

16 Landscape Architectural Design Guidelines**Landscape Architectural Design Guidelines Supporting Data****1. Inventory and Analysis of Existing Conditions**

The physical attributes of the Tallahassee Campus of Florida State University consist not only in its buildings and interiors, but also the campus site and its environs. The physical world surrounding the buildings on a campus of this size is the “glue” fostering cohesion, a sense of place, pride, function, and flexibility. A “campus” most certainly suggests a piece of land with educational facilities linked by roads, pedestrian walkways, and landscapes, supplemented by parking lots, active and passive spaces, furnishings, lighting, and many other elements.

Since its inception, the FSU Campus has grown and evolved. The campus development has greatly influenced its own land and surrounding lands and their uses. Naturally, site elements and linkages are a product of their time and are subject to obsolescence, preservation, or modification. In this element, campus-wide landscape treatments will be examined for their character, quality, and location, as well their qualitative nature and their contribution to aesthetics and function of the campus physical environment.

1.a. An inventory of the existing character, quality, and location of landscape treatments on the Tallahassee Campus are as follows:**1.a.1. Vehicular Circulation Routes:** Vehicular circulation routes on and around campus include:

- a. **Local two-lane roads** - These roads are asphalt surfaced. A comfortable scale is presented with building proximity and massing. There are large older trees nearby. The road edge treatment and landscape consist of curb, asphalt, sidewalks, and mature trees. See **Photo 16.1**.
- b. **Minor and Major two-lane Collector roads** - These asphalt surfaced roads connect all zones and districts. There are recently planted trees along these routes. These routes are used by the campus bus system. The edge treatment and landscape consist of curb, asphalt, sidewalks, and young trees. See **Photo 16.2**.
- c. **Principal Arterial and Minor routes that surround the campus** – These asphalt surfaced roads are more than two lanes in width and connect the entire campus with its immediate surroundings. Landscape along these routes is minimal. Edge treatment and landscape consist of curb, sidewalks, asphalt and generally these routes have a median in the middle. See **Photo 16.3**.
- d. **Roads with On-Street Parking** – The edge treatment and landscaping consist of curb, asphalt, parking, sidewalks and some trees. See **Photo 16.4**.

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- 1.a.2 Parking Facilities:** Associated with campus vehicular systems are campus parking facilities. As the campus grew to the west of the original historical area, parking became a larger, integral, and complex part of campus function and scene. There are mainly parking lots assigned specifically to students, other parking lots assigned to Faculty and Staff. There are few shared and visitor parking lots located towards the perimeter of campus.

Their characteristics vary and include:

- a. Asphalted lots, smaller in size and not too visually imposing. See **Photo 16.5**.
- b. Asphalted lots that, depending on their organization, orientation and visibility, vary in their visual impact. See **Photo 16.6**.
- c. Asphalted lots, large in size and located adjacent to a campus street. These tend to have a strong visual impact. See **Photo 16.7**.
- d. Graveled lots, very few and located at the campus periphery. See **Photo 16.8**.

Landscaping associated with the parking facilities is varied. Lots that have been in existence for some years have large trees, some lots have few trees at the perimeter and some have no landscape within or immediately adjacent to them. Some new and updated lots have medians with a few small trees, and a few have shrubs attempting to screen cars.

- 1.a.3. Pedestrian Circulation Routes:** Walks provide the primary circulation needs on campus and sidewalks adequately serve a significant part of this campus. Virtually all walks and pedestrian areas are concrete with an occasional special pavement such as brick, exposed aggregate, or interlocking pavers occurring at accent areas.

There are two major pedestrian circulation routes that run North-South, Woodward Mall and East-West, Call Street corridor. See **Photos 16.9 and 16.10**. There is an appropriate relationship between the distribution from these two main pedestrian paths to the remainder of the connecting of pedestrian walks. There are also adequate connector paths to open spaces that occurs between buildings. See **Photos 16.11 and 16.12**.

In past years, the Facilities Department says it has constructed 2000 linear feet of walks on average each year which addresses “desire lines” (high volume paths worn into lawn or planted areas) and currently these have been minimized.

Pedestrian tunnels and bridges occur in several locations on campus. Tunnels occur at two perimeter “crossings” of Tennessee and Pensacola Streets where wide roads and heavy traffic would conflict with pedestrian desire lines to get from one side to the other. There are also a few bridges that span the swales from past drainage ditches. See **Photos 16.12**.

Steps found within walks on campus are constructed of concrete. Handrails are almost,

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consistently galvanized steel pipe, however the style and extension length beyond the top and bottom risers vary from stair to stair.

- 1.a.4. Bicycle Facilities:** Bicycle parking facilities are distributed throughout campus. All are adjacent to pedestrian circulation systems and are on paved surfaces. See **Photo 16.13** and **16.14**.
- 1.a.5. Public Transportation Facilities:** Public transportation facilities that exist on campus consist of shelters of varying types for use by students and staff in inclement weather. Most facilities are located on campus property, and patrons of the campus bus system as well as the city transit system use shelters along the perimeter of campus. They vary in style from metal frame. See **Photo 16.15**; and a large brick and concrete structure with clay tile roof, see **Photo 16.16**. The large brick shelter on Champions Way, near University Center.
- 1.a.6. Emergency Access Facilities:** Emergency access facilities for the campus are not formally designated specifically for use as emergency access. Every street and parking lot adjacent to campus buildings can be considered an emergency access point. There are also several widened walkways through campus, many of which are used on a daily basis as driveways to building service areas that can be considered emergency access corridors. However, there is no information available as to the maximum loads these walkways will withstand, and there is also no evidence of any areas reinforced for emergency vehicle access.
- 1a.7. Planted Areas:** Nearly all of the Tallahassee Campus grounds are improved and maintained landscape comprised predominantly of lawns and tree with the dominant tree species being Live Oaks and Slash Pines. In the older parts of campus, east of Woodward Avenue, a substantial amount of shrub materials exist as foundation and accent planting. See **Photo 16.17**. Newer parts of campus have new plant masses, improving spaces of layering and scale. See **Photo 16.18**.

Historical accounts indicate that early campus development included saving existing Live Oaks and Pines and providing lawn in disturbed areas. It was not until the early 1930's that landscaping took place for enhancement purposes. At that time, additional trees and shrubs were added, a significant number of which survive today and make campus a special place for students. See **Photo 16.19**.

As the campus developed to the west, crossing Woodward Avenue, large trees were saved wherever possible to maintain the continuity of campus landscape dominated by large trees. New supplemental canopy trees exist and a higher percentage of installed palms can be found, particularly in the science and residence hall areas in the northwest. A recent landscape effort was the construction of a labyrinth between the Psychology and Medical School. It is an attractive and highly appreciated campus spaces. See **Photo 16.20**

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1.a.8 Site Furnishings: An inventory of a variety of site furnishings, such as bike parking, regular parking, tables, waste cans, recycling, gardens, blue lights, fire hydrants, art, and others, can be found at campus.map.fsu.edu. The campus has a wide variety of furnishings. There has been an effort in recent years to provide consistence of site furnishings throughout the campus. However, there are existing furnishings still remaining that are not consistent and visually appealing.

