University of Maine Master Plan

Master Plan Work Session March 19th, 2008





Meeting Agenda

- 1. Analysis
- 2. Development Framework / Strategy
- 3. Preliminary Master Plan Recommendations
- 4. Preliminary Master Plan Components
- 5. Discussion





Campus Context

Economic/Cultural Context Environmental Context Planning Context





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250 mile radius

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Additional Ottawa N.Y. City

Economic/Cultural Context







200 mile radius

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Ecological/Tourism Context





Campus Analysis & Principles

Master Plan Goals Campus Analysis Topics Design Principles Based on Analysis





- Sustainability and Stewardship
- Collegiality and Community
- Compact Land Use Pattern
- Campus Access
 - Landscape

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- Architectural Design
- Partnerships and Community Interface
- Academic and Research





Sustainability & Stewardship

-The Plan should advance the philosophy of sustainability, quality of life and human betterment as a 21st century expression of the land grant mission of UMaine. It should promote prudent stewardship and sound management of physical resources and make the campus a working model of sustainability and smart growth. It should enhance the connections between the developed areas of the campus and the surrounding natural systems to reinforce UMaine's origins as a land grant institution.

Collegiality and Community

-The Plan should create an environment that facilitates community and an academic setting that fosters robust, innovative and collaborative research, scholarship and creative activity, including strong connections between graduate and undergraduate programs.





Compact Land Use Pattern

-The Plan should maintain a compact land-use pattern in order to: reinforce the pedestrian qualities of the campus; maintain operational and infrastructure efficiencies; preserve natural systems; and, enhance campus vitality by placing a variety of activities in close proximity to one another.

Campus Access

-The Plan should promote the pedestrianization of the central campus, taking into consideration issues of climate, security, comfort and convenience, including interior/exterior pedestrian circulation connectivity. In conjunction, it should encourage alternative modes of transportation in line with sustainability and carbon emissions reduction goals.





Landscape

-The Plan should restore, enhance and extend the quality and character of the historic campus core landscape by means of a well-defined framework of open spaces and linkages as well as sustainable implementation guidelines.

Architectural Design

-The Plan should inform guidelines for historic and future buildings taking into account the materials, building forms, massing and building-to-site ratios of existing buildings while addressing energy efficiency, modern program requirements, and accessibility.





Partnerships and Community Interface

-The Plan should maintain the existing compatible land use relationships with the surrounding business and residential districts of Orono and Old Town in order to enhance partnership opportunities with the local community. New partnerships should be carefully weighed as potential economic and community revitalization generators for both the University and the broader community.

Academic and Research

-The Plan should define the terms by which the University's strategic academic and research vision can be physically accommodated to best effect—through integration of basic and applied research in the campus learning environment and technology transfer initiatives located to benefit the community.





Campus Analysis

- 1. Mission
- 2. Context
- 3. Natural Systems
- 4. Water Resources
- 5. **Development Patterns**
- 6. Building Conditions
- 7. Community
- 8. Cultural Resources
- 9. Access
- 10. Energy and Atmosphere
- 11. Materials and Resources
- 12. Program

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Source: The University of Maine: Historic Preservation Master Plan, March 2007



Natural Systems Analysis

Tier 1: Heritage Period 1865 - 1911

Alumni Hall Carnegie Hall Coburn Hall Crossland Hall Cyrus Pavilion Fernald Hall Holmes Hall Lord Hall The Maples Page Barn Edith Patch House & Barn President's House Winslow Hall



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Historic Buildings - Getty designation





Tier 2: Growth Period 1911 - 1945

Aubert Hall **Balentine Hall** Roger Clapp Greenhouse Colvin Hall **Crosby Hall** Estabrooke Hall **Fogler Library** Hannibal Hamlin Hall Machine Tool Laboratory Merrill Hall Memorial Gymnasium Oak Hall **Rogers Hall** Norman Smith Hall **Stevens Hall** Wingate Hall

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Tier 3: Modern Period 1945 - present

Boardman Hall Chadbourne Hall Corbett Hall Deering Hall Dunn Hall Hart Hall Jordan Observatory Little Hall Memorial Union Steam Plant



Historic Buildings - Getty designation





Tiers



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Natural Systems Principles

- Reduce impervious surfaces in each watershed
- Reclaim wetland areas
- Buffer northern winds: Landscape intervention & East-West building orientation
- Preserve / Restore forest
- Preserve / Restore Olmsted landscape
- Extend South Mall as 21st Century landscape intervention
- Connect site and habitat through landscape corridors: Infrastructure approach to stormwater management











Net Area within campus boundary

830 acres

Demerritt Forest Dominant Species White Pine Spruce 29% Red Maple 18% Balsom Fir 14% Hemlock 12% Birch 10%

Source: College of Forest Resources 1968

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Tree Cover



Tree Cover: 830 acres



Water Resource Principles

- Utilize baseline calculations to develop strategies for stressed watersheds
 - Develop strategies for reducing impervious area in stressed watersheds
 - Develop a comprehensive strategy for stormwater management in the developed core taking into account the requirements of the "Site Law"
 - Consider stormwater strategies in the context of a "working landscape"
- Utilize stormwater strategies as a means of integrating the campus fabric with the natural environment



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1932 Master Plan – Olmsted Brothers



1948 Master Plan – Olmsted Brothers



Access & Circulation Principles

- Improve pedestrian experience
- Remove redundant roads

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- Consider structured parking
- Identify traffic demand management strategies
- Improve alternative transportation
 Campus shuttle
 Bicycle routes and storage









