LaPlata Beach

Architects/Designers/Contractor
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Cost
$750,000

Completed
September 2008

Total Sq Ft
2 acre site
(Improvements to 1 acre)

Facility Features
This space is a common area between several high-rise freshmen dormitories and is used for non-programmed recreation opportunities, special events, and programmed activities. It is known as “The Beach” due to its long standing use by students for sunbathing. One of the few outdoor spaces on the north side of campus, near the dormitories, that allows for both active and passive recreation as well as socialization opportunities. Approximate two acre site consisting of 32,000 SF of Fieldturf-Tarkett Prestige XT-65 infill artificial turf surrounded by shaded grass areas, 4 small “half-court” basketball courts, and two sand volleyball courts. The artificial turf surface has greatly increased the number of opportunities and the variety of uses on the space. Irrigation is controlled by a Baseline irrigation controller which uses in-ground soil moisture sensors to monitor water need and waters accordingly. The system is accessible via a web based program allowing for remote monitoring and control of the system.