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Campus Master Plans for Macomb and the Quad Cities guide the future physical development of Western Illinois University campuses. These *Plans* support facilities goals and priorities identified in the University's *Higher Values in Higher Education* strategic plan. This report, the eleventh in an annual series, identifies master plan accomplishments and actions in progress.

Western Illinois University-Macomb

The *Campus Master Plan 2012-2032: Enhancing the Student Experience* represents a 20-year vision for facilities, grounds, and infrastructure. This *Plan* updates the *2007 Macomb Campus Master Plan*. It emphasizes realistic, yet visionary solutions to reach the University's priorities and goals by building upon five guiding principles.

Guiding Principles and Accomplishments

Enlivening The Academic Environment establishes new learning facilities, re-configures existing buildings, and enhances technology to support the University's values of academic excellence and educational opportunity. This year's accomplishments include:

1. Opening the Green House. This new facility supports the School of Agriculture's plant-science research by providing an environment for experimental trials before moving research to field trials.
2. Allocating approximately \$700,000 to upgrade complete entire wireless connectivity in Horrabin, Waggoner, Morgan and Stipes Halls.
3. Enhancing instructional technology by:
 - a. Purchasing 27 new computers to upgrade and standardize classroom instructor stations in University Technology-supported classrooms.
 - b. Completing 29 e-classroom updates in 10 academic buildings, with technology upgrades and additions in:
 - i. Browne Hall, Room 205.
 - ii. Horrabin Hall, Rooms 7, 10, 42, 78, 82, and 104.
 - iii. Knoblauch Hall, Rooms 226, 230, 306, 307, 308, and 336.
 - iv. Memorial Hall, Room 023.
 - v. Morgan Hall, Rooms 102 and 208.
 - vi. Sallee Hall, Rooms 101, 226, and 332.
 - vii. Simpkins Hall, Room 315.
 - viii. Stipes Hall, Rooms 207, 210, 218, and 313.
 - ix. Tillman Hall, Room 311.
 - x. Waggoner Hall, Rooms 3, 54, 138, and 246.

- c. Replacing the core of the Macomb campus and the ResNet networks. The router and “backbone” of these networks are now capable of handling up to 10 Gigabits per second (Gbps). This represents a ten-fold increase over former network capability.
4. Updating 21 classrooms in nine academic buildings by painting:
 - a. Stipes Hall, Rooms 207, 218, 313, and 324.
 - b. Horrabin Hall, Rooms 10, 78, and 104.
 - c. Sallee Hall, Rooms 226 and 310.
 - d. Currens Hall, Room 105.
 - e. Morgan Hall, Room 102.
 - f. Simpkins Hall, Room 212.
 - g. Waggoner Hall, Rooms 3, 138, and 246.
 - h. Tillman Hall, Room 311.
 - i. Knoblauch Hall, Rooms 226, 306, 307, 308, and 336.
 5. Opening initial bids for the Center for Performing Arts (CPA). However, bids came in high, and CPA rebidding is on hold until the State of Illinois releases the current freeze on capital expenditures.

Enhancing The Student Experience supports renovation to dining, housing, athletic, and recreational facilities to support personal growth and social responsibility. This year’s accomplishments include:

1. Opening the Knoblauch Café and Colonel Rock Bistro.
2. Updating Tanner Hall Lobby with new floor covering and paint.
3. Waterproofing the Henninger Hall deck, and installing a concrete topping to prevent basement water infiltration.
4. Finishing installation of wireless networks in all university residence hall rooms.
5. Increasing bandwidth to 1Gbps on the Macomb Campus and to 2Gbps for the residential network.
6. Receiving Student Government Association approval for replacing seating in Western Hall.

Strengthening Campus Identity focuses on enhancements to iconic facilities, pronounced entry to Western Illinois University, and proud display of purple and gold. This year’s accomplishments include:

1. Completing Sherman Hall Cupola repair. These repairs included replacing columns, roofing materials, and adding a coating to renew the gold luster of the peak.
2. Partnering with the City of Macomb to update the Adams Street experience by adding a Western Entry Column, turn lane, signage, streetscapes, and sidewalks.
3. Purchasing and demolishing of four properties along Adams Street to protect the integrity of the main entrance into Western Illinois University.

