

UVA-WISE 2025 CAMPUS PLAN



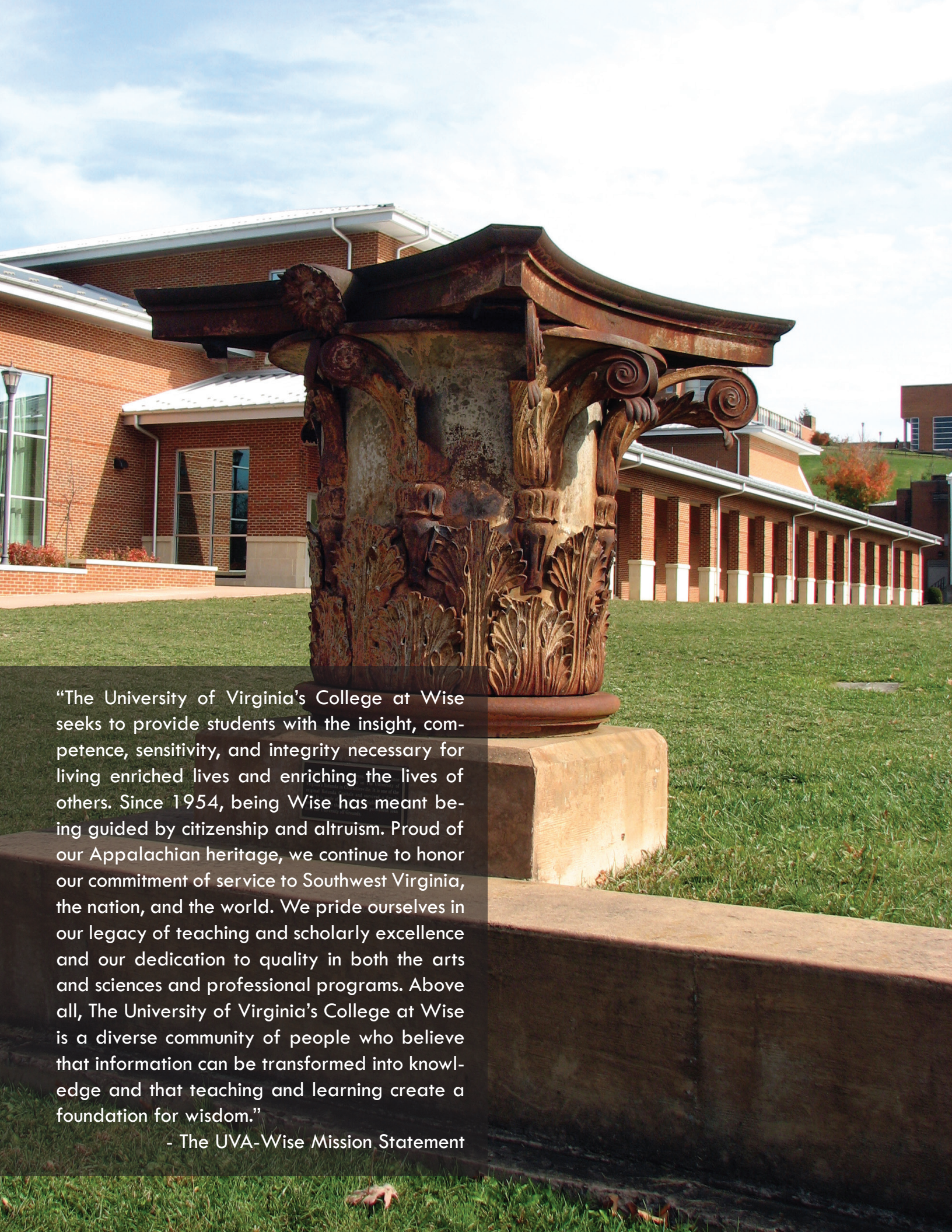


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“The University of Virginia’s College at Wise seeks to provide students with the insight, competence, sensitivity, and integrity necessary for living enriched lives and enriching the lives of others. Since 1954, being Wise has meant being guided by citizenship and altruism. Proud of our Appalachian heritage, we continue to honor our commitment of service to Southwest Virginia, the nation, and the world. We pride ourselves in our legacy of teaching and scholarly excellence and our dedication to quality in both the arts and sciences and professional programs. Above all, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is a diverse community of people who believe that information can be transformed into knowledge and that teaching and learning create a foundation for wisdom.”

- The UVA-Wise Mission Statement



Wise Plan 2025 Goals

The University of Virginia's College at Wise 2025 Plan establishes the direction for physical, academic and cultural growth on the UVA-Wise campus in the next decade. Based on the thematic goals developed for the College's Envision 2020 Strategic Plan, the intent of this Plan is to recognize the estimable physical resources established over the last decade in terms of the buildings, landscapes, campus environments – and to continue to build upon and strengthen those resources. Five planning principles, organized around the concept of resiliency, guided the development of the UVA-Wise 2025 Plan. These five principles align with the Envision 2020 goals to form overall support for future growth at UVA-Wise.

Resiliency: Overarching concept which asserts the ability to overcome challenges and become stronger than before.

- **Environmental Quality:** to protect and restore our natural environment
- **Multidisciplinary Learning:** to develop multi-use facilities which support collaborative interaction, research and learning
- **Accessibility:** to promote the availability of campus resources to as many individuals as possible
- **Enrichment:** to provide more aesthetic and stimulating spaces within the campus environs
- **Engagement:** to facilitate student, faculty and staff integration and involvement in the regional community



Envisioning 2020

Envisioning 2020, the strategic plan for UVA-Wise, is a strong, aspirational plan with thematic goals. The plan emphasizes the College's strong liberal arts foundation and its commitment to affordable access. Envisioning 2020 outlines four goals each of which is related to the physical environment:

Goal 1: Pursue and achieve academic excellence as a public liberal arts institution.

Strategies related to physical planning in Goal 1 include enhancing STEM-H programs and calibrating the academic offerings to support SW Virginia's economic and community assets and needs. Both of these strategies could require renovation/repurposing of existing buildings or construction of new buildings.

Goal 2: Build a well-qualified, academically motivated, diverse student body that achieves timely graduation.

Strategies related to physical planning in Goal 2 include increasing the headcount to 2,600. Such an increase could trigger the need for additional student housing and student related services on-campus.

Goal 3: Enhance and expand meaningful outreach and service to the community, region and nation.

Strategies related to physical planning in Goal 3 include broadening the College's commitment to health, wellness, education and environmental and economic development issues. Accomplishing any of these strategies could entail changes to the Campus through changes to the landscape, construction of new athletic facilities and/or making space for local businesses.

Goal 4: Create and maintain the resources to thrive as a public liberal arts institution dedicated to excellence.

Strategies related to physical planning in Goal 4 include optimizing the utilization of campus facilities; strengthening the endowment to provide vitality and stability for all college operations and academic programs and developing funding models for viable long-term growth of the College.

The Community and the Plan

From athletic facilities to student centers, libraries to campus housing, each space on the UVA-Wise campus is designed to enhance the student experience. The 392-acre campus offers an array of campus facilities to meet the needs of the faculty, staff, and students. Every year the College continues to expand and make improvements to meet the evolving needs of our diverse campus community. While physically remote and largely rural, the UVA-Wise community is full of people leading globally relevant lives. This extends to the town of Wise, a close-knit community that embodies Appalachian culture and history. The symbiotic relationship established between the Town of Wise and UVA-Wise's faculty and students is a strong one that will continue for years to come, as the College provides significant resources for the regional community.

The campus plan is a measured response to a College that has experienced growth and building expansion. The previous plan, adopted in 2006, has been largely realized and this plan continues on its path. Only one major project in the capital plan remains unbuilt: the Proscenium Theater. This plan recommends a preferred location for the theater and delineates several alternate sites for other building projects that arise. Should the College need to expand in the future, the plan provides two areas for large scale redevelopment – a Mixed Use Zone at the intersection with the Town and an Academic Zone north of the central academic core. The plan recommends that the College continues to make strategic land acquisitions on the south side of Darden drive to create a buffer zone for safety and aesthetics, while addressing other physical aspects of the College in the areas of landscape and circulation. The plan locates possible expansions of varsity sports fields, outdoor classrooms and bike and pedestrian infrastructure. In the area of parking, the plan calls for a general improvement and management of current facilities and explores the possibility of including structured parking in the College's portfolio.

Future Buildings/Renovations

Capital Plan Project

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| 1 Renovate and convert
Wyllie Hall | 7 Campus Welcome Center / Public Safety Facility |
| 2 Sandbridge Science Center
Lab Wing Renovation | <u>Other Project</u> |
| 3 Proscenium Theatre | 8 Athletic Support Building |
| 4 Bowers-Sturgill Renovation | 9 Future Academic/Residential Building Site |
| 5 Darden Hall Renovation | 10 Improve Corporation Yard |
| 6 Zehmer Hall Renovation | |





Redevelopment Zones & New Projects



"The future that we share is shaped by our shared past. The University in Charlottesville and the College at Wise are in some ways the modern manifestation of a dream that Thomas Jefferson had more than 200 years ago."

- Teresa A. Sullivan
President, University of Virginia

Photo by Tim Cox



HISTORY

The Beginning

Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia was founded in 1954 to serve the citizens of southwest Virginia. The College is a publicly supported, baccalaureate-granting institution that prepares students for lifelong learning by fostering development of the ideas, insights, values and behavior of liberally educated persons.

In its first year of operation, the College had 110 students, a \$10,000 biennium appropriation from the state legislature, and the land and buildings of the former Wise County Poor Farm. Two-thirds of the students were Korean War veterans. The campus consisted of one stone building and 16 acres of



Clinch Valley College, 1954



Crockett Hall

land from the Wise County Poor Farm surrounded by scrub forest that was a remediated coal mining site. The building nearest Darden Drive, known as Crockett Hall, served the academic needs of the new College. A second building, now called Bowers-Sturgill Hall, was acquired in the early years of the College and provided faculty housing adjacent to the hill that has become the Upper Academic Precinct. These two halls embody a distinct, regional character: simple buildings of local sandstone with shallow-pitched hip roofs, and pronounced overhangs.



Leonard W. Sandridge Science Center



Bowers-Sturgill Hall



Clinch Valley College, 1970

Filling a real need in a region hard hit by the 1950's depression in the coal industry, the College grew swiftly. By 1959, three new buildings were under construction: Zehmer Hall; the Science Building on the hill above Crockett and Bowers-Sturgill; and Greear Gymnasium, located to the east of Bowers-Sturgill. Not long after, in the mid-sixties, Wyllie Library and much needed new faculty residences were developed. Interestingly, the faculty residences were not built on campus. They were housing structures, six houses and one four-unit apartment building which were bought and relocated from a local site for economic development activity to take place. Only one of these faculty residences remains and currently houses the Napoleon Hill Foundation. The College's first residence hall, McCraray Hall, and an additional academic and administrative building, Smiddy Hall, were constructed in the 1970s. The addition of a

teaching theater for the dramatic arts program - Gil-
liam Center for the Arts (formerly the Drama Build-
ing), was developed north of Crockett Hall.

The 1980s and 90s

The lower campus was strengthened in the 1980s by the construction of the Cantrell Student Union and the chapel sitting at the base of the academic upper campus. The addition of residential conveniences such as a dining facility and a campus bookstore, coupled with a surge in enrollment to almost 1,000 students, created renewed demand for additional on-campus housing. During this period three new residence halls were added (Thompson, Asbury and Randolph Halls), and apartments across Darden Drive from the College were acquired to house students. To provide space for additional academic and administrative needs, the SEED Center, (now the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE)) and located across Darden Drive,



The Chapel & Cantrell Hall



Smiddy Hall

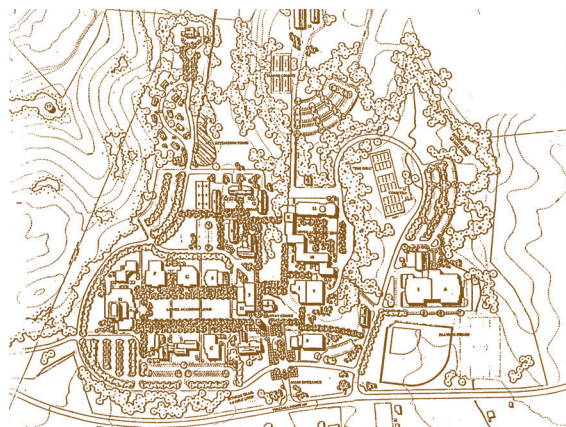


McCraray Hall

was acquired at this time as well. Later, in 1996, the Resource Center (formerly the Mark Mining Building) was acquired and now houses the Cooper Center for Public Service, the Southwest Virginia Public Educational Consortium and several administrative units.

By the late 1980's, more than two dozen buildings housed a full range of campus needs. However there were shortages in academic space, student housing uses, athletic facilities, and the campus lacked a "collegiate" image. Although adequate, the new buildings were not planned with the idea of creating a campus of quadrangles and commons in mind as Clinch Valley College was still primarily a commuter school. In order to become a residential institution, a new master plan was needed.

In 1988 the Cox Company was commissioned to provide a master plan for the College, with an antic-



Clinch Valley College, Facilities Master Plan, 1989



Darden Hall



Clinch Valley College, 1980

ipated enrollment to reach 3,000 students. Based on this projected population, the plan called for the development of two academic precincts; a lower one as well as the existing Upper Academic Quadrangle. Importantly, the plan identified the use of the land between the existing campus and the town as a new varsity athletic precinct. Intramural facilities were left in their current location in the south-eastern quadrant of the campus near Greear Gym.

A series of precinct plans in the early 1990s revised the land use proposed in the Cox Plan. These revisions were necessitated by reduced enrollment projections for the College and the release of funding by the State for three major buildings. The precincts studied were the upper academic quadrant, the lower residential quadrant and the athletics precinct.

