



## Campus Master Plan Update

### Plan Notes 3

## Final Draft Plan to Be Presented at October Forums

### Result of nine month collaborative process - community is invited to participate in Final Master Plan Update Public Forum

**Durham - October 9, 2003:** The Ayers Saint Gross consulting team will be in Durham 15-16 October for a final series of meetings with the Campus Master Plan committees as well as a public forum on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Master Plan update process is entering its final stage with a final plan to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval this winter.

The past nine months have featured ongoing precinct and full campus reviews of numerous iterations of draft development plans and programs. During the spring session, staff conducted three Precinct Workshops that then culminated in a Draft Plan Development overview in May. Activities during the summer months have focused on planning efforts for housing, transportation, landscape, and space planning items. This month's sessions are designed to continue the dialogue regarding the Campus Master Plan and help us move toward closure in this process. The presentation will be a final draft of material which will be presented to the Board of Trustees in late winter.

All community members are invited to a Public Forum schedule during Common Exam (12:30-2:00) on Thursday October 16 in MUB Theater II. The session will be lead by our Consultant Team, Ayers Saint Gross Architects + Planners. Sessions are also planned during the week with the President's Cabinet, the Dean's Council, and the Campus Master Plan Steering Committee.

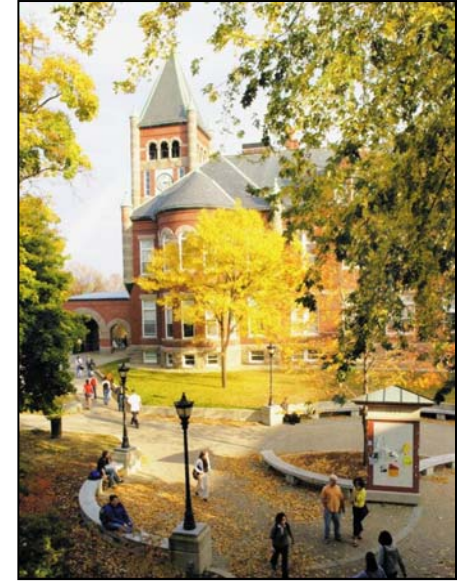
***The Campus Master Plan web page has full drawings depicting the campus at a 20 year horizon representing a blueprint for long-term development. The schedule for the remainder of the process, as well as a comment form, can be found there as well.***

## The way We Look and Grow – Landscape and Space

**Landscape** - Landscape consultants, Saucier + Flynn are developing a comprehensive landscape master plan document, which will provide the basis for how the university approaches changes to the landscape and ways to preserve or restore limited areas of the campus to their more natural conditions. They are delineating a series of landscape improvements focused on specific areas of the campus. Additionally, they are developing design guidelines, plant guidelines, and campus standards for site furnishings.

### Key Landscape Proposals:

- *accentuate key gateways (vehicular and pedestrian) to provide orientation and convey a sense of arrival or transition*
- *strengthen and extend the natural landscapes that exist in certain areas of the core campus*
- *encourage impromptu recreation near residence halls and provide small garden spaces in discrete places in the academic core*
- *transform College Road into College Walk - a pedestrian environment that accommodates occasional necessary service vehicles*
- *transform Conant Courtyard into an outdoor living room rather than a service parking area traversed by pedestrians*



### ***The Master Plan Update process will conclude in April 2004***

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

*The update of the Comprehensive Campus Master Plan is guided by the Campus Master Plan Steering Committee. Staff support is provided by the Campus Planning office under the direction of– Douglas Bencks, Director; David Clark, Space Manager; and Stephen Pesci, Special Projects Manager.*

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**Space Needs** - Over 90 space-related input sessions and departmental interviews during the past nine months have been instrumental in providing information related to departmental space needs. Documentation of present unmet needs, along with anticipated future needs for a modest enrollment expansion has identified opportunities for consolidation and, in some cases, relocation. This feedback also drives long-term, comprehensive facility needs. As a result of this process, project phasing priorities have been identified for Campus projects and assembled by type – Academic, Housing, Transportation, and Campus Enhancements.



