

8.0 Recreation and Open Space Element

PURPOSE

The purpose of this element is to ensure the provision of adequate and accessible recreation facilities and open space to meet the future needs of the University.

(1) DATA REQUIREMENTS. This element shall be based, at a minimum, on the following data:

a) An inventory of all existing privately owned, state-owned, or local government-owned recreational facilities and open spaces within the context area. The following shall be identified for each site:

1. The types of uses provided (activity based or resource based);
2. The types of recreation facilities (ballfields, courts, etc.) provided;
3. The estimated usage at each site (frequency and number of people); and
4. The total acreage at each site.

Information on estimated usage at each site is not available. However, each of the facilities assists the city in meeting its adopted level-of-service standards for recreation and open space.

Table 8.1 Recreational Facilities within the FAMU Service Area

Facility	Facility Uses	Total Acreage
Boulevard Park	Open space	.72 acres
Cascades Park	Open space/Trail/Playground/Picnic	24 acres
Capital Cascades Trail	Open space/Trail/Playground/Picnic	NA
Coal Chute Park	Open space	1.3 acres
Country Club Park	Open space/ Ballfields	3.5 acres
Jack L. McLean Jr. Park Center Pool	Open space/Swimming/Playground/Picnic/Ball Courts/Trails	52 acres
Jake Gaither Community Center	Multi-purpose center/Open space/Playground/Picnic/Ball Courts/Ballfield/Golf	118.9 acres
Lake Elberta Park	Open area/Trail	~30 acres
Myers Park	Open space/Trail/Playground/Ball Courts	24.8 acres
Pearlie Mae Butler Playground	Playground	.48 acres
Speed-Spencer-Stephens Park	Open space/Trail	2.4 acres
Springsax Park	Ballfields/picnic	35.4 acres
Wade Wehunt Pool	Swimming	1.25 acres
Walker-Ford Center	Swimming/Ballcourts/Ballfield	12.4 acres

Source: Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department, Tallahassee/Leon County GIS, 2015

b) An inventory of the University-owned or managed recreation sites, open spaces, incidental recreation facilities, parks, lakes, forests, reservations, freshwater or saltwater beaches (map, narrative and tabular) identifying:

1. The estimated usage at each site (frequency and number of people);
2. The total acreage at each site or facility.

See Figures 8.1A and 8.1B: Campus Recreational Facilities for locations.

Table 8.2 Inventory of all University-owned Athletic Facilities

Facility	Estimated Usage	Total Acreage
Baseball (Men's Intercollegiate)	-	4.0
Baseball (2 Fields; Intramural)	-	4.74
Basketball (Men's Intercollegiate)	-	6.7
Basketball (Women's Intercollegiate)	-	6.7
Basketball (5 Courts; Intramural)	-	0.57
Basketball (2 Courts; DRS)	-	0.27
Bowling (7 Lanes)	-	NA
Football (Men's Intercollegiate)	-	12.59
Football (1 Field; DRS)	-	1.44
Flag Football (Intramural)	-	2.29
Golf	-	NA
Racquetball (4 Courts)	-	0.3
Recreation Center	-	4.27
Soccer (1 Field; Intramural)	-	1.86
Softball (Women's Intercollegiate)	-	2.10
Softball (2 Fields; Intramural)	-	2.97
Swimming	-	0.64
Tennis (16 courts)	-	2.15
Track and Cross Country	-	3.71
Volleyball (3 Courts)	-	0.17
Wrestling	-	NA

* At the time this report was prepared FAMU was in the process of collecting and updating estimated usage data. The multi-purpose teaching gymnasium serves both men's and women's intercollegiate basketball; Men's intercollegiate football includes the practice field; and FAMU Developmental Research School recreation facilities are included in the above table.

Source: Wood+Partners Inc, 2017

c) A description of the level of service standard(s) established by the host community for each type of recreation facility described in the Comprehensive Plan of the jurisdiction.

The Recreation Element of the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan establishes a system comprised of three different levels of parks with the following minimum level of service acreage standards measured in acres per 1,000 persons.

