

# NATHAN BENDERSON PARK + ROWING VENUE

Sarasota, Florida



TSW's Landscape Architecture Studio was retained to develop a master plan for Nathan Benderson Park east of Sarasota, Florida. The park contains a 600-acre lake and surrounding shoreline, which will be adapted into the Suncoast World Class Rowing / Kayak / Running Venue.

The venue will meet all Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron (FISA) criteria so that the park can hold international competitions and become the first FISA-certified course in the U.S. Once the 2,000 meter course is implemented, the venue will likely become one of the top courses in the world. Nationally-recognized rowing coaches have commented that Benderson Park has the potential to become one of the fairest courses, and while similar venues are typically isolated, Benderson is surrounded by much needed amenities, such as hotels and restaurants, for these types of regional and national events.



above: Master Plan of Benderson Park  
right: Detail of grand stand, finish line, and parking area