The 1993 Upper Academic Precinct plan positioned Commonwealth (now Darden) Hall to form an upper courtyard and imply a major pedestrian walk along its broadside running north to south. Subsequent projects continued to build out this Central Walk - the proposed Student Center would begin the walk with a new landscape stair and campus entry plaza; an addition to the Science Building would punctuate its northern end. Also in 1993 the Office of the Architect for the University prepared a precinct plan, as well as architectural and landscape design guidelines for the new athletics complex located west of the residential area. The College's fledgling football program began competing in 1991 and used a local



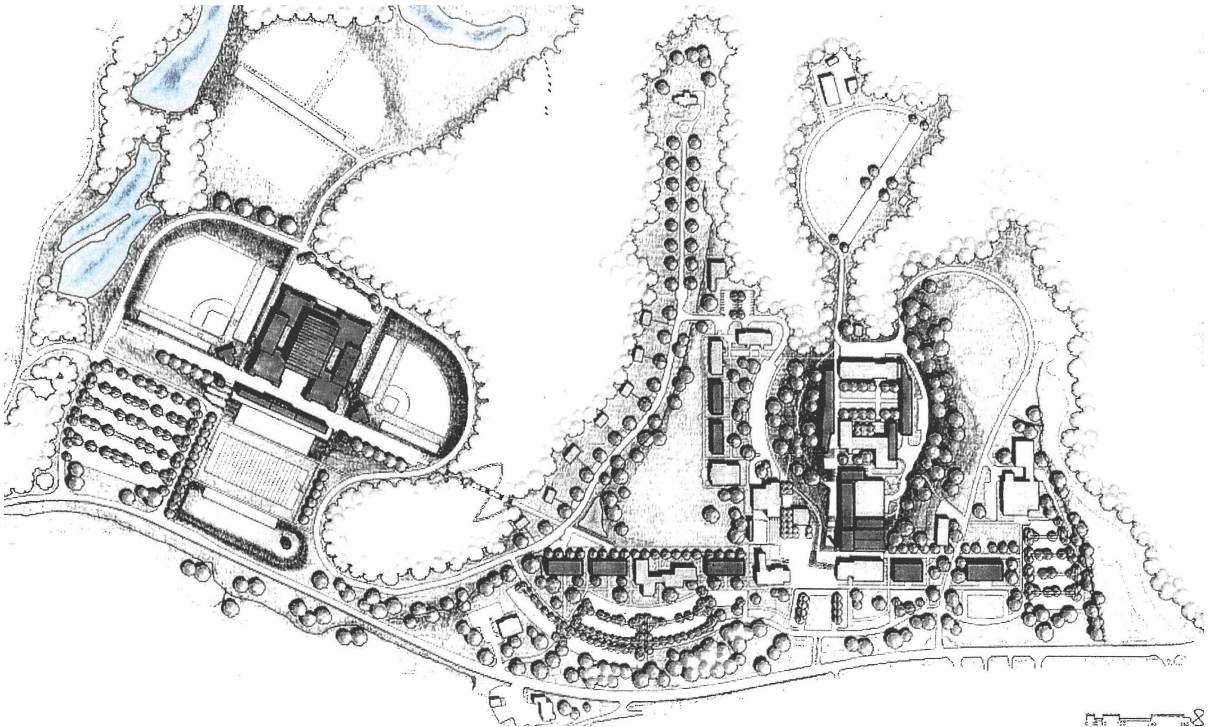
Clinch Valley College, 1990

high school stadium for its home games. The athletics precinct plan accommodated the growing needs of the College's football program and other varsity sports teams. It included a complex with a football stadium, a softball and baseball field, a convocation center and associated parking and support facilities. In 1997 Van Yahres and Associates with Thompson and Litton, undertook another master planning effort

for the UVa's Clinch Valley College. The updated plan built on the framework of the Cox plan and the refinements found in subsequent precinct studies. The plan was based on satisfying the needs of a student body of 2000 by the year 2010. The updated plan aimed to transform an institution of independent buildings into a collegiate campus. The main areas of emphasis were to create an entry quadrangle focused around a student center, the accommodation of additional residence halls in the vicinity of the existing student housing, and the continued development of an athletics precinct to the west of the main campus to house all varsity athletic programs. The 1997 campus plan was followed by architectural guidelines produced by VMDO Architects in 2000. These guidelines confirmed the pattern, scale and material palette that the CVC campus has rigorously followed in all subsequent capital projects. In 1998, an addition to Wyllie Library and a renovation of Zehmer Hall was completed.

The 2000s

In 1999 the school's name was officially changed to The University of Virginia's College at Wise and the



Clinch Valley College, Facilities Master Plan, 1997

College continued its transformation to a residential liberal arts college. The years after the 1997 plan saw several important new buildings and projects including the opening of the Carl Smith Football stadium located in the new athletics precinct. In 2000, a new residence hall, Henson Hall, was opened. Henson Hall was built at the base of the hillside below Darden Hall and frames the residential quadrangle with Asbury and Thompson Hall. In 2003, one of the most transformative buildings for the College from both a campus planning and student life perspective, the C. Bascom Slep Student Center opened. This building was built, as planned for in the 1997 Campus Plan, into the hillside between the upper academic quadrangle and Smiddy Hall, providing much needed student meeting space, retail food services, a bookstore and a fitness facility students. It also provided a link between the upper and lower campus at Wise. In 2003, a field house and stadium seating were completed at the football stadium. During this time, to provide adequate storm water storage capacity for the growing campus, The UVA-Wise Lake was constructed in the drainage area between McCrarray Hall and the Drama building. The lake provides a focal point and recreation amenity to the lower



UVA-Wise, 2000

academic and residential buildings. In 2006 another residence hall, Culbertson Hall, was opened. This residence hall was located closer to McCrarray Hall and is generally oriented toward the lake. The two southern-most faculty residences were demolished to create the building site.

By the mid-2000s several more major building projects were planned. For this reason, the Office of the Architect for the University developed an updated campus plan in 2006. The plan integrated several major landscape elements and several important building projects. Landscape projects identified on the plan and subsequently completed include the Main Entry Drive and Guest Parking area and the Crockett Hall Courtyard Transformation.

Renovation of existing buildings and the creation of new structures allowed the College to incorporate sustainable practices and integrate purposeful design guidelines. For example, the Sandridge Sci-



C. Bascom Slep Student Center



Main Entry



Humphreys-Thomas Field House & Carl Smith Stadium



UVA-Wise, Current Plan

ence Center addition and renovation transformed the original mid-century Science Building into a LEED Platinum modern state-of-the-art facility complete with laboratories, classrooms and office space. Other buildings constructed according to the 2006 plan include the renovation of Crockett Hall, the construction of the Prior Convocation Center, the Smith Dining Commons, Commonwealth Residence Hall, and the renovations and additions to the Gilliam Center for the Arts and Smiddy Hall. The final building being



David J. Prior Convocation Center



Commonwealth Hall

constructed according to the 2006 plan is the new library. Built into the hillside between the upper academic quad and the residential quad, the Library will provide an important connection between these two parts of campus when it opens in the fall of 2016.

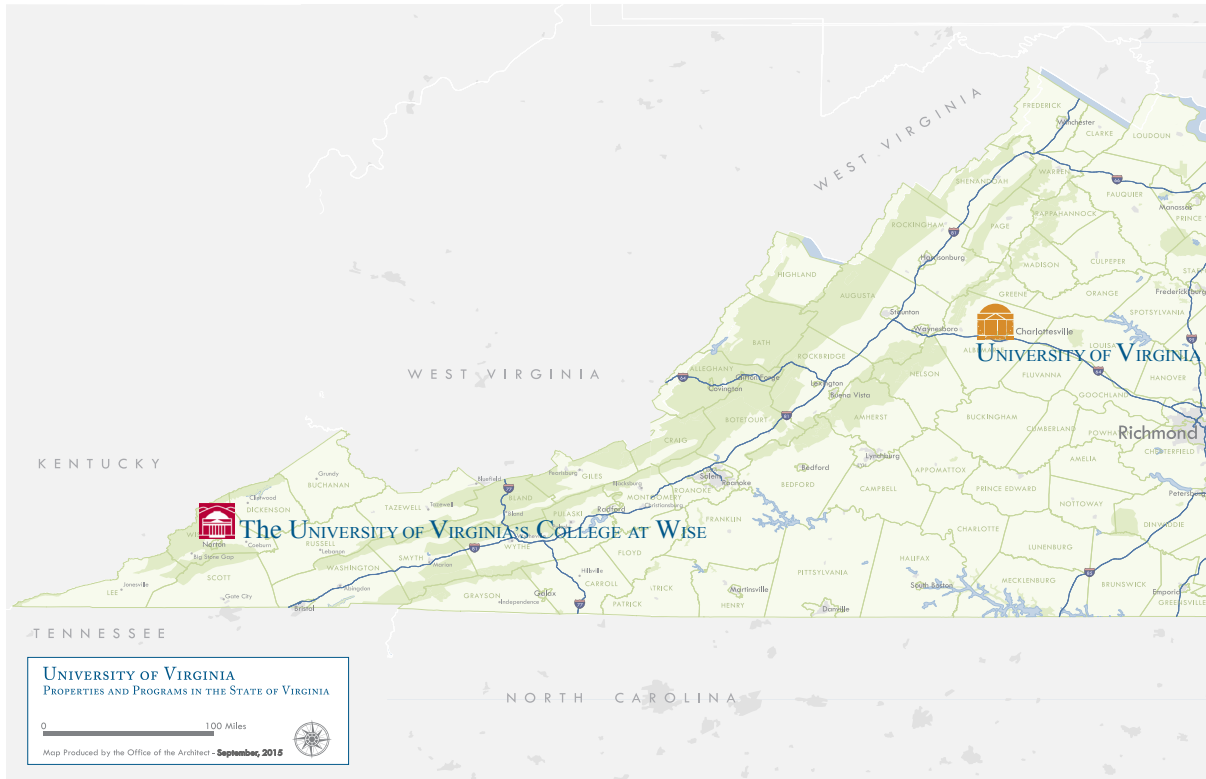
Context

The College is located in the community of Wise, within the scenic Appalachian Mountains in southwest Virginia. The 396-acre campus is 60 minutes from the Tri-Cities of Tennessee /Virginia and 360 miles from Richmond, Virginia. The town of Wise has a population of 3,286 based on the 2010 Census. Overall, the County of Wise has approximately 41,452 residents. In addition to the Town of Wise, the County also contains the towns of Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, Pound, St. Paul and the independent City of Norton within the boundaries of its 405 square miles. While the College sits at an elevation of 2500', the highest point in the County is High Knob at 4200'. Much of the County (56%) is in the Jefferson National Forest.

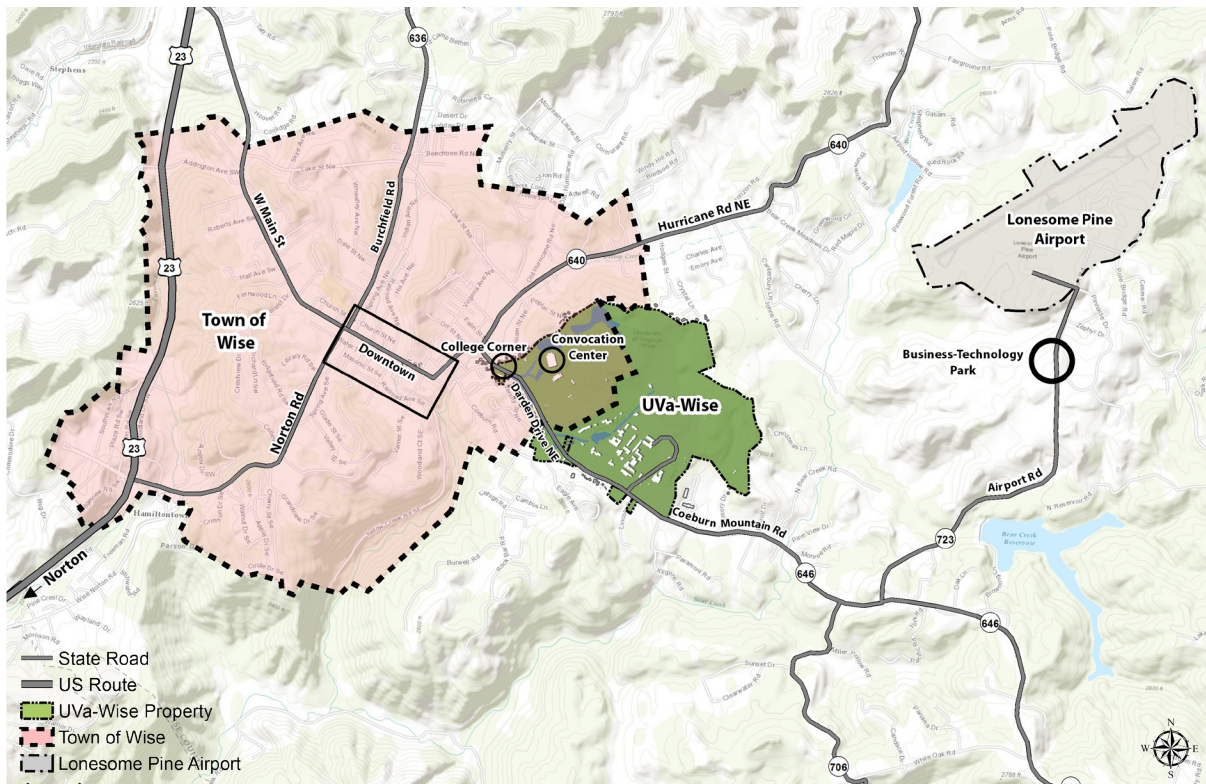
The campus is located approximately 1.25 miles east of the center of the Town of Wise, and the boundary between the Town and the County of Wise bisects the College near the football stadium. The College, with its sports, arts and outreach programs, is a regional asset that provides many service, educational and employment opportunities to the Appalachian community. Currently the local economy is moving away from being based on coal, and there has been an increase in the tourism industry in the region. The College will continue to play an important role as this region transitions from an economy largely based on the coal industry to a more diversified, service oriented economy.



Town of Wise's Entrance



Statewide Context

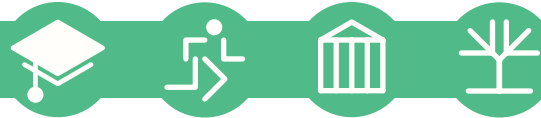


Map of Wise Environs



"We're very thankful for the college's role in our whole economic process here in Southwest Virginia. All I can say is welcome to Wise."

