

Macomb Campus Master Plan Accomplishments

The *Campus Master Plan 2012-2032: Enhancing the Student Experience* represents a 20-year vision for facilities, grounds, and infrastructure; updates the *2007 Macomb Campus Master Plan*; and emphasizes five guiding principles for campus construction and renovation.

Enlivening the Academic Environment establishes new learning facilities, reconfigures existing buildings, and enhances technology to support the University's values of academic excellence and educational opportunity. Accomplishments in these areas include:

The Board of Trustees submitting Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget Recommendations to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) including priorities for Science Building Phase II renovation, Tillman Hall renovation, Stipes Hall renovation, and a new Education Building.

Members of the academic community and Facilities Management reconfiguring existing buildings to serve the academic mission of the University.

- Kinesiology and Military Science opened the Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation Clinic that serves military science cadets and offers hands-on training opportunities to athletic training students in the Brophy Hall Athletic Training Laboratory.
- Music installed a Wenger Practice Room (WPR) in Sallee Hall. This modular soundproof room permits acoustical adjustments to hear how performances will sound in different venues. The School of Music has eight WPMs, with a goal of 19 to meet National Association of Schools of Music accreditation standards.
- Earth, Atmospheric and Geographic Information Sciences purchased a Doppler Radar from the Furuno company for use academically and by the McDonough County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency office.
- Agriculture Professor Win Phippen received a \$10 million federal grant to further refine Pennycress as a new winter-annual cash cover crop for use in the biofuel industry. Researchers from Illinois State University, Ohio State University, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and the University of Minnesota will join Phippen's team.

Technology enhancements include the Board of Trustees approval of a 10-year, \$2.8 million contract with Unifyed of Chicago for an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system to modernize and increase efficiencies of the University's technology systems. WIU's technological infrastructure supports a high-quality distance education program. US News and World Report's 2019 rankings placed WIU in the top 22% of 348 colleges and universities nationwide in providing distance education.

Enhancing the Student Experience supports renovation to athletic, dining, housing, and recreational facilities to support personal growth and social responsibility. It also includes reallocating space to better serve students.

- University Housing and Dining Services enhancements include adding new Living Learning Communities in Business and Agriculture Studies, offering freshman living options in Lincoln-Washington Halls to respond to student requests for updated accommodations and proximal dining options, investigating locations for an Esports Arena and Tech Center, and planning for the replacement of the Thompson Hall Chiller (Air Conditioning) this spring/summer

- Athletic facilities enhancements include a new baseball halo, softball shed, scoreboard in Western Hall, as well as track resurfacing/restriping and branding in the coaches hallway.
- Space reallocations include placing the new Student Development and Success Center in Memorial Hall near the University Advising and Academic Support Center, and moving the LGBT*QA Resource Center from the University Union to increase visibility and space for the Center and its Unity student organization.

Strengthening Campus Identity focuses on enhancements to iconic facilities, pronounced entry to Western Illinois University, and proud display of the University's identity. This also relates to the end-user's experiences in university facilities.

- University Marketing is leading a Brand Refresh that includes the installation of new WIU banners on campus.
- WIU received \$9.4M in FY19 funding for permanent improvements related to roof repairs/replacements (\$2.7M), chiller replacements (\$4.3M), and building system water replacement (\$2.5M).
- An additional \$28.9M in capital renewal funding for WIU was appropriated for FY20. However, funds have not been released.
- The Board of Trustees Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Recommendations to the IBHE include \$24.3M in capital renewal funds for classroom modernizations; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning improvements; plumbing and electrical enhancements; and sidewalk, drive, and exterior stair renovations.

Engaging the Strategic Plan supports priorities related to campus safety, health and wellness, accessibility, sustainability, community engagement, and economic development. This year's accomplishments focused on sustainability, university traditions, and community and economic development.

- WIU received [Tree Campus USA designation](#) by the Arbor Day Foundation for the seventh consecutive year in January 2019. The national Tree Campus USA program was created in 2008 to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and engaging students, faculty, and staff in conservation goals.
- WIU participated in the national collegiate RecycleMania competition for the 13th consecutive year. Participating institutions recycled 69.9 million pounds of recycling and food waste in 2018.
- WIU honored former employees and those who have served our country at the Memorial Tree Planting and Veterans Memorial Tree Grove Planting.
- WIU is seeking IIN funding to support advanced and additive manufacturing in the School of Engineering and the training/application of data analytics, visualization, and artificial intelligence in rural communities through the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs.

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. This year's accomplishments include hosting high profile events that attract members and guests of the University. Examples include hosting special exhibitions by high school artists in the University Art Gallery, the Phantom Regiment, WIU Marching Band Classic, outreach activities at Horn Field Campus, Fourth of July Celebration, and the Summit League Track and Field Championship.