ACCESS Supply: 6,780



% Buying Permits

Resident Student	72%
Commuter Student*	53%
Faculty/Staff	101%

* counting all full and part-time nonresident students

Parking Supply







Comparison

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Parking Supply

	Students	Fac/Staff	Parking	Spaces /Capita
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Spaces/Capita 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.0 McGill Purdue North Carolina, Charlotte Maine Seton Hall George Mason Florida, Gainesville Clemson Alabama Franciscan U. of Steubenville South Carolina Tennessee Missouri State North Carolina, Asheville Southern Indiana Texas A&M Wisconsin, Milwaukee Texas Austin Wisconsin, Madison San Jose St. Colorado, Boulder Texas San Antonio Auburn Delaware Western Florida Southern Adventist Western KY

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Peak Occupancy –

Parking Occupancy



Ave. % Occupied, October AM





South

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Campus Trails



Trail Guide

- Half-mile long, groomed loop behind Memorial Gym Short connector to the Otto Farm 2 A longer interior trail with many links 3 to other trails 4 Link to trails 3 & 6 Link to trails 3 & 7 5 Link to trails 4 & 9, with some steep 6 7 Outer link to the No. 9 Loop and the 8 Connector for trails 9, 7 & 3 Loop 9 uses part of the Pinkham road 9 with links to trails 6, 7 & 8 10 The Cornfield Loop is marked with
- No. 10 along the outer edge; but 10 also links to 7 & 11
- 11 Trail 11 links the Cornfield Loop to the Orono Land Trust. Be careful crossing Park Street (Rt. 2). The Land Trust section has some steep topography as it dips towards the Penobscot River.

Trails





Source: UMaine Recreation Trails www.umaine.edu/campus recreation



Energy & Atmosphere Principles

- Establish & implement climate action plan
- Use more efficient, cleaner fuel
- Designate forest for carbon sequestration
- Reduce transport related emissions
 Traffic demand management
 Alternative transportation
- Demarcate growth boundary
 Promote walkable campus
 Utilize existing infrastructure
- Reduce impervious surfaces
- Reduce plowing and mowing

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co₂ annually sequestered 10.78 tonnes





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sequestration

emissions



Source: University of Maine at Orono Utilities Data

Development Strategy





Development Principles

- Preserve / Restore important historic buildings
- Evaluate and phase out buildings based on:

Contribution to campus character Cost to maintain Utilization of site to highest potential Functionality

- Infill development / redevelopment
- Climate sensitive building design
- Compact / Pedestrian development























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Grove Street Corridor (looking north)





Grove Street Corridor (looking north)

















Diagonal Corridor CORRIDORS / VIEWS Center Androscoggi Cumberland Gannett arro ESRB lachine Tool Crosby Steve Union Library





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Existing East / West Forested Corridor


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Existing East / West Forested Corridor



Existing Campus Plan

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Preliminary Master Plan

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Master Plan Components





Habitat Network :: existing

Demerritt

Forest

Existing Habitat Resources:

- Demerritt Forest
- Forest Preserve
- Stillwater River Frontage
- Wetland areas

deciduous trees
 coniferous trees
 open fields
 interior habitat
 250' from edge

References:

University of Maine. College of Forest Resources (1968) References: "Conserving Wildlife in Maine's Developing Landscape." Maine Audubon Society. (Spring 2008) Habitat Value Map: FOREST 97. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2003)

Habitat Values



Demerritt Forest :

Spruce 29% White Pine 27% Red Maple 18% Balsom Fir 14% Hemlock 10%



Habitat Network :: proposed

Goals:

- Increase connectivity
- Integrate natural environment with campus environment

Strategies:

- Re-connect the Forest
 Preserve with Demerritt
 Forest
- Create corridors that connect the Forest Preserve with the campus
- Increase Forest Cover

Outcomes:

- 830+ Acres of Forest
- Reforestation Corridor
- Wetland Extension
- Riverfront restoration



Water Resources :: existing

- 12% impervious surfaces
- 254 acres of wetlands
- High runoff / slow drainage

Sources: NCRS Interim Soil Survey of Penobscot South County MEDEP Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Master

Soils

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high runoff soil (type D)

impervious forested / pervious



45%

Stormwater Runoff (2 year storm) 5,130,714 CF

Vorth

watershed boundaries

pervious land cover

impervious landcover

wetland area

0% percent impervious

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Annual Rainfall

42 inches / year

34%

Potable Water Use 27,792,500 CF / year

28%



Hydrological Performance – Existing Percent Impervious







Atmosphere & Energy Resources :: existing

Steam plant uses fuel oil



North

Resources: (1) Clean Air Cool Planet Carbon Inventory Spreadsheet. University of Maine at Orono, Draft Campus Carbon Calculator. (2) CityGreen Software, American Forests (3) Energy Watchdog Utilities Records (energywatchdog.com)

CO2 stored in campus forests 868.16 tonnes + 1.78 tonnes CO2 annually sequestered (2)





Existing Buildings

Historic Growth



Existing Buildings Considered for Removal

Space:		
Academic	207,000 s.f.	
Admin.	25,000 s.f.	
Service	7,000 s.f.	
Housing	27,000 s.f.	
Other	14,000 s.f.	
Total	280,000 s.f.	

Existing and Future Buildings



Parking :: existing

Total	6,780
Other	720
Resident	2,250
Commuter	2,111
Faculty/Staff	1,699
Existing Spaces:	



Parking :: proposed

Existing Spaces:

6,780