4. Removing the University Cinema Building. Its removal coupled with earlier demolition of the former Godfather's Pizza location provides a cleaner, more pronounced entry to Western Illinois University from U.S. 67.
5. Unveiling 23 new Rocky on Parade statues during Celebrating Town & Gown, which kicks off Homecoming. The new Rockies were featured in the Homecoming Parade, and are located throughout the campus and community. The first 14 Rocky on Parade sculptures were unveiled at the 2013 Town & Gown event.
6. Hosting the Jim & Betty Garner Alumni Legacy Patio Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting as part of Homecoming. This new Patio represents Phase II of the Alumni Legacy Project that has improved the front of the Alumni House and grounds, created better accessibility, and provided more space for activities. Phase I was completed in 2012.
7. Installing Bronze markers, with history and photographs at Lake Ruth, Wetzell Park, and Sherman Hall.
8. Displaying new Western Illinois University banners on light poles along University Drive and Western Avenue.

Engaging the Strategic Plan supports priorities related to campus safety, health and wellness, accessibility, efficiency, sustainability, and community economic development. This year's accomplishments include:

1. Receiving statewide recognition for campus security planning. The Illinois Law Enforcement Agencies Agency Preparedness Program recognized the Office of Public Safety in designing and implementing best practices established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Illinois Emergency Management Agency.
2. Becoming a Smoke Free Campus on July 1, 2015.
3. Completing Beu Health Center Phase II renovations that included painting on the second floor, remodeling of office suites, and renovation in the Laboratory that includes universal design and improved efficiency in workflow and patient traffic.
4. Ensuring ADA travel access across campus.
5. Exercising local, state, and national leadership in sustainability. Western Illinois University:
 - a. Installed McDonough County's first electric vehicle charging station. The AC level 2 commercial-30 amp station is installed Q-Lot just east of the Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center and near the north entrance to Hanson Field. The charging station is compatible with most plug-in hybrid electric and all-electric vehicles, and provides a four-six hour charging range.
 - b. Participated in RecycleMania for the 9th consecutive year. The goal of the program is to raise collegiate awareness of awareness of the importance of recycling. Students, faculty, and staff recycled 94,320 pounds of recyclables and 6,585 pounds of food scrap waste during the 10-week competition in 2014, raising the University's total to one million pounds of recycling during WIU's years of competition.

- c. Received one of 19 Governor's Sustainability Awards, the nation's longest-running state award for excellence in environmental performance. The University was recognized for diverting 94 percent of the debris from the demolition of Wetzel Hall from the landfill, installing solar-powered charging station umbrellas and a bicycle repair station, just to the north of Grote Hall, and receiving \$917,000 in multiple Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grants to install energy efficient lighting.
- d. Maintained its Tree Campus USA designation by the Arbor Day Foundation for the third consecutive year. The University supports its tree advisory committee, follows a campus tree care plan, dedicates annual expenditures toward trees, hosts an Arbor Day observance, and sponsors student service-learning projects.
- e. Planted 17 new trees and removed 15 this year. An additional 64 trees were proactively treated for potential Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) exposure. Similar measures by Facilities Management saved 57 trees last year.

In addition to these university activities, construction continued on the \$35 million state investment for the Macomb Bypass. The Bypass will take motorists around the west side of Macomb in a new six-mile, two-lane highway that links U.S. Route 67 and Illinois Route 336/110.

Developing Visionary, Yet Implementable Strategies emphasizes large-scale projects discussed in this *Update*, as well as smaller scale projects that enhance interactions between students, faculty, staff, and guests of the University. For example:

- 1. Fall 2015 We Care allowed students, faculty, and staff to engage in planting, mulching and campus cleanup in advance of Homecoming.
- 2. Facilities Management installed new brick paver bicycle parking areas with bike loops at Morgan and Grote Halls, and painted bike lanes painted on campus to improve pedestrian/bike safety. As a result of these efforts, Rocky Bikes Bike Share membership doubled, and now has 200 members.
- 3. The College of Education and Human Services' redesigned the Interactive Multimedia (IMM) Lab to provide modern, flexible learning space. The Lab includes a private meeting room, recording space, and a LCD teleprompter that doubles as a presentation screen.
- 4. The University community came together in an annual tradition to remember employees who passed away between March 2014 and March 2015 with a ceremony at the Memorial Tree Grove, located on the southeast section of campus by University Village, near the Pierce Street entrance.

