extend usage by at least four months annually.

The Design Builder is Granger Construction.

**Communication Feedback:**

Members of the campus community had opportunities to provide feedback during the planning phase. Any concerns they expressed have been addressed in the project design.

The Campus Infrastructure Planning Work Group supports the recommendation to proceed with the project.

As construction proceeds, the schedule will be shared with the campus community.

**Project Cost and Timetable:**

The budget for this Design Build project is \$13,000,000. The project will be funded principally from the student recreational facility fee with bridge financing as needed. The geothermal field removal will be funded by the general fund – capital renewal.

Construction is expected to begin in March 2022, with substantial completion in August 2022.

cc: Board of Trustees, S. Stanley, T. Woodruff, N. Beauchamp, M. Woo, M. Zeig, B. Quinn, V. Gore, T. Glasmacher, M. Heil, B. Kranz, M. McCabe, J. Mumma, L. Gremel, J. Rayis, L. Adams, K. Oosterhoff, C. Leese, J. Andrews

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