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A rendering provided by Clemson University shows the \$27.5 million expansion plan for new and upgraded facilities for lacrosse, gymnastics and rowing.

Clemson announces women's facilities expansion plan

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CLEMSON — The Clemson University Board of Trustees' finance and facilities committee greenlit a \$27.5 million expansion plan for new and upgraded lakefront facilities for lacrosse, gymnastics and rowing on Friday.

The plans are subject to approval from the full board on Feb. 2.

Construction would begin later this year, with the projected completion set for early 2024.

Last year, Clemson announced the addition of women's lacrosse and women's gymnastics, which will begin competition in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years, respectively.

"We are thrilled about this commitment from the board of trustees for their approval in committee today," Clemson athletic director Graham Neff said in a news release. "Clemson athletics and IPTAY are primed to move forward in providing some of the nation's best facilities for gymnastics and lacrosse. We are equally excited for the benefits this will bring to our vibrant rowing program."

The project would overlook Lake

Hartwell, adjacent to the current rowing facility, and create a vibrant area for student-athletes. Existing trails in the area will be kept intact.

The development features a lacrosse stadium, including bleacher seating and artificial turf, and a 9,000-square foot operations complex, including coaches offices, locker rooms, player lounge and other amenities.

The gymnastics team, which will compete in Littlejohn Coliseum, will call a new 21,000 square foot facility home for day-to-day operations and a full practice facility. Like lacrosse, the gymnastics complex will include a practice gym, offices, locker room, lounge and training room.

A new 10,000-square foot training and recovery facility with designated space for sports science, nutrition, sports medicine and strength and conditioning will be constructed to serve the three programs adjacent to their facilities.

Lacrosse coach Allison Kwolek recently signed Clemson's first class for enrollment in the fall, while Clemson will begin the process of identifying the first gymnastics coach in the coming months.