Stephen F. Austin State University 2025 Campus Master Plan

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

September 9, 2025

















- PROCESS & SCHEDULE OVERVIEW
- **ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY**
- **3** EXISTING CONDITIONS AND ANALYSIS
- DRAFT ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN & RECOMMENDATIONS
 - **NEXT STEPS**

AGENDA

PROJECT TEAM



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Intercollegiate Athletics

Master Plan

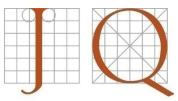
and Campus Recreation



Landscape Character Guidelines



Technology Master Plan and **Programming**



Utility Master Plan



Cost Estimating



Architectural Renderings

+ A **DEEP BENCH** OF TALENT & EXPERTISE

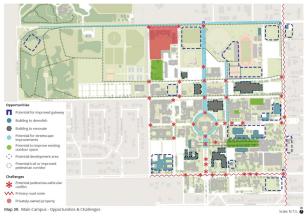
PLANNING PROCESS

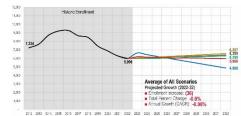






ANALYSIS PHASE





REVIEW PHASE











NOTE: Sample imagery from another completed planning process

PHASES

'24 | '25

Nov Feb Aug Dec Jan Mar Apr May Jun Jul Sep Oct Nov Dec Trip 1 Trip 2 **Sub-Master Plan Site Visits** Trip 3 Trip 4 Trip 5

Information Collection Phase

- Kickoff project with committee meeting and tours
- Conduct campus stakeholder meetings
- Start facility assess.
- Gather input (surveys, boards, interactive map)

Analysis Phase

- Analyze existing conditions, demographics and utilization
- Project enrollment
- Start sub master plans (technology, athletics, utilities, landscape)
- Develop concept plans
- Review with Committee

Review Phase

- Develop recommendations
- Create illustrations
- Review with Committee
- Campus Master Plan Open House

Refinement/Final Plan Phase

Refine master plan

We Are Here

- Complete sub master plans
- Determine priorities and phasing
- Develop cost estimates
- Finalize graphics
- Final review with Committee and other presentations as needed
- Deliver Final Master Plan



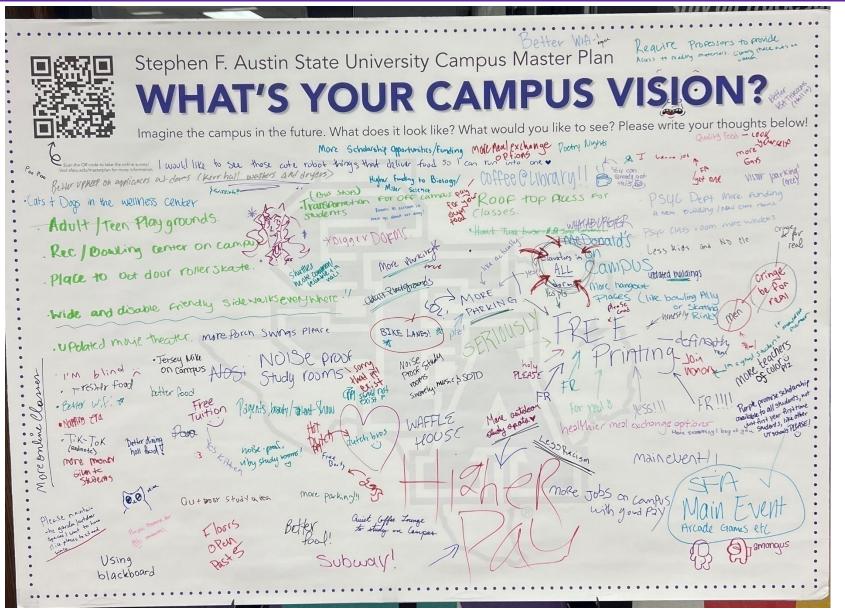
MAJOR SCOPE TASKS

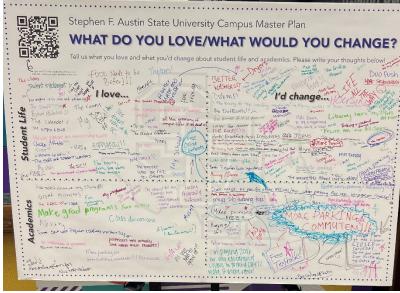
- Project Kickoff and Campus/Facilities Tours
- Stakeholder Interviews And Campus Engagement
- Demographic Analysis,Enrollment Projections AndSpace Utilization
- Physical Analysis
- Technology Master Plan and Programming

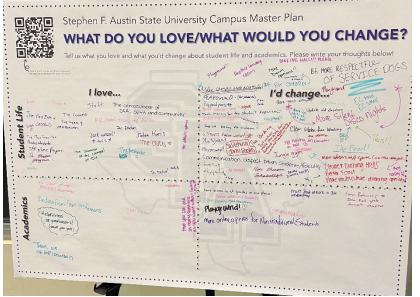
- Intercollegiate AthleticsMaster Plan
- **Utilities Master Plan**
- Landscape CharacterGuidelines
- Facility ConditionsAssessment
- Conceptual Plans and Presentation

- Draft Illustrative Plans and Recommendations
- Implementation Plan
- Cost Estimates
- Review Meetings
- Final Stephen F. Austin
 State University Campus
 Master Plan

ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS







INPUT RECEIVED TO-DATE

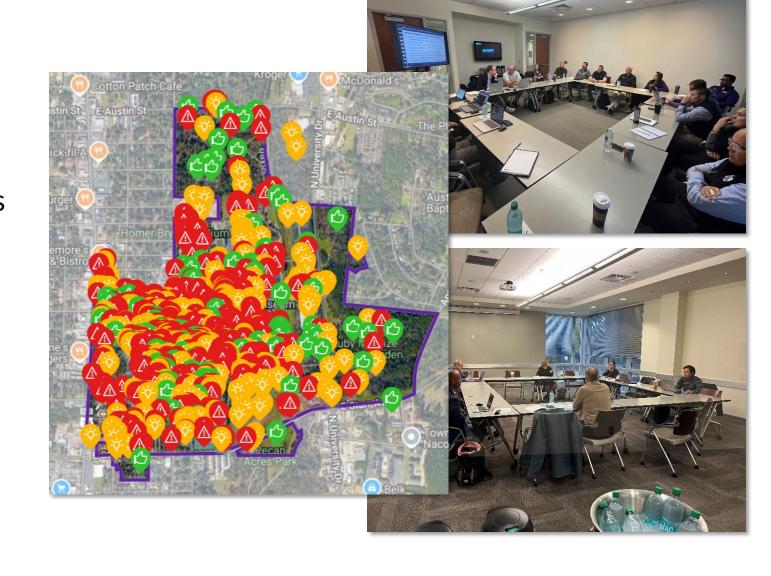
stakeholder meetings

faculty and staff survey respondents

315 student survey respondents

interactive boards

751 online map comments



STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

visionary themes

think "big & bold"

