

FAQ on Momentum Campus Nile Property Adjacent to the City Water Treatment Plant

Question: Who is the point of contact for questions about Momentum Campus?

Answer: Office of Executive VP for Finance & Administration at 361/825-2321.

Question: What will be built and what is the next project on the land that currently has the tennis courts?

Answer: Planning has begun to build an additional drive/service roadway into the momentum sports complex just south of the tennis courts that will be adjacent to the new tree plantings. This drive and a temporary parking surface will provide access that is critical for the next phase of construction, which is a soccer and track complex. The soccer and track complex will be submitted for Board of Regents approval in November 2011. Once approved, construction will begin in late December and take approximately 14 months to complete all aspects of this phase. In the future there will be other sports venues added to the site such as softball and baseball complexes thereby making the entire site a sports complex to support NCAA sport activities as well as provide student recreational activities and instruction.

Question: It appears that south of the tennis courts an irrigation system has been installed and seeded for grass. Will that prevent dirt from being carried by winds into the neighborhood?

Answer: There should be sufficient ground coverage on this area of the complex for mitigating the dirt being carried.

Question: Will the entire areas that are south and west of the tennis courts that had been cleared be landscaped and irrigated any time soon?

Answer: Because there are plans to install a drive south of the tennis courts and to also install a temporary parking area west of the tennis courts, this area will not be served by an irrigation system any time soon. Also the plans are to construct a soccer and track complex, which is the far southwest corner of the property adjacent to the drainage area, no irrigation will be installed at this time.

Question: How long before the soccer and track complex will be complete?

Answer: With construction anticipated to begin late December 2011 the project will not be finished until January 2013.

Question: Will there be additional construction projects other than the soccer and track complex? At one time it was presented that there might be walking trails in the area and even student housing.

Answer: Planning has begun to do the momentum sports complex in phases. Once the soccer and track complex is complete the next project to be constructed would be softball and a baseball complex that would complement the rest of the sports fields. Because the plans are to fully utilize the existing land as a sports complex there are no plans for walking paths other than those needed for pedestrian flow to and from the various venues and parking lots. There are no plans to build student housing in the sports complex area.

Question: Will any of the sports complexes be available for the general public to utilize?

Answer: No, the complex is to serve the needs of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi students, for NCAA sports as well as other student activities. The complex will not be open to the general public for use. It is anticipated that there will be some availability for use by others but on a very limited basis, rental inquiries should contact University Outreach at 361/825-5773.

Question: Will the complex be lighted most of the time during the academic year?

Answer: The University strongly supports energy conservation and therefore the lights on the tennis courts will only be utilized during the periods necessary for student or athletic use. There will be additional lighting added to parking lots and roadways for security reasons.

Question: Will there be cameras to monitor the activities at the complex during hours there is not usage?

Answer: Yes, there are plans are to add cameras for University Police monitoring. To report any suspicious activity, please call the University Police Department at 361/825-4444.

Question: Is it permissible to walk through the complex and use the parking lots?

Answer: No, the property is not open for public use and is for the restricted use of University students, faculty and staff engaged in athletics, instruction or scheduled recreational activities only. Any other use will require a facility use contract with the University. Also because there are planned construction projects and for much of the next 2-6 years for safety reasons, the University will remove those that are not authorized or engaged in structured activities at the site.

Question: I understand there may be wind turbines installed at this Nile site and will they be noisy and dangerous to the bird habitat?

Answer: Yes, there are plans to install three wind turbines adjacent to the tennis courts that will provide assistance to the University in conserving energy consumption on this property. They have received IEC-61400-11 noise level certification and therefore should not be a disturbance to the area. Also these are vertical wind turbines that have been found to be less harmful to bird habitat than the horizontal bladed wind turbines found elsewhere. For more information on projects and on how Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is concerned about natural resources and sustainability, please visit our Islander Green website <http://islandergreen.tamucc.edu> under the “Green Initiatives” link.

Question: Are there any other sustainability or Islander Green projects planned for Momentum campus?

Answer: Yes, we are currently working with the City of Corpus Christi in regards to effluent water from the water treatment plant. It may be possible to use effluent water for irrigation purposes on the landscaped areas at this site.

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Question: There seems to be a lot of buildings, light poles and bleachers left by the baseball leagues. Will these be removed any time soon?

Answer: Yes, the University has secured the site with fencing and in the process of first removing trash and loose objects from the site. Later this Fall, the University will be removing the light poles and various structures that will not be reused. It may take a period of several months to remove all excess materials and structures. There will be some buildings used at the site for facility, safety and security operations. These will be refurbished also during the next 6 months.

Question: What are the plans for construction on this site?

Answer: At this time, there are no immediate construction projects approved for this site. There are long-range plans to use this site for research, supporting activities and possibly graduate student housing. There will continue to be ongoing planning and feasibility studies performed to determine the best use of this site for the expansion of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.