Table 8.3 Recreation Facilities Level of Service per 1,000 Population

Responsible Government	Countywide	Area	Local (Recommended)
City	4	1 Acre	2
County	8	1 Acre	---
Federal/State	4	---	---

Source: Tallahassee-Leon County 2030 Comprehensive Plan (as of 2015 Out of Cycle Amendments)

d) A description of any University-owned recreational facilities or open spaces that have been incorporated in the Recreation and Open Space Element of the host community’s Comprehensive Plan.

The Future Land Use Map of the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan classifies the FAMU property entirely as Education Facility. Therefore, none of the existing recreation or open spaces on campus have been incorporated into the comprehensive plan.

(2) ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS. This element shall be based, at a minimum, on the following analyses:

a) An analysis of the projected needs for recreation and open space facilities required to meet the needs of the future University population (students, faculty and staff) based on University standards and calculations or established level of service standards.

Based on the standards established by the host community for Local Level of Service standards (Table 8.3), the campus will need to maintain a level of at least two (2) acres of open recreation space per 1,000 students. Based upon projected student enrollment and current levels of open space, the University will maintain the level of service through the planning period.

b) An assessment of the adequacy of the existing recreational facilities and open spaces to meet the projected needs of the University (on campus, off campus), including a description of the extent to which off-campus facilities may meet some or all of the University projected needs.

The University has ensured adequate provisions for recreational facilities and open spaces that meet the needs of the student population through the completion of facilities in previous years. Opportunities do exist for enhancement of open spaces including the creation of quadrangles, squares, and plaza spaces that promote social interaction. Passive trail opportunities exist within the open space and conservation areas of campus.

A substantial facility problem does exist in the swimming pool. Due to its deteriorated condition the pool, was closed in 2006. The smaller training pool was renovated in 2013, yet the larger pool remains closed. Consideration should be given to assessing the need for renovating the larger pool in terms of recreational services provided for the campus.

Off-campus recreational facilities are not required to meet the University's projected needs. However the University currently benefits from the proximity of numerous passive and active recreational facilities nearby.

c) An assessment of opportunities for alternative future facility siting in order to conserve the supply and character of campus open space.

The campus master plan update contemplates a significant reorganization of collegiate football facilities from their current location to the southern portion of campus along with the relocation of the track and field facility and intramural fields to the current site of Bragg Stadium. This rearrangement of athletic and recreational facilities makes provisions for new and enhanced campus open spaces that will further define the character of campus through the creation of linear greens, an amphitheater, and passive walking trails.

d) An analysis of planned future recreation and open space facilities, as adopted by the host community in their Comprehensive Plan or other best available data.

Complementing the recently completed segment of FAMU Way and Capital Cascades trail, additional segments are either in the construction or design phase. Upon completion, the Capital Cascades Trail will connect from Cascades Park to St. Marks. This trail system connects to a wide range of recreation and open space amenities that offer the University a diverse set of experiences.



