

Plan Framework





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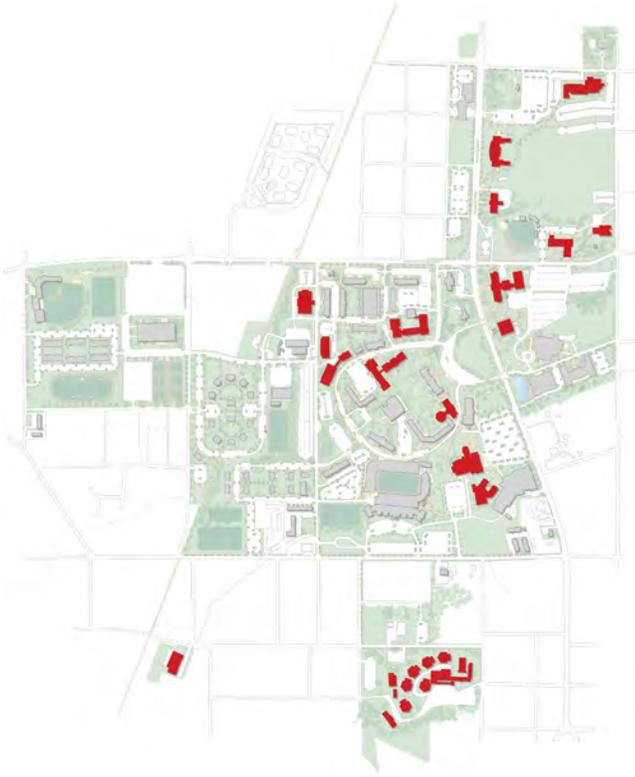
The arrangement of campus uses in relation to one another is fundamental to creating an immersive university environment and supporting efficient growth over time. The organization of academic, housing, athletics, recreation, administrative and support activities proposed in this plan prioritizes locations in and adjacent to the center of campus, particularly for future academic space and student services. Existing and future housing is intended to surround the core. Long-term growth—beyond this plan’s horizon—should continue this pattern as the campus footprint expands northward.

Academics

Investments in existing and new classroom and laboratory buildings will enable greater consolidation of colleges and programs into one or adjacent buildings. At the same time, opportunities will be pursued to offer more core curriculum classes near the center of campus to reduce the need for students living on-campus, particularly first-year students, to drive from class to class. Creating more concentrated hubs of academic activity greatly expands opportunities for interaction and collaboration.

Housing

To accommodate increasing demand for on-campus housing, new residential facilities will be developed around the campus core as much as possible. New first-year housing is focused around the residential village north of the campus center. Greek and other specialty housing will be developed west of Forney Street including the continued build-out of Paul Carpenter Village. Apartments, primarily for upper-level students, are targeted for the south side of the campus adjacent to the stadium and on the west side of the campus.



Academics



Housing

Athletics and Recreation

Athletics and recreation facilities are concentrated mostly to the south and west sides of the campus. Development of new facilities will maintain this pattern.

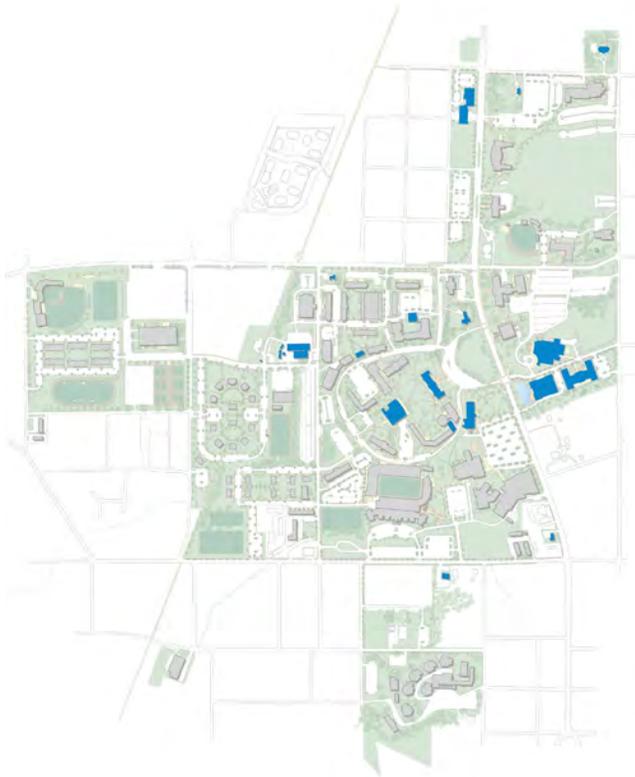
Future intramural fields are proposed along Mountain Street adjacent to the Chief Ladiga Trail. A new football practice field is planned adjacent to Burgess Snow Stadium. Shifting football practice near the stadium will create space for additional housing near the campus core. A large hilly area in the northeast corner of the campus is proposed for outdoor recreational uses such as disc golf, hiking and biking, ropes courses and similar activities.