- a) Bicycle Parking Facilities are located throughout campus. There are also bicycle service stations. The effort to curtail bicycles being chained to fences, trees, railings and signposts is ongoing. See **Photos 16.13 and 16.14**
- b) Benches are located throughout campus. There are a few types of benches, the most prevalent being concrete benches, see **Photo 16.21**, and metal benches, see **Photo 16.22**. Numerous other bench types found consist of custom designs for specific locations or conditions; donated memorial type benches, and miscellaneous ones ordered from site furniture catalogues.
- c) Tables and benches of several types exist on campus. The majority are pre-cast concrete, and metal. See **Photos 16.23 and 16.24**.
- d) Bollards are used primarily to direct foot traffic or create a psychological edge for parking zones or other uses. Many pre-cast concrete bollards have been placed but have not been maintained, thus causing eyesores. See **Photo 16.25**. There are newer black metal bollards that have been placed across campus. Its specifications are in the **Design Guidelines**. See **Photo 16.26**.
- e) Trash receptacles are located throughout the campus. In addition to the dumpster-type described in **1.a.10**, pedestrian-type receptacles are primarily black metal, round units distributed in pairs throughout campus. One is for recyclables and the other for landfill waste. See **Photo 16.27** and **Photo 16.28**. If consistency is desired, receptacles should be of same family as benches.
- f) Fencing is used in a few locations on campus, and nearly all is chain link. Where used, it is either associated with athletic fields, or along the drainage canal that cuts north/south through campus, or enclosing the maintenance facilities service yard. See **Photo 16.29**. Some ornate wrought iron fencing also exists on a low back wall with pilasters along Copeland Street that is purely for aesthetics and spatial definition. See **Photo 16.38**. there is also another example surrounding the University President's residence. See **Photo 16.30**. Multi-purpose fields, women's soccer, and women's softball have used vinyl black chain link fencing.

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- g) Blue Light Emergency Phones are located throughout campus as a security measure for pedestrian safety on campus. See **Photo 16.31**. This style of fixture is bold in FSU “garnet” and provides an integrated design.

1.a.9 Lighting Locations and Types: No inventory mapping exists for site lighting. The lighting on campus primarily consists of two basic types:

a) Street and parking lot lighting:

Vehicular streets owned and maintained by the campus are as follows: Academic Way; Chieftain Way; Call St. West off Woodward and from Murphree St. to Chieftain Way; Call St. East, from Honors Way to Copeland St.; Hull Drive; Atomic Way; University Way; Convocation Way; Collegiate Loop; Honors Way; University Way; and Varsity Drive. Lighting on these streets is maintained by the University Maintenance Department, and the types of lighting fixtures are as follows:

1. Cobrahead: a High Pressure Sodium lighting element on a metal arm, attached to a wood, concrete, or metal pole. These are used along the larger streets and for large parking lots.
2. Contemporary "Cube" fixture: A Metal Halide lighting element attached to the top of an anodized aluminum or painted metal pole. These are used along streets and in small parking lots, and incorporated recently, as a need for security lighting has increased.
3. Acorn ornamental fixture: Old fixtures originally installed in the historic section of campus as walkway lighting. They are also haphazardly used in newer sections of campus. Some have been converted from the original incandescent bulb element to a newer high-pressure sodium fixture. These are used as street lamps along Chieftain Way, Copeland, and in new parking lots.

b) Pedestrian/Walk lighting:

1. The predominant type of fixture is an “acorn”-type lens with either cast aluminum or precast concrete base, as shown in **Photo 16.32a**, which has replaced older precast concrete and cast iron standards which are no longer available. See **Photo 16.32b**. However, reuse or cannibalization of older fixtures sharply reduces their attrition rate and consequently contribute to a variety of fixture types being mixed on campus. In addition to the acorn-type fixtures, more modern aluminum standards with differing fixtures are also being installed wherever needed, mixing with the acorn-types. See **Photo 16.33**. Round and squat aluminum poles of differing heights exist, as do numerous finishes including painted, clear aluminum, and dark anodized aluminum. In some cases,

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other types of light fixtures were installed with specific building projects and add to the range of fixtures to be found on campus. In addition, there are Blue Light phone fixtures. **See Photo 16.31.** Lamping is either incandescent, high-pressure sodium, or metal halide, are therefore produce differing light colors. New aluminum fixtures have a more efficient light distribution than the acorn type.

2. Bollard-type lighting occurs in a few cases, and where it does, it too exists in differing styles. In most cases bollard lighting installation was associated with individual building construction projects.

1a.10 Trash Collection Facility: Trash Collection Facilities occur throughout the campus. A significant majority of the metal dumpsters are within brick screen walls and partially visible to the public. **See Photo 16.34.**

Large recycling dumpsters occur in two locations on campus. They too are in locations where they are partially visible. **See Photo 16.35.**

1.a.11 Maintenance Facility: FSU's Maintenance Facility is in the geographical center of the Tallahassee campus. **See Figure 3.6.1.** It commands sizeable acreage and has a large and highly visible service yard that contains not only vehicles, but also the storage and stockpiling of materials as well. Unfortunately, for security reasons, a high chain link fence surrounds the yard with barbed wire creating a visual anomaly in an "open" campus. **See Photo 16.36 and 16.37.**

1.a.12 Campus Edges: Public roads bound the Tallahassee Campus perimeter on all sides. Visibility into the campus is varied between high visual accessibility to minimal visual accessibility except for University buildings fronting the roads. **See Figure 3.9.** Edges such as Tennessee Avenue on the north and Stadium Drive on the west provide opportunities for long-views into the campus environs. **See Photo 16.40.** Edges such as Copeland and Jefferson have multiple buildings fronting on them, affording views of wonderful building facades and attractive "front yards", but no penetrating views into the campus environs. **See Photo 16.39.** College Avenue to the east directly links the campus with the downtown.

Adjacent land uses and quality of structure varies as well. Most land use consists of residential-type buildings ranging from apartments, "Greek" housing, single-family residential (housing students), etc. Other uses include commercial and retail structures and a few civic structures. In general, the quality of the immediate neighboring structures is not very high. **See Photo 16.41.** Parking lots can also be found on the campus perimeter in some areas.

Pedestrian circulation occurs on the public sidewalks along the streets that feed the walks penetrating into the campus. Bicycle routes, though not formalized lanes, also access the campus

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along streets, particularly from the west.

As described in **1.b**, the campus edge, as it relates to the natural landscape context, is fortunate to have large trees and an undulating terrain which provide visual interest, scale, a sense of environmental maturity, and in some cases a visual screen to mask buildings of questionable visual value.

In summary, the Tallahassee campus fits into an urbanized context containing positive and negative elements. As campus expansion proceeds into the future, the edge conditions will change and push out further into the community, influencing new edges and adjacent land use relationships.

1.b. The Natural Landscape Context: Tallahassee is located in an area of native Slash Pines and Southern Live Oaks and the campus has many individual specimens and groves of these native trees within its boundaries.