- State Delegate Terry G. Kilgore

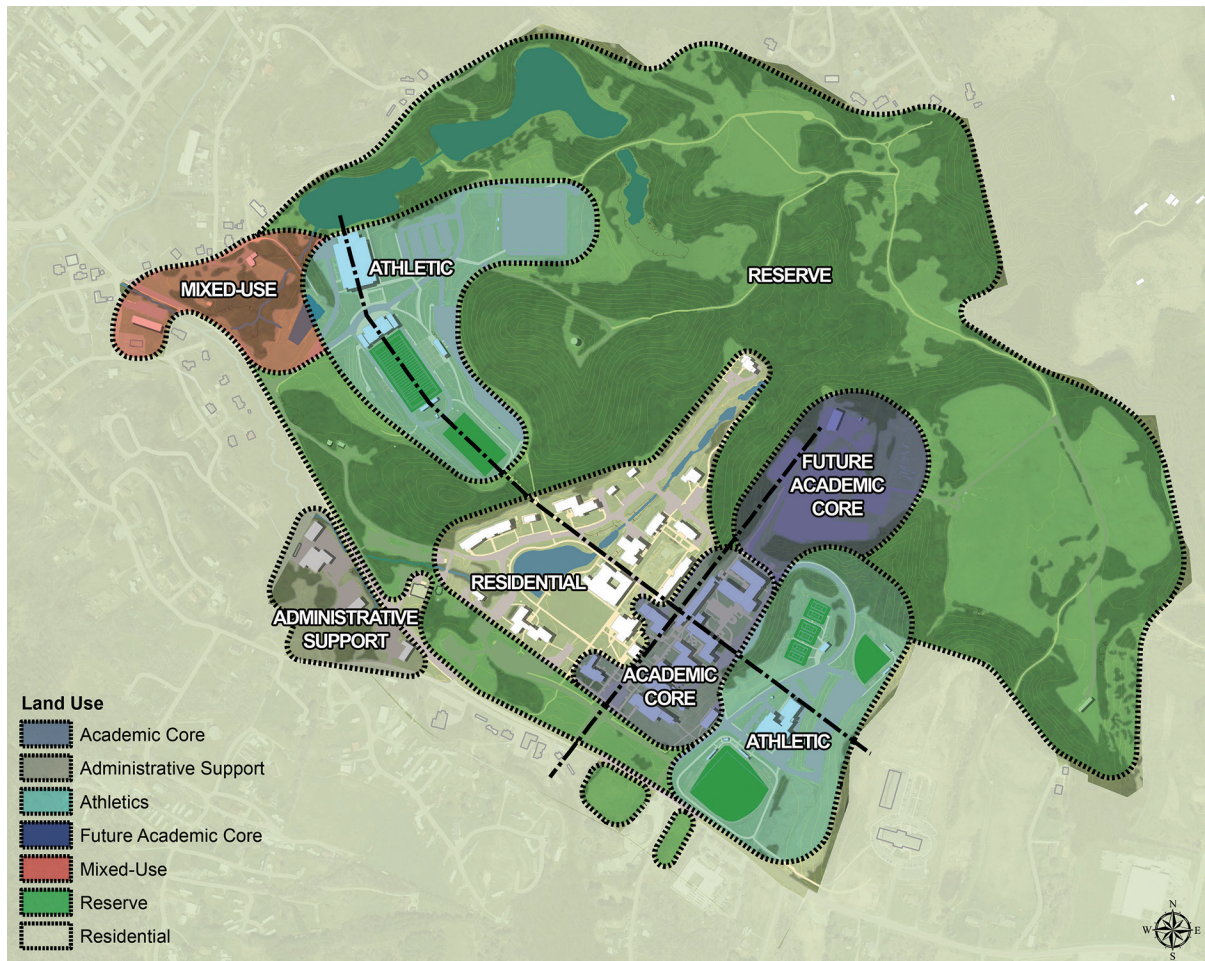


SYSTEMS

Land Use

The campus at the University of Virginia's College at Wise is formed along two major axes - one axis runs south to north from the main entrance through the upper academic quad and to the upper commuter parking lot. The other axis runs east to west starting at Greear Gym, passing along the base of the upper academic quad, through the residential area and through the Stadium walkway terminating at the Prior Convocation Center. With the opening of the new library, the east west axis can also be thought of as moving up and over the upper academic quad as well. Distinct use zones are coalesced around these axes. As described in the planning

history, the zones include the athletics area of west campus; the residential zone focused around Campus lake; the main academic zone largely located on the upper academic quadrangle, and additional athletic/recreation uses occur on the lower, east side of campus. There are also two zones of support type uses. The first wraps around below the academic quad with Smiddy Hall, Crockett and Cantrell Hall, among other buildings. The other is a series of auxiliary/administrative uses housed on the south side of Darden Drive. The final land-use that is prevalent on campus is parking. Large areas of athletics/special event parking exist around the athletics facilities to



Land Use Map

the west. There is a large parking lot to the north of the upper academic area and another large lot on the east side of the campus that provide most of the student parking. Three main faculty lots are located north (1) and to the east (2) of the upper academic quad, and next to McCrary Hall (3). Smaller lots, for residential, commuter and faculty parking are located throughout the main campus.

Natural

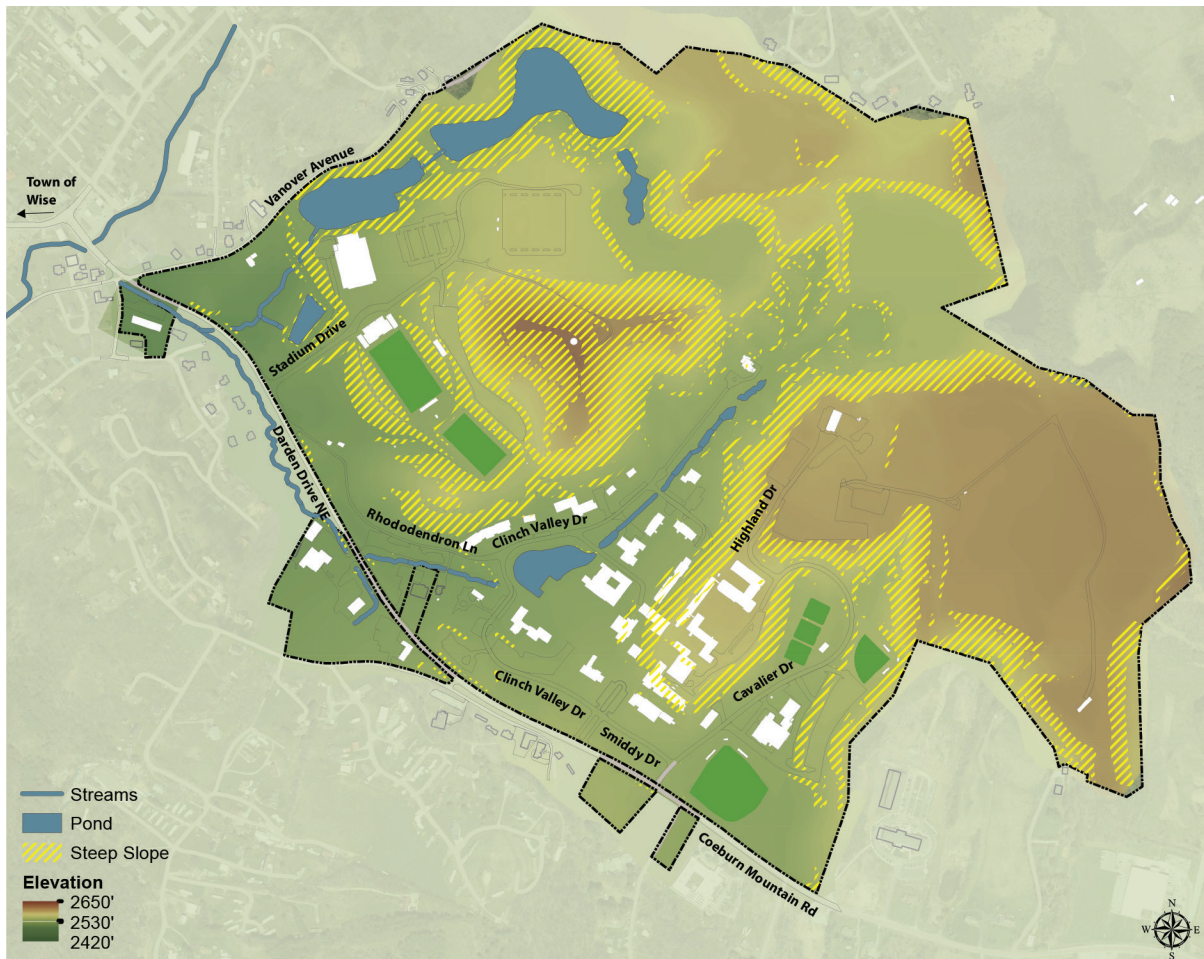
The predominant topography of the area is hill and valley with steep slopes, and is in the Clinch/Powell Rivers watershed. The campus area is characterized by a series of ridges that run in a north to south orientation. These ridges emanate from a plateau on the north half of campus, while the lower part of campus follows from Darden Drive to the south. The ridge which projects into the center of the campus is the dominant natural feature. The ridges and upper

plateau feature a mix of planted pine forests, hardwood forest, scrub-brush areas and open fields. The low areas between the ridges have small creeks and drainages with areas of forest and open meadows.

The campus was developed on land that has been strip mined in the past, and a series of man-made ponds on the west side of the campus were created as a result of surface mining activity and remediation of the site. These ponds present an enjoyable recreational amenity to the campus population and general public. The natural (and man-made) topography and drainage courses present both opportunities and constraints to future campus development. In all cases, the natural systems should be interpreted and utilized so as to create a unique and beautiful place.

Transportation

The transportation system at the College accommo-



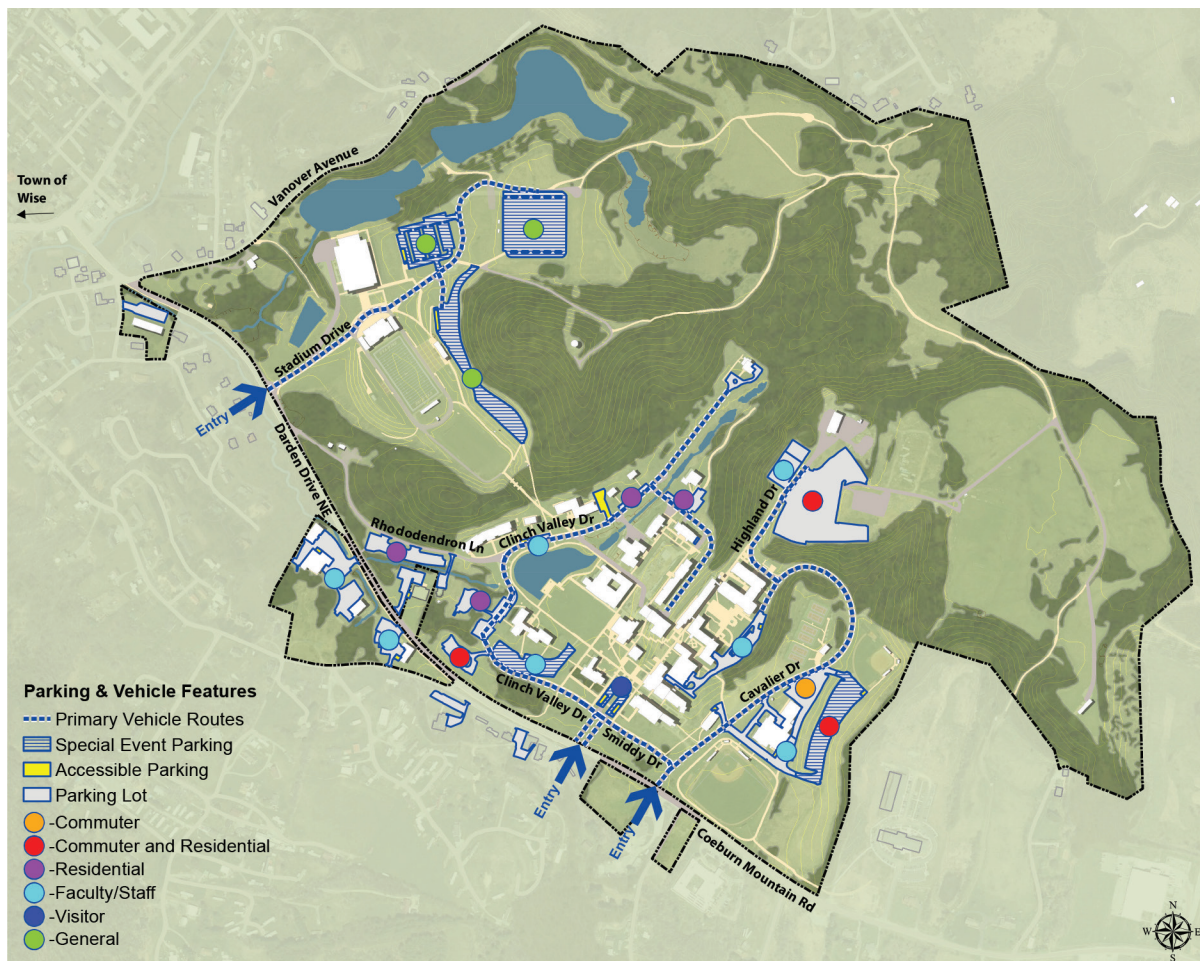
Natural Features Map

dates pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles to varying degrees. Current facilities are more accommodating to pedestrians and vehicles due to the topography of the College and rural nature of the surrounding environment.

Vehicles

Vehicles enter the campus through three entrances off of Darden Drive/Coeburn Mountain Road. The main entrance is located in-line with the upper academic quad and is located between Crockett Hall and Smiddy Hall. This entrance was recommended and built in accordance with the 2006 Master Plan. It provides a pleasant, formal entry to the College with an enhanced drop-off area in front of the student center as well as visitor parking and ADA accessible parking. In addition to using the turn-around area at the new entrance, drivers entering the campus can go in two directions: east on Smiddy Drive to Cava-

lier Drive to access the upper academic quad and parking area, the baseball, softball and tennis facilities, and Greear Gym, and west on Clinch Valley Drive to access the student housing areas, the Gilliam Center for the Arts and the Lila Vicars Smith House (Chancellor's Residence). Slightly to the east of the main entrance is another access point to the campus where Cavalier Drive intersects with Coeburn Mountain Road. This entry provides straightforward access to east side of campus and the upper parking lot. A final entry to campus is to the west and allows for access to the athletics area and the associated parking areas. This entry gets heavy use during events at the convocation center and at the football stadium, but generally is lightly used at other times. None of the three entries to campus are signalized, but police are used to manage traffic on Darden Drive when there are major events at the College. On the interior, the athletics area and the main campus are connected



Parking & Vehicle Circulation Map

via an unpaved road called Rhododendron Drive. This route is lightly used and currently functions as a construction entrance for the new Library. There is no 'loop' condition with the interior roads at the College, so a vehicle that enters the campus will need to turn around to exit.