Athletics and Recreation

Administration and Support

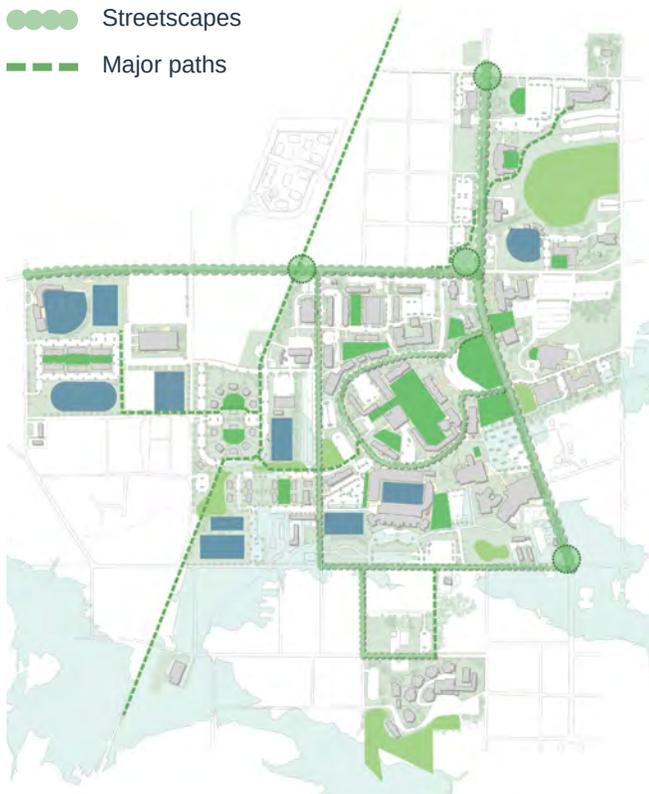
Administrative and student support services are located near the center of campus to optimize access for students and faculty. Support uses that do not require a central location will shift to the campus perimeter, creating space for functions that would be more beneficial near the campus core.



Administration and Support

Open Space Improvements

-  Quads, courtyards, lawns
-  Athletic and recreational fields
-  Natural spaces
-  Streetscapes
-  Major paths

