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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* also support priorities and goals of the University's *Higher Values in Higher Education* Strategic Plan. This report, the ninth in an annual series, identifies master plan accomplishments and actions in progress.

Macomb Campus Master Plan

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 (discussed below). Items placed in bold text represent actions specifically called for in the *Campus Master Plan*. Additional items discussed in this *Report* also advance the five guiding principles of the *Campus Master Plan*.

Guiding Principles and Accomplishments

Enlivening The Academic Environment establishes new learning facilities and re-configures existing buildings to meet students, faculty, and staff needs. These facilities and supporting technologies reinforce the University's values of academic excellence and educational opportunity.

Design planning for the **Center for Performing Arts** (CPA) is complete. Construction will begin when state funding is released. CPA funding was part of the 2009 *Illinois Jobs Now* capital construction bill. The facility will be enhanced by a $1.5 million gift. The more than 5,000-square-foot iconic lobby of the Center will be named in honor of Dr. Ken and Lorraine Epperson in recognition of their gift. The lobby will feature exhibitions running east and west through the building, allowing individuals to enjoy art when in the facility.

A design study for a surface parking lot on the current band practice field is complete. This will provide a permanent parking replacement when Memorial Hall lot is taken off-line for CPA construction and use. The *Campus Master Plan* also places priority on building a **parking structure between Malpass Library and Knoblauch Hall** to support needs on the Southwest portion of campus, including the CPA.

The second floor of the University Art Gallery was recently renovated. The University's art collection consists of more than 1,200 objects. Because the gallery has limited exhibition space, most of the collection is in storage. Recent second floor renovation added additional display space as a short-term solution. A study in progress evaluates future gallery options.

Western Illinois University's *Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Recommendations to the Illinois Board of Higher Education* (displayed in *Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Resolution No. 13.10/5*) shows that the University is aggressively pursing its highest master plan priorities. These priorities, with costs and justifications are displayed below.

- Priority 1: **New Science Building Phase I** ($60.0 million). Construction of a new science building will consolidate and replace outdated facilities in Currens, Waggoner, and Tillman Halls. All three facilities were constructed before modern laboratory standards were developed for acceptable indoor air quality and energy efficiency. Antiquated fume-hood systems and poor quality heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems result in inadequate comfort and humidity control.
- Priority 2: **New Science Building Phase II** ($51.1 million). Phase II will continue with the improvements to the science programs at Western Illinois University by renovating Currens Hall.
- Priority 3: **New Visual Arts Center** ($64.6 million). Art currently uses facilities in Garwood Hall, Sallee Hall, and the Heating Plant Annex. A new Visual Arts Center will address space inefficiencies and inadequacies. These spaces do not meet industry and environmental protection guidelines and are not appropriate for teaching and learning.
- Priority 4: **Stipes Hall Renovation** ($46.7 million) is more cost effective then building a new academic building. Stipes Hall was constructed in 1968 and has had no major renovations or updates, resulting in a high deferred maintenance backlog.
- Priority 5: **New Education Building** ($69.6 million). Horrabin Hall was originally constructed in 1965 as a K-12 laboratory school. The facility does not match the academic needs of the College of Education and Human Services.

As the University plans new facilities, Facilities Management Director Coker and Associate Provost Neumann are leading a space study to ensure optimal utilization and efficiency in future construction and renovation.

Campus efficiencies will also be enhanced with the receipt of state capital renewal funding. Western Illinois University is seeking $10.8 million in capital renewal funds for modernizing classrooms; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; energy management controls; and electrical and plumbing distribution systems. Funds would also be applied to renovating campus sidewalks, drives, and exterior stairways.

Enhancing The Student Experience emphasizes recreational activities and housing strategies to promote personal growth and social responsibility.

<u>Recreational Activities</u>
The University Union supports programs and services offered by the Bureau of Cultural Affairs, new Student Orientation and Registration, International Bazaar, Founders Day, career fairs, speakers, concerts, and student meetings. Over 43,805 students attended 1,376 student events in the Union between July 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013, for an average of six student events per day.

In total, the Union provided space and service for over 4,686 events during Fiscal Year 2013, for an average of 19 events per day. Over 19 percent of these events involved catered food service. Over 140,000 people attended events scheduled by student organizations (1,376 events),

administrative units and academic departments (2,926 events), off-campus organizations (137 events), and conferences (247 events).

