

OXBRIDGE ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL EXPANDS RECREATION FACILITY

UNINCORPORATED PALM BEACH COUNTY and WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

With the success of the Oxbridge Academy in Palm Beach County, the private high school is currently constructing new athletic fields and bleachers for its students and fans. Urban Design Kilday Studios gained the approvals necessary to allow the conversion of an unbuilt residential development, adjacent to the school in central Palm Beach Gardens, to create a +13 acre Sports Complex on the property to the north, within the limits of the City of West Palm Beach.

UDKS provided planning, site planning and landscape design services to process approvals for the Oxbridge Academy athletic complex. Athletic fields and other site improvements are planned in three phases. Phase 1 consists of an artificial turf game field designed for football, soccer and lacrosse with bleachers to accommodate the home and visitor team spectators, with Phase 2 designed as a natural turf multi-sport practice field and Phase 3 as a high school baseball field. Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 are currently under construction with completion anticipated in late 2013.



UDKS has worked with the Oxbridge Academy since its founding. The firm led the consultant team that gained zoning and site plan approvals for the conversion of the 54-acre former Jewish Community Center site. Oxbridge Academy was envisioned by its founders to be a center of excellence for a state-of-the-art academic, athletic and arts campus. Originally a community center and day care with adjacent offices and a private day school, UDKS quickly processed the necessary applications so that the main building could be renovated and open to students in the fall of 2011. As enrollment surpassed original expectations, UDKS provided additional planning services which added two classroom expansions, an expansion to the gymnasium, a multipurpose sports field, reconfiguration of the girls' softball field and enlargement of the lake. UDKS also provided site and landscape design and construction coordination for the +40 acre Main Campus located within unincorporated Palm Beach County, Florida.

UDKS continues to coordinate with the Client, the contractor and with the consultant team to facilitate approvals for expanded and new facilities. Planning for a rapidly developing and dynamic high school campus has allowed UDKS to work closely with the administrators and athletic director of Oxbridge Academy to expedite development of their growing campus and to implement their vision for the school. This approach to the development of the academic and athletic campus elements has proved both time-efficient and cost-effective for Oxbridge Academy.

Client: Oxbridge Academy of the Palm Beaches
Site Area: 40.72 acres
Contractor: Hedrick Brothers Construction

Engineer: Wantman Group
Architect: Glidden Spina & Partners
Sportsfield Lighting: Musco

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