

Key Features

- > Air conditioned press box and fan suite
- > Heated dugouts
- > Dugout bathrooms
- > ADA accessible facility
- > Padded fencing
- > Field lighting for night games
- > Foul ball netting for improved sight lines and fan experience
- > Ticketing booth
- > Full facility security fencing

Key Experiences

- > Providing accessible path across a City storm water overflow area
- > Meeting City detention requirements within the turf field drainage retention design
- > Providing space for an enhanced player and fan experience within the old field footprint
- > Coordinating between multiple Contracting entities during construction
- > Extensive project coordination was needed to arrange work tasks among the architect, engineer, general contractor, field contractor, netting contractor and lighting contractor.



Athletic Field Site Design

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Project planning by Augustana University and DGR Engineering (DGR) to upgrade Bowden Field to a championship level began in 2018, and eventually culminated in a new facility which opened for the 2023 season.

The biggest challenge: fitting a new modern facility within the existing field's footprint (circa 1991). To achieve this, home plate was shifted approximately 12 feet south to maintain existing fencing dimensions and provide room for chair back seating and a fan suite/press box behind home plate. Also, an extended planning process was necessary to balance donation momentum with the university's facility expectations for a championship-level facility.

The final project plan balanced design goals with the funding while utilizing bid alternates for several features to allow the University flexibility in decision-making in the following areas:

- Lighting
- Outfield padding
- Dugout Cabinets
- Press box lift
- Home team dugout kitchenette
- Chairback seating - Potential future addition space

The final result is a state-of-the-art facility that all parties can be proud of and that will serve the needs of Augustana University's softball team and its fans for many years.