1.c. Historic Landscape Features: There are no designated historic landscape features on campus, and although the “Historic Zone” of campus relates mostly to the building themselves, the landscape and trees surrounding the buildings are as much a part of the history as the buildings. It is the trees that document the passage of time and maintain the sense of history for the campus and the generations of students that pass through. The buildings seldom change over time, but it is the change in the size of the trees alumni first notice on their return to the campus after many years away. It is a living link with the past for students, and of high priority in the historic elements of the campus.

An important element of the campus look is the character of the Old Campus architecture framed by Canary Date Palm trees, See **Photo 16.42**, shaded by the Live Oak hung with Spanish moss and the groves of tall Slash Pines. The Westcott Building and Entrance is the primary historic element of the campus and will remain sacrosanct in the minds of alumni because it stands as the icon of their time spent here. Improvements made to the Westcott courtyard are in context with the historic space. Landis Green too is as important a space to the campus as the Westcott Entrance because it is the main-focus and gathering point on campus and its psychological center. The master plan calls for removal of trees from the historic green to strengthen the visual connection between Landis Hall and Strozier Library and supplementing additional Live Oaks along its edges. See **Photo 16.43**.

1.d. Specimens or Significant Landscape Features:

1.d.1 Specimens: Specimen trees are specifically inventoried on campus. There are numerous specimen-quality (40 inches in caliper or more) Live Oaks as well as many Date Palms, Southern Magnolia, Tulip Poplar, Holly, and Pindo Palm trees throughout the campus. The area south of

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Jefferson Street has large trees mixed among housing, and should the campus expand to the south, the large trees should be retained. See **2.d** for additional information.

- 1.d.2 Gateways:** Gateways play an important role as a ceremonial portal into the campus. The two historic gateways that exist on campus are at the Westcott Entrance on the east and “Southgate” (or Gilchrest Gate) on Jefferson Street. An implicit third gateway with the new EOAS building is at Woodward Avenue. A fourth gateway is on the campus edge to the west by the College of Medicine. Their importance as a symbol of access is reflected in professional design and attention to detail. See **Figure 3.1** and **Photo 16.44 and 16.45**.
- 1.d.3 Fountains:** Fountains are found in four locations of campus. They are simple, pedestrian in scale, and add charm to their locations. However, maintenance costs are high. See **Photos 16.48 to 16.51**.
- 1.d.4 Memorials:** Memorials are found in several locations on campus. Their nature range from a memorial statue to plaques, sundials, benches, etc. See **Photos 16.52 to 16.56**. Siting of memorials should be well thought out so they are not imposing on the landscape.
- 1.d.5 Sculpture:** Sculpture occurs in many locations on campus. It adds a richness to a campus space and creates visual interest. Careful selection and placement on campus of high-quality pieces of sculpture should be encouraged, particularly if expertise is provided as has been the case with existing works by the curators of the pieces who are familiar with the art. See **Figure 3.16** and **Photos 16.57 to 16.63**.

1.e. Inventory of Existing Types of Outdoor Furnishings and Graphics:

1.e.1 Paving Materials

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
a. Vehicular	Asphalt	Contractor/ Specification
	Concrete	Contractor/ Specification
b. Parking Lots	Asphalt	Contractor/ Specification
	Porous Asphalt	Contractor/ Specification
	Gravel	Contractor/ Specification
	Compacted Soil	Existing
c. Pedestrian	Concrete	Contractor/ Specification
	Asphalt	Contractor/ Specification

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Inset Brick Pavers	Contractor/ Specification
Interlocking Pavers	Contractor/ Specification
Epoxy Aggregate	Contractor/ Specification

1.e.2 Handrails

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
a. Round Tube	Galvanized Steel	FSU Physical Plant Dept.
b. Extruded Box Tube	Aluminum	Contractor/Specification
c. Ornamental	Wrought Iron Bronze	Contractor/ Specification Contractor/ Specification

1.e.3 Bicycle Parking Facilities

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
a. High Hoop	Galvanized Steel Bent Tubing	FSU Physical Plant Dept. Fabricate as Needed
b. "Ribbon Rack"	Galvanized Steel Mandrel Bent Tubing Cat# RB 07 IG	Brandir International New York, NY
c. Triangle Frame	Painted Steel	Unavailable
d. Concrete Unit	Concrete w/Steel Eye	Unavailable
e. Low Straight Pipe	Galvanized Pipe Threaded & Assembled	FSU Physical Plant Dept.

1.e.4 Benches

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
a. FSCW 1936	Precast Concrete Original	Unavailable
b. Modified W/ Painted Wood Backrest	Precast Concrete Base Painted Wood Backrest	Unavailable
c. Replacement Bench	Precast Concrete Fabricate as Needed	FSU Physical Plant Dept.

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d. Bob Bishoff's "Cathedral Design" bench	Precast Concrete Fabricate as Needed	FSU Art Dept.
e. Ornate Garden Style	Precast Cone. Seat and Legs Straight and Curved Type by Physical Plant Dept.	Purchased through local Lawn & Garden Shop
f. Aluminum Black – contemporary	Metal Rod Pranus with powder coat finish in black	Landscape forms "Family" of benches that include Presido and Plexus Collections
g. Landis Fountain Benches (4)	Precast Concrete	Custom Specification
h. Victorian Style (Union Courtyard)	Cast Steel Ends	Similar to Beacon Products Painted Wood Slats "San Francisco" SFB- 05(outdated)
i. Wood and Brick No Back	Slotted Wood Seat Brick & Mortar Legs	Custom Specification
j. Aluminum with Back	Anodized Aluminum Seat and Back; Aluminum Frame	Similar to Iron Mr. Forge Cat. # 348-6A
k. Aluminum without Back	Anodized Aluminum Seat Aluminum frame	Custom Specification
l. Aluminum Black Wire Contemp. Design (Westcott)	Metal Rod Pranus with Powder coat Finish in Black	Landscape Forms "Family" of benches that include "Presido" and "Plexus" collections

1.e.5 Tables and Benches

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
a. Ornate Round Table 3 Curved Benches	Precast Concrete Smooth finish/patterned edges	Purchased at local Lawn & Garden Shop by

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b. Octagonal Table 4 Attached Benches	Precast Concrete Sandblasted Top & Seat Exposed Aggregate Base	Petersen Concrete Products Cat. # OTS
c. Picnic Tables	Painted Wood Table & Seats Painted Steel Tube frame	Similar to Iron Mt. Forge Cat. # 1586 GT

1.e.6 Bollards

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
a. 4" X 4" Post Decorative Top	Pressure treated Pine Fabricate as Needed	FSU Physical Plant Dept.
b. 4" X 4" Post W/ Chains Decorative Top	Pressure Treated Pine Chrome Plated Chain	FSU Physical Plant Dept. Fabricate as Needed
c. 6" X 6" Post Flat Top	Pressure Treated Pine Fabricate as Needed	FSU Physical Plant Dept.
d. 5" X 5" Post Flat Top	Precast Concrete	Custom Specification
e. Large Round	Precast Concrete Smooth Top; Exp.AMr. Base	Wausau Tile Co. Cat#7-RB-12x30-Sand
f. Decorative Historic	Metal w/ Black Powder coat Finish	Custom Specification

