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The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's campus landscape contributes powerfully to the character of the university and its performance as a leading institution. As such, thoughtful landscape planning is required to ensure that the campus environment thrives for years to come.



In February 2022, the U of I began a three-phase engagement process with the Urbana campus community, to develop a shared vision for the future of its campus landscape. Through a series of stakeholder interviews, surveys, and public forums, individuals identified key priorities and objectives for campus landscape planning that showcase the university's excellence. The **Campus Landscape Master Plan (CLMP)** is a result of this collaboration.

The goal of the CLMP is to create a landscape that fosters collaboration, learning, celebration, and gathering, while also recentring the stories of Indigenous peoples and strengthening an appreciation for cultural heritage.

The CLMP builds on concepts developed in the Campus Master Plan and Resilient Landscape Strategy, and it further implements the landscape goals developed in the Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP). The plan synthesizes

key stakeholder input, providing for campus landscapes and spaces that:

- **Foster learning and collaboration**
- **Support the region's natural biodiversity and water resources**
- **Affirm the university's brand and bridge connections across the campus landscape design**
- **Preserve the university's cultural heritage and historic assets**
- **Center on mental health and well-being**

The CLMP utilized the 11 campus districts identified in the Campus Master Plan to serve as a framework for prototype projects that reflect the aspirations expressed by the campus community.

Some concepts illustrated in the prototypes include redesigning Centennial Court and Anniversary Plaza on the Main Quad, supporting landscapes with native and pollinator friendly plantings, building infrastructure to protect valued water resources, increasing immersive and outdoor educational spaces, enhancing accessibility features across campus, and reflecting Indigenous peoples and history within the campus landscape.

These and other recommendations from the CLMP will serve as the foundation of the university's long-term planning initiatives and will help to better identify the resources and support needed to transform the campus landscape.

With the concepts in the CLMP, the university strives to build a more resilient and vibrant campus for everyone; attract exceptional students, faculty, and staff; and strengthen the university's position as a global leader.

To learn more about the Campus Landscape Master Plan, visit go.fs.illinois.edu/CLMP.