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SUMMARY

The 2013 Campus Master Plan Update presents a comprehensive overview and integration of physical planning initiatives for facilities, open space and circulation. It emerges from a range of a series of campus work sessions, focused conversations, and review meetings that have occurred over the Fall Semester. The goal of these campus meetings has been to understand, synthesize and position the changes to campus that have occurred since the completion of the 2010 campus master plan. Whitworth University now plans for a stable student population with modest growth over the next several years. The campus will need continued facility investments – as well as other improvements - to meet its commitment to high quality, nurturing academic and student life experiences that successfully accommodate past enrollment growth while recruiting and retaining the future students it seeks.

The Campus Master Plan Update meetings provided a forum for faculty and staff to share their future vision and current needs as well as communicate the successes and opportunities for growth at Whitworth University. Benchmarks were established for campus development goals. Three key deliverables were determined to highlight changes to the campus since 2010 and new targets for projected facility and campus improvements:

- 2013 Facility Use Plan
- 2021 Campus Development Plan
- 2021 Circulation and Parking Plan

2013 FACILITY USE PLAN

Since the completion of the 2010 Campus Master Plan there have been several substantial changes to campus, both in campus facilities and general infrastructure. The completion of Robinson Science Hall, Hixson Union Building Addition and the University Recreation Center have added key, forward-looking, instructional and student life spaces to campus. Whitworth has continued to adapt to programmatic changes by remodeling existing spaces throughout campus. Since 2010, Johnston Science Center has been updated to accommodate space for departments housing math, computer sciences and health sciences. Two new study rooms were added to the Cowles Library, while and five sociology offices and a computer lab were constructed in Lindaman Hall. In addition, several improvements have been made to outdoor recreation and athletic amenities, pedestrian circulation and parking facilities throughout campus. Improved athletic facilities and way finding at Merkel Field and hammer throw located adjacent to Graves Gym speak to the increasing growth and popularity of collegiate athletics. The installation of two rectangular rapid flashing beacons, one on Hawthorne Road and the other on Whitworth Drive, ensures safe pedestrian crossings for students. The University has also acquired properties south of Hawthorne Road and has created additional student housing capacity by converting single family homes into Whitworth theme houses. Two theme houses went through the change-of-use process to create space for the Alumni and Parent Relations Office and the Annual Giving Office in the Hardwick House, and has created a new home for the Marriage and Family Therapy Wellness Center in the former Graham House. The successful transfer of utility easements and property on the north side of campus has provided opportunities for new campus access and utility upgrades. Additional property acquisition on the west side of campus, off Waikiki Road, is required to provide safe access and efficient development for recreation, sports, and special event facilities.

2021 CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The 2021 Campus Development Plan depicts the future facility use and configuration of the Whitworth University campus. Five major campus development projects are necessary to accommodate past enrollment growth; address needs for quality academic and student life space that supports Whitworth programs; and allow for modest faculty, staff and student population growth. These include:

