

**Executive Summary**  
**Campus Recreation Outdoor Facility at Lockefield Green**  
**Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)**

Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), a partnership between Indiana and Purdue universities, is Indiana’s urban research and academic health sciences campus.

IUPUI’s mission is to advance the state of Indiana and the intellectual growth of its citizens to the highest levels nationally and internationally through research and creative activity, teaching and learning, and civic engagement.

Our vision is to be a leading urban research institution recognized for the success of its students, its advances in health and life sciences, and its intellectual, economic, and cultural contributions to the well-being of the citizens of Indianapolis, the state of Indiana, and beyond.

**Campus Recreation Mission and Vision.**

Mission

Campus Recreation provides intramural, fitness, and recreational activities that facilitate healthy lifestyles for a diverse population of students, faculty, and staff at IUPUI.

Vision

Campus Recreation will be recognized as a leader in urban recreation by providing innovative and comprehensive recreational fitness programs/services for all IUPUI students.

**Correlation to the Campus Master Plan and Mission**

- The Campus Recreation Outdoor Facility at Lockefield Green (**CROF at Lockefield Green**), a project led by the Division of Student Affairs, features three modified outdoor basketball courts, two sand volleyball courts, resistance training fitness park and other amenities on 138,577 square feet or 3.18 acres.
- The value of having an outdoor recreational facility is for on-campus and off-campus students to enjoy drop-in recreation, hold structured programming (fitness classes) that target student, faculty and staff traffic, use of programmable space and hold new intramural and special events in a park setting.
- The role of the CROF in student life is to provide recreation and green space for students living on campus and in other nearby apartment facilities. The CROF at Lockefield Green is located north of University Tower (*freshman housing*); west of the new North Hall (*to be open Fall 2016*) and south of the Lockefield Apartments (*off-campus housing*) and east of University Boulevard.

**Intended and Actual Impact to Recreation Program**

- The most significant challenge impacting the Campus Recreation is an overall lack of dedicated student recreation space. The new Campus Recreation Outdoor Facility is open for informal recreation seven days a week from 9:00am to 10:30pm.

- CROF at Lockefield Green accomplishes a Student Affairs strategic plan for health and wellness by expanding outdoor recreational space.
- An outdoor fitness park was added to the CROF at Lockefield Green in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability. Nine different strength and resistant training stations were installed to promote and sustain physical, mental, and emotional health and wellness to enhance student success.
- The addition of outdoor space provided two (2) new intramural sport leagues and one (1) new tournaments for the fall and spring semesters. Intramural program for Sand Volleyball Fall 2015 League had 34 teams; 89 male /109 female participants. 37% freshman, 13% sophomore, 11% juniors, 5% seniors, 65% Graduate students.
- Two picnic table pads along the park walkway provides a comfortable seating area to enjoy the park setting with friends and student groups or to find solace of sun and quietness for welcome study breaks for students using University Library and the Campus Center.

### **Unique Aesthetic Design Features**

What makes this area unique or special is this green space had been an open “pass through” space for individuals parking on campus. We coordinated with Indianapolis Historic Preservation commission to develop this green space since the site is within a historic district. Historically, this urban space was known during the 1940-1960s as The Dust Bowl.

- Dust Bowl -- the Lockefield Gardens basketball court so-named because it was originally a dirt playground. The court became a community hot-spot as the site of pickup games and an annual tournament featuring the best of the city's high school and college-age players.
- Originally the “Dust Bowl,” a dirt basketball court once on a spot that is now part of the IUPUI campus.
- The Dust Bowl became a proving ground for hundreds of young Indianapolis players, including members of the Crispus Attucks High School teams that won Indiana state championships in 1955 and 1956.
- The 1955 team was the nation’s first all-black team to win a state title and the first Indianapolis team to win the Indiana boy’s state title. Crispus Attucks also won the 1956 state championship.
- Given the racial climate of the 1950s, the Attucks team experienced overt discrimination on their road to the state championship. Following both their 1955 and 1956 wins, they were denied the traditional Monument Circle victory celebration held for previous state championship teams.
- Basketball legends Oscar Robertson, John Gipson and Bill Hampton, three members of the 1955 championship Attucks team, were special guests of honor at the CROF at Lockefield Green dedication ceremony on April 1, 2015.
- 1/3 of the space serves as a “High activity area” with basketball courts, sand volleyball courts and fitness park; 2/3 is a park-like setting of colorful deciduous trees and evergreens, well positioned large grass mounds for seating and a large open green space.

