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Construction has begun on a new home for Appalachian State University's field hockey program. The field hockey-specific stadium is being built on the site of the former ASU Soccer Stadium at

Appalachian's State Farm Fields Complex. Appalachian State's soccer programs called the site home from 2005-07.

The initial phase of construction of the field hockey-specific facility, which includes a water-based Tufted-Astroturf playing surface and seating for 450 spectators, is expected to be concluded in time for Appalachian State's 2014 spring-practice season.

The lead gift for the stadium's field was provided by Appalachian State alumni Brandon Adcock and Erica Muschamp Adcock. Erica was a three-time all-conference selection as a member of Appalachian's field hockey program from 2003-06.

Future plans for the stadium call for the installation of lights and construction of locker rooms, a concessions/souvenir stand and a press box.

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“We’re excited and proud that our field hockey program will finally have a facility of its own to call home,” Appalachian State director of athletics Charlie Cobb said. “With a new facility featuring the sport’s preferred playing surface, we think that our longest-established women’s varsity sport will be positioned to compete on the national stage.”

“We are very excited for the new facility for our program,” head coach Brandi Alexander Kist said. “The water-based turf will allow us to host more home games and spend less time on the road. The team will practice at a faster pace and develop the skills and ability to compete with teams on the national level. We are very thankful for the support and dedication of Appalachian athletics to have this facility become a reality.”