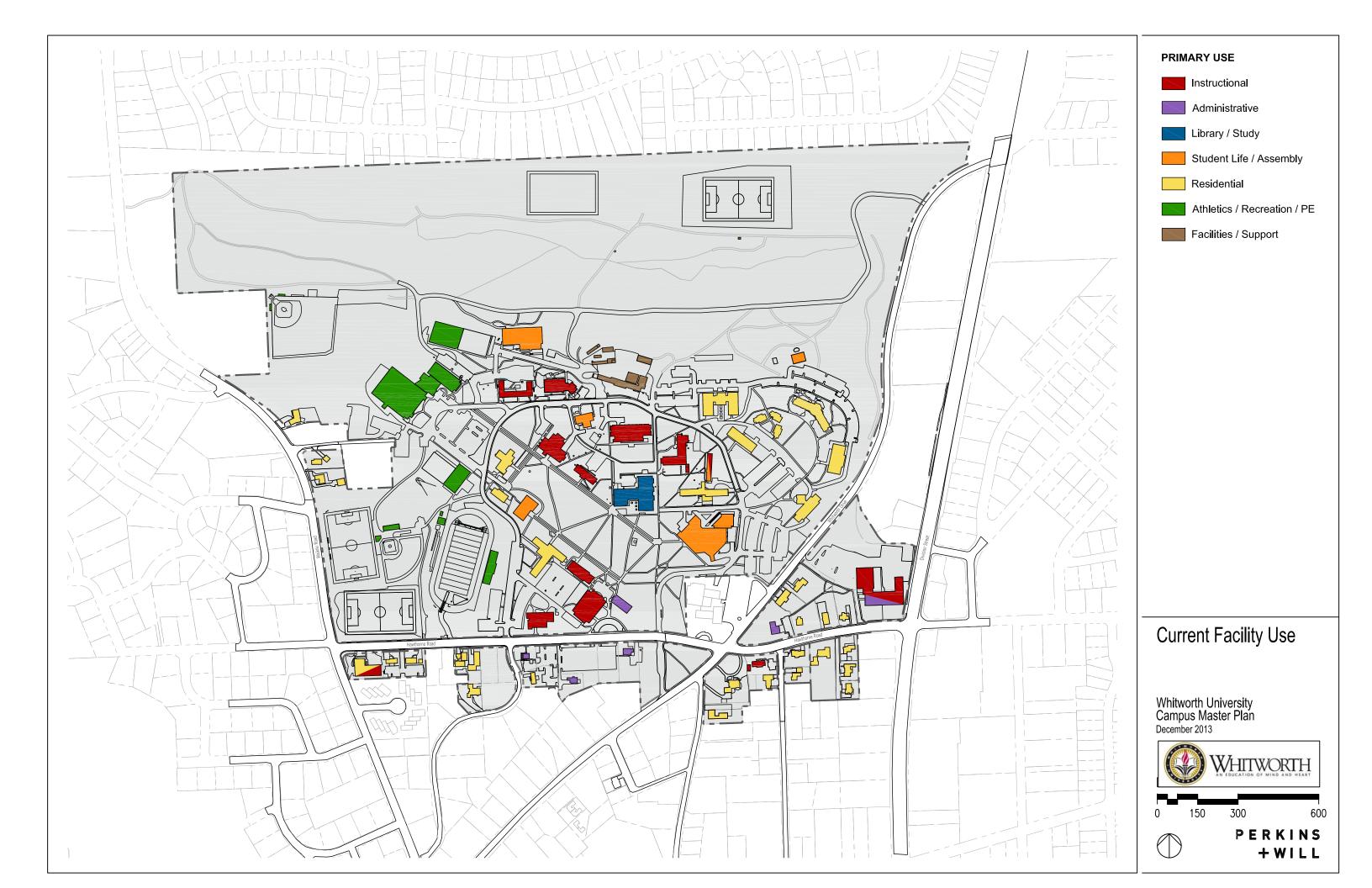
- Music Building Addition and Renovation
- New Residence Hall
- New Event Center
- Eric Johnston Science Center Addition and Renovation
- New Theater Arts Building (scope and location not yet determined).

Campus work sessions with the five architectural teams commissioned to program and provide visioning for these facilities revealed new opportunities to harmonize and optimize their campus impacts. Synergies between the projects were identified to determine increased advantages of their coordinated development. Five key locations on campus were identified as critical improvement areas that could accommodate the five major development projects and provide added campus open space and circulation benefits.

In addition to these five planned projects, the 2021 Campus Development Plan allows for future flexibility. It identifies key potential development sites to consider in the coming years if future facilities for new programs or enrollment growth are required. These key potential sites distributed throughout campus have adjacencies to existing facilities that allow for several different uses – ranging from student housing to classrooms and offices. Their development over time can provide swing space for much needed improvements and repurposing of older existing buildings such as McEachran and Warren Halls.

2021 CAMPUS CIRCULATION AND PARKING PLAN

The five major campus development projects will either require or position campus circulation and servicing improvements. Changes to road and sidewalk alignments, parking distribution, and new driveways, drop-offs, paths and plazas will facilitate safe, efficient vehicular transportation, encourage pedestrian-scaled movement, and provide appropriate perimeter parking for visitors, the student population and additional campus facilities. The 2021 Campus Circulation and Parking Plan illustrates the changes necessary to facilitate wayfinding and a walkable campus. The iconic double-walkway along the Loop should continue to be the focus of pedestrian circulation from other key pedestrian corridors originate. Major changes to vehicular circulation include rerouting the campus loop road to allow for the construction of the Event Center. Additional drop-off areas, access roads and parking have been incorporated between the Fieldhouse and McMillan and Ballard Halls to allow for access to new facilities. Improvements to the access routes between the University Recreation Center, Facilities Management, and Baldwin-Jenkins Hall promote connectivity to recently created service access roads and facilities on the north edge of campus. Parking facilities located north of East Hall will be expanded to accommodate the additional residence hall that will replace The Village and the students who will reside there.







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