emphasize the student experience

lead the agricultural field

leverage the natural environment

instill lumberjack pride generously

grow total enrollment to 15k

locate departments efficiently

5 key opportunities



invest in high-demand and upcoming programs



create a one-stop-shop for new/existing students



improve outdoor spaces for socialization and study



modernize student-life and athletics facilities



improve pedestrian/ cyclist comfort and safety

5 issues to address



overall aging and obsolete building stock



disjointed administrative and student services



outdated or inadequate student housing



perceived parking shortages and location

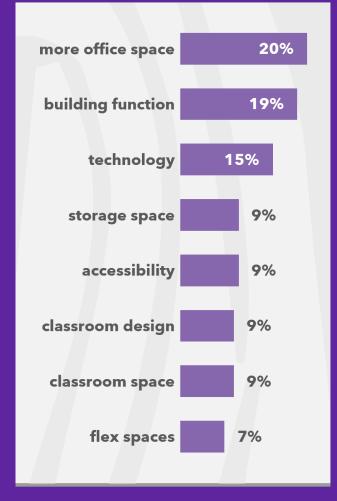


overall building and pedestrian safety

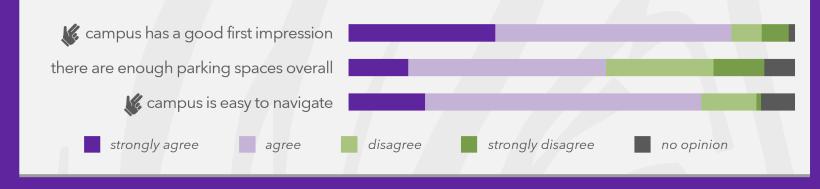
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If you could change one aspect of your workspace, what would it be?



How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?



What are the best features of campus? (top 3 answers selected)





What features of campus need the most attention? (top 3 answers selected)







Indicates similar answers to student survey responses



What would encourage you to spend more free time on campus?

~24%

social and cultural events (concerts, movies, block parties)

~15%

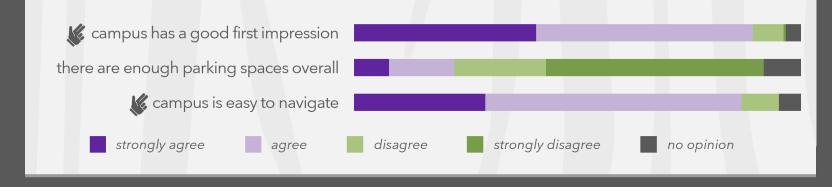
recreation and sports

(facilities, informal opportunities)

~14%

food and dining options (late-night, food trucks, lounges)

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parking (signage, amount, proximity)





ONLINE INTERACTIVE MAP

- Recurring themes across **751 comments**...
 - Building and facility quality
 - Transportation and accessibility
 - Outdoor, nature, and recreation
 - Food options
 - Housing

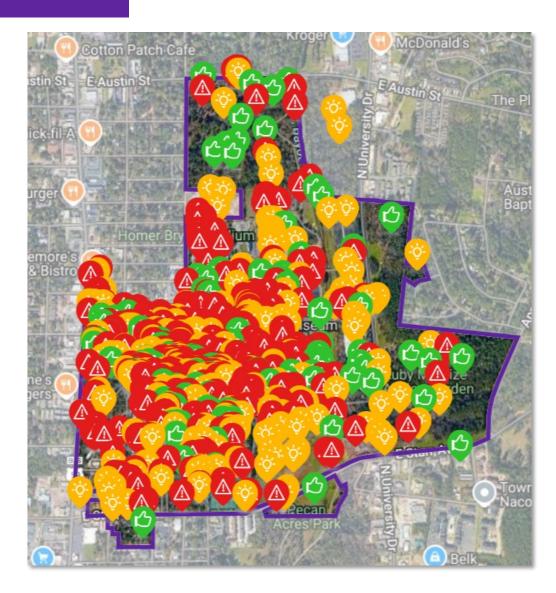
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KEY THEMES FROM ALL ENGAGEMENT

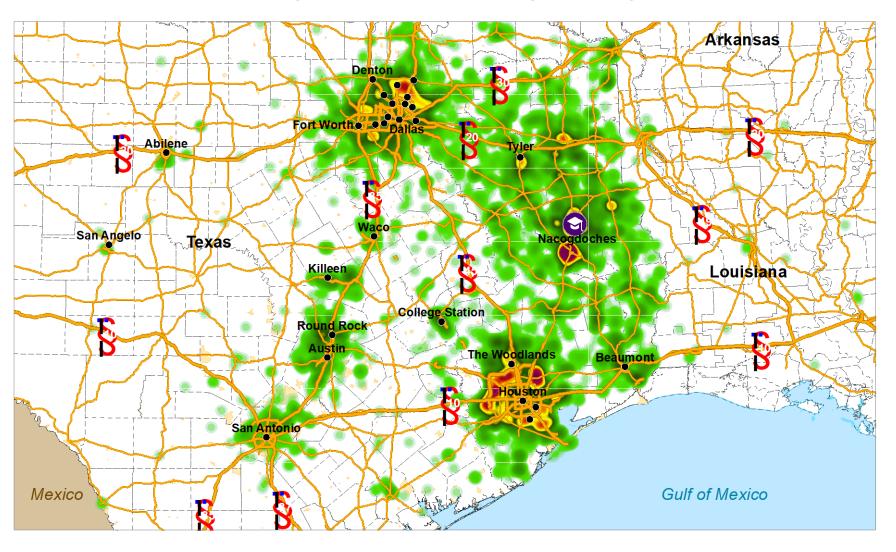
- Leverage and protect the University's natural environment
- Expand indoor and outdoor civic and cultural spaces
- Improve the University's "first impression" to passersby and prospective students
- Improve space utilization within the University's existing footprint
- Prioritize pedestrian safety and comfort
- Continue updating outdated facilities, buildings, and structures
- Better balance investment between academic and athletic facilities
- Pursue continuous and creative solutions to parking on and near campus
- Prepare new academic programs in growing and competitive fields
- Emphasize student-life improvements from social spaces to housing improvements

