

THE PROJECT

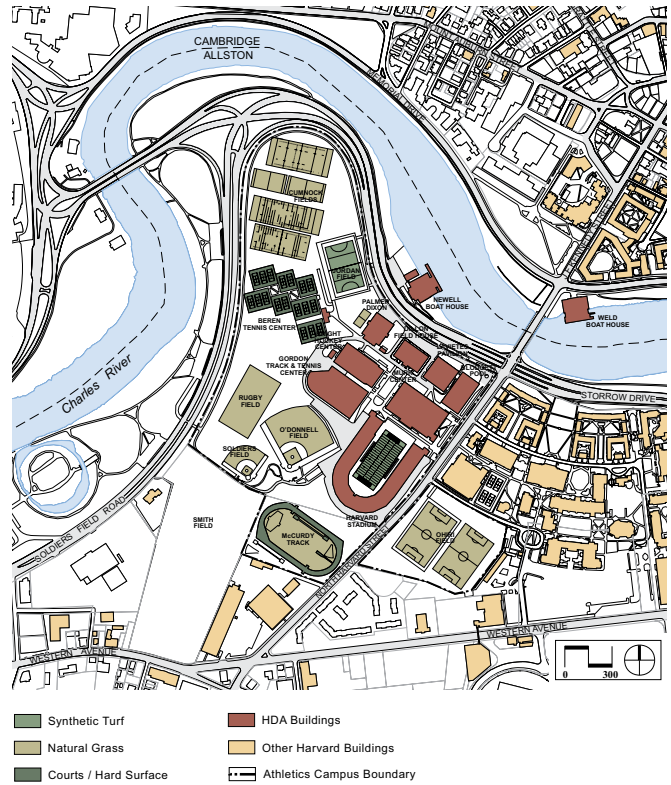
The Harvard Department of Athletics' primary location is in Allston, a Boston neighborhood across the Charles River from the Harvard campus in Cambridge. Over the long-term, Harvard Athletics will require additional indoor and outdoor facilities. DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) was hired by Harvard University's Allston Development Group to work with Harvard Athletics to articulate a departmental vision and corresponding set of goals, and to define facility improvements that will be needed to support this vision. DLM retained the architecture firm Clough Harbour and Associates, LLP to develop a long-term plan and DG Jones to estimate costs for the project components.

CHALLENGE

To physically support Harvard's distinctive mix of Ivy League, NCAA Division I teams, its exceptionally active Club and House intercollegiate and intramural teams, its burgeoning recreational activities as well as a myriad of University and community events on an increasingly-developed campus. Harvard University is expanding its existing Allston campus. Because of projected development plans for that land, the area allocated for Harvard Athletics use will be less than exists today, while demand for facilities will increase. Other constraints included poor subsurface soil conditions; regulatory restrictions, some of which date back to 1870; and height limitations.

SOLUTION

In an effort to minimize built area, the DLM team worked with Harvard Athletics to optimize the projected use of each facility. Some existing Harvard Athletics buildings are proposed to be replaced to allow future University development to occur, which will create an opportunity to provide more effective and efficient facilities. To accommodate all the buildings, fields and courts projected will require long-span construction to stack indoor competition venues. Outdoor venue utilization is maximized by extending the hours of use by employing synthetic turf and additional lighting. Parking serving a significant sector of the Allston campus will be underground. The team developed a multi-step implementation plan to guide the phasing of improvements that avoids disruption of on-going activities.



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RESULTS

The Harvard Athletics development plan will be factored into the University's overarching plan for its expansion in Allston. Initial phase playfield upgrades are under way, consistent with the Harvard Athletics plan.

*Project completed under previous name: Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc.

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