To enhance the student experience, Rensselaer is initiating a historic, unprecedented athletic investment—the largest in our history—the East Campus Athletic Village. Plans call for a new arena for our basketball programs, other indoor varsity, intramural, and club sports. The Arena will also accommodate campuswide events.

“The Basketball Arena will pay homage to all of the student athletes whose sacrifice, hard work, and commitment have made RPI Athletics one of the most respected and successful collegiate athletics programs in the country. It provides our current and future student athletes with state-of-the-art facilities to build upon the great tradition they have inherited from their predecessors.”

John Greene
Women’s Basketball Coach

EAST CAMPUS ATHLETIC VILLAGE

As envisioned in The Rensselaer Plan, the expanded facilities will meet the expectations of our current students; help us attract high-caliber student athletes as well as non-athletes; and allow us to host many regional and national high school tournaments in several sports. This will enhance Rensselaer’s visibility and attractiveness, enabling us to increase applications and enrollment.

The East Campus Athletic Village will breathe life into the campus as a whole, as it will free up existing facilities such as the Alumni Sports and Recreation Center for all types of programs, including casual recreation.

Phase 1 will include major improvements to the Houston Field House, a Multi-Purpose Stadium for turf sports and special events, and an Arena with a 1,200-spectator performance basketball court and an administrative center with offices for staff and coaches.

In Phase 2, we plan to build a new natatorium, new indoor track with indoor tennis courts, outdoor tennis courts, and an additional artificial turf field.

THE ARENA

The new arena will feature a basketball performance court with bleacher seating for 1,200 spectators, a practice court, a basketball coaching suite, locker rooms, and a professional-caliber Sports Medicine and Strength and Conditioning Center.

An administrative center also will be located in the new arena with offices for staff and coaches, plus a meeting room, storage room, and a football-coaching suite and recruiting room.

Public spaces will include a VIP lounge and team rooms, one of which includes a commemorative display in honor of Ned Harkness and Rensselaer’s lacrosse legacy, a café, a pro shop, and an Athletic Wall of Fame.

Throughout the atrium, lobby, and other public spaces, there will be numerous displays honoring Rensselaer’s legacy in numerous sports.

In addition, the basketball arena will accommodate convocations, campus speakers, concerts, recognition events, career fairs, science fairs, and alumni events.

The flexibility of the East Campus Athletic Village will increase Rensselaer’s visibility and our value to the regional community and organizations throughout New York state and nationally. It also will create a new platform for Rensselaer to reach out globally and attract international events of all types.
Preparing and competing in state of the art facilities will have a positive impact every single day on the hard-working and high-achieving student-athletes representing Rensselaer.” – Mike Griffin, Men's Basketball Coach