Master Plan Actions in Process

A sampling of *Master Plan* actions currently in progress and that will continue in to the next fiscal year includes the items listed below. These actions are complementary to additional Facilities Management priorities and goals discussed in *Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Report Number 15.12/8 Macomb Campus Facility Assessment Report*.

- 1. Initiating Center for Performing Arts rebidding and construction as a silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design facility.

2. Demolishing Higgins Hall, East Village and Lamoine Village.
3. Replacing lower level and upper North seating in Western Hall.
4. Advocating for new state capital funding. The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees *Fiscal Year 2017 Appropriated Capital Recommendations to the Illinois Board of Higher Education* include requested funding for a New Science Building, Visual Arts Center, Stipes Hall Renovation, and a new education building.

The University is also requesting \$13.2 million from the State in capital renewal funding to address critical maintenance needs. Since Fiscal Year 2004 Western Illinois University has only received \$3.6 million to address campus-wide elevator maintenance, utility infrastructure repairs, and numerous other needs on campus.

Summary

The current *Master Plan* has been in effect for four years. It continues to enhance the campus learning environment through the projects discussed above. From a construction perspective, there have been many achievements (listed below).

Table 1 Completed Construction Projects and Selected Renovation Projects	
<u>2015</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchasing and removing four houses to protect the integrity of the formal entry to Western Illinois University. • Removing the University Cinema Building. • Updating 21 classrooms and 29 electronic classrooms. • Completing Phase II of the Alumni Legacy Project. • Tanner Hall Lobby.
<u>2014</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructing Memorial Hall replacement parking. • Opening the Agriculture Greenhouse and New Residence at Horn Field Campus. • Updating 15 classrooms and 17 electronic classrooms. • Renovating the University Union and Thompson Hall Lobby.
<u>2013</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing the Grand Entry to Western Illinois University. • Updating 22 classrooms and five electronic classrooms. • Installing a video board at Hanson Field. • Finishing Steam line upgrades and Thompson Hall renovations.
<u>2012</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing Phase I of the Alumni Legacy Project. • Renovating Corbin, Olson, Lincoln, and Washington Halls. • Decommissioning properties at 300 W. University Drive. • Opening the Three Dimensional Art Center in the Heating Plant Annex. • Imploding Wetzel Hall and creating Wetzel Park.

Western Illinois University-Quad Cities

The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approved a *Campus Master Plan* for the Quad Cities Campus in 2006. The *Plan* focused on developing Riverfront Campus, recognizing that the University had outgrown its 60th Street facility.

60th Street Decommissioning

1. A team from Facilities Management, Office of the Vice President for Administrative Services, Office of the Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning, Provost's Office, Property Control, and Quad Cities Facilities redistributed furniture, fixtures, equipment and technology from 60th Street to the Macomb Campus and Central Management Services.
2. The Vice President for Administrative Services led a state-mandated selection process for a 60th Street realtor. The facility is currently on the market.

Riverfront Campus Phase I and II

Campus enhancements to existing facilities focused on:

1. Identity
 - A. *Higher Values in Higher Education* window perforations were added to the sky bridge, library, Riverfront Hall Room 111, and the School of Engineering.
 - B. A new Values in Practice display celebrating Western's core values and faculty and staff achievements is located by the Office of the Vice President.
 - C. State flags of states where Western Illinois University-Quad Cities has had student(s) enrolled from now adorn the Quad Cities Complex Atrium. These flags mirror the international flag display in the Goldfarb Atrium in Riverfront Hall and reflect the University's commitment to diversity.
2. Safety and Security
 - A. New "Thumb Locks" were added to all classroom and conference room doors. These new interior locks permit quick locking should an emergency arise.
 - B. New Automated External Defibrillator machines and supporting signage were added to all Riverfront Campus buildings.
 - C. Permanent storm shelter signs were installed across campus.
3. Support of the Academic Mission
 - A. Western Illinois University-Quad Cities received \$161,000 from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Foundation to support a new CAD Classroom and Innovation Laboratory for the School of Engineering.
 - B. The Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning submitted the University's biennial application to the State of Iowa seeking renewal for the Museum Studies Program to be housed at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport. This internationally renowned museum offers world-class collections and museum facilitates that cannot be cost effectively replicated on a college campus.