1.e.7 Trash Receptacles, Pedestrian

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
a. Square Base; Flat Top Open 4 Sides	Precast Concrete Base Exposed Aggregate Finish Brown Fiberglass Top	Wausau Tile Co. Cat # W-24 Top # WT-2414
b. Square Base; Curved Top 1 Flap Door	Precast Concrete Base Exposed Aggregate Finish	Wausau Tile Co. Cat # W-19

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Opening	Brown Fiberglass Top	Top # WT-19-T
c. Ash Urn; Square	Precast Concrete Exposed Aggregate Finish	Wausau Tile Co. Cat # S-24-S

1.e.8 Recycling Receptacles, Pedestrian

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
a. Square Base; Curved Top 1 Flap Door Opening Special Order Graphics	Precast Concrete Base Exposed Aggregate Finish Blue Fiberglass Top;	Wausau Tile Co. Cat. # W-19 Top # W-19-T Blue
b. Plywood Box, Painted Wood Frame	Plywood Sides, Top, Base Unavailable Green Paint Being Phased Out	FSU Physical Plant Dept.

1.e.9 Fencing

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
a. Chain Link Variable Height	Galvanized Steel Mesh Galvanized Steel Frame	Contractor/ Specification
b. Chain Link w/ Screen (Tennis Complex)	Vinyl Coated Steel Mesh Galvanized Steel Frame Woven Fabric Screen	Contractor/Specification
c. Wood Slat	Painted or Stained Wood Panels on Wood Frame	Contractor/ Specification
d. Chain Link	Vinyl Coated Black	Contractor/ Specification

1.e. 10 Light Fixtures and Poles**a. Pedestrian/Walk Lighting:**

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
1. "Old" Acorn Ornamental Pole	Glass Top; 150 W HPS bulb Painted Cast Iron Pole	Unavailable Information

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2. "New" Acorn Ornamental Pole	Glass Top; 150 W HPS bulb Painted Cast Concrete Pole	Unavailable Information
3. Contemporary Cube Shape; Metal Halide Bulb	Anodized or Painted Metal Top; Acrylic Lens; Anodized or Painted Round Metal Pole	Contractor/Specification
4. Contemporary Cyl. Shape Fixture; Metal & Pole;	Anodized Aluminum Top Acrylic Lens	Contractor/Specification Halide Bulb
5. "Shoebox" Shape	Anodized Aluminum Top and Pole; Polycarbonate Lens	Contractor/Specification

b. Light Bollards:

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
1. Round Metal Glass Lens	Painted Metal Top and Base	Contractor/Specification
2. Round Concrete	Precast Concrete Base Sandblast Finish Anodized Aluminum Top	Contractor/Specification

c. Street & Parking Lot Lights (University Owned Streets):

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
1. Cobra Head	Galvanized Steel Housing and Attachment Arm; Wood, Concrete, or Metal Pole	Contractor/Specification
2. Contemporary Cube Shape; Metal Halide Bulb	Anodized Aluminum Top Square Pole, Painted; Acrylic Lens	Contractor/Specification

d. "Blue Light" Emergency Phone Fixtures:

<u>Style</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Source</u>
Phone/Light Unit	Aluminum Pole; Weather-proof phone unit; Painted sign; light fixture with blue lens	Contractor/Specification

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The landscape of The Florida State University is unique and differentiates itself from other state and southern campuses due to its geology, soils, climate and cultural context and history. As with the campus's architecture, its landscape is historically rich. Just as the building architecture style changes dramatically from the east to the west sides of the campus, its landscape is indicative of the campus's growth and expansion over time.

The building clusters or quads in which the landscape is framed by the buildings dominate the landscape to the east of Woodward Avenue. The landscape and buildings work together in defining the outside environment and campus spaces.

The Post WW II landscape on the west of Woodward Avenue is largely residual due to the modern architecture and their space radiating volumes. With exception of some formal alignment along the western Call Street corridor, the buildings and landscape do not work well together.

The original campus landscape is rich with arcades; gateways, monumental entryways; and courtyards. These are constructed of brick and stone, materials rich in texture, color, shading and pedestrian appeal. Buildings are sited around dominant lawn areas or to create open space quadrangles, all of which provide a place of assembly and social discourse.

The rich detailing of the original campus is observed on many of the new and/or renovated projects constructed during the 1990's where scale and caliber of design make a difference in the quality of the landscape. In general these projects provide an intricacy of detail and dimension obtained through the knowledge and experience of the true professional. They include:

- Westcott Plaza renovation
- Student Life Center – First Phase
- Call Street Promenade
- Circular seating area on the southwest corner of the Police Station
- Student Union Expansion
- Leach Center
- Tennis Complex
- Women's Soccer Softball Complex
- University Center
- Parking Garage & Bookstore Facility

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The campus landscape offers unique opportunities and key tools for attracting new students and engaging alumni in fund raising, as has been the case with the Westcott Plaza Renovation.

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The result of a project-by-project approach to new campus buildings and surrounding plantings neglects the critical fabric of the outdoor “rooms” between them. Good campus design results from strong space planning, shaping and overall vision for how roads, trees and buildings create spaces.

Stand-alone projects in select areas of campus were generally observed to be distracting and lacking in design and detailing which would be lasting in nature. These diffusely located or isolated small projects whose planning, and design may not carry the authority to make a positive difference should be discontinued. Examples of these include:

Gazebo near Jefferson Street Gateway

Entry court to the east of the Sandals Building

The solution is not to plant more shrubs nor to impose elements onto the landscape which create temporary solutions. The goal is to create well-ordered sequences of spaces, each with a character that defines its importance and is woven into a relationship to the overall campus and surrounding neighborhoods.

Emphasis for the grounds department should be re-focused to address maintenance rather than design.

Concentrated Enhancements to the Landscape

The concentration of resources in select areas of campus almost always will result in a lasting improvement. When budgets are appropriated for new landscaping within new building or building expansion projects there is an opportunity to modify the campus landscape. Landscaping associated with these projects can restore an existing landscape, enhance an existing landscape or hardscape area or create an entirely new landscape for campus. A professionally planned and designed landscape is supported by materials of the quality of the building structures that are part of it. Plant materials and construction materials used in landscape planting and hardscaping need to be of the highest practical caliber.

The historical landscape language of FSU is rich with plant materials and hardscaping construction that has been proven over time to support the campus’s character and image. These need to continue to be employed. The introduction of alien plant species and disingenuous hardscaping materials and ‘designs’ as well as the introduction of alien landscape materials should be avoided.

With exception of the campus standard brick, mass produced products or elements that artificially replicate traditional building materials, albeit economical, compromise the quality of the institution and its landscape.

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Solutions that rely on a commercial grade aesthetic, common and ubiquitous to other cityscape environments should be avoided. The smallest details of the landscape should fit together to enhance it. Otherwise, clarity of purpose becomes obscured.

Historical Campus - Restoration

Installation and construction of new landscaping and hardscaping should not occur in a district or area of campus until restoration and maintenance of the existing landscape is stabilized and reinforced with new plant material and repair or replacement of functioning landscape/hardscape elements. The azalea and camellia garden landscapes in the historic portions of campus are important to the character of FSU.

