The Master Plan Vision

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The Master Plan Vision: Academic Core
MASTER PLAN PRINCIPLES

The following master plan principles establish the foundation and priorities for the development of the University of Kentucky campus and are intended to be applied in conjunction with the campus framework plan and campus district strategies. These principles were developed through consultation with the University community and with direction from the University’s master planning committees. The principles link the physical development of the campus with the University’s mission, and will assist in decision-making around campus improvements.

1. ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

CREATE A 21ST CENTURY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS THE TECHNOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CREATIVE NEEDS OF TODAY’S STUDENTS.

A dynamic academic environment includes flexible teaching and learning spaces, modern laboratories, and opportunities for informal learning outside the classroom and across the campus. The master plan facilitates opportunities to enhance the academic environment by concentrating academic activity within the campus core, connecting teaching and learning spaces, integrating academic and student life, and creating opportunities for learning in outdoor settings.
2. CAMPUS LIFE
ENHANCE THE STUDENT LIFE EXPERIENCE AND REINFORCE CAMPUS COMMUNITY IN STRONG RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, BOTH ON AND OFF CAMPUS.

A strong campus life experience is key to student success. The master plan articulates strategies to enhance student life and create a dynamic living and learning environment.

3. COMMUNITY
FORGE PARTNERSHIPS TO STRENGTHEN THE NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING THE CAMPUS AND DOWNTOWN.

The University has an important impact on the neighborhoods that surround the campus, and plays a key economic and cultural role in the community. The University should continue to work with its neighborhood and Urban County Government partners to strengthen surrounding areas, contribute to the local economy, and incorporate community impact into decision-making. The master plan articulates planning policies and design strategies to further these initiatives.
4. GROWTH

Establish a long-term plan for growth management that is consistent with the university’s mission, and that efficiently utilizes land resources.

The University campus must accommodate academic, research, health care, student life, sports and recreation, and administration and support functions within a defined land area. The University has also established a growth boundary to mitigate the impacts of campus development on surrounding neighborhoods. The master plan articulates strategies to accommodate current and future uses efficiently, while preserving the quality and character of the campus environment.

5. MOBILITY

Facilitate safer and more efficient mobility in support of the master plan land-use and landscape concepts.

Mobility systems include pedestrian circulation, bicycle circulation, transit service, vehicular circulation, and parking. The master plan defines accessible, safe, efficient and attractive mobility systems for the campus, while preserving pedestrian priority in the campus core.
6. LANDSCAPE STRUCTURE

ESTABLISH A LEGIBLE OPEN SPACE AND LANDSCAPE STRUCTURE THAT IMPROVES CAMPUS QUALITY AND REINFORCES CAMPUS IDENTITY.

The University campus contains a range of open space elements and high-quality architecture but the existing landscape structure could be better defined. The master plan strengthens the landscape structure to create a more cohesive campus environment.

7. SUSTAINABILITY

INTEGRATE SUSTAINABILITY IN EVERY ASPECT OF PLANNING.

The University of Kentucky’s Statement on Sustainability recognizes the critical need “to engage the University community to create policies and programs that will simultaneously advance economic vitality, ecological integrity and social equity, now and into the future.” The master plan creates the opportunity to demonstrate leadership in this “triple bottom line”, and will help to advance sustainable initiatives within several key areas—mission, energy, landscape, ecology, mobility, community and economic development.
Sustainable campuses express the mission of an institution. A goal of the University of Kentucky campus master plan is to plan and design campus spaces that embody and enhance the University’s mission. To this end, the master plan focuses on the campus core to create a 21st century teaching and learning environment. It also concentrates undergraduate academic programs within the core and establishes several well-defined districts adjacent to the core to accommodate the University’s leading edge research initiatives. The seamless integration of teaching, learning, and research environments facilitates opportunities for exceptional undergraduate and graduate education, and research that is recognized nationally.
Sustainability Metrics

CAMPUS ZONES
Total UK Ownership 811 Acres

38 Acres North
173 Acres Central North
212 Acres Central South
388 Acres South

Building Coverage

42% 16 Acres
33% 57 Acres
30% 64 Acres
10% 57 Acres

Impervious Surfaces

68% 26 Acres
61% 106 Acres
60% 127 Acres
32% 124 Acres

Tree Cover

18% 7 Acres
19% 33 Acres
15% 31 Acres
19% 72 Acres
Planning Policies

1. BUFFER
The University will implement measures to buffer strong single-family residential neighborhoods from campus impacts:
- Clearly define campus boundaries and acquisition zone expectations
- Create appropriate landscape buffers along neighborhood edges, such as trees, hedges, and shrubs
- Incorporate compatible adjacent uses, such as the existing Ronald McDonald House
- Site campus uses to minimize impacts on neighborhoods; consider function, noise, lighting, pedestrian movement, and vehicle traffic

2. STABILIZE
The University will work with neighborhood and Urban County Government partners to stabilize areas where student housing has affected community quality:
- Implement the on-campus housing plan, including Greek Park housing
- Consider strategic acquisition of off-campus housing for UK faculty and staff to restore balance
- Work with neighborhoods and Urban County Government to discourage further conversion to student housing
- Work with neighborhoods and Urban County Government on parking policies

3. CREATE TRANSITIONS
The University will work with neighborhood and Urban County Government partners to integrate downtown and campus development:
- To better connect the campus with downtown Lexington and integrate existing commercial areas, create transitions between the campus and adjacent neighborhoods with compatible land uses and urban design strategies
- Continue to work with neighborhoods and Urban County Government through strategies such as the December 2012 North Campus Planning Charrette (described in the North Campus District section of this report)
- Consider strategic investments and potential partnerships, e.g. connective corridors with downtown
MASTER PLAN FRAMEWORKS
Development Capacity
Proposed Land Use Framework
Proposed Open Space Framework
Proposed Mobility Framework
PEDESTRIAN CORRIDORS

1. Memorial Coliseum to Funkhouser
2. Law School to Student Center and MLK
3. Memorial Hall to WT Young Library
4. Taylor Education to Maxwell Place and Pennsylvania Court beyond
Proposed Bus Transit Circulation
Proposed Transit Connectivity

University Drive Transit Corridor

Proposed South Student Center

Bus Transit Center and Parking Garage
Rose Street
Rose Street – Option 1

ROSE ST. CLOSED BETWEEN COLUMBIA & HUGUELET
Rose Street – Option 2

ROSE ST. TRAFFIC-CALMED BETWEEN COLUMBIA & HUGUELET
The Learning Environment
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Student Housing

▲ STUDENT HOUSING MAP

EXISTING STUDENT HOUSING
PROPOSED STUDENT HOUSING
EDR HOUSING
Campus Districts
North Campus Connectivity

DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON
A proposed graduate housing neighborhood with community and university uses along Euclid Avenue provides a transitional zone from Greek housing to the neighborhood.

Serving as a gathering area for the Greek Park, a proposed landscape stair and plaza extends the open space of Transylvania Park into the Greek Park District.

Transylvania Park houses renovated for sorority chapter houses give each sorority an identity and address. A proposed bar building links the chapter houses with new sorority housing.

Potential growth for fraternity housing is proposed as a new Greek neighborhood sited along a major pedestrian spine.

A proposed Greek Commons provides a social and communal area for the Greek community.
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