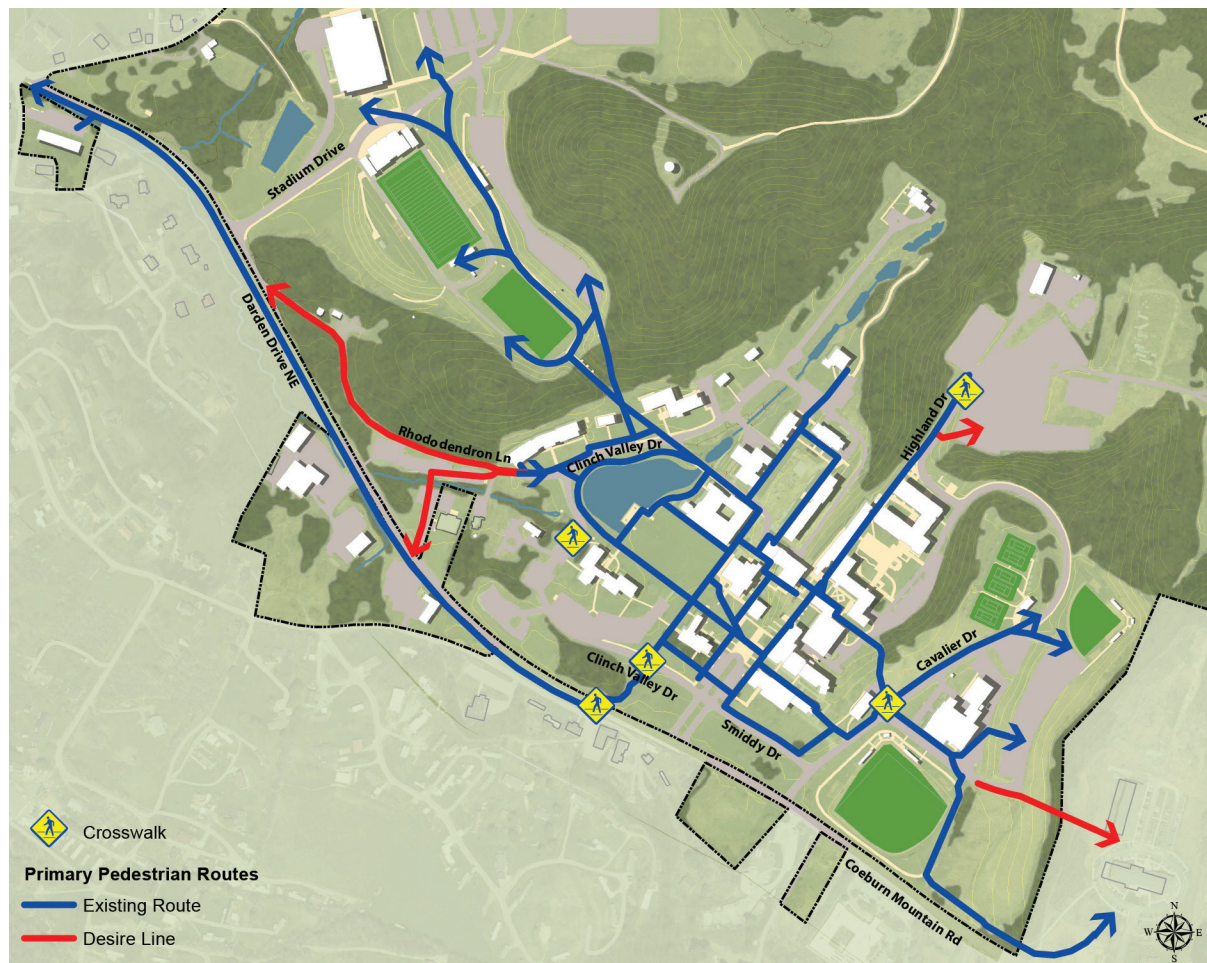
Parking

The UVa's College at Wise has a relatively large supply of parking due to a significant number of commuting students and collegiate athletics programs. Other parking demands are generated by faculty and staff, and special event parking. In total there are approximately 1,500 parking spaces at the College distributed among 15 parking lots. The parking lots are generally located on the periphery of the campus with the exception of the faculty parking area to the east of Zehmer Hall. All lots are permitted during normal College operating hours unless

being used for special events. Students lots are designated based on their commuting status, or their academic year (if living on-campus). The main lots that students use include the upper academic quad lot, the softball lot, the lots near McCraray and the stadium lot. Faculty and staff also have designated parking lots for their use including the lot next to Zehmer Hall and the paved lot in front of McCraray Hall. Parking permitting and enforcement is managed by the campus police, along with special event traffic 10 to 15 times a year. Currently a parking permit costs \$80 per year for the first car and \$10 for the next car. There are approximately 600 to 700 commuter permits, 400 faculty and staff permits, 250 junior/senior residential permits and 200 freshman/sophomore residential permits sold per year.

Pedestrians

Pedestrian facilities and movements occur along the



Pedestrian Circulation Map

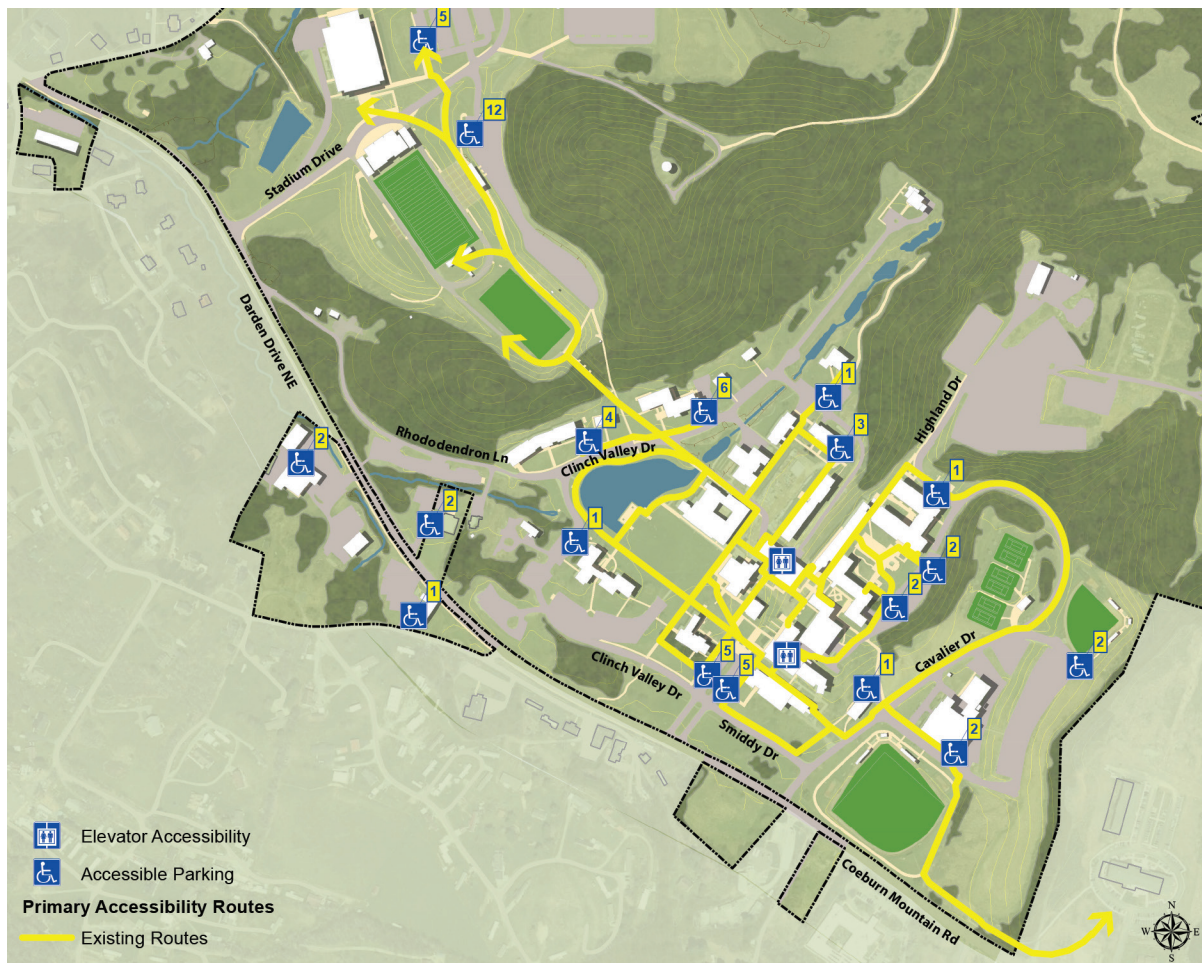
two main axes of the College: For the north/south axis, the Slemple Student Center provides access to the upper academic area via stairs or an elevator. For the east/west axis, the recent campus walk connects the athletics zone and terminates at the Prior Convocation Center. Like the Slemple Student Center, the new library will allow for improved pedestrian access via enclosed stairs or elevators between the upper and lower portions of campus along the east/west axis. Beyond the main campus, there is a continuous sidewalk on the south side of Darden Drive from the College entrance to the town of Wise, which is about 1.25 miles away. Pedestrian access to the College's activities on the south side of Darden Drive occurs via a mid-block crossing just to the west of the College entrance.

Providing barrier free access to as much of the campus as possible is an important aspect of mobility

related planning for the College at Wise. The severe topography makes ADA access across campus a challenge, but one that the College has been striving to overcome. Through a series of walkways, ramps and elevators most buildings and facilities are accessible



Walkway near Crockett Hall



Accessibility Map

on campus. The primary accessible route between the upper and lower campus was to use the elevator in the Slemph Center, but this building is closed after hours. Recently, the campus walk and the completion of the new library add additional accessibility for people with impaired mobility. The library in par-

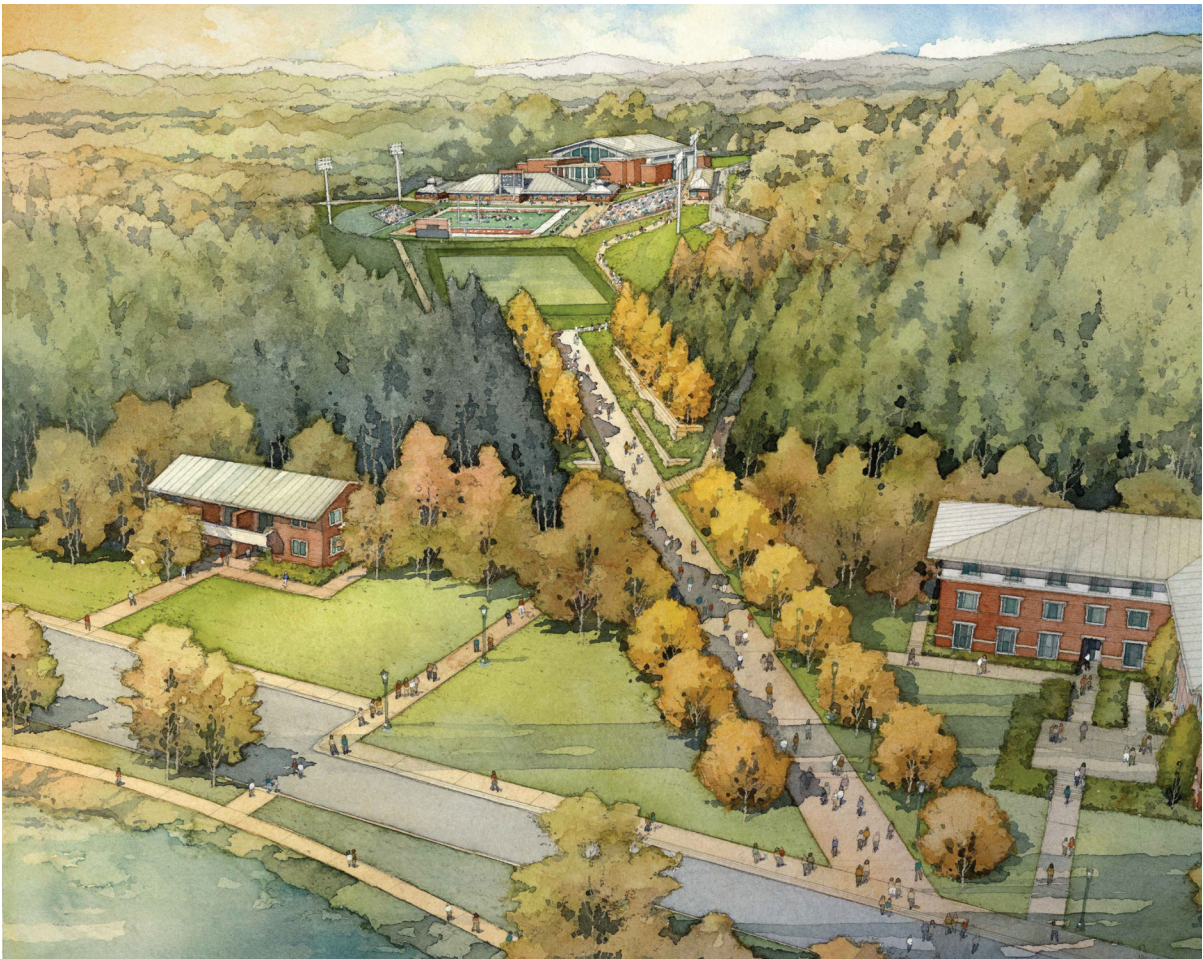
ticular will provide 24/7 ADA access. The lack of signalized crossing on Darden Drive creates an unsafe crossing condition for pedestrians of all mobility levels. Drivers requiring handicap access are accommodated in all of the improved parking lots on campus with reserved accessible spots. In total there are approximately 66 accessible parking spots, with a heavy concentration of them at the campus entrance and at the Prior Center and Smith Stadium.

Biking

Biking is not a prevalent method of transportation to and around campus at this time. Bike racks do exist at most academic and residential buildings, but are underutilized. The reasons for limited bike use have not been fully studied, but may be due to the relative compactness of the campus and the topography that makes biking from the lower residential area to the upper academic quad somewhat difficult.



Smith Dining & Gilliam Center Accessible Path



Stadium Walk Rendering

Recreation

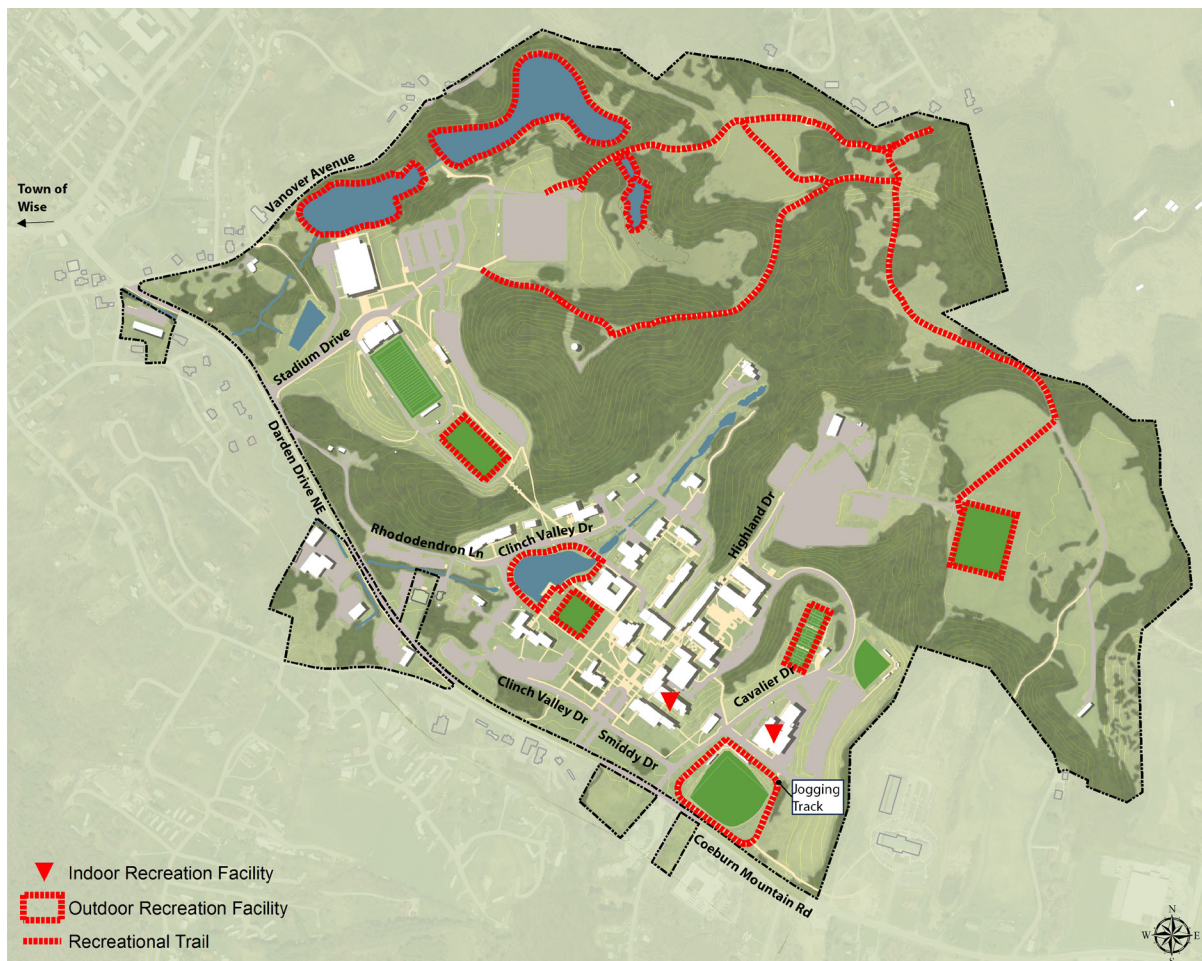
Recreational opportunities abound on the campus due to its setting in the Appalachian hills and the amenities offered by the College. The main playing fields for intramural sports are located to the east of the upper parking area. Moving south from these fields, on the east side of the campus are a number of recreational amenities, including the tennis courts and the paved 'track' around the baseball field. In the residential area there are a number of turf fields including the large playing field next to the lake, a volleyball court, and a promenade around the lake for impromptu sports and passive recreation. In addition there are trails throughout the undeveloped portions of campus for hiking, running and biking. On the western edge of campus are a series of ponds for fishing. Indoor recreation areas are housed in the C. Bascom Slemple student center, the Ely Health and Wellness Center and Greear Gym. Amenities include racquetball courts, locker rooms, fitness/weight

