



WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

Washburn University is a premier Midwest regional institution recognized as a leader in providing a superior, student-centered, teaching-focused learning experience, preparing graduates for success and stimulating economic vitality. Its broad-based liberal arts and professional education programs are enhanced by the tradition of an interactive relationship between campus and community. The campus master plan provides an opportunity to reposition the physical environment to support Washburn's identity as an institutional leader and a significant community anchor.

The most recent master plan was developed in 1968 after the devastating tornado of 1966, and has not been updated since. With Washburn's 150th anniversary in 2015, this master planning effort provides an opportunity to celebrate the university's legacy and establish a blueprint for future campus development.

In September 2012 Washburn hired the Sasaki Associates and Bartlett and West team to create a master plan that holistically examines the built environment, learning environment, landscape and open space systems, wayfinding, circulation and parking, community connections, organizational functionality, and overall condition of the campus in the context of a comprehensive and integrated plan. Space needs assessments were prepared for both Washburn University and Washburn Institute of Technology and incorporated into the planning process.

Over the course of eight months, Sasaki met regularly with the Campus Master Plan Committee, which included student, faculty, staff, alumni, and Regent representation, to solicit feedback and direction on the master plan's development. Innovative methods of engagement – including MyCampus, an online graphic survey, physical models, a concept alternatives workshop, campus-wide open forums, and student kiosk sessions – facilitated dialogue and provided an understanding of how people use the campus.

MASTER PLAN GOALS

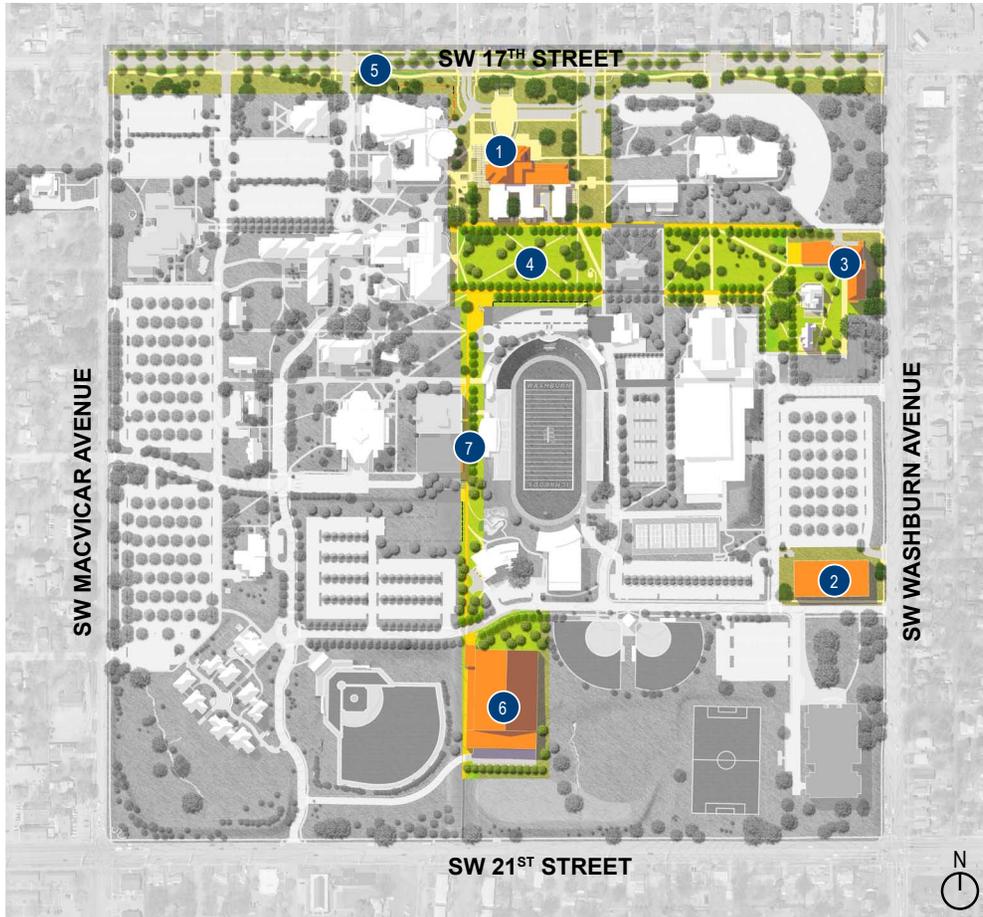
- 1 Support Academic Excellence and Student Engagement**
- 2 Reinforce a Compact Campus**
- 3 Clarify Open Spaces and Campus Wayfinding**
- 4 Balance Activity on Campus**
- 5 Promote the Highest and Best Use of Campus Land**
- 6 Connect to the Topeka Community**
- 7 Provide Sufficient and Appropriate Space**