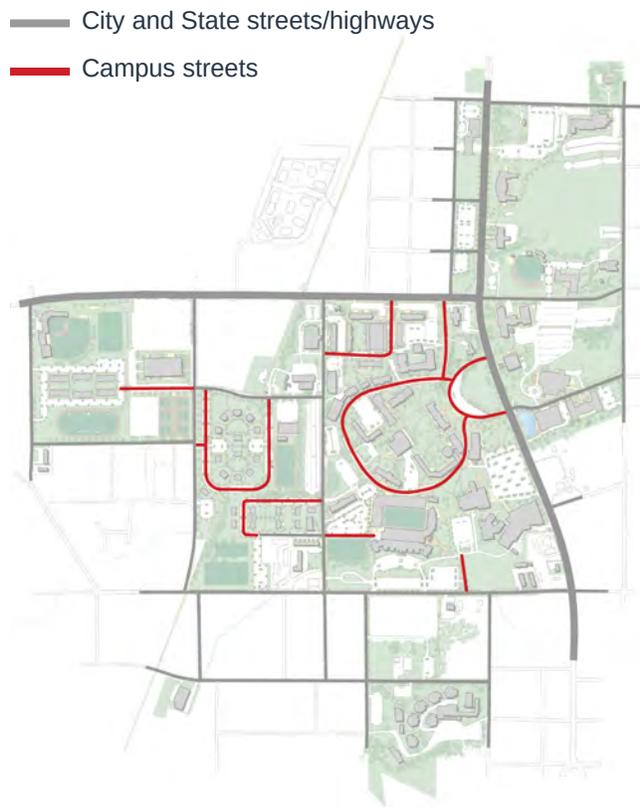


Open Space and Image

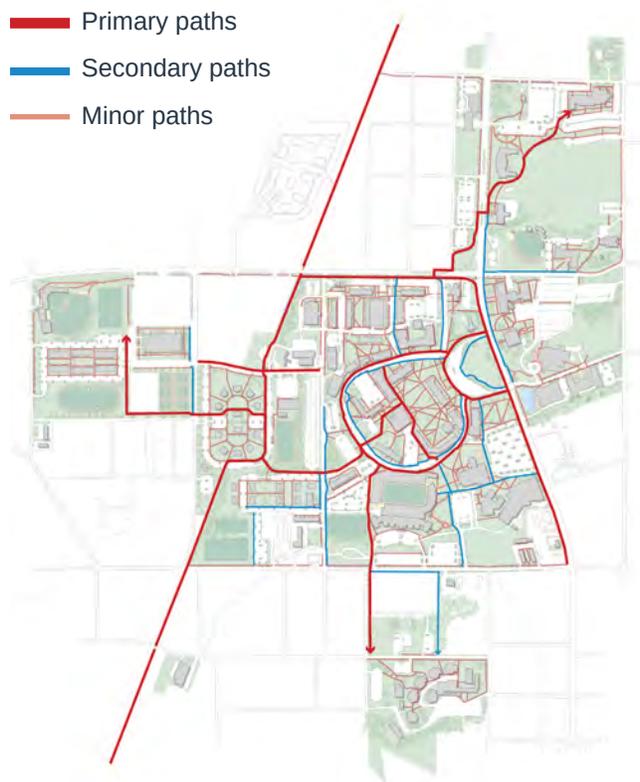
The campus open space system is an organizing feature of the campus originally informed by the area's hilly topography. Early campus buildings were arranged purposefully at the top of a hill forming a sloping lawn along the front of the campus and a generous interior quadrangle. These and other existing open spaces will be enhanced to optimize their enjoyment and usefulness. As the University grows new open spaces will be created in conjunction with building projects. Natural spaces will be preserved or improved for open space uses within the floodplain complex that meanders along the south side of the campus and on the hilltop in the northeast corner of the campus.

Tree-lined streets and major pathways act as linear open spaces interconnecting parts of the campus that are otherwise separated by changes in topography and the two highways that run through the campus. Along Pelham Road (SR-21) and Nisbet Road (SR-204), landscaping, gateway signage and other improvements project an attractive image of the University. Consistent design treatment along these major roadways define the edges of the campus.





Vehicular Circulation



Pedestrian Facilities

Circulation

Streets

Vehicular infrastructure includes Alabama Highways 21 and 204, city streets and a small number of campus streets and access drives. The two highways and city streets (Forney Avenue, Mountain Street, 11th Street NW and Bennett Blvd) are primary routes providing access for commuters to perimeter parking facilities. Internal campus streets and drives are intended mainly to provide access to on-campus housing, support functions and associated parking. Campus streets and drives also accommodate service access to University buildings and facilities. The city's street network surrounding the campus is well-interconnected, which helps to disperse traffic on game day and during other peak periods.

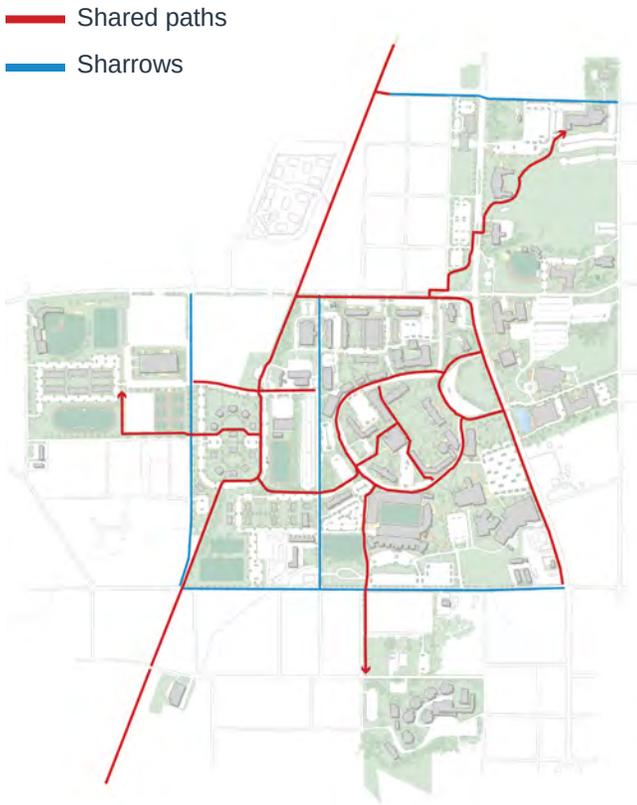
Modifications to the intersection of Alabama Highways 21 and 204 are proposed to improve pedestrian crossing safety as well as the line of sight of motorists turning south on Highway 21. With the construction of additional housing at the football stadium, a turn lane and other capacity improvements may be necessary along Mountain Street.