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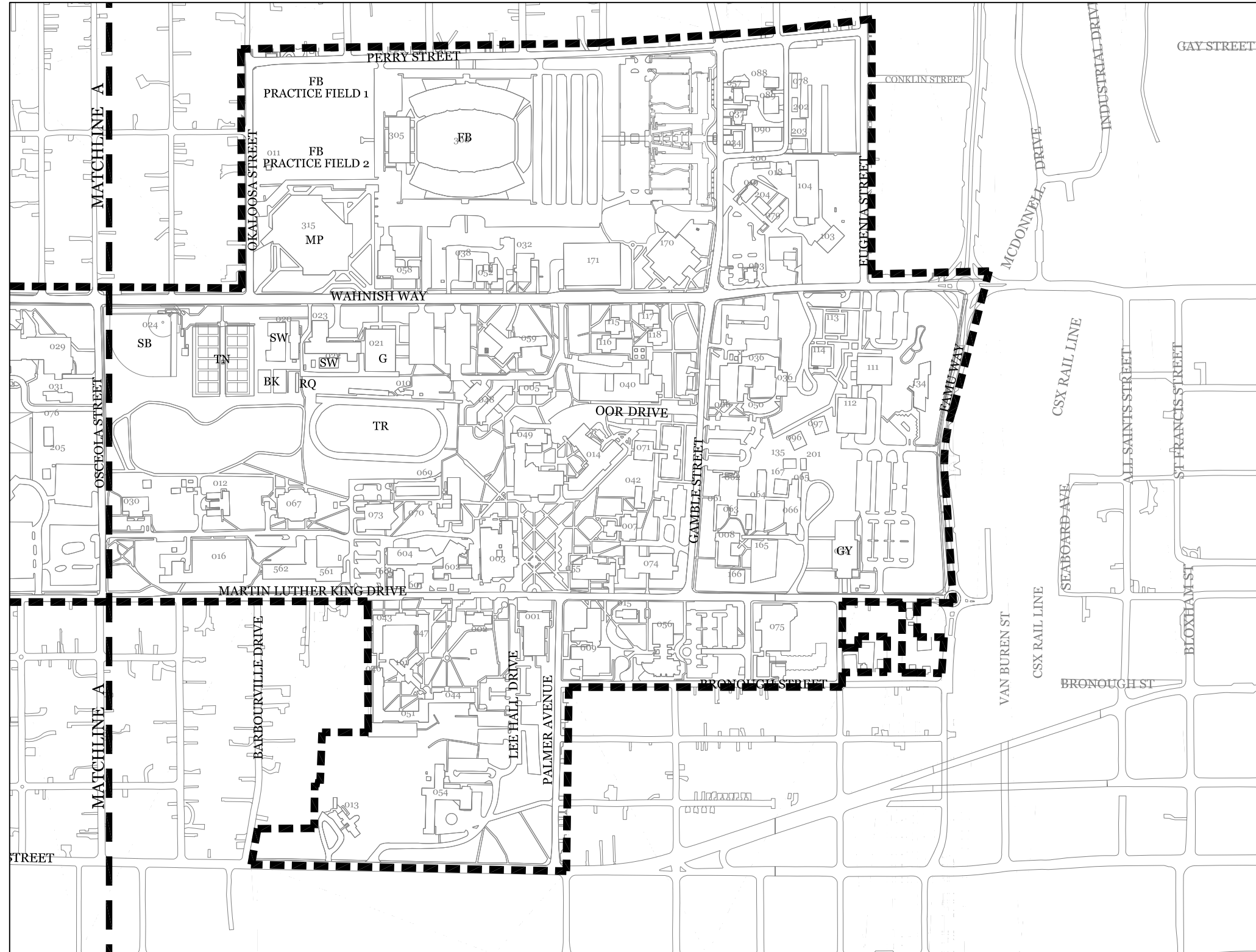
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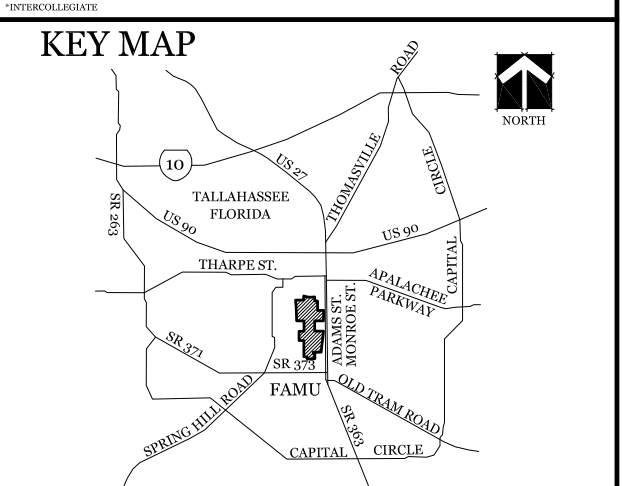
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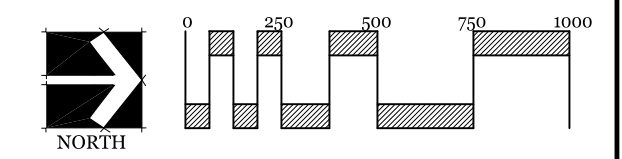
