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ARC and Suffolk Construction design-build Brown University lacrosse/soccer complex

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Providence, RI A design-build team of ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge and Suffolk Construction will plan, design, and construct Brown University's new soccer and lacrosse complex. As envisioned, the three-story facility will include dedicated team locker rooms, a training room, head and assistant coaches' offices, and team meeting spaces.

Spectators will enjoy an expansive, modern grandstand, a new scoreboard as well as concessions and restrooms located on a concourse level. The building will have event space for game day hosting and team gatherings, and players will have direct access between team locker rooms and the field through a tunnel. Fundraising for the complex, targeted for completion by the 2020-21 school year, is well underway.

Brown University's director of athletics Jack Hayes says that the success of the lacrosse and soccer programs contributed to the decision to build the new 22,500 s/f building. "The lacrosse and soccer programs at Brown have long and storied traditions, great student-athletes and outstanding coaches," Hayes said. "And now we have the opportunity to make a significant advancement in these programs with this center, which is poised to be one of the nation's premier facilities of its kind."

With a combined 42 Ivy League championships and 47 NCAA tournament appearances among them, Brown's lacrosse and soccer programs — with both women's and men's teams competing in each sport — have long track records of success.

Kia McNeill, head coach of women's soccer, said that a lacrosse and soccer facility like the one planned at Brown is rare at the college level — and its presence will expand the university's ability to recruit top student-athletes.

"This is every coach's dream to have a sport-specific stadium like this with new offices, meeting space, a training room, all in one," McNeill said. "A facility like this is not only going to be one of the best stadiums in the Ivy League — I think this will be one of the best stadiums in New England and beyond. It's going to have massive effects on our program and our success going forward."