DEMOGRAPHICS, ENROLLMENT & UTILIZATION



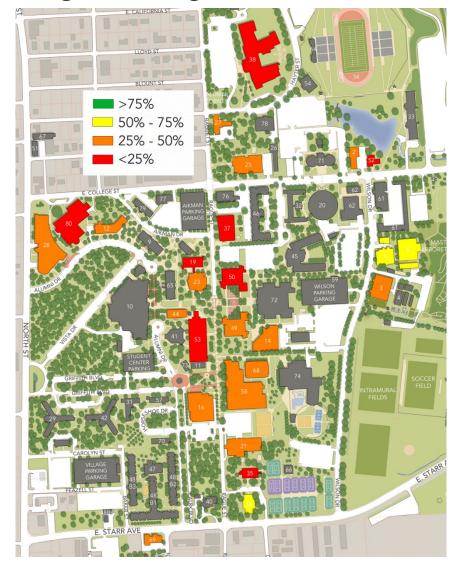
DEMOGRAPHICS

Student Residence Density: Face-to-Face and Hybrid Only, Fall 2024



CAMPUS UTILIZATION

Weighted Average Utilization



Classroom Utilization

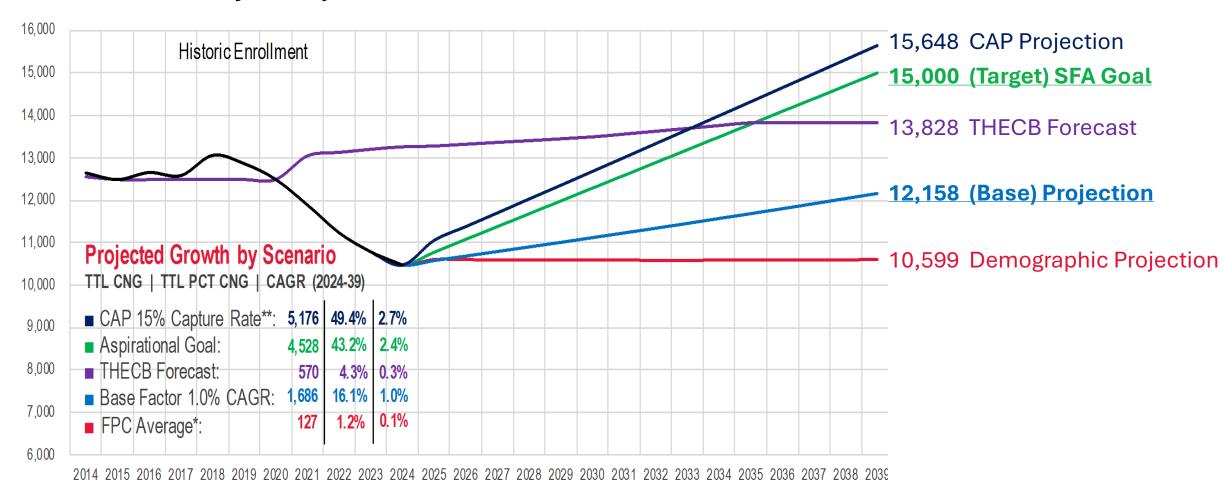
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	TOTAL	118	3,166	5,817	2,233	54.4%	18.9		(19.1)	27.1%
	Target					65.0%	38.0		-	75.0%
AGRI	AGRICULTURE	1	46	93	19	49.5%	19.3		(18.7)	25.2%
ART	ART	3	75	104	104	72.5%	34.6		(3.4)	66.0%
BOYT	PAUL L. BOYNTON	4	88	140	61	62.6%	15.2		(22.8)	25.1%
BUSI	R. E. MCGEE BUSINESS	11	309	555	228	55.7%	20.8		(17.2)	30.4%
CHEM	ROBERT AND KATHY LEHMANN CHEMISTRY BUILDING	1	51	65	28	78.7%	28.3		(9.7)	58.7%
CMGT	514 E. AUSTIN	1	18	26	3	69.2%	2.5		(35.5)	4.6%
ECRC	EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH CENTER	6	117	225	105	51.8%	17.4		(20.6)	23.8%
EDAN	COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEX	1	20	60	18	33.3%	17.5		(20.5)	15.4%
FERG	T. E. FERGUSON LIBERAL ARTS	22	546	815	416	67.0%	18.9		(19.1)	33.3%
FLDH	STADIUM FIELDHOUSE	1	63	75	3	84.0%	2.5		(35.5)	5.5%
FORS	FORESTRY BUILDING	5	141	274	106	51.5%	21.2		(16.8)	28.7%
GFNA	L. E. GRIFFITH FINE ARTS	3	55	97	65	56.6%	21.6		(16.4)	32.1%
HMSN	HUMAN SCIENCES BUILDING	2	42	84	28	50.4%	13.9		(24.1)	18.4%
HPEC	LUCILLE NORTON HPE COMPLEX	5	112	174	108	64.4%	21.5		(16.5)	36.5%
HSTC	HUMAN SERVICES	6	87	186	85	46.7%	14.1		(23.9)	17.3%
LBAN	VERA DUGAS LIBERAL ARTS NORTH	2	151	332	22	45.6%	10.8		(27.2)	13.0%
MATH	ROY E. & LINDA BUSH MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES	15	374	613	349	61.1%	23.3		(14.7)	37.4%
MCKB	ROBERT T MCKIBBEN EDUCATION	8	164	306	138	53.7%	17.2		(20.8)	24.3%
MILS	MILITARY SCIENCE	1	11	20	8	53.8%	7.5		(30.5)	10.6%
MUSC	TOM & PEGGY WRIGHT MUSIC	2	40	90	42	44.1%	21.2		(16.8)	24.6%
NURS	DEWITT NURSING EDUCATION	4	154	300	101	51.5%	25.3		(12.7)	34.3%
SCIE	E. L. MILLER SCIENCE	8	385	923	87	41.7%	10.9		(27.1)	11.9%
STEM	ED AND GWEN COLE STEM BUILDING	3	75	168	45	44.8%	15.1		(22.9)	17.8%
SWRK	SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK	3	40	92	66	44.0%	22.1		(15.9)	25.6%