Quad Cities Campus

The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approved a *Campus Master Plan* for the Quad Cities in 2006. The *Plan* focused on a three-phase development for the new campus, recognizing that the University had outgrown its 60th Street facility. *Master Plan* accomplishments for 2019 relate to:

- Enhancing the campus experience by replacing all campus banners, and restriping/repairing all parking lots.
- Responding to student requests for repurposing Room 2102 to serve as an Esports Arena.
- Engaging in permanent improvements by sealing the Riverfront Hall foundation to prevent water penetration, engaging in Building B tuckpointing, and replacing a multi-stack unit that supports geothermal heating and cooling.
- Supporting sustainability by piloting migratory bird protection window coverings, engaging in We Care activities, and preparing the Victory Garden that will provide fresh produce to the campus food pantry.
- Continuing the fundraising campaign to increase WQPT's signal radius and reliability. As of December 3, 2019, \$1.4 million in pledges and \$618,000 in cash has been raised towards the \$2.1 million goal.

The University also continues experience growth in areas near the Quad Cities Campus. This includes opening of a second restaurant at The Millis and IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union's Corporate Headquarters next to The Mills.

Future Master Plan Actions

WIU is well positioned for future master plan actions when state capital funding is unfrozen and funds are released. The Center for the Performing Arts remains on the State's Capital Reappropriations List, and capital funds have been appropriated (but not released) for Phase I of the Science Building. This new building, which is proposed to be built on the campus' north side, will consolidate some of the science programs housed in Currens, Waggoner and Tillman Halls. The tentative plan includes a combination of a new building and renovation of Currens Hall.

WIU also had funds allocated to seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for the Quad Cities Complex. The Complex was designed as a LEED Gold Facility. Prior the freeze on state capital funding, a programming study for WIU-QC Phase III and selection of an architectural and engineering firm (Holabird and Root) was completed. Governor Quinn had allocated \$5.0 million to the ongoing growth and expansion of the Quad Cities campus.

Cumulative Master Plan Accomplishments

Displayed below are cumulative master plan listings for both campuses. Such information is necessary for the Higher Learning Commission's next onsite and four-year reviews scheduled for Academic Years 2020-2021 and 2024-2025, respectively. Documentation of *Macomb and Quad Cities Master Plan* successes will continue with the Fiscal Year 2021 Master Plan Update that will be presented to the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in December 2020.

Table 1
Completed Macomb Master Plan Projects

2019

- Opening the Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation Clinic
- Adding an 8th Wenger Practice Room for the School of Music
- Receiving a \$10 million grant in Pennycress application

2018

- Opening Arthur D. and Roslyn Chown Golf Learning Center
- Dedicating the McCamey Crime Lab
- Unveiling the School of Music's new Steinway & Sons Model D Grand Piano
- Remodeling Athletic Training Rooms in Western Hall and Brophy Hall
- Establishing the Food Pantry

2017

- Opening the third phase of the Greenhouse
- Demolishing East Village
- Imploding Higgins Hall
- Remodeling office space in Western Hall, installing lockers for Volleyball, and refinishing Western Hall and Brophy Hall Athletic floors.
- Unveiling the Rock Hanson Statue at Hanson Field
- Adding 26 additional Rocky on Parade statues

2016

- Opening the second phase of the Greenhouse
- Updating one electronic classroom
- Leasing land for a new cellular tower
- Installing new seating in Western Hall
- Completing construction on a new Track & Field/Cross Country Team room in Western Hall
- Preparing for decommissioning of Higgins Hall and East Village
- Adding six additional Rocky on Parade statues

2015

- 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
- Remodeling Tanner Hall Lobby

2014

- Constructing Memorial Hall replacement parking
- Opening the Agriculture Greenhouse and New Residence at Horn Field Campus

2014 (continued)

- Updating 15 classrooms and 17 electronic classrooms
- Renovating the University Union and Thompson Hall Lobby

2013

- 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

2012

- 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

Table 2
Quad Cities Master Plan Accomplishments

2019

- Creating an Esports Arena
- Preparing the Victory Garden to support the Food Pantry

2018

- Receiving \$494,917 from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust to support laboratories and instructional technologies in the areas of robotics and three-dimensional printing.
- Unveiling of the second Rocky on Parade statue on campus.
- Opening a Procurement and Technical Assistance Center for government contracting.

2017

- Selling the 60th Street facility
- Transforming campus retention pond areas into natural wetlands and habitats
- Reallocating space to open a Small Business Development/International Trade Center

2016

- Installing a Rocky on Parade Statue
- Expanding the CAD classroom and creating an Innovation Laboratory as a result of a \$161,000 donation from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Foundation
- Providing facilities to support the University's first Ph.D. program (Environmental Science)
- Receiving State of Iowa approval for Museum Studies to remain located at the Figge Art Museum

2015

- 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

2015 (continued)

- 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

2014

- Opening Phase II of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus
- Completing the Phase III Programming Study
- Receiving design funding for Phase III

2013

- 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

2012

- 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

2010

- Initiating renovation on Riverfront Campus Phase I

2009

- 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

2008

- 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