University Union Phase I renovation began in academic year 2012-2013 with a building assessment and programming study completed by FGM Architects. Based on the results of these studies, priorities for Phase I renovation are renovating the most heavily used areas of the Union, including the food court, Murray Street Café, LaMoine Room, and North Terrace, in addition to replacing original building mechanical equipment and addressing infrastructure enhancements.

The food court reopened in fall 2013. The Murray Street Café, LaMoine Room, and North Terrace are on schedule to be reopened before the start of academic year 2014-2015. Asbestos abatement has been completed on the Ground Floor level, and original 1962 building mechanical equipment was replaced.

Activities hosted in the Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center include sports clubs, intramurals, Aquatics Center patrons, group classes, and personal training. The main stairway, a heavily used access point to the facility on the east side facing the Q lot is currently being updated. There were a total of 273,520 card swipes at the entrance of the facility during the last year.

Horn Field Campus provides year-long recreational experiences, which include the corn maze and climbing tower. Alumnus John Moninger, a Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration graduate and former Marine, designed and created the Corn Maze based on Western's Marine-style logo, The climbing tower is a 40-foot vertical wooden structure, with three sides for climbing and one side for rappelling.

Representatives from Facilities Management; Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration; and the Macomb Park District had initial meetings to explore grant opportunities for building connections to the **Lamonie River Trail**. Facilities Management is also evaluating potential revenue sources for developing an **Alumni Lake** north of the Western Illinois Credit Union.

University Housing

In summer 2013, Western Illinois University celebrated the 100th anniversary of building its first residence hall. Monroe Hall, later named Grote Hall, was a three-story building that served as the women's residence hall for many years. During this 100th year, the University re-opened the **Thompson Hall** after replacing all exterior cladding and windows in the 19-story building and installing individual heating and cooling units in all 630 rooms. Use of internal maintenance workers/heat and frost insulators for asbestos abatement resulted in a $3.31 million cost savings. An external cost estimate for this work was $3.9 million. The actual cost using internal staff was $590,000.

Other enhancements to university housing include chiller replacements serving Bayliss, Henninger, and Tanner Halls; rebuilding the south stairway at Olson Hall; and planning for piping replacement at East Village.

Strengthening Campus Identity reinforces the importance of a strong first impression across campus. Master Plan accomplishments focused on the initial entry to campus, the campus experience inside and outside of buildings, and the identity and image of Western Illinois University.

The former facilities on the 300 block of University Drive (Godfathers Pizza and University Cinemas) were decommissioned to enhance the appearance of University Drive. Cost analysis determined that the former buildings could not be feasibility re-purposed into a **Welcome Center**. However, the new Grand Entrance at the corner of Lafayette and University Drive achieves the same function of enhancing aesthetics and promoting a welcoming campus environment. The Western Illinois University sign formerly located on Lafayette was relocated to West Jackson Street near Ball Fore Family Entertainment Center to give a second announced entry to the University and Macomb community.

The Grand Entrance is part of President Thomas' campus beautification initiative to become the most beautiful institution in the State of Illinois, if not in the nation. Campus beautification includes exterior enhancements. During the last year, 43 trees were planted, and 44 trees were removed in accordance with institutional plans.

Seventeen of the removals were part of the new Emerald Ash Borer readiness plan. Emerald Ash Borer is a devastating insect migrating from the north and destroying ash trees along its migratory pathway. There is no saving a tree once infected. In consultation with Campus Tree Advisory Committee, Landscape Maintenance identified 37 ash trees in poor condition to be removed along with 57 ash trees to be protected and treated with a preventative insecticide injected directly into the tree trunk. Facilities Management completed all 57 treatments this spring.

Western's proactivity was designated a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the first time in 2013. This program honors colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and engaging the campus community in conservation goals. The University achieved this distinction by supporting a tree advisory committee, having a campus tree care plan, dedicating annual expenditures toward trees, hosting an Arbor Day observance, and sponsoring service-learning projects. Students, faculty, and staff also participated in annual fall and spring We Care events for planting, mulching, and campus cleanup.