Pedestrian Facilities

To optimize walkability and increase the convenience and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors moving about campus on foot, improvements will be made to the walkway system over time. Connections will be made to the west athletics complex and upper class housing area, the College of Education complex (former Kitty Stone School), other perimeter areas and the Chief Ladiga Trail. Enhancements will be made to the already dense network of walkways in the center of campus to eliminate gaps.

Routes are designated strategically for development of primary paths. These are envisioned as "shared paths" designed for pedestrians and cyclists. A secondary path network is proposed to connect perimeter parking areas, housing clusters and other high foot traffic generators. While some of the proposed primary and secondary paths are new routes, most are existing facilities that will need to be widened or have gaps closed.

Crossing Highways 21 and 204 will be improved through construction of median refuges at designated mid-block locations and improvements to the intersection of the two highways, including installation of a speed table.



Bicycle Facilities

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With effective, safe accommodations, one can reach most anywhere on the JSU campus in five minutes or less. Development of an effective bicycle network for the campus will include a combination of off-street paths and on-street bicycle facilities. Off-street paths include the Chief Ladiga Trail and a strategic shared path system connecting the outermost portions of the campus to its center. Wider shared paths provide routes for bicycling to avoid conflicts with pedestrians on narrower ones.

On-street facilities are proposed on Forney and Park Avenues, 11th Street and Mountain Street in the form of “sharrows,” or shared lanes. Not only will proposed bike facilities make it easier to get around campus, these improvements will also enable faculty, staff and students to bicycle more safely to campus from adjacent neighborhoods.



Parking Facilities

Parking

Surface parking is currently located throughout the campus. To enable continued growth—particularly of on-campus housing, additional parking will be made available through consolidation and reorganization of existing parking areas as well as construction of structured parking in strategic locations. Where possible, large surface parking lots will be located in peripheral locations to provide access to large areas of the campus, optimize accessibility for commuters and manage vehicular traffic and, thus, enhance safety in the center of campus.

Parking system improvements include:

- redesign of parking in the north residential village in conjunction with development of additional first-year housing
- redesign of parking at Paul Carpenter Village to accommodate additional housing
- consolidation and redesign of surface parking along Highway 21—and other locations as well—to increase capacity, enhance campus appearance and improve multimodal circulation

Safety

Several investments will be made over the coming years to improve the safety and security of students, faculty, staff and visitors. A new public safety center will be developed in conjunction with the City of Jacksonville and Calhoun County Emergency Management Administration. The facility will not only provide a purpose-built home for University Police but will include a public storm shelter and training facilities. The planned band storage facility will also be designed with storm shelter space near the center of campus. Building access technology will be updated to create a consistent, campus-wide control system allowing the University to operate building entrances remotely.

Security elements will be integrated into capital projects as they are budgeted, designed and constructed to add exterior lighting where needed and to develop a comprehensive video surveillance system.

Below: Conceptual rendering of the proposed Lodge at the Little River Canyon Center by Leonard Architects



Satellite Campuses

Little River Canyon Center

The 70-acre facility is located at the Little River Canyon National Preserve approximately 46 miles north of the main campus. The center, which includes a theater, natural history library, exhibit and classroom space, an amphitheater and trails, is operated under JSU's Strategic Partnerships and Special Projects program and houses National Park Service offices. A conceptual master plan for the center envisions the addition of a restaurant, a lodge to host conference activities, an aquaponics facility, dormitories for artists and faculty in residence and other guest accommodations.



McClellan Campus

Located eight miles south of the main campus, the 24-acre JSU McClellan Center is the home of the University's Continuing and In-Service Education programs and specialty programs associated with the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. While there

are currently no academic or other space needs at the center, there is land available for growth and opportunities to provide lodging accommodations for those visiting the facility and sports tournaments and outdoor recreation activities occurring nearby.



South Campus

The University will continue improvements to the former Regional Medical Center as the new home of the College of Health Professions and Wellness and the student health center. Currently planned renovations will soon be completed, providing classroom spaces for the nursing program, which are currently occupying space in the Houston Cole Library. Subsequent phases will include creation of simulation space in the north wing of the hospital building and programming and renovations for use of the adjacent medical office building once simulation labs have been moved.