Class Lab Utilization

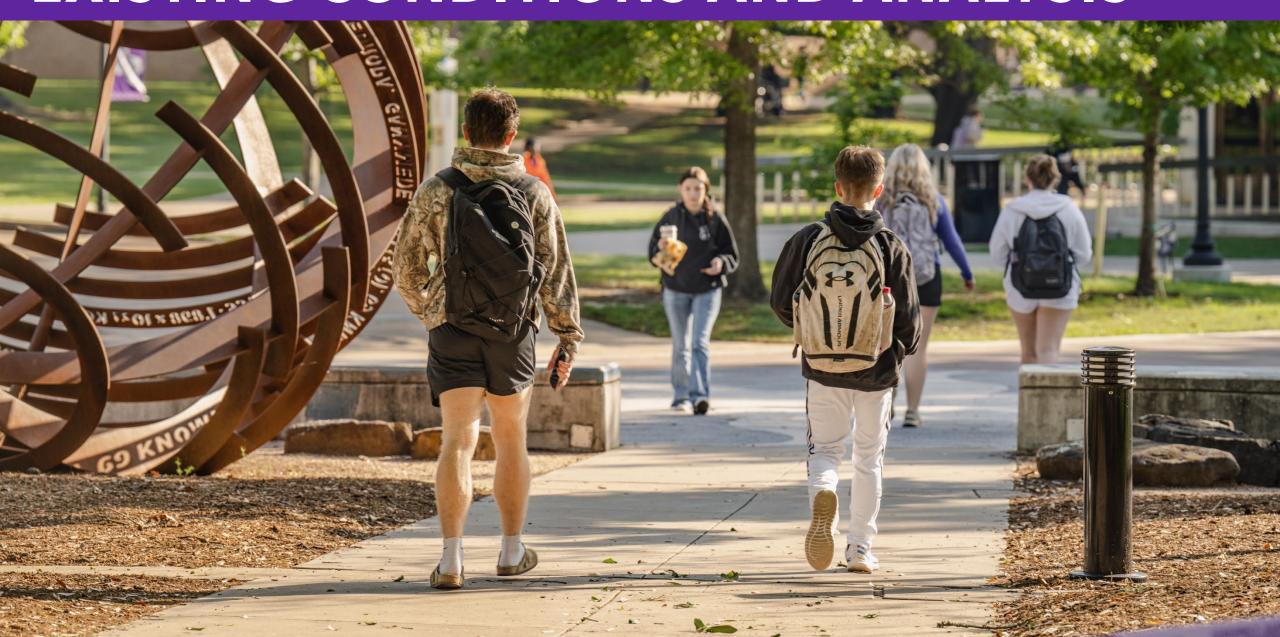
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	Target					77.0%	25.0	-	75.0%
AGRI	AGRICULTURE	5	94	156	86	60.6%	17.2	(7.8)	41.6%
AGSH	AGRICULTURE MECHANICS SHOP	1	17	25	13	67.4%	12.8	(12.2)	34.6%
ART	ART	7	89	129	133	69.1%	19.0	(6.0)	52.7%
ARTS	ART STUDIO	2	29	38	37	77.0%	18.7	(6.3)	57.5%
BOYT	PAUL L. BOYNTON	3	56	77	35	73.3%	11.7	(13.3)	34.2%
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HPEC	LUCILLE NORTON HPE COMPLEX	1	12	25	16	49.6%	15.8	(9.2)	31.4%
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SCIE	E. L. MILLER SCIENCE	14	266	461	166	57.7%	11.8	(13.2)	27.3%
SGYM	SHELTON GYM	1	20	35	16	57.1%	15.8	(9.2)	36.2%
STEM	ED AND GWEN COLE STEM BUILDING	13	236	383	169	61.6%	13.0	(12.0)	32.0%

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Total Enrollment 15-year Projection Scenarios



EXISTING CONDITIONS AND ANALYSIS



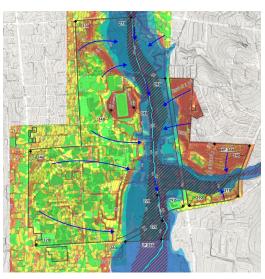
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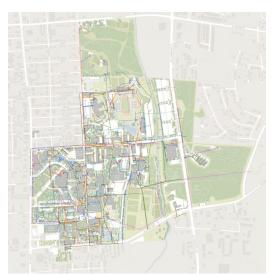
PHYSICAL ANALYSIS

- Landholdings
- Surrounding Land Uses
- Facilities Functionality
- Access & Circulation
- Parking
- Landscape and Open Space
- Environmental Conditions
- Signage and Wayfinding
- Utilities & Infrastructure
- Facility Assessments
- Potential Land Acquisitions
- Preservation vs. Demolition
- Opportunities & Challenges







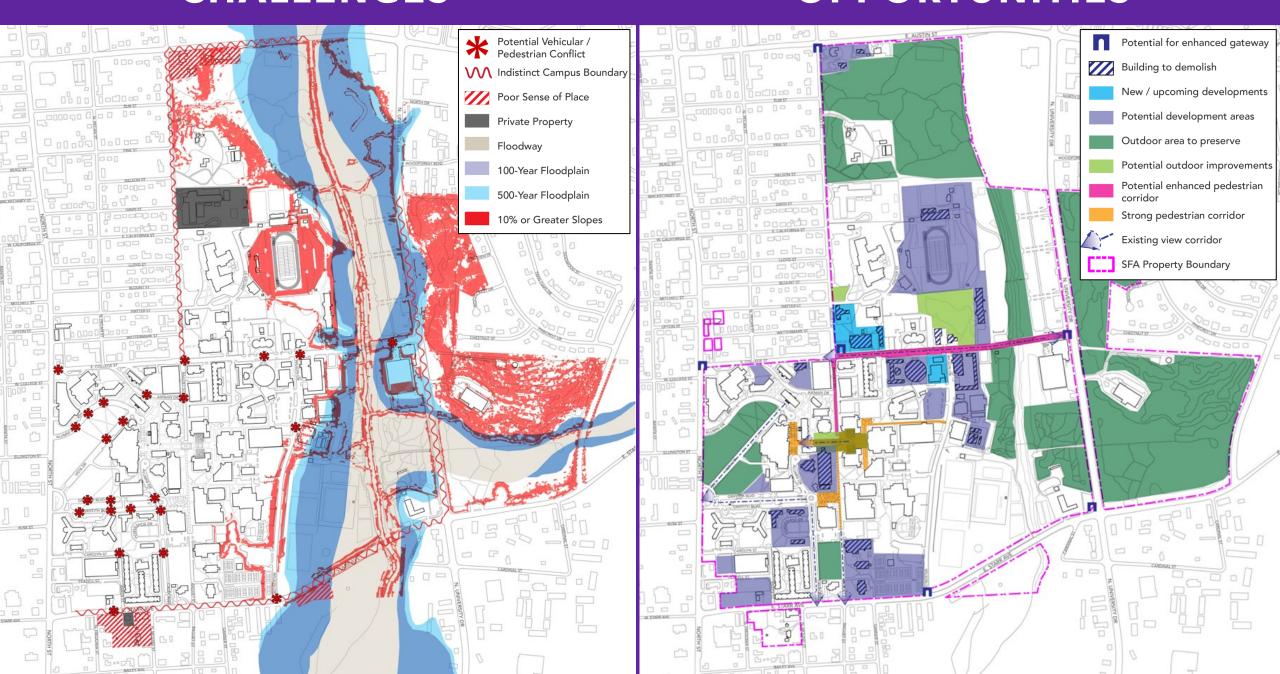






CHALLENGES

OPPORTUNITIES



BUILDING BLOCKS

Facility Assessments Targeted Demolitions Space Utilization Enrollment Projections Building Blocks