A new University Union terrace will invite students and visitors to enjoy outside views of campus, including the new Brophy Plaza and Wetzel Park. Members and guests will soon be able to enjoy campus artwork. Professor Emeritus Gil Belles is undertaking a project to have labels affixed to all campus public art, giving credit to the artists who created them. Additionally, representatives from Facilities Management and the College of Fine Arts and Communication are discussing the **Center for Performing Arts Courtyard** and Athletics is updating the rendering and fundraising plans for **West Hanson Stadium Renovation.**

Table 1 shows that interiors of nine university buildings were upgraded in summer 2013 to enhance the first impressions of Western Illinois University facilities.

Table 1
Facility Improvements

Stipes Hall	
Rooms 226, 230, 115	New paint and ceiling tile
Rooms 209, 221, 215, 306, north and south hallway near main lobby	New ceiling tile
Waggoner Hall	
Lower level	New ceiling tile
North Entrance	Repaired interior stairs and replaced door glass

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Horrabin Hall	
East Corridor	Installed new floor tile
South Exterior	Repaired handrail on the ADA ramp
Morgan Hall	
Rooms 228, 326, 308, 309A -	New paint and ceiling tile
Room 109	New paint and floor tile
Rooms 326, 308, 309A -	Installed department-purchased projectors
Entryway ceiling	New paint
Sherman Hall	
Registrar Office	New paint in lobby
Tillman Hall	
First Floor	New floor tile
Browne Hall	
Hainline Lobby, School of Music lobby, and Theatre lobby	New ceiling tile and paint
Room 129	New paint and soundproofing panels installed
Rooms 215, 220, 207, 226	New paint and ceiling tiles
Simpkins Hall	
Recital Hall foyer	New carpet
Rooms 313, 314	Soundproofing panels and department-purchased projectors installed
Sallee Hall	
Hallways	Installed bulletin boards

Building upon last year's Western Illinois University branding with a logo painted on the City of Macomb's north water tower, Rocky on Parade was introduced. Inspired by successful exhibits like Cows on Parade in Chicago, Art Professor Bill Howard created Rocky On Parade, a public art project featuring life-size fiberglass bulldogs decorated by area artists. Debuted at the annual Alumni Association's Town and Gown Celebration on October 3rd, 2013, 12 Rocky sculptures are located throughout Macomb and on campus. Visitors can pick up a map at the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce and other locations to follow the "dog walk" to view the Rocky sculptures.

Additionally, the Student Alumni Leadership Council hosted the annual Paint the Paws event that involves painting more than 200 paws along University Drive and Western Avenue in advance of homecoming.

To increase visual quality and communication on-campus, new Connexio electronic signage was installed in five campus locations (by South Quad; Salle and Brown Halls; the Q lot near the Recreation Center; Stipes and Morgan Halls; and north of the Union). There were no costs to the University for the new signage.

A new video display board was introduced to Hanson field, and University Housing and Dining Services introduced digital signage. The Corbin and Olson Dining Center has digital menu signage at each platform station and an informational screen was added at the entrance of the facility.

Engaging The Strategic Plan supports priorities related to campus safety, efficiency, and technology.

The Office of Public Safety (OPS) promotes and enforces safety and security by responding to inquiries, conducting patrols, assisting motorists, staffing campus events, offering various safety classes, and answering medical calls for assistance through Western's Emergency Medical Service.

Supporting campus efficiency, identity and sustainability, **Heating Plant enhancements** include removal of the coal/ash silo, Stack Bag House, and Tipper Building. This is in addition to opening the three-dimensional art studio in the Heating Plant Annex last year.

Colleges and departments continue to upgrade faculty and staff computers. For example, the College of Education and Human Services replaced 42 faculty and staff computers. With regard to electronic classroom upgrades:

- University Technology partnered Biology to upgrade Wagoner Hall 271 (video conference room) and Wagoner Hall 272 (with 15 computers and instructor's station).
- University Housing and Dining Services partnered with University Technology and Facilities Management to introduce Tanner Hall 350 (converted from a lounge into an electronic classroom), and Corbin Hall 1032 (a general use room)
- University Technology partnered with the College of Business and Technology to upgrade technology and install a podium and desk in Stipes Hall 121.
- Engineering Technology purchased 24 new computers for Knoblauch 106, and re-purposed 60 Macintosh computers for Knoblauch 34B and 51B. The Department also shared 10 Macintosh computers with Economics to support a laboratory on the second floor of Stipes Hall and used end of year funds to purchase state-of-the-art software.

