

Master Plan Mount Vernon Nazarene College Mount Vernon, Ohio

URS prepared a long-range comprehensive physical plan in 2001 for the college to guide capital investment on the campus through the year 2020.

Today the 150-acre college campus has a traditional undergraduate enrollment of 2000 located on a semi-rural setting on the southwest edge of the city of Mt. Vernon in central Ohio. One of the college's principal challenges in the future will be to address its projected growth to 5000 students, while retaining the open character of the campus. One critical aspect of the plan involved defining the future use of 120 additional acres of undeveloped farmland recently purchased by the college.

The planning process included:

- Refinement of planning goals and objectives working with a 15 member planning committee, which includes representatives from faculty, staff, the administration, the student body, trustees and local community representatives.
- Site analysis and evaluation including an assessment of existing buildings, future expansion plans, environmentally sensitive site features, vehicular circulation patterns, pedestrian circulation and ADA compliance deficiencies, open space opportunities, topography, drainage and soils, utilities locations and security and safety needs.
- Program analysis conducted during an on-site interactive planning committee workshop to address a full range of future requirements including recreational and athletic program needs, parking and circulation requirements, academic classroom, laboratory and student residence needs, and campus gateway and open space requirements.