Restoration of the existing older azalea and camellia garden landscapes in and around the historic portions of campus should be a priority in the continued development of vital landscape on campus.

Restoration and maintenance strategies, cost effective maintenance strategies; restoration of natural feature and tree management strategies should be developed.

Live Oaks – Places Beneath:

The older live oaks with their expansive limbs and thick shade are vital to the character of the campus. The live oak landscape is powerful and grand enough to stand on its own. Intrusions beneath live oaks such as the walkway circling the tree trunk of the large live oak north of Call Street near Stadium Drive, should not be permitted. The natural spaces defined by the trunk and welling roots are assets, which should be preserved and maintained. Surface development should be limited to natural occurring footpaths and stabilization of surface soils with mulches or ground cover.

16 Landscape Architectural Design Guidelines**The Different Landscapes of FSU****1. Landscapes dominated by Vehicular Traffic**

Perimeter Roadways
Service Vehicle Access and Parking Areas
Roadways with On- Street Parking
Pocket Auto Parking Areas
Large Parking Lot Areas (paved and un-paved)

2. Landscapes dominated by the Pedestrian:

Pervious Greens (Lawns) & Quadrangles
Paved Plazas & Squares and Courtyards
Transitional Pedestrian Spaces
Major Walkways
Crosswalks

3. Landscapes dominated by the Bicyclist**4. Recreation/Athletic Fields****5. Non-Dedicated Open Space**

Altered Undeveloped Transitional Space
Natural Unaltered Vegetated Areas

6. Campus Edges**1. Landscapes dominated by Vehicular Traffic**

The demand for automobile access and parking areas currently dominates development attributes at Florida State and the resulting parking expansion creates visual blight throughout the campus. If continued, the campus character, open space and pedestrian-dominated areas will be sacrificed.

Until an adequate number of planned parking facilities can be built as well as the closing of Pensacola Street that will reduce the impact of the auto on the campus, new or renovated vehicular areas should balance access to vehicular traffic with service to the pedestrian. Projects which have achieved that goal

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include:

- Westcott Courtyard Renovation
- Call Street Promenade
- University Center Parking Facility

Street trees assist in mitigating the impact of paved expanses. They provide shade and shadow and relate to the human scale. Successful examples of tree-lined streets that address the pedestrian as well as the vehicular traffic, and provide a successful edge include:

- Tennessee Street
- Copeland Street

On-going projects where the potential exists for establishing a successful street tree planting include:

- Widening of Gaines to a six-lane boulevard
- Widening of Macomb Street between Tennessee and Gaines.
- Widening of Stadium Drive West and its connection to Tennessee Street.

2. Landscapes dominated by the Pedestrian:**Pervious Pedestrian Greens (Lawns) and Quadrangles**

The historical importance of greens, lawns, and quadrangles cannot be overlooked since most university campuses identify themselves through their open space green. One cannot think about the University of Virginia without its sacred Lawn anchored by the dominant Georgian Architecture and framed by one-story dormitory buildings which boast of students as gifted as Edgar Allan Poe.

Florida State has its Landis Green anchored by two very important buildings: the Strozier Library and Landis Hall. Several years ago, the University undertook a study that presented several alternative master plans for the green. The selected alternative recreates a true open space by opening the vista between the two buildings and making improvements to the subsurface and sod to accommodate heavy pedestrian traffic. Significant existing vegetation remains and it allows for a 50' wide perimeter of canopy Oaks and existing Pines. Major connections to pedestrian spines are addressed with paved nodes leading onto the green. These nodes offer seating and sculpture opportunities.

The plan also calls for resurfacing of the streets which frame the 'green' - Collegiate Loop (to the west) and Honors Way (to the east) through the use of printed and colored asphalt (which is now being used on many intersection treatments including Adams Street in downtown Tallahassee). This patterning of the street is intended to acknowledge a pedestrian priority along the edges of the green.

Quadrangles have been planted with Centipede grass sod (not very tolerant of heavy pedestrian traffic. They are not irrigated; therefore, they turn brown under stress of drought or too much pedestrian traffic,

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except during seasons when rain is abundant.

Paved Plazas, Squares and Courtyards

These are spaces immediately framed by significant structures and should be respected for their formal qualities. Some new and exciting plazas have been designed as part of capital projects and the most recent of these is the Student Life Center – Phase I.

Transitional Pedestrian Areas

Originally, common everyday garden settings and lawn areas were almost pastoral in their simplicity. However, much of the landscape dominated by the pedestrian today is pervious transitional space. These areas are showing signs of stress due to heavy foot traffic, coupled with lack of maintenance practices such as mulching, fertilizing, and watering at appropriate times of the year.

Many footpaths have been worn into groundcover areas adjacent to major pedestrian routes, since the sidewalks are generally not wide enough to accommodate traveling groups of students.

Many narrow sidewalks remain throughout campus and many of these should be widened. However, widening should not be undertaken without proper design unless the ordinary will be tolerated.

Major Pedestrian Walkways (which also serve for Service Vehicle Access)

Every campus has a pedestrian spine along which major facilities can be accessed. The Call Street Promenade is the best known of these at FSU. Elements which contribute to its success include its tree lined edges creating a pedestrian shade tunnel; period lighting with a pedestrian scale; sufficiently wide pavement that provides visual interest and organizes traffic through a design which combines concrete and brick materials; and pedestrian nodes which provide for student study and interaction.

Crosswalks:

Existing crosswalks vary in treatment throughout campus. MUTCD standards should be used as a general guide in the design of crosswalks; their width should take into account the volumes and shared facility nature of the crosswalks.

3. Landscapes dominated by the Bicyclist**Bike Lanes, Bike paths, Shared Used Facilities and Bike Parking Areas:**

Many bike facilities are heavily used and in need of expansion. Emphasis on bicycle facilities could lead to reduced vehicular intrusion upon the campus landscape and is therefore highly recommended. Bicycle facilities immediate to parking garages and major buildings should be well sited, designed, shaded and lighted for safety and to provide the bicyclist with convenient access to his/her destinations throughout campus. Many existing bicycle facilities do not meet those goals and are generally expanses of concrete

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pavement that do not address aesthetic design issues nor campus character.

4. Recreation/Athletic Fields:

FSU has followed the master plan and has carried through with innovative design and construction to complete numerous successful recreational projects and athletic fields that provide access to recreational opportunities to all. These include:

- Leach Recreational Center, Chieftain Way
- The Tennis Complex, Chieftain Way
- The Women's Softball and Soccer, Spirit Way
- Intramural Fields Complex, bordered by St. Augustine and Gaines Street

5. Non-Dedicated Open Space**Altered Undeveloped Transitional Space**

The notion of discovery of simple transitional pedestrian spaces leads to discovery of special places that adds meaning to the campus experience. These special areas need to be unencumbered and left to breathe. In the words of Mies Van der Rohe, "Less is more."