Developing Visionary, Yet Implementable Strategies provides numerous opportunities to enhance the campus environment through phased, achievable goals for the University. In addition to **landscape enhancements** discussed earlier in this *Report*, there have been campus enhancements related to accessibility, athletic facilities, permanent improvements, bonded projects, and sustainability.

The Disability Resource Center prepares faculty and staff to assist students with disabilities. Faculty Partnerships for Accessible Solutions encourages faculty to implement Universal Design. Likewise, the ADA Advisory Committee continues to evaluate and develop strategies for addressing physical and program barriers for individuals with disabilities. Recent campus *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)* enhancements includes restroom renovations in Lincoln and Washington Halls, and installation of new *ADA* compliant door operators at several locations throughout campus.

Athletics continues donor cultivation to support the *Target Western Forward* plan that identifies athletics facilities priorities. Recently completed projects include the new women's soccer locker room, Strength and Conditioning Center, enhancements to the Western Hall Athletic Training Room, as well as new wireless shot clocks in Brophy Hall Gym, lighting for flagpoles at Hanson Field, and relocated kick off-locations to comply with new NCAA regulations.

Western completed two capital renewal projects. The University received capital renewal funding to replace the Brophy Hall chiller and the failing cooling system serving the University's primary server room in Morgan Hall. Should temperature raise above 80 degrees in the University Data Center, university equipment, include access to servers, Internet, e-mail, mainframe, and distance learning would shut down. The University also received funding to improve the electrical infrastructure feeding the campus. This includes switchgear replacement at the main switchyard near Horrabin Hall and high voltage wiring across campus. These actions are in preparation for the Center for Performing Arts.

With state funding not matching maintenance needs, the University had to self-fund many critical projects. In December 2010, the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approved issuance of a Certificate of Participation totaling $11.5 million for the completed projects discussed below.

- Air handler and chiller replacements in Beu Health Center, Brophy, Currens, Horrabin, Morgan, Stipes, Simpkins, and Waggoner Halls.
- Asbestos abatement and re-insulation of the mechanical systems in Currens, Horrabin, Morgan, Stipes, Waggoner Halls and the Heating Plant Annex.
- Replacement of decorative walls at Malpass Library,
- Roof replacements for Browne Hall, Morgan Hall, University Union, and Waggoner Hall.
- Sherman Bell Tower and acroteria repair.
- Steam line replacement serving approximately one million square feet of space including five residence halls and two academic buildings and construction of 2,500 linear feet of shallow tunnels to replace the original direct-buried steam lines.

Campus sustainability enhancements discussed earlier in this *Report* include coal stack decommissioning, landscape enhancements, achieving Tree Campus USA designation, supporting campus We Care activities, and building connections to the Lamoine River. These actions are in addition to:

- Installing six water bottle refilling stations in Thompson Hall, Student Recreation Center, University Union, Tanner Hall, Stipes Hall, and Sherman Hall. These installations will reduce an estimated 215,000 plastic bottles from the landfill.
- Deploying 90 new trash and recycle containers across campus.
- Receiving a $24,000 food composting grant. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, food waste makes up the largest percentage of waste in municipal landfills. To combat this issue, Western Illinois University received a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to divert food waste from the landfill and produce a high-quality, beneficial addition to campus gardens. The grant supported purchase of two additional Earth Tubs and 12 collection bins.
- Engaging in tree tagging. The tags provided by the Morton Arboretum illustrate how much a tree “gives back” to the environment on an annual basis. Students in School of Agriculture Instructor Paul Blome's forestry class completed the tree tagging exercise.
- Messaging in flower plantings. Campus Greens, the Sustainability Committee, and Landscape Management planted crocuses east of Malpass Library. When those flowers emerged, they took on the shape of the number, 350. New signage which signifies

climatologists' finding that 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide is the safe upper limit for CO2 in our atmosphere and individuals have a social responsibility to reduce their carbon footprint.

Summary and Next Steps

The current Master Plan has been in effect for two years. It continues to enhance the campus learning environment through the projects discussed above. From a construction perspective, there have been many achievements, including the following:

2013

- Grand Entry completed.
- Hanson Field video board installed.
- Steam line upgrades completed.
- Thompson Hall renovations completed.

