

A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

How can the campus' physical landscape help us meet our shared goals? This is the question faculty, students, and community members came together to answer in developing the Campus Master Plan Update.

The master plan provides a long-term guide for campus growth that builds upon existing land use patterns, circulation, infrastructure, and open space—all while making wise use of limited land resources.

Ted Christy, who heads F&S' Project Planning, served on the Campus Master Plan Core Committee along with Brian Farber and Lova Mwilambwe of Student Affairs, Kevin Hinders of the School of Architecture, Qu Kim of University Administration, and Matthew Tomaszewski of the Office of the Provost.

Here are some of the proposed changes to look for during the next ten years:

Same Size Footprint

The updated plan is the first one to capture Net Zero Space Growth. “We looked at how to maximize the use of space,” said Christy. “We will be repurposing some facilities, renovating others, and removing a few obsolete ones.” This will allow campus to come within 1.5% of its objective of zero net increase in space in the Illinois Climate Action Plan, the university's commitment to achieve carbon neutrality as soon as possible, and no later than 2050.

Attracting Future Students

The “Illinois Experience” creates a more prominent eastern gateway to campus. It will guide students along a tree-lined walkway and art park to the

Main Quad from an expanded Illinois Street Residence Hall.

Reinforcing the Core

The majority of existing classrooms are in proximity to the Main Quad. The plan prioritizes these facilities for renovation and reinvestment to improve classroom use and support active learning with innovative technology. Among the recommendations for this area are reconfiguring the Main Library stacks and enclosing the current Undergraduate Library courtyard for a special collections division.

More Room for Science, Fostering Collaboration

Renovated and expanded facilities, as well as some new buildings, will make more room for science on the eastern side of campus with the creation of a science corridor. The plan advocates using architectural design and

technology to increase collaboration within the confines of campus and beyond with the Carle Illinois College of Medicine and the Research Park.

Greening the West

A planned western quad north of the Armory will increase green space, as will a southern axis, which will extend from the McFarland Carillon to Ikenberry Commons and replicate the rich landscaping of the Main Quad.

Uniting Agriculture

A Legacy Corridor for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences consolidates several of the college's functions along Lincoln Avenue and Race Street. The corridor begins with an ACES Welcome Center located at the south end of the Arboretum and continue south on Race to Old Church Road.

You can learn more about the Campus Master Plan's objectives and proposals at go.fs.illinois.edu/master-planupdate



The “Illinois Experience” creates a new gateway to campus. It will guide students along a tree-lined walkway and art park to the Main Quad past the proposed renovated and expanded Illinois Street Residence Halls.