## Facility Functionality

- It is well positioned to serve students living on campus (in University Tower, Ball Residence Hall and Riverwalk Apartments), and in nearby off-campus student living (The Avenue, 1201, Canal Court and Canal Square).
- The outdoor recreation facility also provides space for special events, including the RecFest which is a part of the \*Weeks of Welcome celebration at the beginning of the fall semester.  
*\*University and campus organizations sponsor events everyday throughout the first two weeks known as Weeks of Welcome (WOW). Students can enjoy outdoor movies, magicians, cultural events, service projects, and lots of other fun activities with free food at most of the events.*
- Partnerships with Student Foundation supported the campus wide signature events.
  - Weeks of Welcome celebration at the beginning of the fall semester
  - Regatta week – fall campus signature event
  - Jagapalooza - Student Affair “End of the Year” celebration event every spring
  - New student orientation events
  - Summer intramurals

## Relationship Between Facility Design and Staffing

- The fence surrounding the lighted outdoor basketball courts has a west side entry gate with a scan swipe. Accessing the courts requires a current university identification card (JagTag). Controls to the gate-scanner can be monitored remotely by Campus Recreation and Campus Police to assist in number of entries, who is visiting the court and trouble shooting. The entry gate has an alarm system flashes a blue light and produces a high pitch audible sound should the gate stay open greater than ten seconds.
- Two timer switches for the light poles to the basketball courts and sand volleyball courts are located inside the fence area. Ten minutes prior to the closing of the courts, a warning signal alerts participants that the lights will turn off for the night. The lights cannot be activated by the switches past the posted court hours.
- During approved special events, lights can be extended past the 10:30 p.m. shut off by Campus Recreation student staff.

## Sustainable Features

- Rain Garden landscaped area was designed to collect rainfall and storm-water runoff from the basketball courts and sand volleyball courts. The plants were selected, installed, and maintained properly by our Campus Facilities Service Grounds Keeping office to help clean pollutants from the water as it seeps into the ground.
- Automatic irrigation system was installed for a convenient and efficient way to ensure our landscape receives the proper amount of water without over-or under-watering.
- Two grass covered earth mounds were installed and trees planted to assist in limiting sound travel and provide a quiet urban green space.

### **Use of Technology and how it benefits the customer, staff, and/or budget**

- Blue Emergency Pole is connected directly to IU Campus Police (IUPD) to provide enhance reliable campus safety. The tower flashes when it is triggered and a camera in the top of the tower is activated. When a call comes in, the IUPD dispatcher is able to see where the call is coming from and will notify Campus Police or fire personnel to respond as appropriate to the situation.
- Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. installed three (3) closed circuit security cameras and the magnetic lock of the west side entry gate with a scan-swipe system to allow access of current IUPUI student, faculty and staff.
- Electrical conduit layout under sidewalk and connect four (4), 3 phase and 200 amp, 120volt standard outlets pedestals located on the north, east, south and west sides of the green open space to provide power as needed for special events like small carnival ride type of attractions to portable concert stages. This eliminates the need to run extension cords cross heavy traffic area of the CROF.
- All push buttons for basketball court lighting and exiting are to ADA accessible mounting height.
- The 6' wide service gate on the east side of the basketball courts needs to be full height to facilitate maintenance and emergency vehicles.

Lack of access to convenient recreation opportunities is commonly cited as a major barrier to regular physical activity by IUPUI students. As a health and life science campus, we are able to offer new options for students to engage in a healthy lifestyle through informal and formal fitness activities. The CROF at Lockefield Green location is ideal for our students living on-campus as well as our students living in the surround off-campus housing. It is our hope this space plays an invaluable role for the campus to engage the IUPUI community in a healthy lifestyle through informal and formal fitness activities.