rooms and group fitness studios in the student center and health and wellness center and a pool in Greear Gym. All these recreational facilities are used by both the campus and community and are a great asset for the regional community.

Athletics



Lawn by the Lake



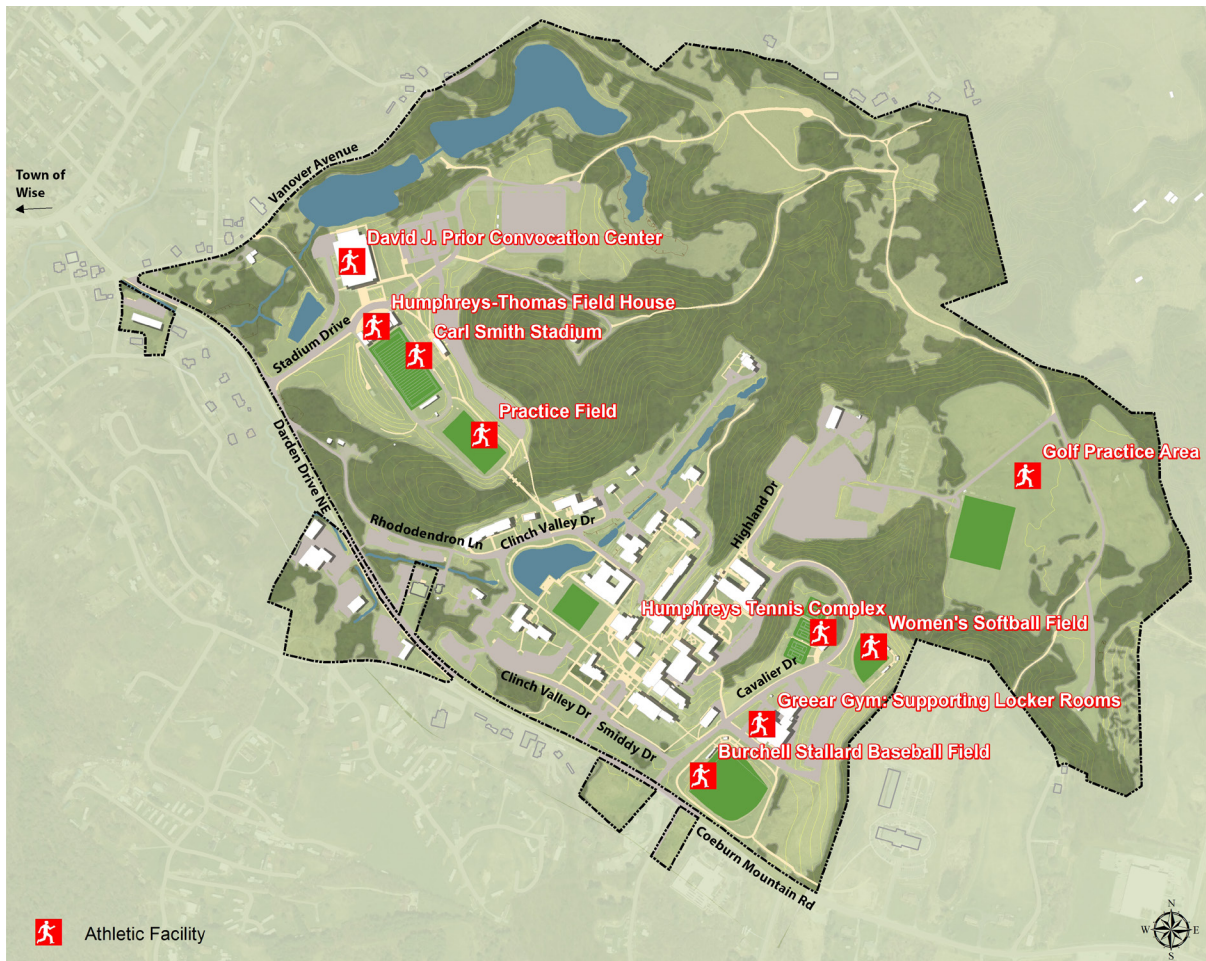
Recreation Facility Map

The College competes in the NCAA at the division II level in the following 13 sports: Baseball, Football, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Tennis, Men's and Women's Golf, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Women's Lacrosse, Softball, and Women's Volleyball. The facilities that support the athletic programs are located on both the east and west areas of the campus. On the east side are the Jim and Betty Humphreys Tennis Complex, Burchell Stallard Baseball Field, Cavalier Softball Field and supporting locker rooms in Greear Gym. The main athletics area is located on the west side of campus and contains the Carl Smith Stadium, the Humphreys-Thomas Field House and the David J. Prior Convocation Center. The stadium can hold 3,900 spectators while the Convocation Center can seat 3,000, be and configured for smaller events. There is also a large practice field next to the stadium and several large parking lots to support the venues.

Stewardship



Burchell Stallard Baseball Field and Jogging Track

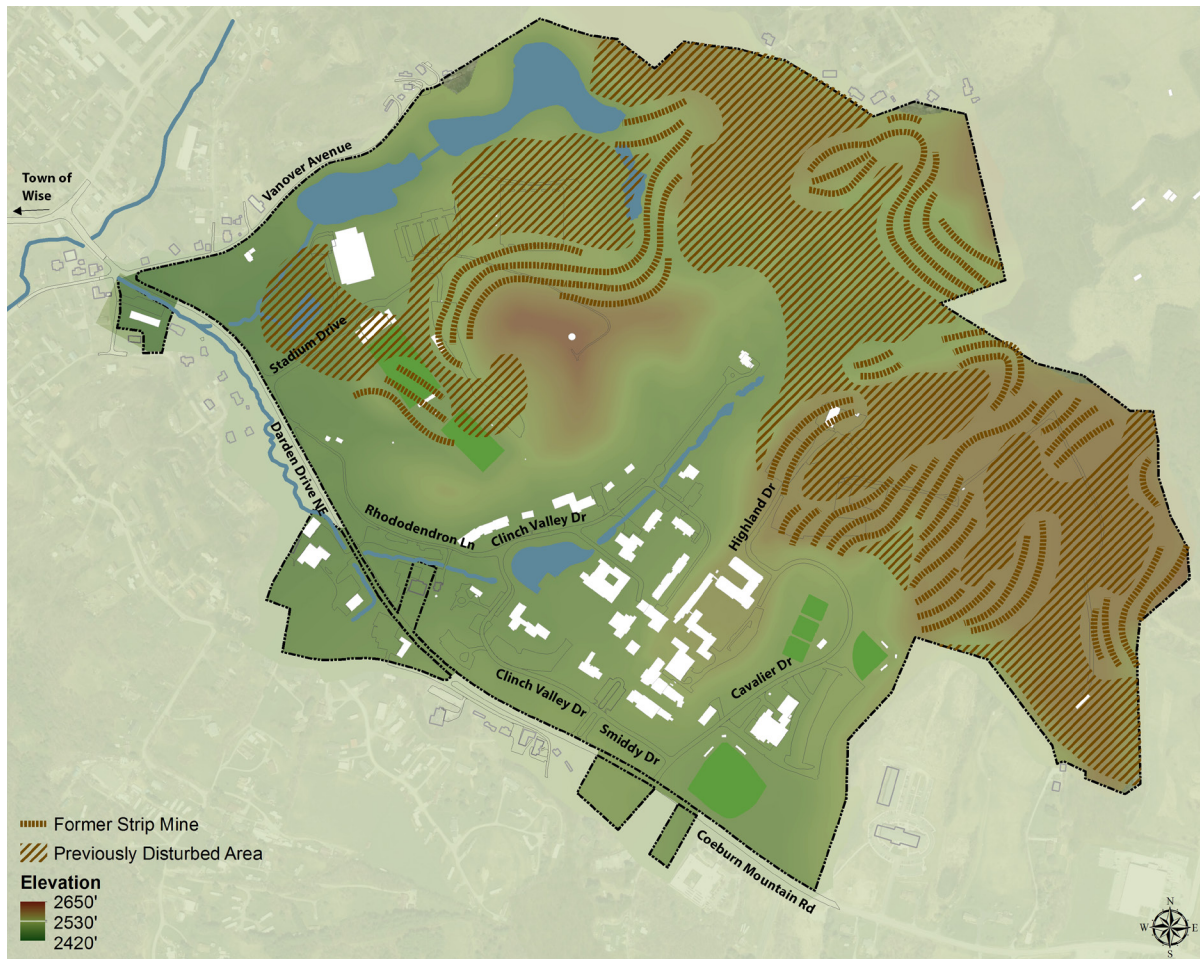


Athletics Facility Map

The development of the UVA-Wise campus since its founding in 1954 is one of reclamation, restoration and reuse. Founded on the grounds of the Wise County Poor Farm, the College coexisted with ongoing agricultural uses for the first two years of its operations. Realizing the need for a more passive landscape, the agricultural lease on the property was purchased by the College and the grounds were repaired from damage done by years of planting and livestock grazing. Likewise, the College's mining past has literally shaped its topography and influenced the way the campus has developed. In the early 1970s, the College was successful in purchasing the land above the row of faculty housing to prevent it from being mined. In spite of this, many areas of the campus have been mined over the years, and the resulting topography forms the distinct drainages for storm water management. As the USGS map indicates, much of the upper elevations of the College have been surface mined, such as the athletics pre-

cinct. Today, this area provides a tremendous benefit to the community through spectator sports and regional events. The lakes on the edge of campus were constructed to control storm water runoff and potential contamination from past mining activity and have become another community recreational amenity at the College. In the same way that the College works to improve the educational and employment opportunities for the citizens of southwest Virginia, it must continue to restore and be a good steward of its land and water resources.

The long term ability of the College to continue to grow and provide premier facilities to the student body and the larger community is closely tied to the ability to limit the storm water impacts of new development. Currently, the storm water detention systems in place for the athletics area and the middle part of campus are adequate to accommodate additional

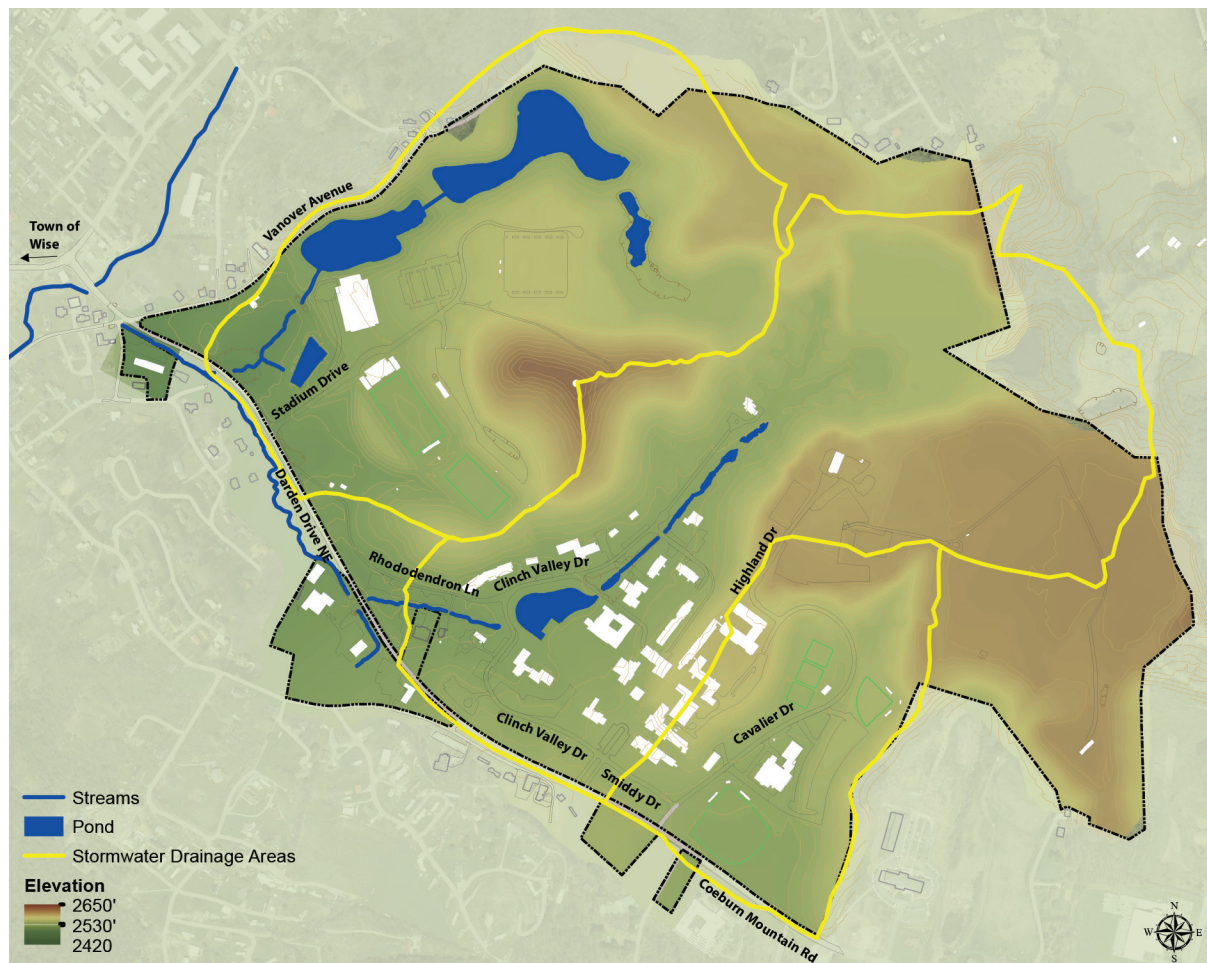


Mining Disturbance Map

development without the need for major upgrades. Construction of the College Lake and the subsequent restoration of the stream and fore bays along Penn Virginia Way and Clinch Valley Drive anticipated the extensive development of the main campus. If additional development is to occur on the eastern side of campus - including in the vicinity of the upper commuter parking lot - a new storm water management facility will be necessary. This facility would likely be best suited for the low area just to the east of the baseball field.