Qualitative Input

DRAFT ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN & RECOMMENDATIONS



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **GP.1) Strengthen Campus Identity and Improve User Experience**
- **GP.2) Promote Strategic Growth and Academic Excellence**
- **GP.3) Support Safe, Accessible and Connected Campus Mobility**
- **GP.4) Advance Athletic and Recreation Excellence Through Design**
- **GP.5) Deliver Quality Through Modern Improvements**
- **GP.6) Connect Campus Life with the Surrounding Natural Environment**

PROJECTS OVERVIEW

KEY ACADEMIC PROJECTS

BUILDING	SQ. FT. (GROSS)			
Science Building	160,000			
Student Center Annex / Welcome Center / Auditorium	32,500			
Facilities Services & Operations/ Academic Building	105,000			
Art Building	113,500			
Music Addition/Renovation to Boynton	28,500			
Greenhouse Locations	30,000 (total)			
Two Residence Halls (Base Enrollment of 12,158)*	473,000 (total)			
Two Residence Halls (Target Enrollment of 15,000)*	395,000 (total)			

^{*}Based on goal of housing for 40% of total enrollment (from Campus Budgetary Guidance Study by Kirksey in May 2022)

MAJOR RENOVATIONS

BUILDING					
McKibben Building					
Agriculture Building					
Austin Building					
Rusk Building					
Human Services					
Bush Mathematical Sciences					
Norton HPEC/Shelton Gym					
ECRC					
Steen Library					

KEY ATHLETICS & RECREATION PROJECTS

BUILDING	SQ. FT. (GROSS)
South Operations Building	49,200
Baseball Ballpark	25,700
Softball Ballpark	20,300
Tennis Venue	1,400
Rec. Natural and Synthetic Turf Fields	~212,000 (each)
Shelton Renovation/Addition	40,900
Student Recreation Center Renovation/Addition	112,800
Recreation Support - Field Services Building	4,000
Johnson Coliseum Renovation/Addition	114,700
North Fieldhouse	190,500
Football Stadium	43,000
Indoor Practice Facility	93,900
Soccer Venue	10,700
Track & Field Venue	11,600

ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN

Legend

- ** Campus gateway signage
- New building or use
- Substantially renovated and/or repurposed building
- Potential long-term building location
- Shade structure/pavilion





ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN - SOUTH



Student Housing A

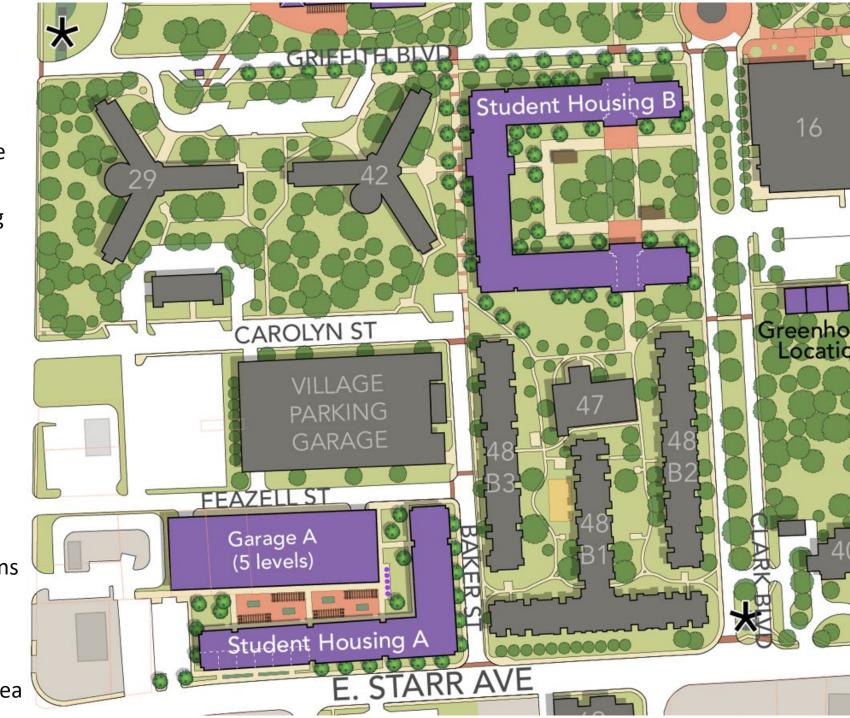
- Approx. 530 beds
- 5 stories
- Ground floor retail with parking to the west
- Central courtyard with shaded seating and flexible green space

Garage A

- 5 parking levels (4 floors + rooftop)
- Approx. 700-715 spaces

Student Housing B

- Approx. 780 beds
- 5 stories
- Central courtyard with seating pavilions preserves existing trees within the "horseshoe"
- North-south pedestrian connectivity through building to Student Center area





Student Center Anenx/ Welcome Center/Auditorium

(32,500 GSF)

- 2 stories
- Visible from initial entry into campus
- Outdoor gathering spaces

Griffith Blvd. Modifications

- Close north leg near Welcome Center
- Remove on-street parking
- Shift guard booth to south side

Student Housing B

SC Annex/ Welcome/ **Auditorium**

GRIJENBIN

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Centra

Quad

Science

Bldg.

Vista Drive

- Reduced to one lane
- Expanded sidewalk and planting space

Long-Term Building Potential (~11,600 GSF per story)

- Preserves emergency access and event drop-off turnaround
- Completes the circle, frames view to the Central Quad



Science Building (160,000 GSF)

- 3 stories
- East-west ground-level pedestrian access through building
- Frames a new Central Quad

Central Quad

- Event lawn and pavilion
- Science Building entry garden
- Views to the south face of Chemistry Bldg.
- Modified drop-off/turnaround for events with overhead festoon lighting near event lawn

Central Pedestrian Malls

- Student Center Mall extension, Raguet Mall extension, Surfin' Steve area renovation
- Shaded seating, sculpture opportunities, enhanced green spaces









Music Addition (28,500 GSF)

- 2 stories
- Creates central courtyard
- Adjacent to new Aikman Mall

Art Building (113,500 GSF)

- 3 stories
- Prominent entry along Aikman Mall

Alumni Drive

- Reduced to one lane
- Curb modification for right-turn only at North St.