Natural Unaltered Vegetated Areas

All spaces within the boundaries of campus do not necessarily require a designed landscape or the addition of features. A hands-off or no enhancement philosophy is justified where a mature or simple functioning landscape stands on its own merits. These spaces, of which some may be tranquil in character, do not require more or new landscape/hardscape infill. Enhancements that congest an area or appear forced should be avoided. Appropriate selection of grass species, mulching, and simple restoration might be more effective in these areas in lieu of new sidewalks, plazas, and/or benches.

6. Campus Edges

Differentiation of the campus from the cityscape and particularly commercial strips along the perimeter is important in defining the campus's institutional status and grand scale. Projects need to be of scale and visual quality that will make a difference in the perception of the landscape and provide a transition to the adjacent community. Successful projects include:

- Dodd Hall on Jefferson Street
- Call Street Promenade
- New University Gates on Woodward Ave. at Tennessee Street
- Union Expansion
- The Intramural Fields Complex
- The University Center Project
- Westcott Plaza Renovation

16 Landscape Architectural Design Guidelines**2. Future Needs/Requirements**

2.a. Assessment of the degree to which existing landscape features are coordinated and the degree to which they contribute to or detract from the present visual and functional quality of the campus.

2.a.1 The following analysis information is presented in the same order as Part 1.

a) Pedestrian Circulation: Circulation on campus is very good. Few walks appear to be inadequate in width and few "desire lines" (high volume paths worn into lawns or planting areas) exist which represent unanticipated pedestrian routes. Paving materials are the most consistent on campus, mostly concrete with some brick pavers and a few asphalt walks.

b) Planted Areas: The vast majority of the Tallahassee campus has a finished landscape. Only a small area is implanted and maintained but does have large trees. The large trees on campus make it a handsome landscape and a large variety of trees and shrubs add visual interest.

The Landscape Visual Quality Analysis, is largely derived by the positive or negative influence the landscape has on the viewer. The richer more varied spaces have a high visual quality, see **Photo 16.19**, and are more appreciated spaces on campus than relatively barren landscape as found in the northwest corner of campus. See **Photo 16.18**. Campus landscape enhancement should focus on upgrading the northwest area giving it scale, texture and layering.

c) Site Furnishings: In general, most site furnishings have multiple types on campus, i.e., multiple types of benches. Because of the size of the campus, the multiplicity could be easily lost on the unwary eye. However, as the campus evolved and as more of the needs of the campus population was met, an inevitable commingling of furnishings has occurred. Bike rack **Photo 16.13** is an example where two styles of the same element occur in immediate proximity, breaking consistency and adding to visual clutter. Below is an analysis of site furnishings.

1. Bicycle Facilities: Bicycle facilities are distributed across campus. and apparently are heavily used. There are five different types of bike racks on campus with only one being fully utilized by students; the high pipe hoop. However, the high hoop is not located everywhere and if given a choice by students, all other racks would be ignored. Therefore, all other racks should be removed and replaced by high hoops to eliminate the visual clutter created by the unattractive, unused racks. See **Photo 16.4**.

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2. Benches: Benches occur in multiple styles and nearly all are without backrests. Project-specific benches, designed as part of a space such as those adjacent to the fountain at Landis Green can and should occur.

Benches represent one furnishing type where time has influenced selection availability. “Old style” benches are no longer available, prompting substitution with another style when needed. When this happens, like-kind benches should be used in the same geographic area as much as possible to reduce visual inconsistency and “clutter”.

Concrete benches should be the material of choice. All other benches should be phased out over time as they have proven to require heavier maintenance, are fewer in number, and add to visual inconsistency. The concrete benches with the wooden backs should have the backs removed as they look bad, require maintenance and can't be comfortable. If backed benches are desired, a consistent style should be chosen and used where appropriate. The new “garden shop” variety of concrete bench is a little too ornate for most of the campus, feel; out of place in an institutional setting and probably should have a simpler looking substitute found for it.

The majority of benches should be located in shaded areas.

3. Tables and Benches: Concrete is the material of choice for maintenance reasons. Those of other materials should be phased out and replaced with concrete if their location is used. New purchases have been the “garden shop” variety that is too ornate for an institutional setting. See **Photo 16.23**. A simpler look should be chosen.

The majority of tables and benches should be located in shaded areas.

4. Bollards: The use of bollards is appropriate to minimize vehicle access or when used with a chain to suggest an edge to the traveled way. The most prevalent bollard used appears to be of wood and installed with or without chains. See **Photo 16.25**. While probably cost effective, as they are produced by physical plant, they feel residential in nature and would be more appropriate if steel. The large exposed aggregate bollards being used on campus to discourage vehicular access are an appropriate scale and have a reasonable appearance. See **Photo 16.25**. Other bollards should be phased out.

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5. Trash Receptacles: There is a general consistency in their style, being precast concrete. They do have differing lids however, as represented in **Photo 16.27** where two types are opposite each other. Small visual inconsistencies like this should be avoided. Trash lid colors should be the same, except for the recycling receptacles that currently have their own blue lid color.
6. Fencing: Where used on campus, fencing materials are appropriate for their locations. The wrought iron edge along Copeland Street is handsome. See **Photo 16.30**. Consideration should be given to the introduction of a similar looking “picket” metal fence along other areas of the campus edge as a remedy to increased vandalism and security issues.

Chain link fencing, where not associated with athletic facilities or secure areas, is a detraction. The majority of it occurs along the drainage channel in central campus and was installed for safety reasons.. It would not exist if the deep channel wasn't there, and as the channel is covered over (a long-range goal of Physical Plant), the removal of both will be the elimination of a significant physical barrier.

7. “Blue Light” Emergency Phone Fixtures: Presently the Blue Light fixtures consist of a standard aluminum light pole with a weatherproof phone box attached, and a blue light on top. These are soon to be replaced with a newer style integrated unit, designed for this purpose. All supplemental units to the system will be of this type, which is easier to use and more visible at night, while still being an attractive unit.
- d) Trash Collection Facilities: As indicated on **Figure 3.7**, their distribution and visibility is prevalent. Few are screened, many are located in inappropriate locations (visually or practically - such as at the front door of one of the dorms). Where screening does occur, the dumpsters can be found outside their enclosures. Obviously, the truck drivers are placing dumpsters so that their means of approach and exit requires the least effort of maneuvering. Although their placement may be justified, most of their locations appear to be random and of poor aesthetic selection. If such is the case, attractive enclosures should be provided and collection companies required to operate enclosure gates as is necessary to provide adequate screening.
- e) Graphics: Graphics and signage on campus is consistent and fairly comprehensive. Street signs are maroon on yellow ground (the school colors) and show up well against dark tree backgrounds or the blue sky. Parking lot directional signs are the same maroon or yellow colors as the street signs, are understated but still easily seen without contributing to visual clutter. Building identification signs are produced by Physical Plant and located at main building entrances. The signs have a painted metal frame

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with a large garnet panel, white lettering, and a clear acrylic window. Signs show the building name, but do not reference the building numbers as shown on the Campus map. There are no centralized way-finding maps on campus, so the campus visitor must obtain a map or ask directions to find specific buildings. Perimeter campus signage consists of the multiple Florida State University signs at Wescott Entrance on Copeland Street at College Way; one is block lettering on the low brick wall in front of Westcott Fountain, and the other is the ornamental iron overhead at the driveway entry facing College Avenue. The other University sign is at the corner of Woodward Avenue and Tennessee Street, on the southeast corner. It is mounted on the low corner of the intersection and is easily obscured by cars waiting at the traffic light. Other signage around campus consists of billboard sized signs for the FSU sports teams welcoming visitors to “Seminole Territory” that are painted on the Tennessee Street overpass at Stadium Drive, adjacent to the Stadium.