MASTER PLAN VISION

VISION: CAMPUS CROSSROADS

With unanimous support from the Master Plan Committee and Board of Regents, the vision for Washburn University's physical campus is organized around the Campus Crossroads concept. New development and existing buildings are linked along north-south and east-west spines. The east-west spine is anchored by the renovated existing law building to the west and the new housing district to the east. The great lawn, framed by parallel pathways, links the latter two anchors; this open space will redefine the heart of the campus. The north-south spine is anchored by the new Welcome Center and 17th Streetscape improvements to the north and the new Indoor Practice Facility to the south. These spines function as enhanced landscaped pathways that concentrate movement and activity, improve wayfinding and campus navigation, facilitate community connections, and assist in programmatically organizing the campus.

1-5 Years



1. Welcome Center
2. KBI
3. New housing and dining
4. Great Lawn
5. 17th Street improvements*
6. Indoor Practice Facility/Facilities
7. North-south pedestrian spine
8. Repurposing of small class rooms for informal learning

*Topeka City Project



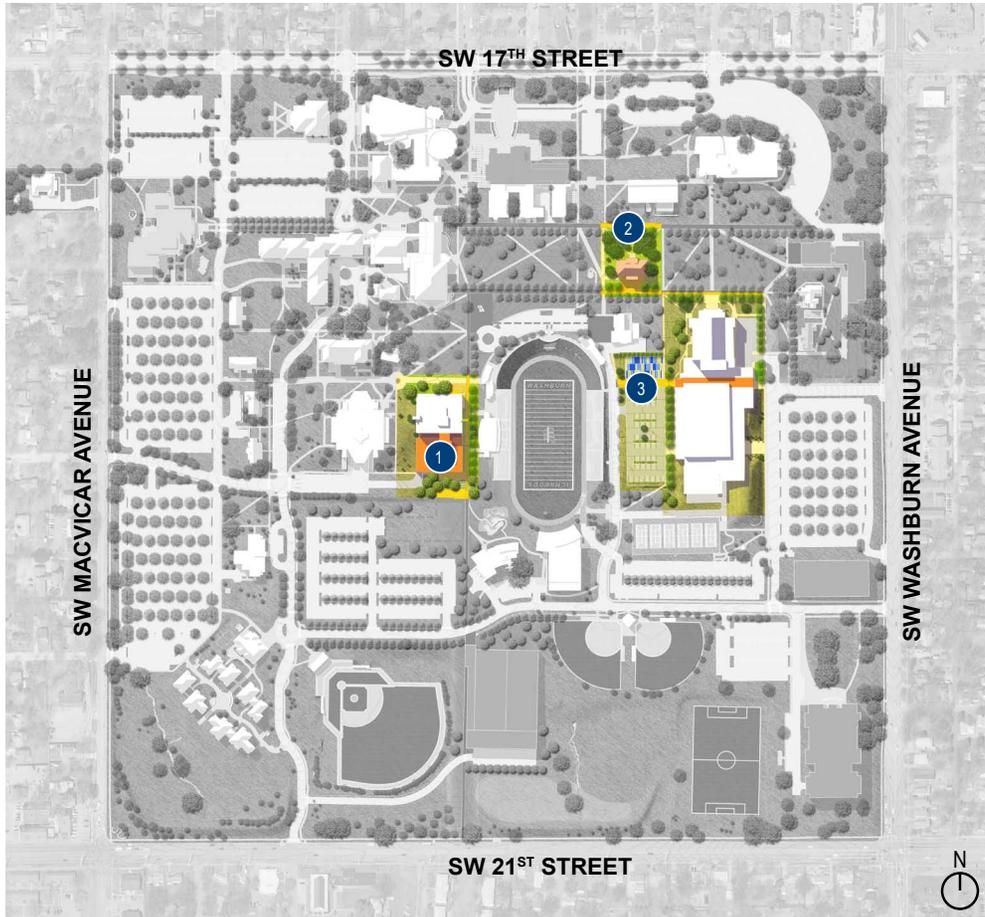
5-10 Years



1. New School of Law
2. Turf field
3. Recital hall
4. Renovation to existing law school
5. East-west connector



10+ Years



1. Library renovation, addition, and south plaza
2. Carnegie renovation and plaza
3. Petro Walkway and parking garden





SW 17TH STREET

SW WASHBURN AVENUE

SW MACVICAR AVENUE

SW 21TH STREET

Welcome Center

Academic Expansion

Student Org/ Study

Dining

Housing

Visiting Faculty Housing Commons

Future Housing

Parking Garden

KBI

New Law

Academic Reuse

Library Addition

Future Building

Indoor Practice Facility
Facilities

WASHBURN STADIUM

Turf Field