

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Structure of the Master Plan**

This document is the culmination of the procedures to prepare an updated Campus Master Plan for The Florida State University (FSU). The Final Master Plan consists of two volumes. Volume I is called “Goals, Objectives, and Policies” (often abbreviated “GOPs”) and contains a narrative in the form of goals, objectives, and policies and graphic description of the Master Plan for each of the three campuses included in the Plan. The format for this information follows that of the University’s existing Campus Master Plan, which was developed following guidelines promulgated by the former Board of Regents. The GOPs comprise the official mater plan adopted by the Board of Trustees. The document is similar in format, intent, and content to the comprehensive plans required of all county and municipal governments in Florida.

This second document entitled “Supporting Data” is Volume II of the Campus Master Plan and contains the required supporting data. This document consists of the Data Requirements and Analysis portions for each of the Elements as outlined in the Guidelines. The Supporting Data volume is not part of the officially adopted Master Plan although the information reported here is the basis for the decisions and recommendations made by the Master Plan.

In addition to these two volumes as a preparatory task to the plan update process, the University completed an Evaluation and Appraisal Report that analyzed the components of the University’s adopted Campus Master Plan as to their applicability to be carried forward into the updated plan.

### **Organization of Supporting Data, Volume 2**

Following this **Introduction** is a series of divider tabs for each of the eighteen Elements in which the narrative information and supporting maps are presented. For each Element, the data is recorded in the order of the points in the Comprehensive Guidelines followed by any graphics or maps in 11”x17” folded format.

Other tabs entitled “Panama City” and “Southwest Campus” contain summary information about these sites.

The final tab, **Appendix**, contains reference information identified in one or more of the Elements. The first items are **Figures A.1, A.2, A.3** and **Tables A.1, A.2, and A.3** that show existing University buildings on the Main Campus, Southwest Campus, and Panama City Campus. Other items included in the Appendix are listed in the Table of Contents.

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**Website Links**

Throughout the book, website links are provided to infrastructure drawings or other information. If hard copies of these documents are needed, they can be made available upon request.

**Master Planning Process**

The master planning process is divided into two major parts: preparation of the draft master plan and the review process for state and local entities leading to the adoption of the plan. The process used to prepare and adopt the plan typically occurs over five phases or steps.

A preparatory task, the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), reviewed the goals, objectives, and policies contained in the University's adopted Campus Master Plan in terms of having been accomplished, relevance to the future, and effectiveness.

The first phase of the planning process, Data Gathering, involved the master planning consultants working closely with the University staff to gather considerable information about the University's programs, projected enrollments, existing facilities and grounds, and the host community conditions and needs. During the second phase, Analysis, the planning team evaluated the data and the existing master plan to derive understandings of current facility needs, site plan opportunities, and long-range strategies. The third phase, Preliminary Master Plan, involved the development and evaluation of various scenarios from which the recommended scheme was derived. The fourth phase, Goals, Objectives, and Policies, took the recommended concept, narratives, and sketches and developed the detailed text and drawings to form the preliminary goals, objectives, and policies. Again, extensive on-campus work sessions were conducted with University representatives to develop the information and ideas. The fifth phase, the Pre-Final Master Plan, prepared the Draft Master Plan that was submitted for review by state, regional, and local government and agencies and the general public.

The public review process is the second major part of the planning process. After posting the Draft Master Plan for public review, the University conducted two public hearings. Comments received from the hearings were reviewed and acted upon as appropriate. In addition to the hearings, written comments were received from the various affected government entities and agencies that reviewed the Plan. Any unresolved issues between the University and an entity with standing may be subject to the dispute resolution process outlined in the statutes. This document, the Final Master Plan as adopted by the University's Board of Trustees will be the official guide to development of the University for the next five years. Annual amendments will be possible under procedures in the statutes to allow the University to respond to changing conditions, both internal and external.

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**Minor Amendment**

This edition of the 2008 Updated Master Plan (as amended in 2009) contains new information about the recently acquired parcels annexed to the Main Campus plus new or revised information about many of the components of the overall Master Plan. Because the limited amount of acquired land and facilities and the relative value of new projects or revisions to existing ones are less than a 10% threshold of change established by the Comprehensive Planning Guidelines, this amendment need not be processed through all the agencies and review procedures that a full master plan update is required to submit to. Once approved by FSU's internal reviews and accepted by the Board of Trustees, the amendments become fully incorporated into the master plan.

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