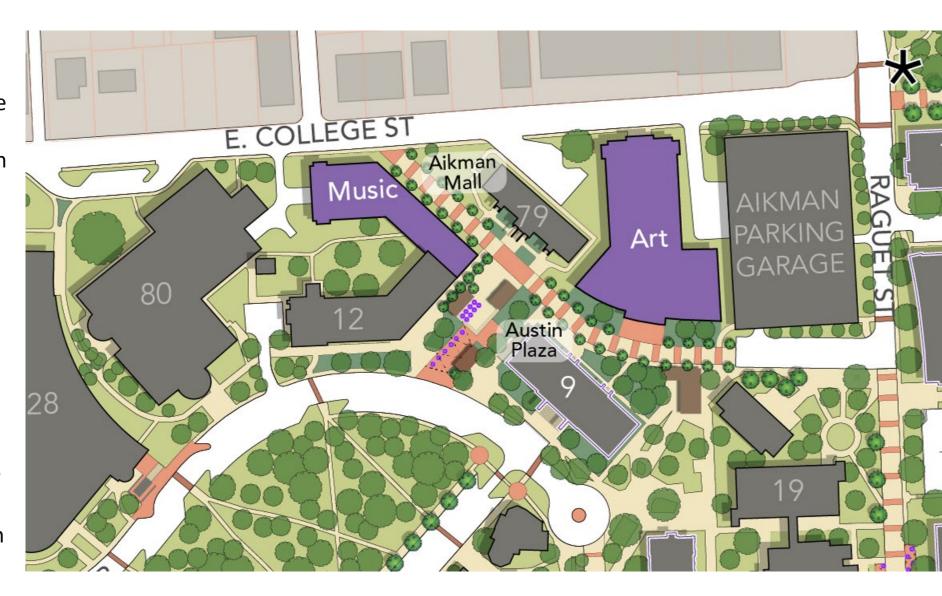


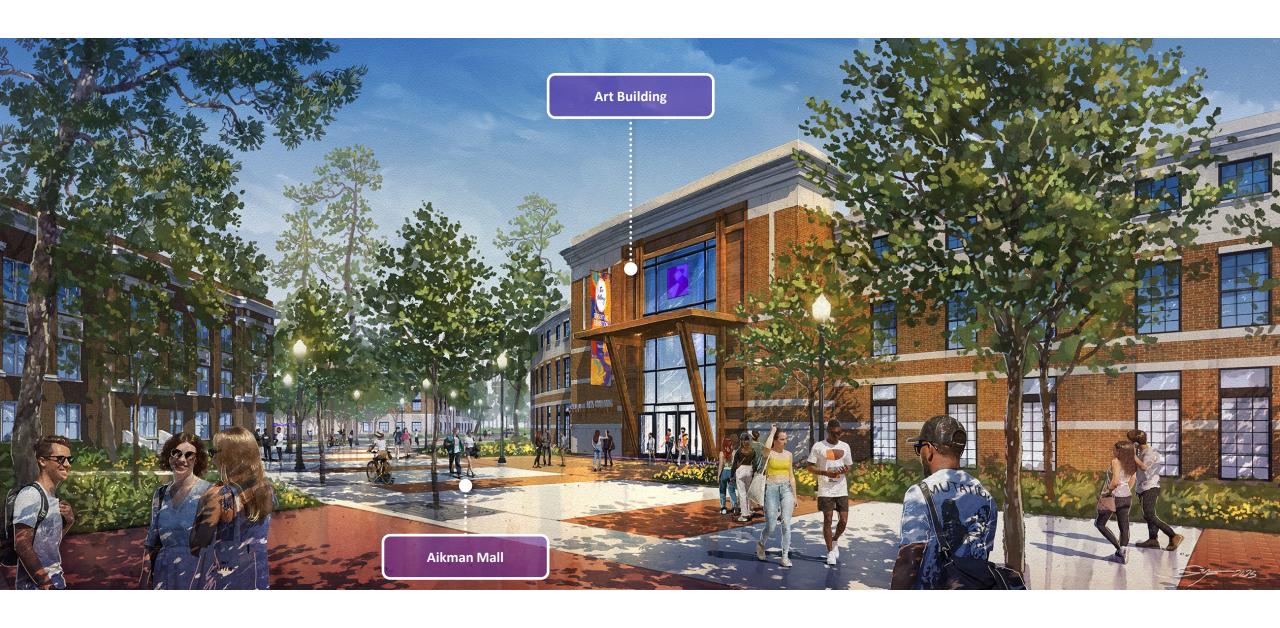
Aikman Mall

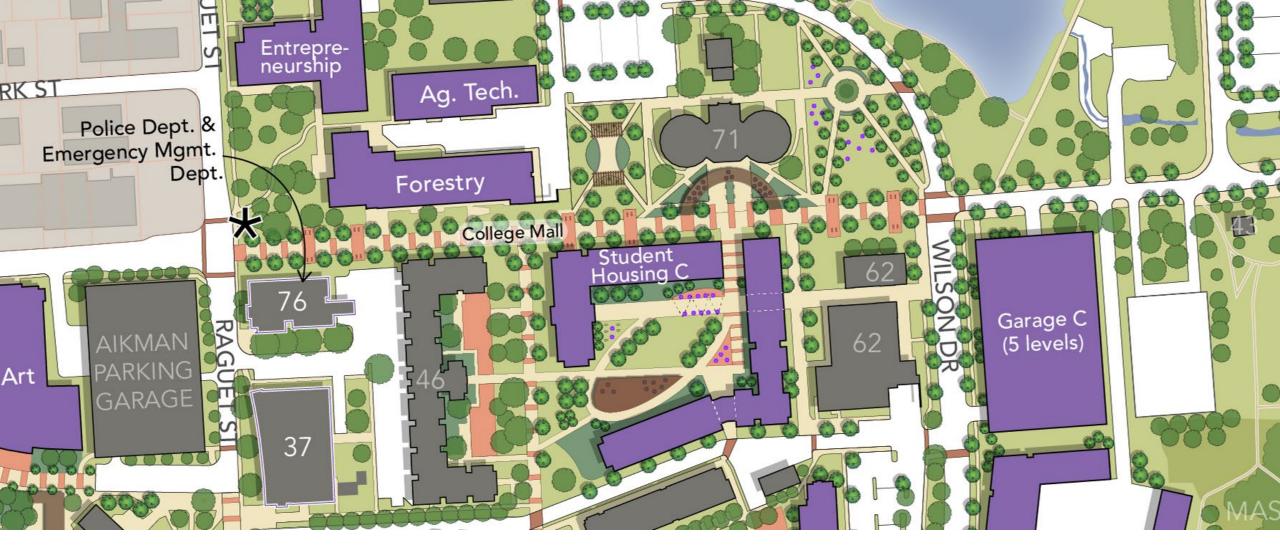
- Enhanced paving and street trees
- Preserves emergency vehicle access and garage access/egress point on south side, but removes street parking
- Connects to enhanced plaza spaces east and west of Austin Bldg.

