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2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The University’s overriding planning principles used to assess any new projects are:

- Sense of Place
- Inclusive & Accessible
- Environmental Sustainability
- Circulation
- Compatibility
- Flexibility
4.3 MAIN CAMPUS: DESIGN DISTRICT GUIDELINES

**District Design Guidelines** describes the architectural character of each campus district, and defines development rules for buildings and the landscape in distinct campus areas.

**Architectural Districts**
Nine distinct architectural districts make up the Main Campus of the University of Vermont. Each is clearly defined by topography, architecture, character and use:

- University Green District
- **Main Street North District**
- Trinity District
- Gateway District
- University Heights District
- Redstone District
- Athletic District
- Centennial Sports District
- Centennial District
UVM Central Quad Planning Principles

Central Quad

Cook Physical Science

Votey Hall

STEM Project Site

Angell Hall
The Principle

The UVM Campus Master Plan identifies “foreground” and “background” buildings. Foreground buildings on Central Quad are in prominent locations and at some level help to define the notion of a quadrangle. Background buildings are as the name suggests, and should not detract from the geometry and organization of Central Quad.

Foreground Buildings:
are or will be “located on sites in places of focus” such as the head of a quadrangle or...at an important central point along Main Street. The entrances of foreground buildings should be prominent and face the quadrangles or be centered on an important axis.”

Background buildings:
“quieter than foreground buildings and should form the edges of outdoor spaces or quadrangles.”
Given the University’s urban location and relative scarcity of developable land parcels, the green space in the Central Quad represents a significant land banking opportunity. UVM’s intention is to preserve all or a portion of the Central Quad for longer-term needs (30 to 50 years hence).
MAIN STREET NORTH DISTRICT: Central Quad Planning Principle #3

Use the Height Overlay to Accommodate Immediate and Near-Term Space Needs in the Central Quad Area

The Principle

As a corollary to Principle 2, additional capacity provided by the recently enacted Central Campus Height Overlay should be considered, where possible, in any renovations / expansions / adaptive re-uses of existing facilities as a way to meet additional space needs for today and the near-term future.
The Principle

The Green Mountain Walkway should be a prominent element of the Central Quad – a primary pedestrian circulation path as well as a locus for university-related programming activities and commerce.

MAIN STREET NORTH DISTRICT: Central Quad Planning Principle #4

Enhance the Green Mountain Walkway
MAIN STREET NORTH DISTRICT: Central Quad Planning Principle #5

Accommodate Outdoor Needs of an Increased Student Population on Central Quad

The Principle

With the addition of substantial new housing on Central Campus geared toward first and second year students, a critical function of the Central Quad is to provide outdoor congregation and recreation space for the residential population as well as for entire University community.
Regulatory/Land Use Issues

- **Zoning District:** Institutional (I) & Institutional Core Campus Overlay (ICC):
  - **Lot Coverage:** Allows up to 70% lot coverage
  - **Height:** Allows up to comparable adjacencies or within the Height Overlay (Cook) up to 140 feet

- **Capacity (utility, including stormwater)**

- **Circulation**

- **Institutional Adjacencies & Compatibility**

- **Compliance with UVM Campus Master Plan, local municipal & regional plans**