

Baylor University McLane Stadium

WACO, TEXAS

YEAR	2012–2015
SIZE	93 acres
USE	Campus, athletic stadium, pedestrian bridge, community gathering spaces, events, outdoor seating, walking paths, plazas, courtyards

MAJOR AWARDS

2017	ASLA Texas Chapter Merit Award
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- + Naturalistic planting and irrigation includes planting beds, turf, native grasses, seeded areas, and indigenous plants.
- + The new planting palette features ornamental grasses and wildflowers for an intimate scaled experience.
- + Geotextiles and native plantings control erosion around the river, and foster habitat creation and biodiversity.
- + A double row of heritage live oaks is a key pedestrian shading and scaling feature.
- + Planned walkways and open spaces around the stadium focus on access and flexibility. With better pedestrian circulation, the plan generously accommodates programmed spaces, including the stadium promenade and a landscaped plaza with trees, ornamental planting and shaded courtyards.

In Spring of 2012, Baylor University announced the intention to retire the 60-year-old off-campus stadium and build a new on-campus facility. The 93-acre site selected for the new stadium sits along the Brazos River, giving both a new locus for Baylor’s sports programs and a strong presence along the riverfront. A sweeping pedestrian bridge spanning the river connects the new stadium to the core campus. Students can walk from classrooms and dorms to sporting events and spend time in nature whether on game days or off-season. The rolling site is also a flexible platform for a memorable game day and tailgating experience. Whether approaching by water or by foot, the new stadium celebrates and elevates Baylor’s proud athletics tradition.