Austin Plaza

- Shade structures with seating
- Festoon lighting with lounge furniture
- Terraced gathering area with ramp access along edges
- Additional pavilion at east end of Austin Bldg.







College Mall

- Pedestrian mall with emergency vehicle access
- Seating nooks adjacent to Mall
- Connects to north-south pedestrian connectivity through and west of Student Housing C

Enhanced plaza and courtyard spaces around
 Steen (would not be built until parking available elsewhere)

Student Housing C

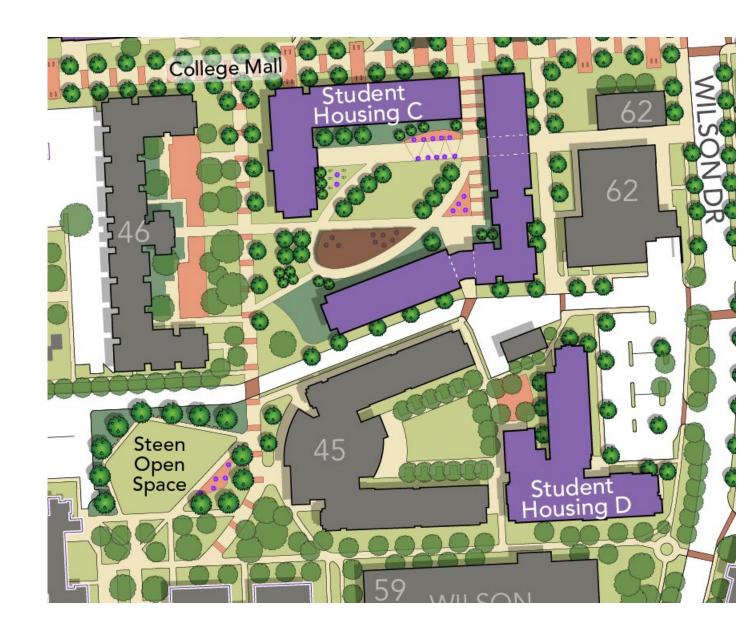
- Approx. 775 beds, 5 stories
- Central courtyard with pavilion, open lawn, hammock area, and shaded seating
- Open to all students

Student Housing D

- Approx. 335 beds, 4 stories
- Previously designed building
- Now includes modified parking

Steen Open Space

- Shaded seating areas
- Flexible central lawn for events and daily use
- A portion of this space could be used as parking instead (would require redesign of open space)







South Operations Building (49,200 GSF)

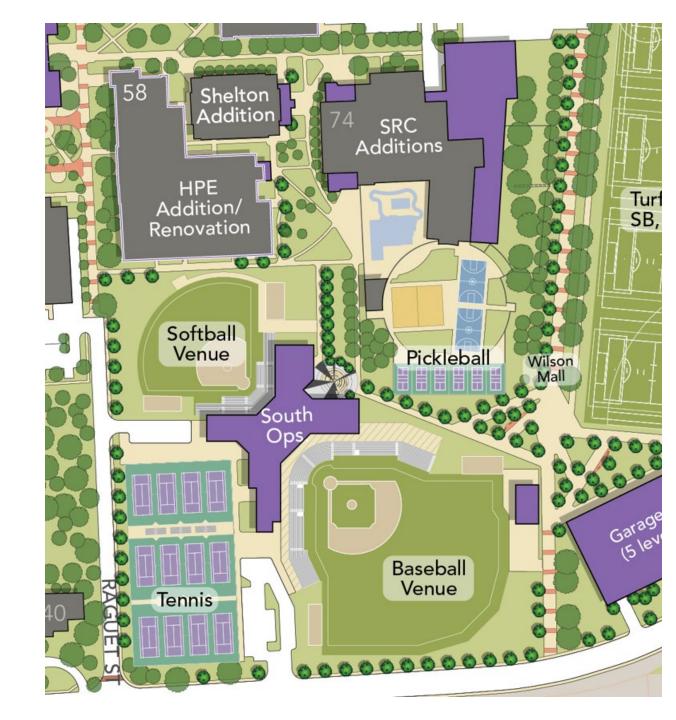
- Create an Athletics hub for south campus
- 3 stories
- Baseball, Softball, Tennis operations
 - Locker rooms, lounges and Team offices
- Satellite hub Training & Strength and Condition
- Venue support club / suite / bar / RR / concessions
- Entry plaza with decorative paving

Baseball Venue (25,700 GSF)

- 2,518 seats in a top-loaded configuration
- Spectator amenities entries, concessions, RR, clubs, suites, and loge boxes

Softball Venue (20,300 GSF)

- 1,552 seats in a mid aisle configuration
- Spectator amenities entries, concessions, RR, clubs, suites, and loge boxes



Tennis Venue

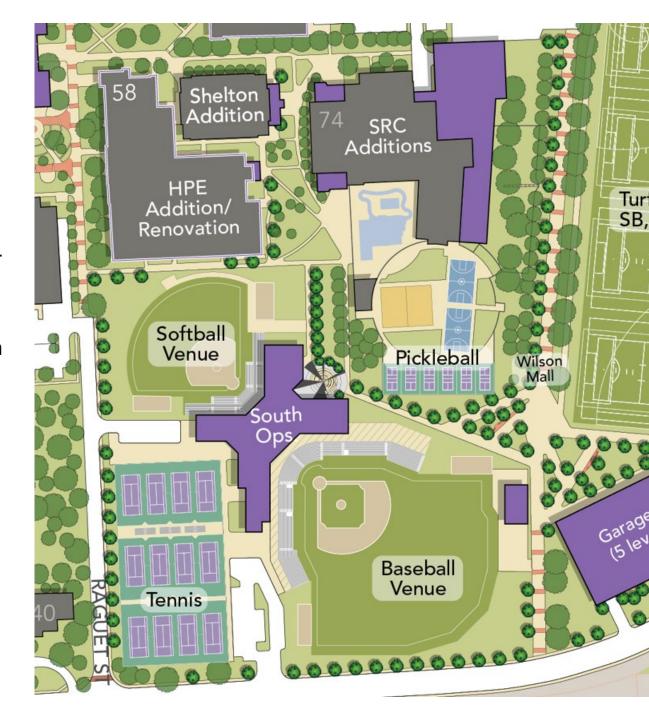
- (12) lighted courts
- Shared facility with Rec / Athletics
- 200 seats

Student Recreation Center Renovation & Addition

- 78,800 GSF existing, 112,800 add. + reno.
- 2 stories
- Enhance home/presence on Campus increase offerings in a core facility
- Addition MAC, turf, Wellness, Esports, Functional Fitness
- Renovation passive rec / lounges / climbing walls
- Aquatic renovation & maintenance upgrades
- Exterior pickleball addition