2.a.2 Analysis Summary

- a) Physical Summary Analysis, Analysis of the existing main campus indicates that the campus is well developed in nearly all of its contiguous land holdings. Spaces of major importance around which facilities exist provide heritage and a standard for a campus aesthetic. Major pedestrian circulation flows to and from these areas to other parts of campus where dormitories, academic facilities and recreation facilities occur. Areas slated for future development about university and non-university owned property of various uses. These areas have significant aesthetic value and provide important linkage potential to the existing campus network. Campus frontage along highly visible edges should be aesthetically enhanced to conform to campus standards regarding landscape intensity, parking visibility, graphics, and a general sense of physical cohesion. Major entry points into the campus should be made obvious through major entry statements and graphics. The "ceremonial" entry to Wescott up College Avenue should be enhanced, if possible.
- b) Campus Materials/Furnishings:
 - 1. Pavements: Are adequately provided and of consistent materials.
 - 2. Landscape: Most areas east of Woodward Avenue are well landscaped and maintained. Large parking lots should be landscaped better and provided with canopy trees, if possible. Developed areas west of Woodward where buildings occur are not well landscaped either aesthetically or substantively. Enhancement is highly recommended. The large central zone south of the physical plant has great opportunity for passive open space.

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3. Furnishings & Lighting: Site furnishing families are very inconsistent. New styles are intermixed with old, and varying shapes, sizes, and materials are found throughout the campus. In general, standardized furnishings should become the rule and a phased replacement of “non-conforming” furnishings should be implemented.
4. Trash Receptacles: The high visibility of major trash containers randomly placed in aesthetically inappropriate locations should be studied. Trash collection methods and policies should be evaluated relative to impact on the campus aesthetic and image.

2.b Assessment of the existing design treatments with regard to their impact on campus safety:

The existing design treatments have only a small impact on campus safety except for lighting and the "Blue Light" System. The maintenance department receives reports from the police force on a daily basis which address any safety deficiencies such as non-functioning lights, hedges or trees obscuring entryways or windows, blue light system malfunction, etc. The maintenance department uses these reports to assign priority ratings to their daily maintenance requirements. The lighting and Blue Light system have significant impact on campus safety and receive a high priority status from the maintenance department.

2. Assessment of the ease or difficulty of maintaining existing landscape features:**2.c.1 Landscape**

- a) Trees
Most of the significant trees on Campus are old oak and pine trees that require more maintenance than young trees but thus cost is more than offset by the aesthetics and cooling these trees provide. Tree maintenance is approximately 25% of the overall landscape maintenance budget.
- b) Shrubs
The majority of the shrubs are maintained in a formal manner that necessitates higher maintenance. The location of the shrubbery in most instances calls for regular pruning and trimming to keep sight lines open, to prevent encroachment into vehicular and pedestrian areas, and for safety reasons. Shrubs are desirable in the overall landscape to help define areas and to add to the aesthetics of the campus. Shrub maintenance is approximately 50 % of the overall landscape budget.

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Large expanses of lawn areas are generally low maintenance unless they are comprised of Bermuda or other high maintenance grasses. Most of the campus lawn areas are Centipede grass and fairly low maintenance. The soccer fields, band practice fields, and the football and baseball fields, including the stadiums, are all "Tighten 419" Bermuda grass. Lawn maintenance is approximately 25 of the overall landscape budget.

2.c.2 Paving (pedestrian)a) Concrete

The majority of the on-site paving is broom finished concrete which has the lowest maintenance cost. A lot of the concrete is fairly old and brittle, so it is being damaged easily by on-going construction, which results in higher levels of replacement. Physical Plant installs approximately 2000 linear feet of concrete walks each year, partially to replace deteriorated walks.

b) Exposed Aggregate

There is some exposed aggregate paving at the Student Union Building that is approximately five years old and in good condition. The exposed aggregate paving requires a little more maintenance than the concrete paving because it has to be pressure cleaned regularly (approximately four times per year).

c) Interlocking Pavers

There is a small area of newly installed interlocking pavers on campus that will require the same level of maintenance as the exposed aggregate paving.

2.c.3 Site Furnishingsa) Bicycle Parking Facilities

1. High Galvanized Steel Pipe Hoop:

The pipe hoop rack requires little or no maintenance. This type of rack is the most abundant on campus. See Photo 16.13.

2. Low Galvanized Steel Bar:

The low steel hoop rack requires little or no maintenance but is not as practical as the pipe hoop.

3. "Ribbon Rack":

The "ribbon rack" requires little or no maintenance but has a higher initial cost than the other types and does not appear as popular as the pipe hoop rack. See Photo 16.13.

4. Concrete:

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The precast concrete bike racks require little or no maintenance. See Photo 16.14.

5. Triangular Steel Frame:

The triangular steel racks require a little more maintenance than the concrete racks due to rusting. See Photo 16.14.

b) Benches

1. Old Style, FSCW 1936:

The old style benches on campus are in good condition and these requires little to no maintenance. See Photo 16.21.

2. New Style:

Concrete slab (manufactured by Physical Plant): This type of bench requires little or no maintenance.

3. Concrete with Wooden Backrest:

This type of bench requires a higher level of maintenance due to wear, deterioration and vandalism of the wooden backrests. See Photo 16.22.

4. Decorative Concrete:

This type of bench requires little or no maintenance, but the frequency of replacement is higher due to the seat of the bench not being anchored to the legs. This allows the bench seat to shift with regular use or be shifted by vandals.

5. Aluminum:

There are some aluminum benches on campus that require an unnecessary but inevitable amount of maintenance due to vandalism.

c) Tables and Benches

1. Precast Concrete:

There are two types of precast concrete table and bench sets on campus. Both require little maintenance. However, the "garden shop" variety seems to have displaced or shifted seats in many instances suggesting better installation is required to "fix" the seat. Could be a serious safety issue. See Photo 16.23.

2. Wood and Aluminum:

There are several wood and aluminum picnic tables that require heavier maintenance due to vandalism and wear and tear.

d) Bollards

1. Wooden w/chains:

These bollards are relatively inexpensive initially, but they require a medium amount of maintenance due to wear and vandalism. See Photo 16.25.

2. Concrete, Large, Exposed Aggregate finish:

This type of bollard requires little or no maintenance but does have a higher initial cost than the wooden bollard. See Photo 16.25.

