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Project Mission

In order to address the facilities goals identified in Eastern's constitutional plan, a campus master planning process was initiated in Fiscal Year 1998. The overall mission of the project was to develop a Campus Master Planning process that:

- supports and enhances Eastern's academic mission and programs;
- provides a set of decision-making tools;
- furnishes an analytical information base for decision-making;
- involves the campus community throughout the process;
- addresses community issues and the needs of all departments and programs;
- defines the future development of the University's facilities and grounds, in phased growth;
- evaluates in detail the space allocation needs of nine academic departments occupying the three academic buildings in greatest need of renovation;
- targets the same quantity and quality of space provided by public institutions that, like Eastern, emphasize quality in undergraduate and selected graduate programs.



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Process and Overall Scope of Work



In July of 1998, the Sizemore Floyd Conroy Master Planning Consulting Team (SFC) was commissioned to assist Eastern Illinois University (EIU) in producing a detailed Master Plan for its campus. The process was highly participatory: SFC met with over one hundred people representing twenty-six different University groups and several City of Charleston departments to gather data and input on regional systems, and campus facilities and grounds needs; to develop qualitative and quantitative requirements; and to review potential solutions.

SFC worked closely with the Campus Master Plan Committee (CMPC), appointed by the Board of Trustees for Eastern Illinois University with representation from the trustees, the administration, faculty, staff and students. CMPC met with the SFC team throughout the master planning process to prioritize master plan goals and objectives, review recommendations, and set development guidelines.

The project was organized into four sequential stages of work: Data Collection, Programming, Master Planning, and Development Guidelines.

Data Collection provides the basis for Programming. Square footage and site plan information for all university buildings and spaces on the campus were collected and formatted. The SFC team studied the campus infrastructure and program data, investigating landscaping and paved areas, pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns, building styles and conditions, as well as longitudinal data on enrollment.

The Programming Scope of Work is comprised of two elements: first, a general calculation for the entire space needs of the University; and second, a more detailed calculation of space needed for nine departments, eight of which are currently located in three critically deteriorated buildings in need of major renovation. A Space Allocation Strategy has been prepared showing how the space requirements for the nine departments will be accommodated in the Campus Master Plan.

Data Collection and Programming information is recorded in Section B.

Following University approval of the proposed Program, the Master Planning stage was initiated. The Plan prepared for the campus shows the proposed locations of new buildings, spaces and roads, and the utility lines and landscape treatment required to support these new facilities.





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The result of this process is a three-phase recommendation for future campus development. The first phase consists of immediate facility needs that will address short-term growth and high-priority renovations to selected campus buildings. The second phase consists of longer-term initiatives that will improve campus facilities and infrastructure. The third phase recommends an ultimate development phase for EIU, by charting significant improvements in the future (ten years and beyond).

The Campus Master Plan is illustrated in Section C.

The Development Guidelines will guide the University in the uniform accomplishment of the desired Campus Master Plan design concepts. During the Development Guidelines stage, a palette of elements, materials and rules of composition was developed. The Development Guidelines are illustrated in Section D.

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Vision Goals

Vision Goals address the following information:

- Cultural distinction
- Operational Objectives

Following are the Vision Goals for the Campus Master Plan, establishing the underlying principles on which the Plan is based:

- Eastern Illinois University Mission Statement

“Eastern Illinois University offers superior yet accessible undergraduate and graduate education. Students learn the methods and outcomes of free inquiry in the arts, sciences, humanities and professions guided by a faculty known for its commitment to teaching, research/creative activity, and service. The University community strives to create an educational and cultural environment in which students refine their abilities to reason and to communicate clearly so as to become responsible citizens in a diverse world.”

- Eastern Illinois University Vision Statement

“Eastern, a vibrant, traditional public university, is dedicated to independent thinking and personal growth. The beautiful residential campus and its services demonstrate a commitment to quality student life. Students expect and receive individual attention from experienced professors who foster collaborative research and service. Teaching tolerance, global understanding, ethical behavior, and the great traditions of democracy remains central to Eastern’s mission. Eastern’s men and women will be prepared to lead, to inspire, and to continue a life of learning.”

Having selected Eastern primarily because of their commitment to teaching, faculty expect academic rigor and intellectual curiosity not only from their students, but also from themselves, as they continue to uphold Eastern’s tradition of research, scholarship, and service.

- Eastern wants to be “Big enough to MATTER, Small Enough to Care” (official university motto)





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- Eastern seeks excellence in:
 - Teaching
 - Undergraduate and selected Graduate Programs
 - Interactive Teaching/Research as a mentoring tool
 - Community outreach and cultural enrichment
- Eastern wants to maintain the current student/faculty/staff population.



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Guiding Principles

The following Guiding Principles established a framework for the development of the Campus Master Plan:

- Plan for the dream, not the limitations.
- Plan great interior and exterior spaces that reflect Eastern's cultural heritage.
- Effect no change in the University mission or population.
- Organize core functional elements into academic, administrative, residential, and sports zones.
- Create a pedestrian-friendly campus.
- Establish a perimeter vehicular network.
- Be a good neighbor by recognizing the interrelationship of the University with the city of Charleston and Coles County.
- Remain a residential campus.
- Improve the physical beauty of the campus buildings and grounds within the context of protecting and preserving the environment.
- Plan for the Phased Physical Growth of the Campus in three increments: 5 years, 10 years, and Ultimate Development.



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Team

This document has been prepared for Eastern Illinois University under the leadership of the ad hoc **Eastern Illinois University Campus Master Plan Committee** appointed by the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees.



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