Shelton and HPE Renovations & Additions

 Multiple renovations and additions to increase functionality, revitalize underutilized space and consolidate functions



Recreation Fields – IM & Comp Sports

- (2) Softball Fields, (4) Soccer Fields, (1) Rugby Field,
 (12)+ Flag Football Fields, Challenge Course,
 Synthetic Turf (Phased)
 - Natural grass
- Mitigate the floodplain parameters
- Challenge Course
- Relocated bonfire area + utilities

Rec. Support – Field Services Building (4,000 GSF)

- Office, storage, restrooms
- Hub for IM and Competitive Sports teams and events
- Double as a bonfire resource

Garage B

- 5 parking levels (4 floors + rooftop)
- Approx. 860 spaces
- Game day and daily use







Fieldhouse Building (190,500 GSF)

- 3-4 Stories
- Create the north Athletics hub (Main) for studentathletes, coaches and staff
 - Sports medicine, sport performance, training table coaching offices, administration, academic, nutrition, meeting spaces, hall of fame
- Football, Soccer and Track & Field operations
 - Locker rooms, lounges and team offices
- Shared facilities with the stadium walkway connection
- Exterior Lumberjack Quad, plazas, Ag Pond views

Stadium (43,000 GSF)

- Dedicated DI Football venue
- Access to Fieldhouse
- 10,420 seat bowl U shape mid-load configuration + flex hillside
- Spectator amenities entries, concessions, RR, clubs, suites, and loge boxes



Soccer Venue (10,700 GSF)

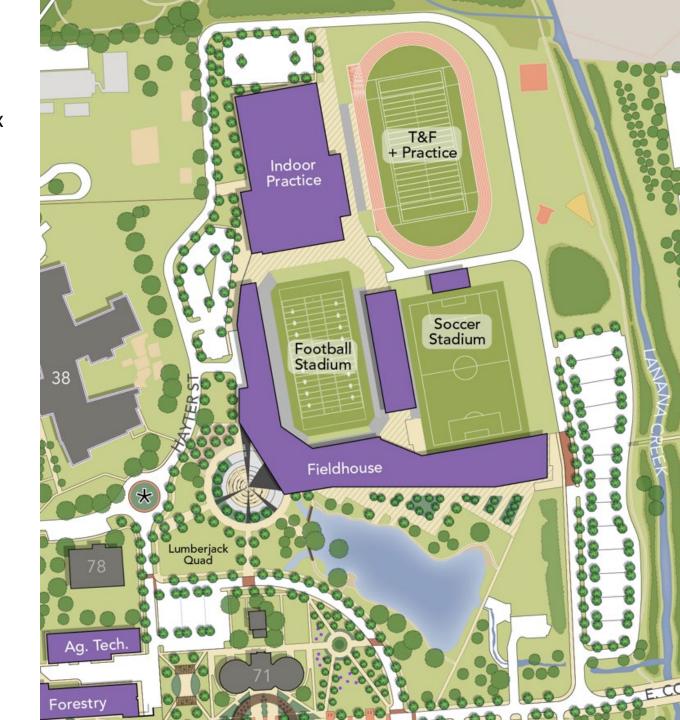
- Access to the Fieldhouse
- 1,417 seat bowl L configuration with a shared press box on the east with the stadium seating
- Spectator amenities entries, concessions, RR, clubs, suites, and loge boxes

Indoor Practice (94,000 GSF)

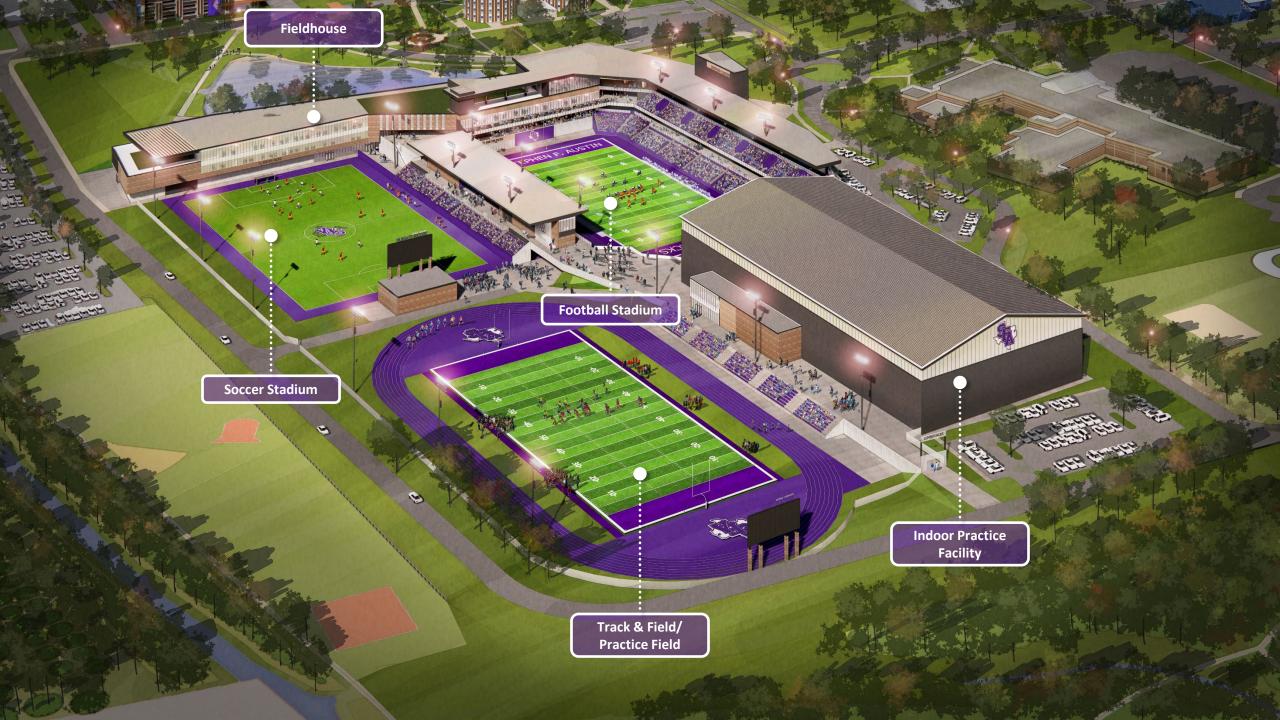
- Turf facility for all-weather practice
- 90' tall for punting
- Satellite training & cardio areas
- Shared facility with all athletic teams + campus special events

Track & Field + Practice

- 400-meter (8) lane track + natural grass practice field
- 1,000 seats in a linear configuration







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COMPILE AND SUBMIT THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT

FINAL REVIEW WITH COMMITTEE & ADOPTION (DECEMBER)

NEXT STEPS

THANK YOU!