

New Wellness & Sustainability Center Approved for Auburn Campus

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THE "CORKSCREW" WINDS FOR 1/3-MILE THROUGH PROPOSED CENTER

The Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday approved moving forward with the development of a new Wellness & Sustainability Center on the Auburn campus.

When complete in 2012, the 240,000-s.f. center will provide Auburn students, faculty and staff with an innovative environment for health and fitness, including what might be the country's longest indoor track. Called "the corkscrew," the elevated, indoor track will dip, climb and twist like a rollercoaster for a third of a mile. It will pass a range of amenities and features, including a tower topped by a yoga studio with operable windows, natural ventilation and excellent views of the Auburn campus.

"This project represents a major enhancement to student life," said Dan King, assistant vice president of Auburn University's facilities division.

Conveniently located near new student housing, existing intramural fields and tennis courts, and the Martin Aquatics Center on the Au-

burn campus, the new Wellness & Sustainability Center will serve a broad spectrum of users and promote healthy, sustainable living. In addition to its exercise facilities, it will provide instructional, multi-purpose fitness rooms dedicated to health and wellness education.

Designed by 360 Architecture of Kansas City, Mo., with Infinity Architecture out of Montgomery, the Wellness & Sustainability Center brings to life the concept of "healthy buildings for healthy bodies." While providing a sophisticated, spa-like atmosphere not found in most recreational facilities, the project is also targeting LEED® Silver certification, meeting Auburn University's institutional commitment to sustainability and green building practices.

Proposed amenities for the project include:

- + 6 Regulation Size Basketball Courts
- + Racquetball Courts
- + Indoor Soccer Court
- + Rock Climbing Wall
- + Outdoor Recreation (Canoeing, Kayaking)
- + Club Sports Fields
- + Indoor Running/Walking Track
- + Locker Rooms
- + Sand Volleyball
- + Classrooms & Meeting Rooms
- + Game Room
- + Outdoor Leisure Pool
- + Weight Training Areas
- + Outdoor Fitness Trail
- + Cardio/Fitness Training Areas
- + Golf Simulator Rooms
- + Yoga Room

360 Architecture is an innovative architectural practice widely recognized for excellence in planning, design and execution across a wide range of project types, including corporate and commercial office buildings, sports arenas and stadiums, mixed-use districts, recreation centers, residences, restaurants and municipal facilities. 360 Architecture is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri and has offices in Dallas, San Francisco, and Columbus.