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This type of bollard requires low maintenance but are not large enough to prevent some vandalism. See Photo 16.26.

e) Trash Receptacles**1. Concrete Aggregate:**

The trash receptacles require little or no maintenance except for the lids that are damaged by wear and tear, and cleaning due to vandalism. There are three different lids in use. One lid is color coded for recycling (blue) and the other two are for trash. See Photo 16.27 and 16.28.

f) Fencing**1. Galvanized Fencing:**

Galvanized fencing generally is maintenance free. However, when rails and posts are bent or damaged, the whole fencing section looks bad. The fencing along the drainage channel, mid-campus, has had some vandalism. See Photo 16.29.

2. Ornamental Fencing:

There is painted steel and wrought iron fencing and gates which needs little maintenance except for corrosion checks and painting. See Photo 16.30.

g) Fountains

1. There are three fountains on campus that require a high degree of maintenance. The fountains are cleaned approximately twice a week.

h) Monuments/Sculptures

1. The monuments and sculptures require little or no maintenance.

i) Signage/Graphics**1. Building Signs:**

The building signs require very little maintenance. The grounds maintenance crews wash them occasionally.

2. Parking and Traffic Signs:

The parking and traffic signs require very little maintenance except for damage by vandals.

2.c.4 Lighting**a) Old Style Acorn (Cast Iron Base)**

These lights require low maintenance that involves lamp changing and some painting or cleaning due to damage by vandals.

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- b) New Style Acorn (Cast Concrete Base)
These types of lights require low maintenance that involves lamp changing and some painting or cleaning due to damage by vandals.
- c) New Aluminum Lighting
These types of lights require low maintenance that involves lamp changes and post repair due to damage or vandalism.
- d) Sign Lighting
There are only two signs that have lighting on them. They are the main sign at Westcott and the entry sign on Woodward. Both of these require low maintenance on their lighting.
- e) Fountain Lighting
Only one of the fountains has internal lighting and the maintenance on these light is low.
- f) Step Lights
There are only a few places where this type of light occurs and they are deeply recessed, so the maintenance on them is very low.
- g) Security Lighting
This type of light is found mostly around the dormitories. The maintenance on this light is slightly higher than on other types of lighting due to its importance to campus security.
- h) Blue Light System
This system is associated with the phone boxes located around the campus that are for student security. They consist of a phone, siren and flashing light. The maintenance of this system is low but it receives more routine checking than other systems. The installation of additional units around campus will increase the amount of maintenance time required for upkeep.

2.d Assessment of the physical condition of the existing landscape features.**Trees and Shrubs:**

A visual analysis of the landscape condition at the campus was made. Reaction to the selection, diversity and general health of the tree and shrub population is most positive. The university is doing an excellent job of maintaining this landscape asset by appropriate pruning and fertilizing

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techniques. Where appropriate, such as in pruning requiring extensive tree climbing or pest management, the landscape department is contracting these services that results in dollar savings to the department and completing the work in a satisfactory manner. The greater majority of trees and shrubs were being appropriately pruned and maintained. Very few plants rated in category 1-2 in a numerical vigor rating scale of 1-5 where 1 = Dead or dying; 2 = Poor; 3 = Fair; 4 = Good; and 5 = Excellent.

The weakest trees on the site, irrespective of location, are the Pecans. In addition, those trees growing in restricted areas such as parking lots or against buildings or roadways are showing the most stress. Where there is active construction on site, the contractor must be held accountable for any damage to trees and must construct appropriate tree protection to insure that his activities will cause the least amount of insult to the existing trees.

There are a large number of mature Live Oak with DBH's (Diameter at Breast Height) that are in excess of 40 inches and in relatively fair to good vigor. Such trees could have a dollar value rating using the International Society of Arboricultural Dollar value rating in excess of \$20,000.00 each. This equates to several million dollars in tree assets on the campus if one were to consider all of the excellent genera present. There is wise use of indigenous tree species such as Live oak, Slash pine, Sabal palm, Holly and Cedar. All of these plants tolerate drought conditions well and would meet the xeriscape type of plants mandated by state statute.

Grasses and Groundcovers:

The overall condition of lawn areas is fair. Most of the campus has no automatic irrigation system, so the planted areas must be watered by hand. This is an inefficient method that generally leaves lawns and groundcovers underwatered. Much of the lawn area was observed to be in a stressed condition and with many brown areas. Also, many of the edges along sidewalks and at intersections were worn down to bare soil. This same condition is apparent in many of the groundcover areas as well; large areas of Liriope groundcover had bare areas caused by either underwatering or pedestrian trampling.

Automatic irrigation of the grounds is an area needing attention. There is currently irrigation installed at the Westcott Fountain, Landis Green, CPD, Law School, Biomedical Research, and at Leach Center. This system needs upgrading relative to controllers and valve heads. There is no irrigation installed at Union Green, Mina Jo Powell Alumni Green, the President's Home grounds, or the Call Street Pedestrian Walkway (West End). The installation of irrigation at these sites and upgrading of existing systems will result in lower operating cost and a more efficient use of the water being currently used on site. It goes without saying that the overall vigor of the landscape will improve.

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- 2.e** **Assessment of the accessibility of the campus to disabled persons.**
Not applicable - to be assessed by other parties.

Photo 16.1 Local Vehicular Routes – University Way



Photo 16.2 Minor and Major Collector Vehicular Route - Chieftan Way



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Photo 16.9 Pedestrian Circulation – Woodward Mall



Photo 16.10 Pedestrian Circulation – Call Street Corridor



Photo 16.11 Pedestrian Circulation – Landis Green



Photo 16.12 Pedestrian Circulation – Path between Wildwood Hall and University Center



16 Landscape Architectural Design Guidelines**Photo 16.13 Bicycle Parking Facility typical around buildings****Photo 16.14 Bicycle Parking Facility typical around buildings**

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Photo 16.21 Site Furnishings – bench



Photo 16.22 Site Furnishings – metal bench



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Photo 16.29 Fences



Photo 16.30 Ornamental fences



Photo 16.31 Blue Light Phone Fixture

Photo 16.32 Light Fixtures



A. Replacement Light Fixture



B. Original Light Fixture

Photo 16.33 Light Fixtures



Metal Light Fixture Pole

Photo 16.34 Trash Collection



Photo 16.35 Trash Collection, Recycle Facility



Photo 16.36 Maintenance Facility



Photo 16.37 Maintenance Facility



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16 Landscape Architectural Design Guidelines**Photo 16.40 Edges; Tennessee Street looking to the West****Photo 16.41 Campus Edges; Jefferson Street**

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Photo 16.44 Gateways at College Avenue



Photo 16.45 Gateways at Jefferson Street



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Photo 16.48 Fountains at Westcott Plaza



Photo 16.49 Fountains at University Center A



Photo 16.50 Fountain at Landis Green



Photo 16.51 Fountains at Wellness Center



Photo 16.52 Memorials



Photo 16.53 Memorials



Photo 16.54 Memorials



Photo 16.55 Memorials



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16 Landscape Architectural Design Guidelines**Photo 16.58 Sculpture at Doak Campbell Stadium****Photo 16.59 Sculpture at Dirac Science Library**

Photo 16.60 Sculpture at EOAS Building**Photo 16.61 Sculpture at Jeannie Murphree Hall****Photo 16.62 Sculpture at DeVoe L. Moore University Center****Photo 16.63 Sculpture at Woodward and Call**