2012

- Alumni House sign wall installed.
- Corbin Hall and Olson Hall renovation completed.
- Lincoln Hall and Washington Hall renovation completed.
- Malpass Library decorative wall installed.
- Properties at 300 W. University Drive decommissioned.
- Three Dimensional Art Center opened in Heating Plant Annex.
- Wetzel Hall decommissioned and Wetzel Park established.

The Master Plan Implementation Team will continue to coordinate master plan activities. Ted Renner, Deputy Director of Facilities Management, chairs the Implementation Team. Future master plan updates will continue to keep the Board of Trustees and campus community informed on *Master Plan* and learning environment enhancements.

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* identifies the future development of 60th Street and Riverfront Campus. Progress on this *Plan* is discussed below.

60th Street

In preparation for academic year 2013-2014, Vice President Rives reallocated $82,000 to maintain four-year technology rotations for staff computers, printers, and classroom technology at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities 60th Street Campus.

Assistant to the President Malafa will be working with Macomb and Quad Cities legislators to sponsor special legislation enabling the sale of 60th Street with Western Illinois University retaining proceeds from the sale. Two property appraisals have been completed to validate fair market value for the property.

Closing of the 60th Street property and designating the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront as the official branch campus location requires approval from the Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Vice President Rives will submit the required Close Out Plan for 60th Street and Change Request for Opening Riverfront

Phase II to the Commission in Spring 2014. Copies of these materials will be included in a future Western Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting. Opening a new branch campus also requires an on-site visit by the Commission. Additional information on the University's site visit will be presented to the Board of Trustees and campus community when details are known.

Riverfront Campus Phase I

Phase I achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification from the United States Green Building Council. The Summer 2013 edition of *Sustainable Construction* (www.SustainableConstruction.com) featured the cover story *Studying in Sustainable Style: Western Illinois University achieves LEED Silver for Phase I renovation. New construction for Phase II underway.* The article chronicles sustainable construction and renovation practices used in Riverfront Phases I and II.

In addition to receiving LEED Certification, Riverfront Room 122 was re-purposed into a physics laboratory. The room includes workbenches, enhanced dual-platform iMac workstations, discipline specific software, and a dedicated switch. Ipad carts were also introduced for student, faculty, and staff use at Riverfront and 60th Street.

Riverfront Campus Phase II

Phase II remains on-time to open prior to fall 2014 classes and in budget. The facility, a $42 million construction project, will feature 95,000 square feet of new construction in the form of five, interconnected buildings.

Interior spaces include two large classrooms, 13 classrooms (five video conference capable), six conference rooms (two video conference capable), five science laboratories with two preparation areas, three computer laboratories, 83 Offices, two lounges, a nursing laboratory, counselor education clinic, library with five group study rooms, a large atrium, and formal and informal student gathering areas. Exterior spaces include formal and informal lawns and landscapes of native vegetation, outdoor seating areas, and 297 additional parking spaces. Phase II will also feature all new technology supported by project funds from the Illinois Capital Development Board.

The project is expected to achieve substantial completion in July 16, 2014. The University will have approximately one month to complete moves and open the new facility before the start of academic year 2014-2015. Ensuring this tight timeline is successfully achieved, the campus is relying on the expertise of the Quad Cities Facilities Implementation Team (QC-FIT).

Similar to the successful Phase I move, QC-FIT is charged with planning and coordinating all aspects of the physical move to the Riverfront Campus Phase II. The team consists of individuals who coordinate selection and procurement of Riverfront technology, equipment, and furnishings. The team will also implement plans related to campus signage, physical move, and other logistics.

Throughout the planning process, QC-FIT provides opportunities for input from students, faculty, and staff. QC-FIT posts planning documents and other information in Room 231 at 60th Street. The Quad Cities community has an open invitation to stop by that room whenever it is open to view campus planning documents.