The UVa's College at Wise has invested a great deal into its physical structures to ensure a quality living and learning environment for years to come. This investment extends from renovating the college's oldest buildings to the construction of state-of-the-art new facilities. Renovation of existing buildings and the creation of new structures allows the institution to

incorporate sustainable practices and integrate purposeful design guidelines to carry the college into the future. Chief among these sustainable practices is to achieve LEED certification of all new buildings and major renovations since 2007. Currently, 7 capital projects have achieved, or will achieve LEED certification at the College. Notably, two recent renovations and two new construction projects emphasize the College's commitment to stewardship. Crockett Hall is the best example of the transformational effect of careful renovation at the College. It is one of two historic structures restored at the main entry to the campus and establishes a tangible tie to the history of the College and a front door for student services. The Leonard W. Sandridge Science Center addition and renovation achieved a successful transformation of the original mid-century Science Building into a LEED Platinum, modern state-of-the-art facility complete with laboratories, classrooms and office space.



With the David J. Prior Convocation Center, UVA-Wise has made a major commitment to its student body, athletics programs and the surrounding community. In addition to achieving a level of LEED Silver, the Arena has seating for 3,000 for sporting events and 4,000 for convocation or concert events. It is At the time it was the largest single capital project in the College's history and provides a large venue for community and regional events that support growth and economy.

Just completed in the summer of 2016, the new Library transforms the way students study, learn, and circulate between the lower residential area of campus and the upper academic quad. In this way it is a physical, programmatic, and symbolic link between the upper and lower campuses. The new Library allows the College to considerably increase its current collection to 250,000 volumes and is an important

new hub for student centered learning environments by providing approximately 600 seats for group and individual study, classrooms and media labs. It also allows for 24-hour pedestrian and disabled access between the College's upper and lower campuses.



Mine Spoils




Stormwater Retention System



West Pond



The College Central Lake



"I hope you believe, as I do, that UVA-Wise is on a compelling and clear path toward even greater vitality and distinction. I am honored to lead such a passionate community that believes in our mission as a public liberal arts institution, which has the capacity and the wisdom to keep our College moving forward, and is eager to do so in a spirit of mutual respect, integrity, stewardship and excellence. **Let's keep going!**"

- Chancellor Donna P. Henry

S3 PLANNED GROWTH



The University of Virginia's College at Wise has a rich cultural history and academic heritage as an institute for higher learning in southwest Virginia. As the College has grown as an academic institution, it has necessitated a thoughtful alignment of the physical campus in order to accommodate the changing needs of the students and faculty. Much of the success of the transformation of the campus is due to a collaborative effort with the UVA administration in creating a manageable, yet strategic campus plan. This planning process fostered a holistic and sustainable approach to supporting the student community through the built and natural environment, as well as a commitment to LEED certified buildings, including UVA's only Platinum-level certification; and Virginia-based architecture and landscape firms.

Buildings

Renovation of existing buildings and the creation of new structures allowed the institution to incorporate sustainable practices and integrate purposeful design guidelines to carry the College forward into the 21st century. For example, the Science Center addition and renovation transformed the original mid-century Science Building into a LEED Platinum modern state-of-the-art facility complete with laboratories, classrooms and office space. The new library will become the "landmark" structure of the central academic campus with some facilities available 24/7. Other buildings constructed according to the 2006 plan include the renovation of Crockett Hall, The construction of the Prior Convocation Center, the Smith Dining Commons, and Commonwealth Residence Hall, and renovations and additions to the Gilliam Center for the Arts and Smiddy Hall.



Science Center Renovation



Crockett Hall Renovation



Smith Dining Commons



New Library



Prior Convocation Center



Renovation & Addition to Smiddy Hall



Gilliam Center for the Arts



Commonwealth Residence Hall



Main Entry Drive & Guest Parking

Green Space

During the time that multiple buildings were being developed in the central academic core over the last decade, there was a need for each building to include the landscape design for the site. The College made the decision to have one landscape firm consistently involved in the projects, to develop continuity throughout the campus in the form and vocabulary of the landscapes developed. Consistent with the build out of the 2006 plan buildings, most of the landscape in the central academic core has been completed, as well as features beyond this area such as Cav Gap (Stadium Walk) and the Prior Center. Landscape areas and features developed during this time are noted below:

The Lawn: The largest landscape set adjacent to the lake allows for active and passive recreation, largely formed of lawn with allees of trees on the south and east edges. This space also provides a central outdoor meeting space for the College during events or campus community meetings.

Axial Allees: There are two major allees (tree lined walking paths) that tie together this area and provide shade and protection overhead. The east-west allee connects the Student Center with the lake. The



Crockett Hall Courtyard



Stadium Walk

north-south allee connects the campus entrance with the new library and the North Quad beyond.

North Quad: This large quadrangle provides a lawn framed by trees for active and passive recreation for the residence halls and the dining hall.

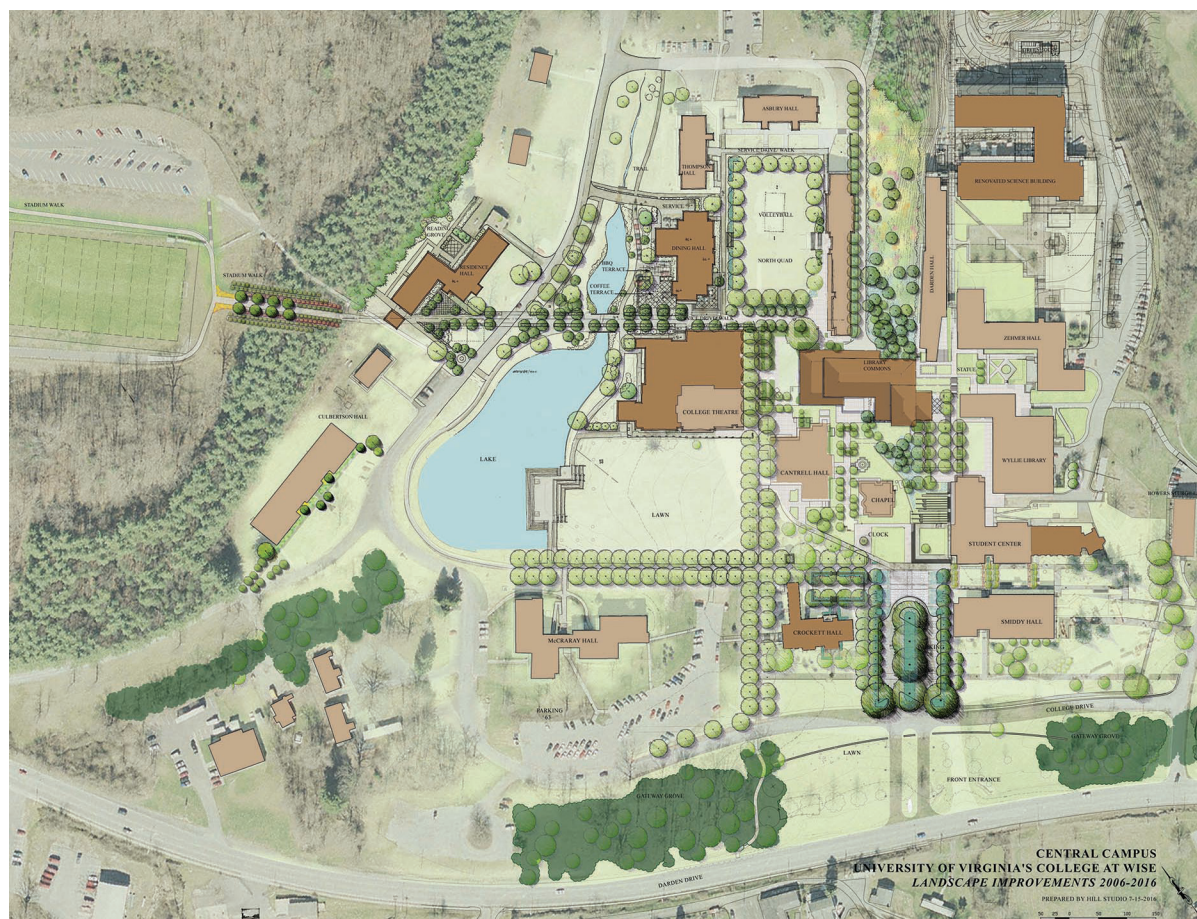
Sculpture Plaza: Set between the Sandridge Science, Darden and Zehmer Halls, this large plaza the Gilliam Sculpture Garden allows for event meeting space or informal use and features sculptures, a fountain and sitting areas.

Cav Gap (Stadium Walk): Initially planned to meet ADA accessibility needs, this important feature is a landscaped walkway that ties the central campus to the west campus, and creates views between two campus precincts. It provides an important physical and visual link between the two sides of campus.

Main Entry Drive and Guest Parking: The main en-

trance is located in-line with the upper academic quad and between Crockett Hall and Smiddy Hall. It provides a pleasant, formal entry to the College with an enhanced drop-off area in front of the student center as well as visitor parking and ADA accessible parking.

Library: Like the building itself, the landscape provides a circulation system for making connections across the many topographic levels of the campus as well as creating new outdoor spaces for community gatherings. A wide, tree lined pedestrian path links the campus entrance to the main building entrance. Located off this path is the Rosebud Smiddy Garden, a small, quiet garden space with seating around lush plantings and a fountain. . From this level, a monumental stair leads to large Upper Plaza and tree-lined Upper Green that connects to the Student Center. This space has recently been named John T. Casteen III Plaza in honor of the former UVA president.



Completed Landscape Projects

Residence Halls: The landscapes around the residence halls provide for a variety of uses for the students, such as volleyball, fire pits, and reading groves.

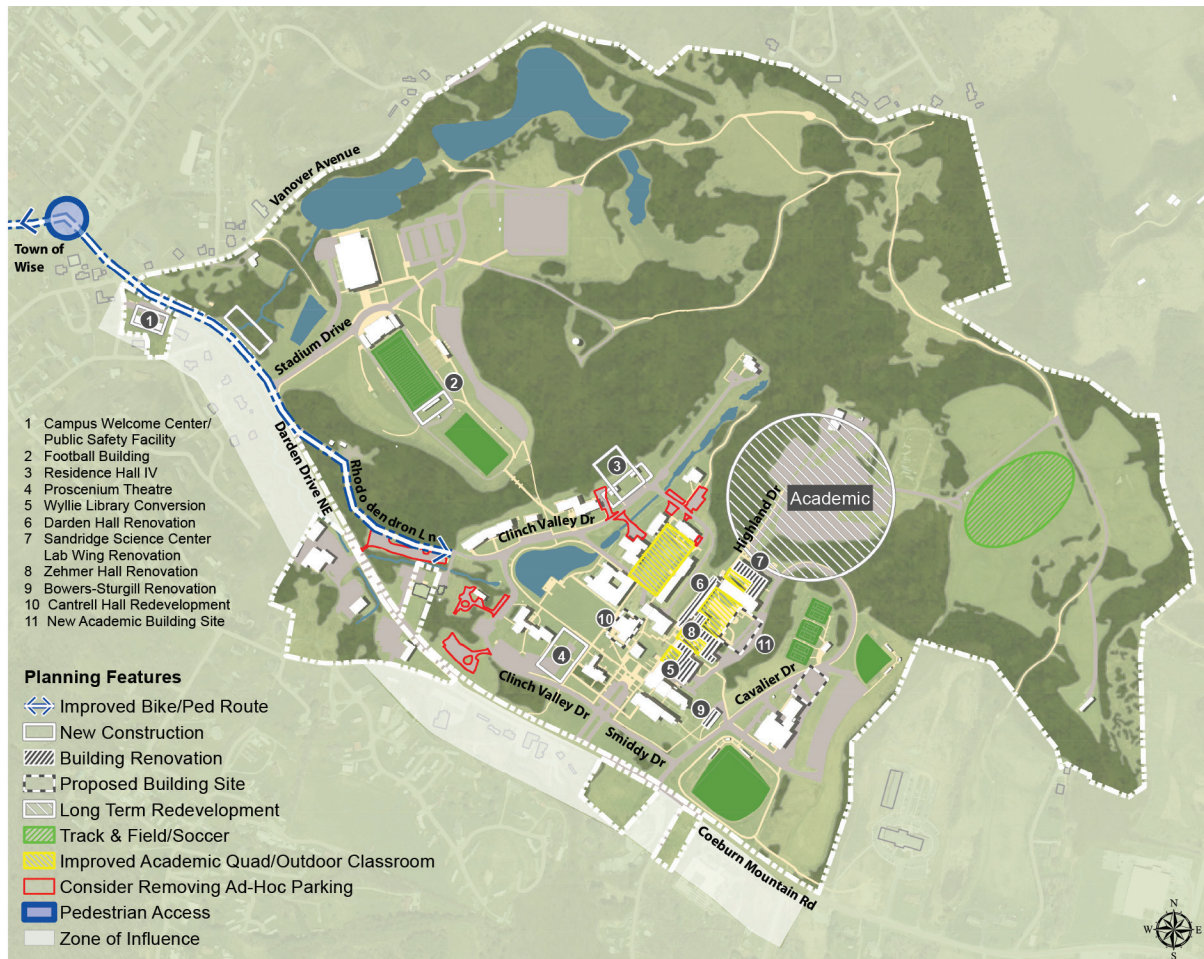
Crockett Hall Garden: With the renovation of Crockett Hall, one of the Colleges original buildings, a landscaped garden was created with diverse planting, benches and sculpture on the site of the College's original convocation.

Smith Dining Hall: Terraces on the front and the back of the building provide multiple uses for the campus community.

Prior Center: Set adjacent to a lake in the west campus precinct, the Prior center is used for multiple athletic and community events. The building landscape features plazas, stone walls and planted areas.