**Key Space Proposals:**

- *priorities for our Academic Building projects are in alignment with the Project KEEP initiative*
- *co-location of Academic and Student Services will be pursued to improve delivery of support and services*
- *placement of future Academic and Research facilities will support an integrated undergraduate and graduate experience*
- *housing facilities are being considered to support housing 60% of the undergraduate population on campus –targeting suite-style and apartment accommodation*
- *increase and improve family housing (students, visiting and junior faculty) inventory while permitting the reuse of Forest Park for core campus functions*

### Other Studies:

In addition to the master plan itself, several stand-alone studies and projects related to campus growth are also nearing completion. These complement the master plan process:

#### McDaniel Drive Extension/South Underpass Design

-final design for new road and rail line underpass linking core campus to the entrepreneurial campus and Main Street. Construction planned to commence as soon as fall 2004

#### Parking Feasibility Phase II Study

-detailed analysis of financial, traffic and geotechnical considerations of two structures

#### Core Campus Traffic Model

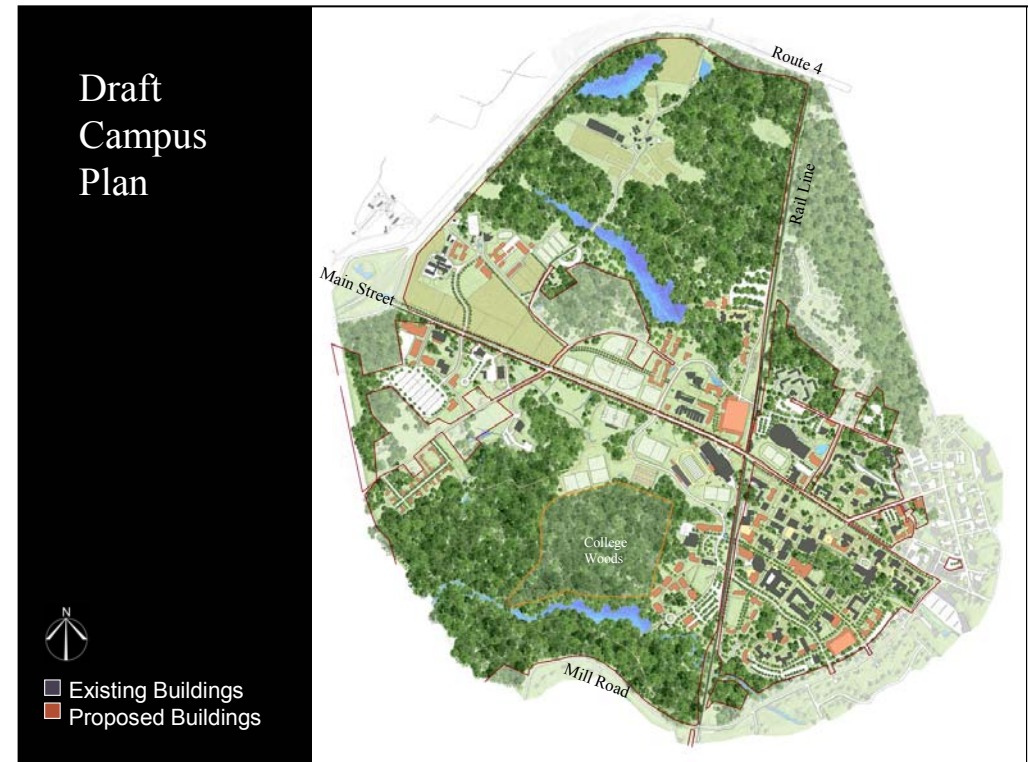
-a traffic analysis tool of major intersections in the campus/downtown area

#### College Way Redevelopment Plan

-an architectural design charette of plans to rebuild College Way

#### Paul Creative Arts Study

-an architectural and programmatic plan for building expansion and renovation



*October draft of Campus Plan Drawing*

## Timeline – the Final Stretch

The Master Plan Update process final update session on October 16<sup>th</sup> is followed by Committee meetings designed to develop final draft plan materials for the administration to present to the Board of trustees in late winter 2004.