Table 2
Quad Cities Facilities Implementation Team Membership

Kristi Mindrup	Assistant Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning, Co-Chair
Bill Brewer	Assistant Director, Facilities Management, Co-Chair
Andrea Allison	Research and Instruction Consultant
Suzanne Bailey	Associate Professor, Law Enforcement and Justice Administration
Amanda Bergeson	Office Support Associate, WQPT
Chris Brown	Administrative Aide, Office of the Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning
Karin Chouinard	Instructional Technology Systems Manager, Quad Cities Technology
Christopher David	Assistant Director, Quad Cities Technology
Lindsay Fender	Assistant to the Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning
Tom Finley	Librarian, Quad Cities Library
Debbie Lee	Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
Charles Lydeard	Department Chair, Biological Sciences
Jim Patterson	Assistant Dean, College of Business and Technology
Lois Retherford	Admissions/Records Officer, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities
Dan Romano	Director, University Technology
Alison Shook	Office Manager, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities
Erskine Smith	Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Services
Jeanette Thomas	Professor, Biological Sciences
Tammy Werner	Assistant Professor, Sociology and Antropology
Steve Whan	Facilities Manager, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities
Curtis Williams	Associate Director, Quad Cities Student Services

Riverfront Campus Phase III

Assistant Quad Cities Facilities Management Director Brewer and Assistant Vice President Mindrup are leading a programming study for Phase III. Results will inform Phase III planning and design. Use of a programming study is consistent with *Higher Values in Higher Education's* priority to engage in programming studies in advance of project design to ensure optimal efficiencies and enhanced precision in cost-estimates.

At the time of writing this report, the Phase III Programming Team is completing a state-mandated Quality Based Selection process to select the architectural and engineering firm to work with the campus on Phase III programming. The selected firm will also led the design and construction of Phase III when state funds are released. Applications and interviews are completed. An announcement on the selected firm will be made when contract negotiations are completed and approved by the Illinois Capital Development Board.

Table 3
Phase III Programming Team Membership

Bill Brewer	Assistant Director, Facilities Management, Co-Chair
Kristi Mindrup	Assistant Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning, Co-Chair
Tim Dietz	State of Illinois Capital Development Board
Lindsay Fender	Assistant to the Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning
Tom Finley	Instructor, University Libraries
Pete Jorgensen	Chairperson, Department of Communication
Lora Lidaywa	Purchasing Officer, Purchasing Office
Sue Martinelli	Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Janet Mathis	Executive Director, Renew Moline
Lea Monahan	Director, School of Nursing

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Steve Nelson	Community Member
Jim Patterson	Assistant Dean, College of Business and Technology
Bill Pratt	Director, School of Nursing
Mary Pruess	Director, WQPT
Lois Retherford	Admissions/Records Officer, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities
Jim Schmidt	Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Erskine Smith	Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Services
Lori Turner	Alderman, City of Moline
Roger Viadero	Director, Institute for Environmental Studies
Michael Weinrich	Instructional Technology Systems Manager, Quad Cities Technology
Curtis Williams	Associate Director, Quad Cities Student Services

Other Related Riverfront Projects

The Illinois Department of Transportation notified the City of Moline and Western Illinois University that relocation of the Moline Depot to the Riverfront Campus will be a Fiscal Year 2015 funded project. The renovated Depot will serve a student welcome center and space for student activities.

The City of Moline selected Three Corners Development to be the Master Developer for the 16-acres immediately to the west of Riverfront Campus. In their first phase of development, Three Corners is planning to build 90 student-focused apartments open to students from all Quad Cities higher education institutions. These four-story units will contain community retail space on the first level of each building. The units are planned to open in August 2014.

Western Illinois University students can choose to live in these apartments, though the University is not involved in marketing or affiliation agreements with the developers, per state statute. The developers also plan to present schematic design on the far west portion of their property for 50 market rate apartments in Spring 2015.

Summary and Next Steps

The 2006 Campus Master Plan successfully guided Western Illinois University in the physical development of the Quad Cities Campus. The University has grown its presence through sequential and phased development, evidenced by the following accomplishments.

2013

- Phase II construction begins
- Phase III programming study begins
- Museum Studies receives renewal to remain located at the Figge Art Museum

2012

- Phase I opens
- School of Engineering relocates to Riverfront Phase I

2010

- Renovation on Riverfront Phase I begins

2009

- Western receives state funding for renovating the former John Deere and Company Technical Center to create Riverfront Campus Phase I. Western also receives funding for design and construction of Riverfront Campus Phase II.
- Caxton Building (lease space) used for the School of Engineering

2008

- University receives 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

There will be many construction and related activities during remainder of academic year 2013-2014. Phase II construction will be completed in July and Phase II will open in fall 2014. The Phase III programming study will be completed and 60th Street will be vacated. The Fiscal Year 2015 Master Plan Update will provide additional details on these initiatives.