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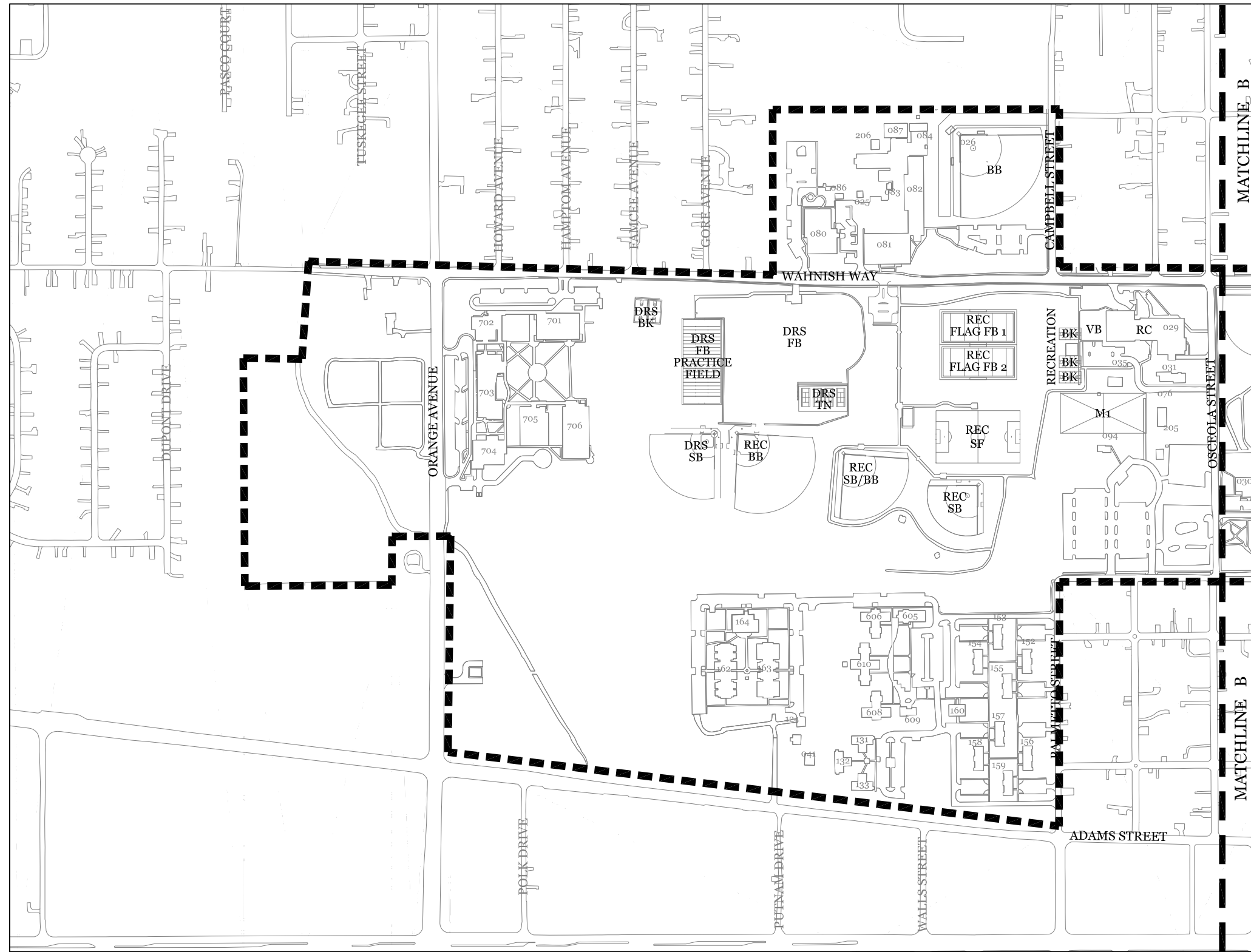
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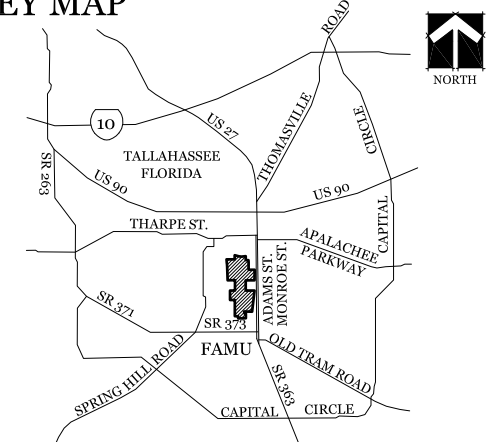
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