

Planning Principles

1. Promote the commitment of Montana State University to the contemporary mission of a land grant institution through the physical integration of teaching, research and outreach.
2. Coordinate college and departmental goals and physical developments with the strategic vision of the University.
3. Recognize the critical relationship of the physical environment to excellence in teaching, learning, research, public relations, and the quality of life.
4. Develop the physical environment of the University through collaborative relationships with the larger community.
5. Build on our unique heritage, sense of place and strategic vision of the future as a model of planning and design excellence.
6. Develop a campus environment that enhances the personal experience of the University community through a spatial network that promotes human interaction.
7. Be exemplary stewards of our physical resources.
8. Continue a comprehensive approach to campus planning to guide future development of the University.

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Long Range Campus Development Plan

Executive Summary



Why A Long Range Campus Development Plan?



Students
Students' well-being, academic success and quality of life are all greatly affected by the campus environment. The University's priority is to provide students with the opportunity to learn, live and grow in a supportive environment with a diverse spectrum of opportunities. Students have been an integral part of the development of the Plan, contributing throughout the planning process.



Built Environment
The Plan establishes a shared vision for the phased development of the campus environment that is comprehensive, creative, useful, and inspiring. The Plan identifies potential building sites that promote build-out of the core campus while preserving open space. The Plan also maintains the architectural character of campus, while preparing for technological innovations and opportunities in the future.



Natural Environment
The University is located in a valley amidst gorgeous scenery. There is abundant access to public land and open space, providing an inspirational setting for academic pursuits. The Plan incorporates a vision for the sensitive development of campus lands and well-designed expansion that is in harmony with the environment.



Mountains & Minds



A Framework for the Future



Land Use

- Focus on using sound planning and design principles
- Promote a comprehensive and creative long-term vision for land use allocation
- Align development with the University Land Grant Mission
- Define and enhance individual campus districts and neighborhoods

10-Year Projected Build Out



Landscape

- Implement integrated design solutions that accentuate building design
- Provide aesthetic enhancements and create attractive outdoor spaces
- Employ design practices that use indigenous vegetation, low-maintenance and durable landscapes



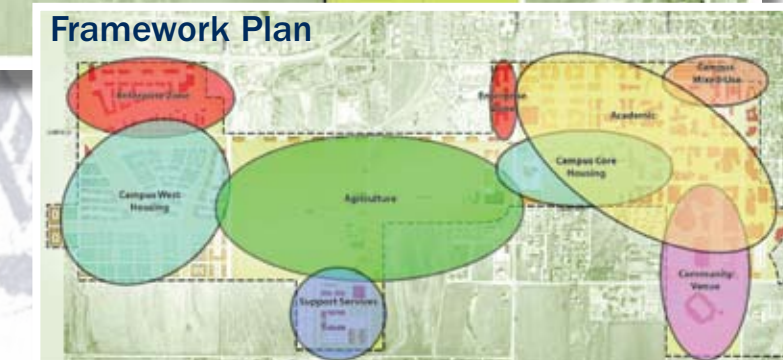
Transportation and Circulation

- Enhance the pedestrian-oriented campus core by integrating alternative modes of transportation
- Improve vehicular circulation and parking facilities and connect them to pedestrian paths
- Locate pedestrian and bike routes in green corridors and define clear destination points
- Situate parking structures within five-minute walking distance of campus destinations
- Arrange service access to minimize disruption yet be efficient



Architecture

- Recognize that campus architecture has evolved over the last 100 years and represents the values and vision of the university
- Cultivate an eclectic spirit of design for buildings that enhances the continuity of campus, interacts with the surroundings and respects the existing heritage buildings
- Promote the use of the newest technological building advancements and energy efficiency in design and construction



Open Space

- Establish open space as the central organizing element of the campus
- Provide quality open space for circulation, socializing and recreation
- Incorporate well designed sidewalks and pedestrian plazas
- Establish open spaces that create a sense of place and respect landscape heritage
- Define gateways and campus edges for a sense of arrival



Sustainability

- Collaboratively develop practical and achievable energy and sustainability policies that utilize best management practices and regional building materials
- Develop standards for water and energy conservation and implement practical resource conservation measures
- Promote the university as a public resource for cutting-edge technology, drawing on in-house expertise on sustainability issues

Housing

- Adapt campus living opportunities to lifestyle interests and market demands
- Provide access to recreational opportunities and facilities
- Incorporate accessibility, privacy and flexibility into new housing options

