

University of North Florida 2005-2015 Campus Master Plan Assessment

The University of North Florida has been successful in meeting goals, objectives and policies as stated in the 2005-2015 Campus Master Plan which was previously amended and adopted by our board on October 20, 2005. All areas identified in the Master Plan were successfully implemented as anticipated. The areas to be strengthened are vehicular and pedestrian interface as well as accommodations for bicycle use. There are no known surrounding impacts not previously anticipated that need to be accommodated.

There are very few anticipated revisions to the plan. The existing Master Plan anticipated the construction of 2 parking structures. Over the past 4 years this need was re-evaluated and deemed unnecessary since surface parking accommodations were provided. The surface parking was augmented by the introduction of a shuttle system. The Master Plan also called for an addition to the Arena and the construction of the Student Wellness and Sports Education Center. The Student Wellness Center is currently in the programming phase while the need to expand the Arena is still being considered.

Since the Master Plan was approved by the Board of Trustees, six construction projects were completed and they all achieved Green Building Certification with three achieving the Silver Level. UNF embraces the spirit of the Green Building movement and strives to achieve the highest level of certification within the approved budget.

The following planned campus improvements stated in the 2005-2015 Campus Master Plan have been completed or currently are under construction:

Academic Facilities:

The Social Sciences Building was occupied in August of 2006 and provided an additional 43,000 NASF of space including classrooms, offices, teaching and research labs. Consistent with the master plan this will provide a new entrance point into campus from the east.

The new College of Education Building was occupied in May of 2009 and provided an additional 57,000 NASF of space including classrooms, offices, study, teaching and research labs. This building was architecturally integrated into the site so views into the campus core are not obscured.

With the opportunity to acquire the former America Online Building and the Auchter Building, (additional 90,500 NASF of space including offices, teaching and research labs), the University of North Florida has been able to guide future growth within the Campus Core toward academic land use. The Campus Core land use will remain the focus of the campus teaching and learning experience. Funds have been allocated for the future Science & Humanities Building which is anticipated to be roughly 118,000 GSF, consisting of classrooms, offices, research and teaching labs, and will be located on the campus core adjacent to the Social Sciences Building.

Support Facilities:

Parking Services and the John Golden Memorial Pavilion were both occupied in November of 2007 providing an additional 3,000 NASF of space including classroom and offices. These buildings act as a central facility for information, ticket sales and access to the nature trails.

The Student Union was occupied in May of 2009. This building provides an additional 105,000 NASF of space including classrooms, meeting rooms, offices, auditorium, student academic support and food service. The Student Union occupies a prominent location at the northern end of the campus core and maintains use of pedestrian corridors, plazas, open space and pond overlooks.

Osprey Fountains Housing, located on the Eastern Ridge was occupied in August of 2009 and provides an additional 227,000 NASF of study, offices, lounges, residential and support facilities. Also, Greek Housing is an important component within the master plan and **22 acres of** land have been allocated for this future use.

Athletics/Recreation:

Athletics Planning for Various Buildings - Programming includes expansions and additions to various buildings and the construction of a new baseball facility.

Recreation Planning for Student Wellness & Sports Education – Programming/Design will include construction of a Student Wellness & Sports Education Center of approximately 34,000 sf and renovations of existing spaces in various Athletics Buildings (9,600sf).

Summary:

The expansion of the University has been firmly established with the steady increase in student enrollment, the development of new academic programs and the growth of existing colleges and sensitive land development. The success of the conceptual development phase of the 2005-2015 Master Plan has been achieved because many factions of the University played a vital role in consensus building. From the students to the administration, faculty to staff, the planning process has ensured that all participants had an active role in the master planning process. The establishment of new policies, placement of new facilities, expansion of existing facilities and future development opportunities were all elements considered for the success of the 2005-2015 Campus Master Plan and to realize the vision of the University of North Florida as an institution dedicated to the quality of life for its community.