

## Campus Master Plan Update

### Plan Notes 2

## Busy Spring semester yields draft Campus Plan ...

Over 75 constituent meetings and public forums generate draft plan

### Durham, July 12, 2003:

Ayers Saint Gross presented a draft campus master plan to the UNH Board of Trustees on June 13 at the New England Center. The presentation summarized seven months of work on the update of the University campus plan. Key concepts of the presentation included a recognized need for expanded housing, improved transportation systems and focused redevelopment of the Northwest quadrant and western approaches to the campus

Over the course of the summer the consultants will work with UNH staff and constituents to fine tune the projections and estimates and further develop scenarios for long-term development of the campus. Scenario testing will involve additional meetings with affected university constituents as well as ongoing discussions with the Master Plan Steering Committee.

Already, some of the policies and strategies discussed in the plan update have been set in motion in development of the south underpass and the extension of McDaniel Drive (formerly referred to as the south Loop Road). In addition funding has been secured, and work begun, on reuse plans for the Paul Creative Arts Center.

This newsletter focuses on two of our most pressing challenges and opportunities - housing and transportation. Our next issue will focus on landscape, space utilization and other land use issues.

**Check the [Campus Master Plan](#) web page for meeting notes and presentation materials from all the public sessions this spring.**

## Two Key Challenges – Housing and Transportation.

**Housing** - All parties wish to see expanded on-campus housing for both students and university faculty families. After analysis of numerous new development centers and ventures, a consensus is emerging. Some of these plans will require town-gown cooperation, as the university plans to expand on-campus housing up to 60% of the undergraduate population. New housing centers will be well connected by transit and trails and will become part of the university community fabric.

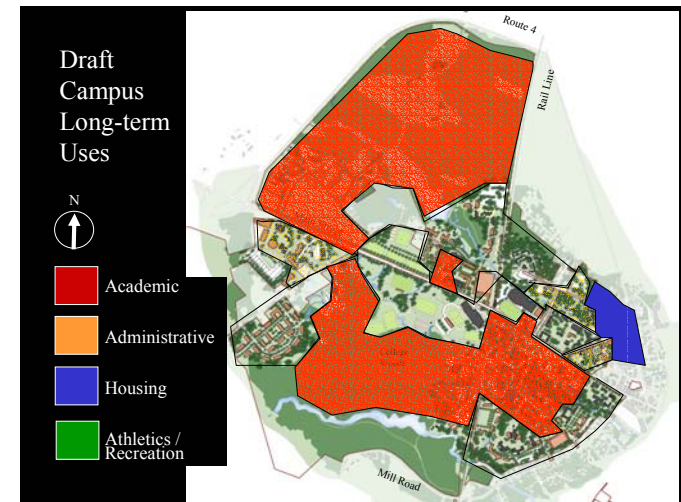
### Key Findings or Proposals:

- **create new undergraduate housing along Gables Way/Mast Rd and in the Forest Park area of campus**
- **evaluate creation of a ‘Greek Village’ on university property**
- **consider a full range of housing needs and styles and provide multiple locations for university family housing**