Area of Focus for Scenario 1



Scenario 1

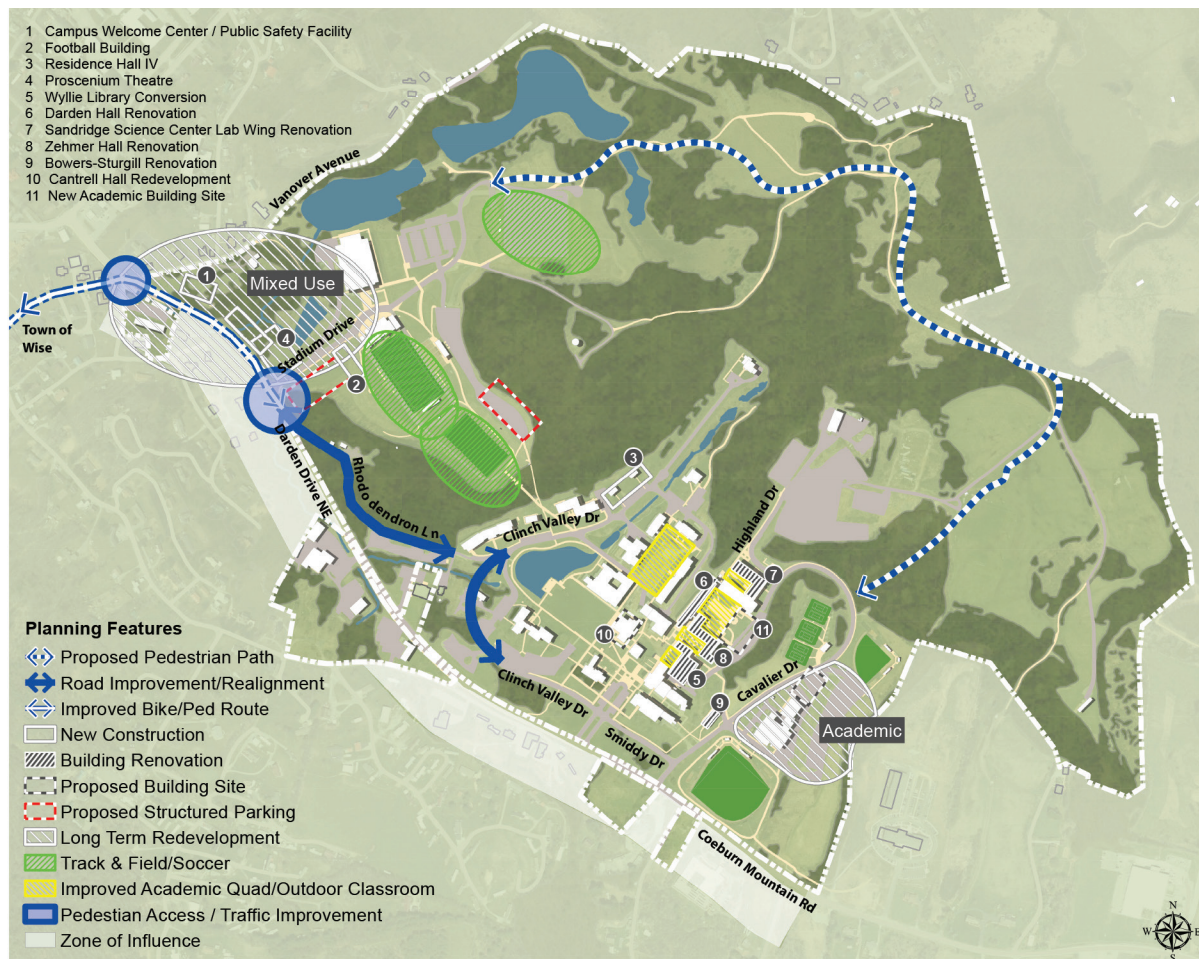
Wise 2025 Planning Process

With the 2006 plan literally built-out across the UVA-Wise campus, the UVA-Wise 2025 plan addresses new development for the next ten years. The planning process was collaborative and included input and recommendations from multiple stakeholders at the College. A Master Planning Committee formed of faculty members, staff, students, the Chancellor and the Provost provided direction and approval for the new plan. The Committee was presented with three planning scenarios in the spring of 2015.

Scenario 1 was a continuation of the 2006 Master Plan, to build-out the remaining projects identified in that plan. It also provided locations for new varsity athletic fields, a campus welcome center and an improved connection to the Town of Wise along Darden Drive leading north and west out away from campus. This scenario reinforces the north/south and east/west axis that has developed at UVA-Wise over time.



Area of Focus for Scenario 2



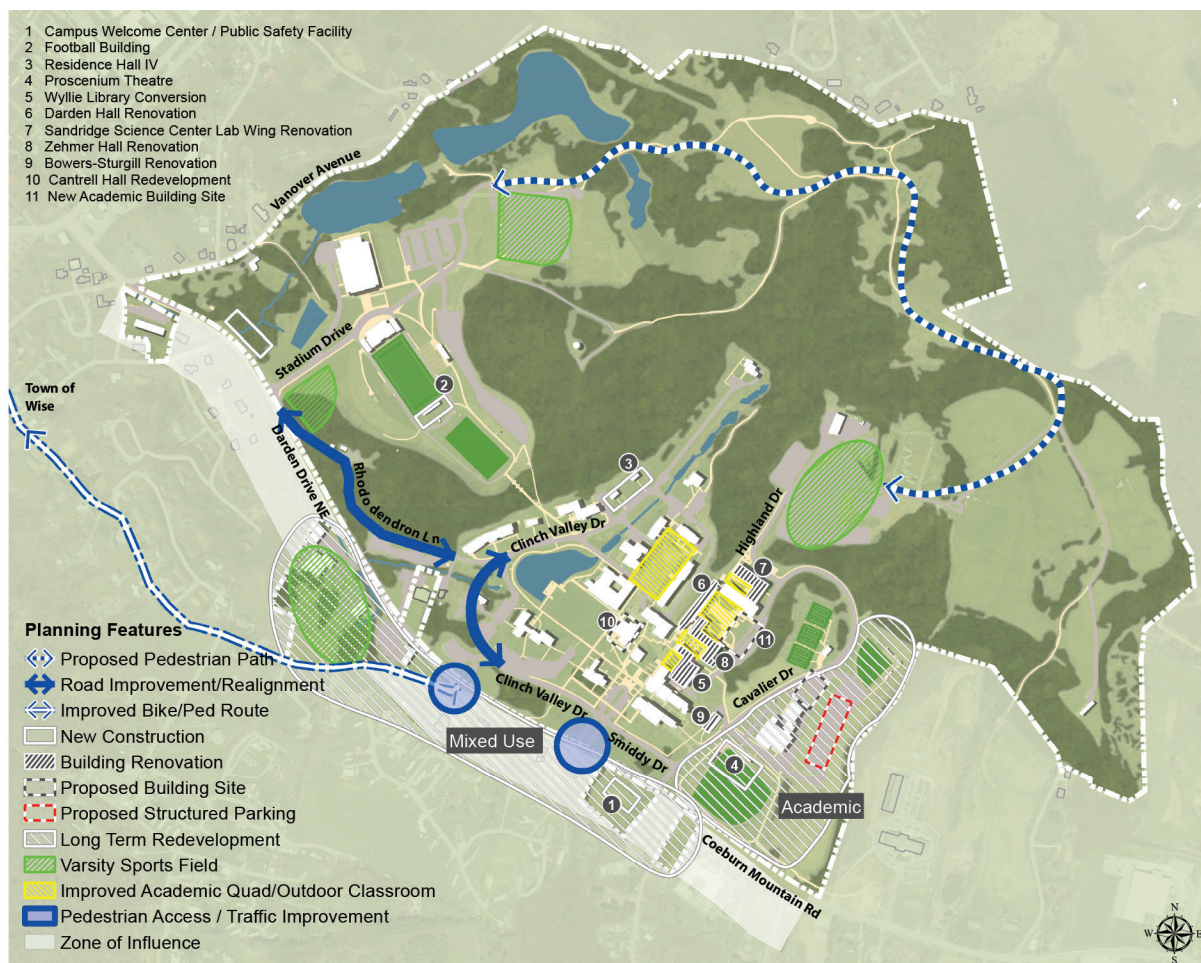
Scenario 2

Scenario 2 explored the idea of moving future development closer to the Town of Wise, based on the Chancellor's interest in better connections between the Town and the College. This scenario continued to accommodate academic and residential development in the central core of campus, but also proposed a major redevelopment zone at the corner of Darden Drive and Vanover Avenue that could support the proposed welcome center, proscenium theater and football buildings. Bringing these programs closer to the Town could foster closer relationships with the non-college population.

Scenario 3 addressed the idea of expanding the College south, across Darden Drive. The scenario would require acquiring additional land on the other side of Darden Drive and could accommodate the campus welcome center and possibly varsity athletic fields. The Proscenium Theatre would be located

near the baseball field and baseball/softball would be consolidated with other varsity sports facilities.

As stand-alone scenarios none of the three options were selected by the Committee, but they served to foster a discussion whereby priority projects and future areas of development could be located. One major recommendation of the Committee was to site the Proscenium Theatre near the lake and provide parking and access from the athletics parking lot to the west. A study was completed with transportation engineers to assess the feasibility of providing a parking garage and/or shelf on campus to accommodate additional traffic generated by the Proscenium Theatre and future enrollment increases. The results of the Master Planning Committee's direction on the planning scenarios were distilled into a preferred scenario, which has been further refined to create the 2025 plan.



Scenario 3



Photo by Tim Cox

New Library

Redevelopment Zones

Two large redevelopment areas were designated in the 2025 plan – a Mixed Use redevelopment zone at the corner of Darden Drive and Vanover Avenue, and an Academic mixed use zone north of and above the central academic core. The establishment of redevelopment zones, a new approach to campus planning, makes use of tools that are normally applied to city and community planning. The redevelopment zones target future development to areas where mixed-used infill development and redevelopment of existing facilities will create the greatest possible benefits in accommodating the variety of spaces and uses that comprise the College now and in the future. These targeted zones also allow for the conservation of important green spaces that contribute to the health and identity of the College-at-large.

The Mixed Use redevelopment zone is positioned to generate interaction between the College and the Town. Multiple uses could be located in this area, such as the proposed visitor center, additional student or multi-family housing and support uses, community space, and park areas. The redevelopment zone captures both sides of Darden Drive and could provide a gateway between the Town and the College. Currently, the Campus Welcome Center is the most likely first project in this area.

The Academic redevelopment zone is positioned to support additional academic facilities adjacent to the central academic core. It is located up the hill from the Science Building in an area that now accommodates parking, which would be relocated over time into a structure or new location. The College has built a significant amount of buildings in the last decade and is not expected to need this redevelopment zone in the near future, but when it does need to expand, this area can accommodate additional uses.

Future Buildings/Renovations

Capital Plan Project

- 1 Renovate and convert Wyllie Hall
- 2 Sandbridge Science Center Lab Wing Renovation
- 3 Proscenium Theatre
- 4 Bowers-Sturgill Renovation
- 5 Darden Hall Renovation
- 6 Zehmer Hall Renovation
- 7 Campus Welcome Center / Public Safety Facility

/Other Project

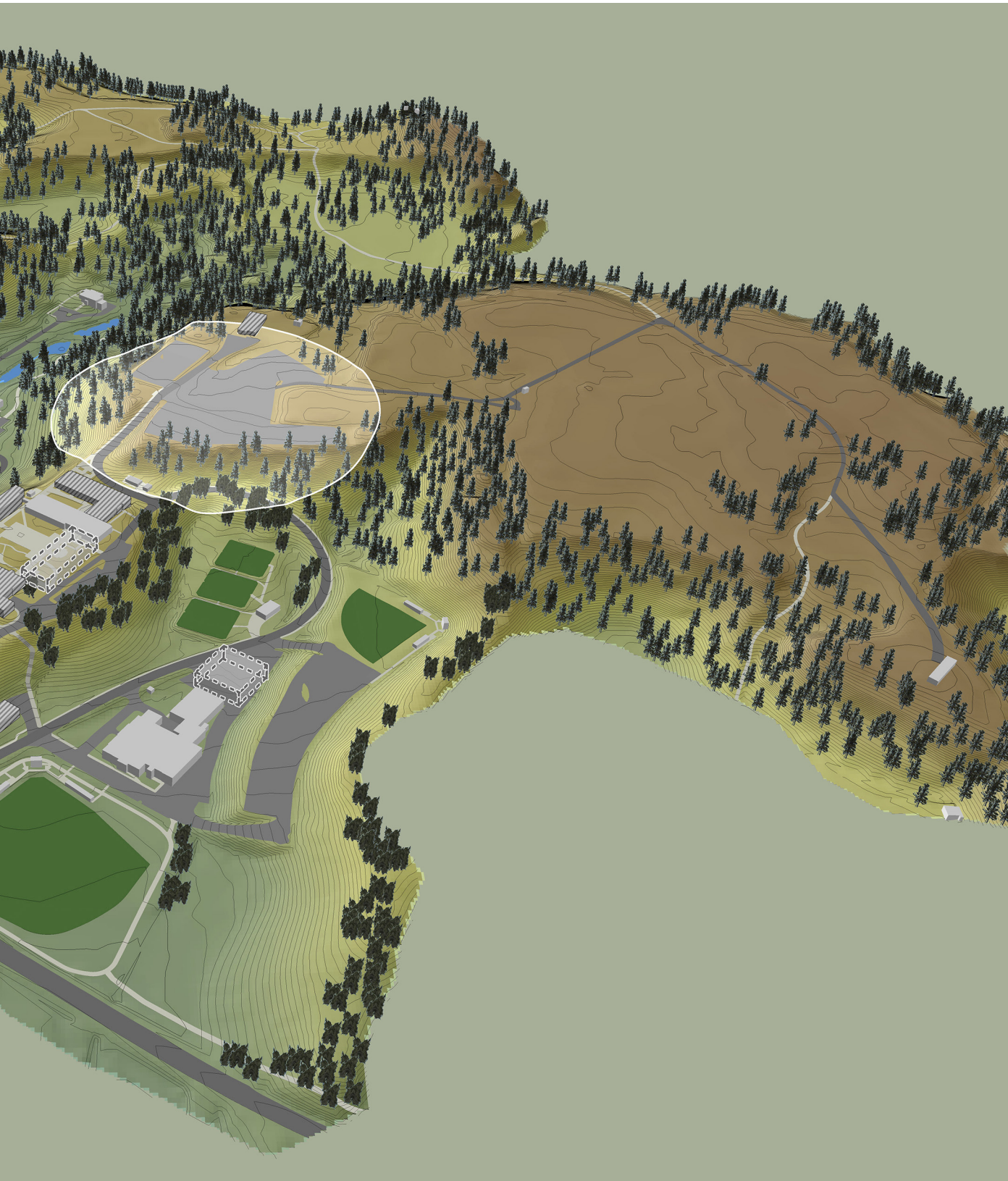
- 8 Athletic Support Building
- 9 Future Academic/Residential Building Site
- 10 Improve Corporation Yard





