



Possible J.S.U. Stadium Site Unveiled

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Recently there has been some discussion among Jackson State and city officials about building a stadium for the Tigers.

There has been talk of building the stadium adjacent to the J.S.U. campus, and now a map has surfaced that may pinpoint where the building is planned.

The map of the proposed stadium was recently published in the *Jacksonian* magazine, on the campus master development plan.

Located just east of the intersection of Terry Road and Lynch Street, it would swallow several city blocks, which is no problem for the residents we talked to.

Earle Street resident, Ozzie Stapleton says, "I'm a big J.S.U. fan. I own a personal care home. I'm licensed by the state and everything but I don't have no problem with moving; whatever I can do to better myself and the university I'm with it."

Jackson State officials declined to talk with us about the stadium, but they have made some moves in acquiring property. Stapleton's neighbor is already gone.

Stapleton says, "She had some signs up in her yard and after she pulled them up she said she wasn't worried about selling, 'cause J.S.U. had gotten it now."

We found a beautiful rendering of the future stadium on the website of Brailsford and Dunlavey, a facility planning company out of Washington that was hired by Jackson State to do a preliminary stadium assessment study.

Just on the edge of downtown Jackson, it would link the urban university to the heart of the city.

Annie Davis says, "If the price is right, I'm ready to sell anything to help Jackson State."

Annie Davis has lived on Burns street for nearly 30 years.

Her kids went to Jackson State, and she supports the stadium, even if it means giving up her home.

Jackson State University is the only university in the S.W.A.C. conference that does not have their own football stadium.