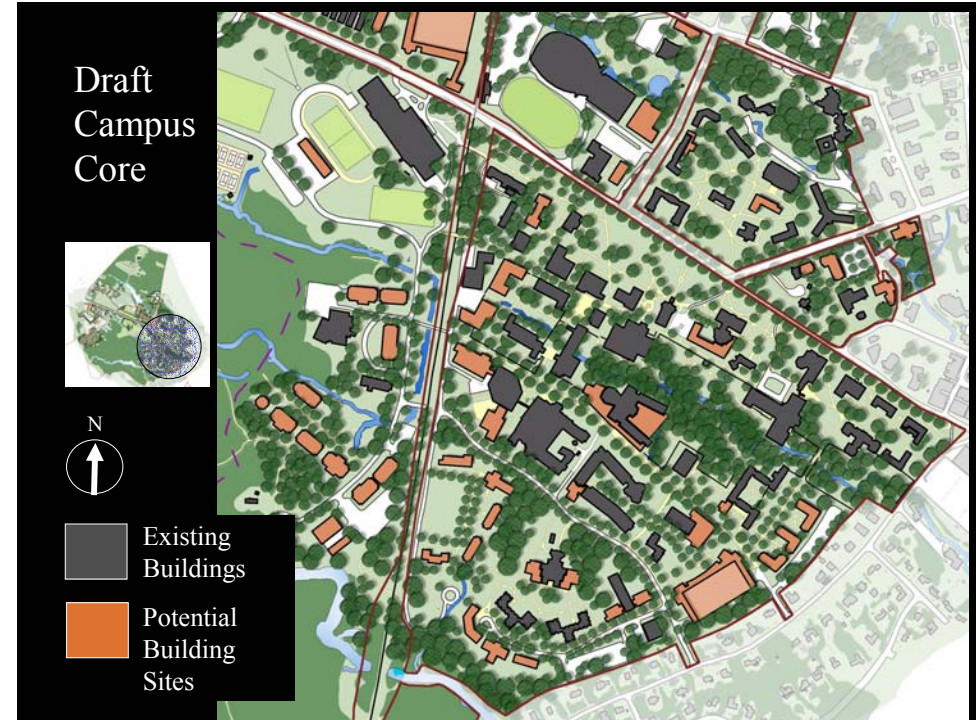
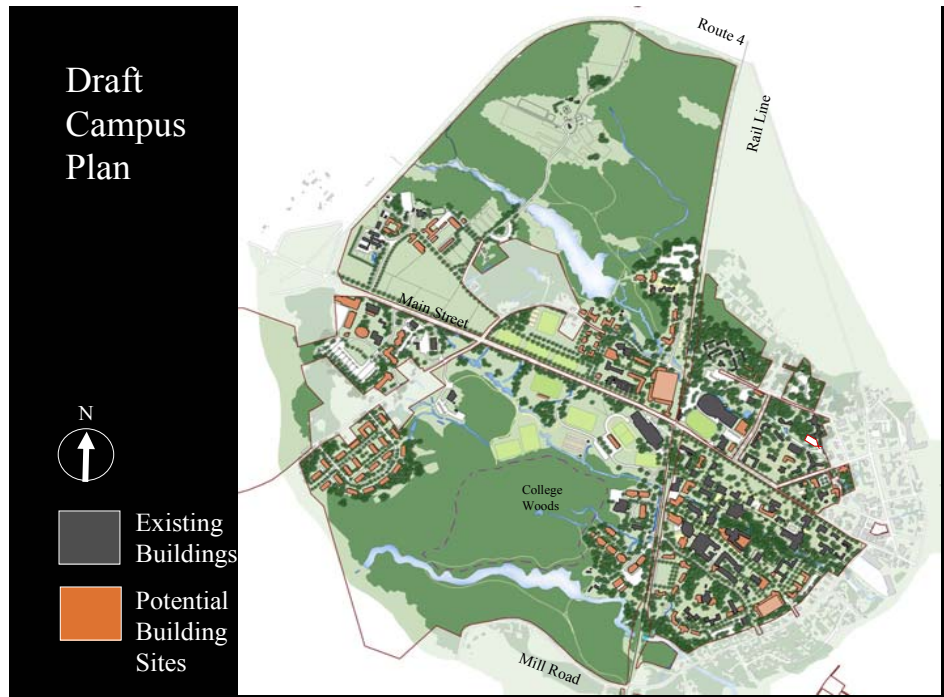
**Transportation** – Consultants Howard-Stein Hudson (HSH) have been assisting staff with full reviews of parking, transit, street, sidewalk and bike infrastructure – all in conjunction with the new transportation policies approved by President Hart in June. This review evaluates growth scenarios being developed in the Master Plan itself. As a complement to this work HSH have also been working on the next phase of the parking feasibility study and testing traffic impacts of development plans, including parking locations and land uses choices.

### Key Findings or Proposals:

- **reinforce a network of streets which connect all areas of campus. Improve and infill connections between west and east**
- **actively manage parking resources and consolidate some lots into more logical, easily accessible spaces**
- **reclaim some streetscapes for multiple use – close other roads on core campus and improve accessibility**
- **Construct an expandable parking facility in A-lot and consider limited expansion at B-lot as part of consolidation plan**



The Campus Master Plan web page has full copies of all presentations prepared to date. Each presentation has conceptual drawings which represent the campus at a 20 year horizon. The drawings represent a blueprint for long-term development of the campus. On the left is a slide showing the full core campus area. On the right an example of one of the more detailed campus areas at the same horizon.



The full presentation from which these slides were extracted can be found at: [www.unh.edu/cmp](http://www.unh.edu/cmp)

***The Master Plan Update process will conclude in January 2004*****Ongoing:**

The next set of presentations to the community will be in September and October 2003. In the meantime, staff and consultants are meeting with many constituents to review current assumptions, space needs and proposals. In addition to the general plan work additional studies are also being completed on transportation, Paul Creative Arts Center, and overall space migration plans



You can find out lots more about the process as well as find copies of ongoing reports, analyses – and view all graphics and presentations used this spring on the project website [www.unh.edu/cmp](http://www.unh.edu/cmp).

Your comments on the process – as well as campus development plans are always welcome via the [Comment link](#):

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