Redevelopment Zones & New Projects





Redevelopment Zones & New Projects

Planned Building Projects

There are several renovation and new buildings projects in the UVa's College at Wise Capital Plan that will occur in the near future or as funding allows. The building renovation projects that have been prioritized are:

- Wyllie Hall (renovation and conversion)
- Sandridge Science Center Lab Wing
- Bowers-Sturgill
- Darden Hall
- Zehmer Hall

The new construction projects are:

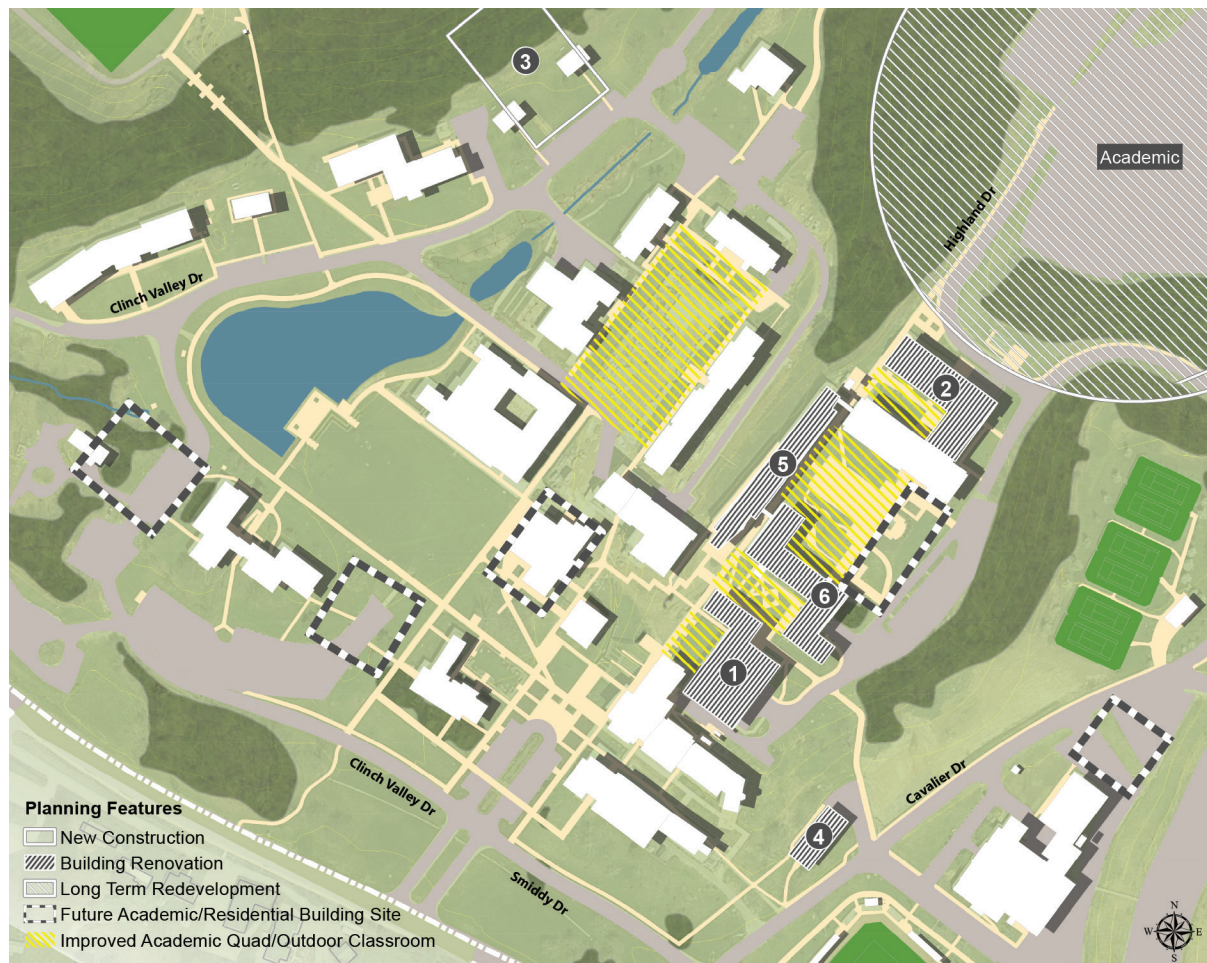
- Proscenium Theatre
- Campus Welcome Center/Public Safety Building

Of these projects, the Campus Welcome Center is recommended to be located in the Mixed Use redevelopment zone noted above. The Proscenium Theatre is planned for the central academic core, but

further study is needed in regard to the site. This building was originally planned to be located next to McCraray, on the south end of the lake based on a planning study for the facility which will now be converted to an additional academic building location.

Two other projects are planned for the College, but not on the Capital Plan list. The first is a Athletic Support Building, which would help support the athletic program. The second is a corporation yard, where the support needs for the facilities and grounds could be focused in one location.

Finally, there are five additional building sites and one potential redevelopment site in the central academic core that could accommodate other uses in advance of utilizing the Academic redevelopment zone. They are of varying sizes, but each one is large enough to accommodate a new building. As the need



Central Academic Core Projects

for additional buildings is identified, these sites will be reviewed for their opportunities/constraints to determine the feasibility of their use for new facilities.

Planned Landscape Projects

There are also areas for additional landscape and/or outdoor classrooms in the central academic core development noted on the 2006 plan that have been carried through to the 2025 plan on the advice of the Master Planning Committee. These are the:

Proposed Grove: A grove was proposed on the east side of the main entry drive to enhance to main entry of the campus.

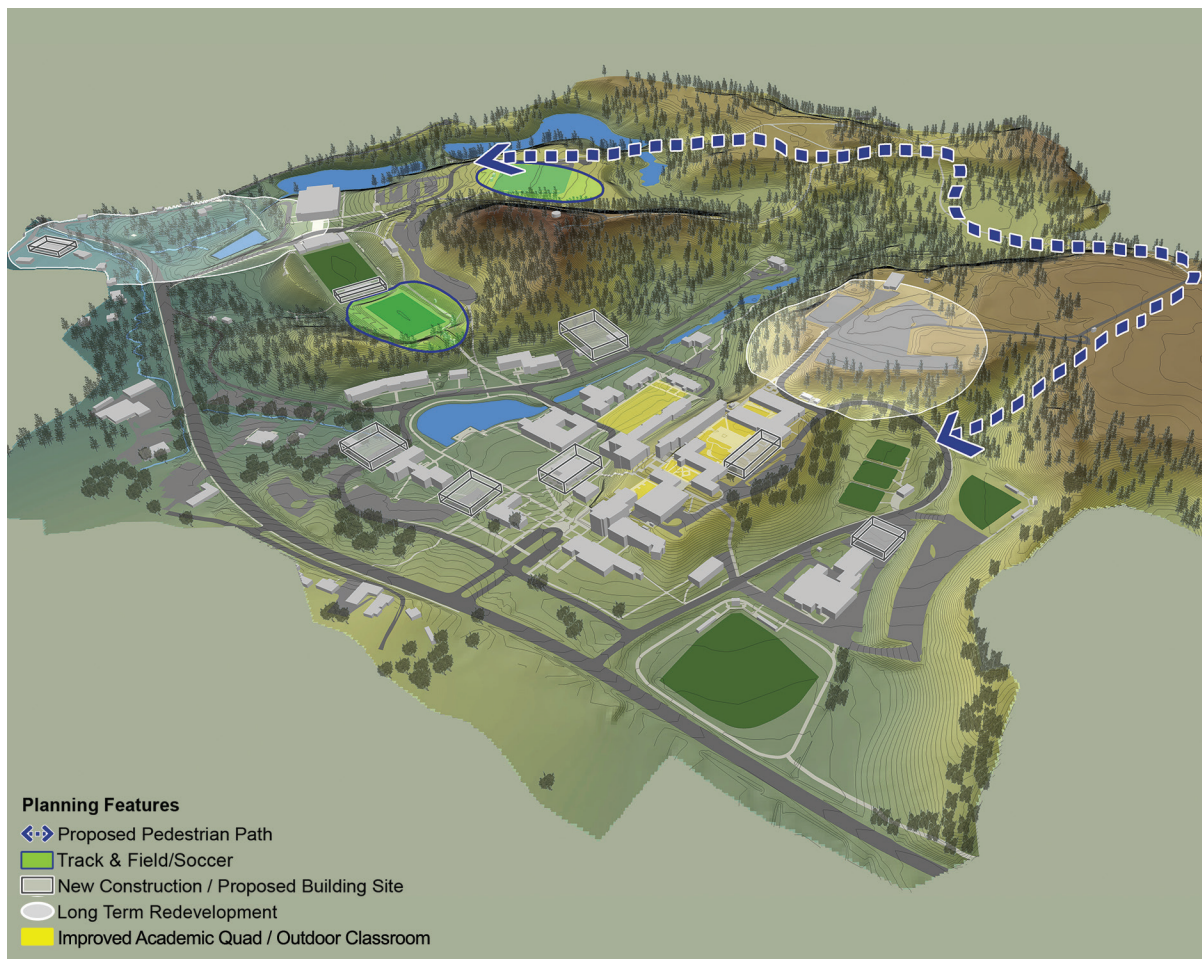
Entrance Loop: Retain the existing grove of trees to the west side of the main entry drive and provide a continuous loop along the south end of the lake with formalized, landscaped parking courts.

Athletic Fields

Based on the growth of athletic teams and sports at the UVA's College at Wise, there may be a need for additional athletic fields as the campus grows. Two options for new fields are shown on the plan below, which provide for expansion of the track and multi-purpose fields.

Recreation Trail

The College has portions of a cross-country trail used previously that connect the west and central precincts along the undeveloped north side of the campus. The UVA-Wise 2025 plan proposes to improve the whole trail to make it accessible for the campus community and regional community for recreation.



Planned Landscape Projects

Transportation and Community Connections

One of the overall goals of this plan is to look for opportunities to better connect the College and the Town of Wise. The connections could take many forms – they could be physical developments such as buildings, parks, and recreation; cultural connections such as events, festivals, and education; or programs that are shared within the community. While the College has been growing, particularly over the last decade, the Town of Wise has been making improvements with streetscapes, parks, and the renovated Inn at Wise in the center of town. In particular, making improvements at the southwest corner of the campus where it meets the Town and the entrance corridor into Town would help to better connect the places and the people of these two communities. The Master Plan Committee was supportive of this direction, and therefore designated this important area a mixed use redevelopment zone where community amenities could be developed and shared.

The multi-modal transportation improvements proposed in this plan range from road system improvements to College entrance improvements, and pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The main improvement that pertains to the town of Wise is to look for opportunities to improve the streetscape where Darden Drive merges with Vanover and Park streets. This could be planned as part of the redevelopment zone and should allow for enhanced pedestrian and bike access. Creating safer conditions for all modes has been studied for both campus entrances for the central and west precincts. Signalization is recommended for the main entrance to allow for safe vehicular turns and safe crossing for pedestrians and bikes. The west campus entrance would only need enhancement should vehicles flows increase for events – such as if the College built a parking garage, and recommended improvements are shown in the diagram below.



Transportation Improvements

Internal to the campus, two primary changes are recommended – the lake loop road and Rhododendron Lane. The lake loop road – shown in the curving blue arrow, would improve the road conditions for all modes, while separating parking into adjacent parking courts. If the parking were improved in this area, there would be less vehicles traveling along Clinch Valley Drive further into the campus. The priority overall should be for the central academic core to be pedestrian priority. Rhododendron Lane is recommended to be improved for pedestrian and bike use – providing an alternate path to the west campus and an easier access into the Town of Wise.

Parking

The College has a sufficient amount of parking spaces, but there are issues with the lot locations and conditions. Some of the lots, outlined in blue in the map below, need to be improved with properly paved

surfaces, storm water management and lighting for safety, particularly for the students. Campus police indicate that there are problematic parking areas – such as the faculty parking lot near Zehmer Hall due to the congestion created by faculty looking for a parking space, students to being dropped off, and others parking ad hoc while they run into the Student Center, Library and/or service access. Other areas that experience congestion and ad hoc parking occur in the residential parking areas at Asbury-Thompson Lane and the commuter lot that overlooks Darden Drive near McCrary Hall. The Master Plan Committee discussed two larger initiatives in regard to parking – developing a parking system and considering a parking garage or shelf to accommodate the future proscenium theatre.



Parking Improvements

Future Enrollment Growth

Going forward, the College has planned for modest growth in enrollment through the 2019-20 academic year to a headcount of 2,600 students. This is an increase of 25.7% over the baseline year (2011-12), as articulated in the Envisioning 2020.

While the student population can fluctuate from year to year and at times decline, the buildings that are owned and maintained by UVA-Wise have increased steadily over time. A variety of factors can influence the pace of new building on a campus, but in the case of UVA-Wise over the last 20 years the pace has been largely influenced by 1) a willingness by the State of Virginia to fund building projects for the College and 2) philanthropic giving. Since 1995, the UVA's College at Wise has doubled in size from about 400,000 GSF to 830,000 GSF in total space. This space was distributed between 44 buildings in 1995 and 48 buildings in 2016, while a number of smaller buildings and trailers were removed. Space that can be considered academic space grew similarly from about 150,000 GSF in 1995 to 343,000 GSF in 2016 (including the new Library). It should also be noted that the College has undergone extensive renovation of several of its buildings since 1995.

The current six-year capital plan for the UVA's College at Wise contains a balance of renovation and building projects and reflects the anticipated modest growth in students over this time frame.

Conclusion

Since its founding, the College has been bound to the larger Wise community and provided access to education, training, the arts and athletics to many in the area. The 2025 Plan helps to strengthen that connection by creating physical links to the Town of Wise and by expanding and improving facilities that can be used and enjoyed by all – whether it be a walk from town to the campus for a stroll around College Lake, seeing the latest production from the drama department, or attending a showcase of Appalachian musicians at the Prior Center.

Previous campus plans implemented by the College have resulted in a cohesive, rational and picturesque campus with a wealth of new buildings that can serve UVA-Wise's needs for the foreseeable future. This

plan focuses on the support systems of transportation, pedestrian areas, landscape, storm water and the natural environment as well as buildings. In doing so, the plan suggests targeted, achievable improvements to these systems, enhancing the campus experience. For instance, by implementing a parking system with assigned spaces, vehicular traffic within UVA-Wise campus will be calmed. This will lead to a more pleasant campus that is better suited and prioritizes pedestrians.

The UVA-Wise 2025 Plan provides the College a framework for continued campus development for the next 10 years and beyond. The plan has been developed collaboratively with the guidance of the Wise Master Planning Committee and in unison with the Envisioning 2020 academic strategic plan. It is a flexible plan that anticipates changes in future enrollments, funding and teaching models by focusing on improving what the College already has, as opposed to proposing large new capital projects. Stewardship of the campus, of limited funds and of the important relationship with the community is the hallmark of this Plan as UVA-Wise continues to grow its academic programs and reputation as a leader in higher education for Southwest Virginia and the entire Appalachian region.



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