4. Health and Wellness:
 - A. Western Illinois University went smoke free on July 1, 2015. Smoking is prohibited on all university property, both indoors and outdoors, in university-owned vehicles, and in privately owned vehicles parked on university property.

5. Campus Aesthetics and Sustainability:
 - A. Western Illinois University-Quad Cities received \$25,000 from the Harris Family Foundation to display art at the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities campus.

 - B. Facilities purchased new battery recycling bins for all campus buildings.

 - C. Students, faculty, and staff engaged in Fall We Care planting, mulching, and campus cleanup activities. Members of the Renew Moline Board of Directors and United Way Day of Caring engaged in similar activities.

One Fiscal Year 2016 *Master Plan* priority is currently on hold. Phase II Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification is currently on hold until the state removes the freeze on capital funding. When state capital funding is unfrozen, the University's external commissioning agent will complete and submit the University's application to the United States Green Building Council for LEED Certification. A decision on Silver or Gold Certification will follow shortly afterwards.

Riverfront Campus Phase III

Prior the freeze on state capital funding, Western Illinois University was appropriated \$5.0 million for phase III progression, and the Assistant Vice President for Quad Cities and Assistant Director of Physical Plant led a programming study for Phase III. The process began with completing a state-mandated Quality Based Selection process to select an architectural and engineering firm to work with the campus on Phase III programming. The selected firm was Holabird and Root.

The process continued with an inclusive planning process resulting in the formation of an Innovation Center to support science, mathematics, engineering, technology, and interdisciplinary inquiry. This 85,000 square foot academic building was based on high priority academic needs and non-replication of what is offered in Phases I and II. However, all Phase III actions are currently on hold until the state unfreezes capital funding.

Other Related Riverfront Projects

Consistent with the value of social responsibility, the development of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus supports community economic development.

1. The Mills, privately owned student apartments located immediately to the West of Riverfront Campus, plans two open two restaurants in their facility by the end of calendar year 2015.

2. The Mills is also currently in design for the construction of 60 new apartments with a parking structure. The first phase of the Mills opened in August 2014 with 292 beds.

3. Milltown Coffee Shop opened in 2015, and is a quarter mile east of Riverfront Campus.

4. The Illinois Department of Transportation continues with track improvements for the restoration of train service between Moline and Chicago, with two round trips scheduled daily when service begins.

Summary and Next Steps

The *2006 Campus Master Plan* successfully guides Western Illinois University in the physical development of the Quad Cities Campus, as evidenced by the following accomplishments.

Table 2 Master Plan Accomplishments	
<u>2015</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing AEDs in all campus buildings and thumb locks in all campus classrooms and conference rooms. • Creating a United States Flag Display in the Quad Cities Complex Atrium to mirror the International Flag Display in Riverfront Hall’s Goldfarb Atrium. • Redistributing furniture, fixtures, and equipment from 60th Street to Macomb and Central Management Services. • Placing 60th Street on the market. • Applying for renewal to keep Museum Studies located at the Figge Art Museum.
<u>2014</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Phase II of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. • Completing the Phase III Programming Study. • Receiving design funding for Phase III. • Additionally, Phase I of The Mills (privately owned student apartments) opened.
<u>2013</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning Riverfront Campus Phase II construction. • Initiating Riverfront Campus Phase III programming study. • Receiving State of Iowa approval for Museum Studies to remain located at the Figge Art Museum.
<u>2012</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Phase I of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. • Relocating the School of Engineering from the Caxton Building to Riverfront Phase I.
<u>2010</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiating renovation on Riverfront Campus Phase I.
<u>2009</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving state funding for renovating the former John Deere and Company Technical Center to create Riverfront Campus Phase I, and the design and construction funding for Phase II of Riverfront Campus. • Leasing the Caxton Building to house the School of Engineering.
<u>2008</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving State of Iowa and Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools approval to house Museum Studies at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport, Iowa.

Documentation of Macomb and Quad Cities Master Plan successes will continue with the Fiscal Year 2017 Master Plan Update that will be presented to the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in December 2016.