

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 of the State University System (SUS). The GOPs comprise the official master plan adopted by the Florida State University 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 originally completed an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) 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.

The final tab, **Appendix**, contains reference information identified in one or more of the Elements. The various items contained in the **Appendix** provide additional information about the campuses including maps, building lists, and similar kinds of information. Items included in the **Appendix** are listed in the Table of Contents.

Other Properties

Information about the Florida State University's other properties not incorporated into the Campus Master Plan may be requested from the Facilities Department, Facilities Planning and Space Management Section.

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, is a Draft Master Plan 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. The university conducts two public hearings. After the first public hearing the Draft Master Plan is posted for public review. Comments received from the hearings are reviewed and acted upon as appropriate. In addition to the hearings, written comments are received from the various affected

government entities and agencies that review 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. 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.