# CU approves concept for outdoor wellness, fitness center

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CLEMSON — At a recent board meeting, Clemson University trustees approved a concept for a new outdoor wellness and fitness center on Lake Hartwell that would provide indoor and outdoor space for academic instruction, campus recreation's Clemson Outdoor Recreation and Education (CORE) and community gatherings.

The roughly $7 million complex would house approximately 16,000 square feet of climate-controlled space and 15,000 square feet of covered outdoor space.

Clemson's campus recreation Executive Director Dave Frock said the facility would be located on university-owned beach property, formerly known as Y-Beach, along Hwy. 93.

"The building would be closer to the water than the (former YMCA) barn is now," Frock said. "We don't know if the barn will stay or not. It just depends on where the facility is constructed."

He said the indoor space would include classrooms for instruction and student group meetings, as well as space that would serve as CORE's home base with room for rental equipment such as kayaks, canoes and bikes.

Outdoor space would include covered and uncovered family-friendly waterfront space.

"The idea is to mesh the environment so that students and the community are engaged," Frock said.

He said he hopes for the facility to be completed in 2015; some funding has been generated, and Frock said the university is continuing to look for sponsorships.

Visit http://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/campus-recreation/outdoorrec/index.html to learn more about CORE and the variety of outdoor opportunities available for students, faculty, staff and the community.

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**This beachfront property owned by Clemson University, formerly known as Y Beach along Hwy. 93 near Clemson, will be developed as the university's outdoor wellness and fitness center. Officials say they hope the $7 million complex will be complete by 2015.**