

Campus Landscape Master Plan - Core Planning Committee

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Dear Colleagues:

Per the 2019 Resilient Landscape Strategy report, approved by the Chancellors Capital Review Committee in December 2019, the university need to provide a singular document that defines a cohesive vision for the campus landscape aesthetic. This Campus Landscape Master Plan (CLMP) will help guide the university as it seeks to improve the level of aesthetic for our outdoor spaces, seeks to be a leader in sustainability, and seeks to coalesce the look of the campus grounds for marketing and branding identity. This project will be led by Design Workshop, a professional landscape architecture firm, with guidance from a committee of university stakeholders with knowledge and interest in this endeavor. We ask that you serve on this Core Planning Committee on behalf of the university at-large.

This project will involve the following:

- Landscape master planning of all areas of the contiguous Urbana-Champaign campus;
- Master planning will include an analysis and recommendations of gateways and main focal points, site furnishings, site and landscape design;
- Landscape analysis will utilize the campus typologies outlined in the [2017 Campus Master Plan](#), preparing typical landscape designs for at least one area in each typology zone;
- Conceptual design and renderings will be developed to illustrate potential improvements, in-line with the proposed CLMP;
- Green stormwater infrastructure opportunities and potential projects will be addressed throughout the university boundaries, emphasizing rainwater as a resource;

- All proposed landscape typologies will be analyzed and considered for their connection to original and current ecological conditions, as well as historical landscape development and relationship to Native Peoples;
- As a part of the project, a Division of Responsibilities (DOR) map for the exterior of campus will be produced, outlining maintenance ownership of exterior improvements. Stakeholder engagement will be key to its success;
- As a part of the project, the Facilities Standards for landscape improvements will be analyzed and suggestions will be made for rewriting or for additional standards recommended to be included; and
- Levels of Service for the F&S Grounds Department and associated auxiliaries will be analyzed and recommendations for future improvement will be submitted. This will include the use of cutting edge technologies and innovation to support resilient and sustainable maintenance activities.

All university units, including the student body and the auxiliaries, will be invited to contribute to the preparation of the CLMP. The project will be conducted in a similar fashion to the recently completed 2017 Campus Master Plan with internal and external engagement meetings. Out of this project, the university will have a document with which to guide all future outdoor development—sustainably and cohesively.

The project will hold several series of stakeholders meetings in which to gain input from the community, both within the university system and in the surrounding communities of Champaign, Urbana and Savoy. The master plan will have two submittals at draft and pre-final for review and comment, which will also include public presentations.

The completion of this plan is the responsibility of the contracted landscape architecture firm, Design Workshop, under the direction and guidance of the Core Planning Committee. The Committee is expected to meet five or six times over the next year for one or two hours. Committee members will also be welcome to join the stakeholder meetings, but are not required to attend those. The Core Planning Committee is also expected to review and comment on the provided materials, such as draft reports.

This project will be managed by Stacey DeLorenzo at F&S, who can be reached at sdeloren@illinois.edu. Thank you for willingness to serve on this important campus planning committee.

Sincerely,



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